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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of cattle hides, calf and kip skins and sheep and lamb skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with March 1953, there were decreases in all classes except calf and kip skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 3.0 compared with the previous month and an increase of 23.5 p.c. compared with March 1953.

Production of sole leather in March, at 1,221,061 lb. was 4.2 p.c. over the 1,171,316 lb. recorded for February; total deliveries at 1,100,156 lb. were 3.9 p.c. under the February figure of 1,144,651 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,304,702 sq. ft., 4.3 p.c. over the 4,127,697 sq. ft. in February; total deliveries at 4,357,675 sq. ft. were 4.2 p.c. over the 4,181,592 sq. ft. in February. Calf and kip upper leather production was 865,080 sq. ft., 7.1 p.c. over the 807,667 sq. ft. in February and total deliveries at 740,805 sq. ft. were 8.3 p.c. under the 808,135 sq. ft. in February.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	March 1953	February 1954	March 1954
Cattle Hides = number	193,223	159,189	172,290
Calf and Kip Skins = number	53,155	59,671	71,759
Goat and Kid Skins = number	19,551	5,932	5,809
Sheep and Lamb Skins ... = dozens	10,135	6,596	9,245
Horse Hides = number	200	-	-
Fronts = number	4,569	7,873	4,301
Butts = number	3,153	200	-
Cowhide bellies = number	25,933	12,220	10,145

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2. STOCKS OF RAW HIDES AND SKINS HELD BY TANNERS, PACKERS AND DEALERS

	March 31, 1953	February 28, 1954	March 31, 1954
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	294,455	334,278	353,901
Country	114,820	153,020	155,262
Total	409,275	487,299	509,163
Foreign	34,976	45,457	39,369
Cattle Hides, Total	444,251	532,756	548,532
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) Packer	139,845	171,598	191,401
Country	95,407	93,082	133,308
Total	235,252	264,680	324,709
Foreign	63,805	96,996	92,023
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	299,057	361,676	416,732
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ..	29,691	18,277	10,979
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens).	24,531	45,579	34,747
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 24,201	(5) 13,319	(6) 14,376

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	1,500	1,260	1,901
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	5,855	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) ..	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3).	- dozens	1,516	50	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 6,610 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 4,635 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 5,251 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	March 1953	February 1954	March 1954
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,313,242	1,171,316	1,221,061
Deliveries - Domestic	1,369,630	1,004,360	971,306
- Export	83,918	140,291	128,850
- Total	1,453,548	1,144,651	1,100,156

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	March 1953	February 1954	March 1954
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,900,072	4,127,697	4,304,702
Deliveries - Domestic	4,081,021	3,417,526	3,525,146
- Export	750,555	764,066	832,529
- Total	4,831,576	4,181,592	4,357,675
Finished Stock on Hand	2,651,200	3,316,274	3,263,301
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	519,665	432,676	470,603
Deliveries - Domestic	375,272	408,545	402,398
- Export	56,945	55,868	42,215
- Total	432,217	464,413	444,613
Finished Stock on Hand	256,883	429,443	455,433
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,379	7,989	9,230
Deliveries - Domestic	9,415	7,762	7,769
- Export	714	602	1,508
- Total	10,129	8,364	9,277
Finished Stock on Hand	1,880	1,381	1,334
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	4,011	3,258	1,931
Deliveries - Domestic	3,945	3,257	2,051
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,945	3,257	2,051
Finished Stock on Hand	1,268	141	21
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	2,382	1,009	501
Deliveries - Domestic	2,704	1,065	1,303
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,704	1,065	1,303
Finished Stock on Hand	5,863	6,834	6,032
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	740,691	807,667	865,080
Deliveries - Domestic	536,048	552,555	479,236
- Export	99,182	255,580	261,569
- Total	635,230	808,135	740,805
Finished Stock on Hand	1,615,607	1,667,289	1,791,564

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.

