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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of horse butts and cowhide bellies showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with April 1953, there were decreases in all classes.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 3.6 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 35.1 p.c. compared with April 1953.

Production of sole leather in April, at 1,233,454 lb. was 1.0 p.c. over the 1,221,061 lb. recorded for March; total deliveries at 1,255,908 lb. were 14.1 p.c. over the March figure of 1,100,156 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,079,004 sq. ft., 5.2 p.c. under the 4,304,702 sq. ft. in March; total deliveries at 4,009,890 sq. ft. were 7.9 p.c. under the 4,357,675 sq. ft. in March. Calf and kip upper leather production was 855,192 sq. ft., 1.1 p.c. under the 865,080 sq. ft. in March and total deliveries at 628,615 sq. ft. were 15.1 p.c. under the 740,805 sq. ft. in March.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	April 1953	March 1954	April 1954
Cattle Hides = number	193,180	172,290	160,432
Calf and Kip Skins = number	59,118	71,759	45,854
Goat and Kid Skins = number	9,905	5,809	2,190
Sheep and Lamb Skins = dozens	8,911	9,245	7,961
Horse Hides = number	59	-	-
Fronts = number	3,453	4,301	2,820
Butts = number	1,480	-	1,000
Cowhide bellies = number	26,980	10,145	11,225

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

	April 30, 1953	March 31, 1954	April 30, 1954
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	278,215	353,901	343,005
Country	109,286	155,262	179,248
Total	387,501	509,163	522,253
Foreign	33,573	39,369	46,505
Cattle Hides, Total	421,074	548,532	568,758
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) Packer	182,923	191,401	201,557
Country	73,708	133,308	185,441
Total	256,631	324,709	386,998
Foreign	52,593	92,023	77,775
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	309,224	416,732	464,773
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ..	22,400	10,979	8,767
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens).	24,860	34,747	33,071
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 17,776	(5) 14,376	(6) 14,779

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit
(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	2,282	1,901	1,000
Calf and Kip Skins	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) ..	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) - dozens	1,516	-	2,000
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
 (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
 (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
 (4) Includes 5,355 horse fronts.
 (5) Includes 5,251 horse fronts.
 (6) Includes 5,982 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	April 1953	March 1954	April 1954
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,451,756	1,221,061	1,233,454
Deliveries - Domestic	1,245,012	971,306	1,162,490
- Export	50,704	128,850	93,418
- Total	1,295,716	1,100,156	1,255,908

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	April 1953	March 1954	April 1954
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,772,114	4,304,702	4,079,004
Deliveries - Domestic	4,019,101	3,525,146	3,153,617
- Export	692,698	832,529	856,273
- Total	4,711,799	4,357,675	4,009,890
Finished Stock on Hand	2,711,515	3,263,301	3,332,415
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	377,746	470,603	460,123
Deliveries - Domestic	324,819	402,398	388,242
- Export	18,723	42,215	134,478
- Total	343,542	444,613	522,720
Finished Stock on Hand	291,087	455,433	392,836
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,404	9,230	7,407
Deliveries - Domestic	10,152	7,769	6,370
- Export	314	1,508	864
- Total	10,466	9,277	7,234
Finished Stock on Hand	818	1,334	1,507
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	2,729	1,931	1,953
Deliveries - Domestic	2,834	2,051	1,959
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,834	2,051	1,959
Finished Stock on Hand	1,163	21	15
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,401	501	328
Deliveries - Domestic	1,508	1,303	630
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,508	1,303	630
Finished Stock on Hand	5,756	6,032	5,730
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	493,735	865,080	855,192
Deliveries - Domestic	410,169	479,236	370,985
- Export	91,855	261,569	257,630
- Total	502,024	740,805	628,615
Finished Stock on Hand	1,607,318	1,791,564	2,018,141

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather



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 3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	April 1953	March 1954	April 1954
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	18,685	9,684	5,546
Deliveries - Domestic	22,845	16,533	4,364
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	22,845	16,533	4,364
Finished Stock on Hand	38,685	11,806	12,988
<u>4. Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - doz. skins			
Production	3,767	3,409	4,245
Deliveries - Domestic	3,694	3,671	3,851
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,694	3,671	3,851
Finished Stock on Hand	2,597	2,539	2,933
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	2,693	3,384	2,940
Deliveries - Domestic	2,864	2,882	2,985
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,864	2,882	2,985
Finished Stock on Hand	4,309	4,218	4,173
<u>5. Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.			
Production	164,573	161,686	112,512
Deliveries - Domestic	147,984	138,814	106,283
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	147,984	138,814	106,283
Finished Stock on Hand	144,533	99,204	105,433