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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with August 1953, cattle hides, goat and kid skins and sheep and lamb skins showed increases.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 3.4 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 27.9 p.c. compared with August 1953.

Production of sole leather in August, at 968,136 lb. was 28.3 p.c. over the 754,456 lb. recorded for July; total deliveries at 984,538 lb. were 13.2 p.c. over the July figure of 869,489 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,365,973 sq. ft., 64.7 p.c. over the 2,651,490 sq. ft. in July; total deliveries at 4,469,552 sq. ft. were 50.9 p.c. over the 2,961,805 sq. ft. in July. Calf and kip upper leather production was 650,847 sq. ft., 99.4 p.c. over the 326,398 sq. ft. in July and total deliveries at 670,172 sq. ft. were 30.4 p.c. over the 513,753 sq. ft. in July.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

| | August 1953 | July 1954 | August 1954 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Cattle Hides - number | 179,227 | 99,921 | 183,866 |
| Calf and Kip Skins - number | 94,327 | 43,600 | 64,747 |
| Goat and Kid Skins - number | 7,200 | 2,244 | 8,850 |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens | 7,137 | 5,751 | 7,737 |
| Horse Fronts - number | 2,660 | 1,683 | 2,395 |
| Butts - number | 4,009 | - | - |
| Cowhide bellies - number | 19,877 | 541 | 4,820 |

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

| | August 31, 1953 | July 31, 1954 | August 31, 1954 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cattle Hides (1) - (number) | | | |
| Domestic (2) - Packer | 280,425 | 363,098 | 353,494 |
| Country | 90,533 | 146,455 | 136,444 |
| Total | 370,958 | 509,553 | 489,938 |
| Foreign | 29,842 | 21,325 | 22,724 |
| Cattle Hides, Total | 400,800 | 530,878 | 512,662 |
| Calf and Kip Skins - (number) | | | |
| Domestic (2) - Packer | 236,377 | 325,791 | 315,164 |
| Country | 102,766 | 159,912 | 172,216 |
| Total | 339,143 | 485,703 | 487,380 |
| Foreign | 62,031 | 77,522 | 93,979 |
| Calf and Kip Skins, Total | 401,174 | 563,225 | 581,359 |
| Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) | 24,698 | 9,475 | 14,929 |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) .. | 26,687 | 32,613 | 30,973 |
| Horse Hides (number) | (4) 11,826 | (5) 15,123 | (6) 16,237 |

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

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cattle Hides (1) | 1,344 | 1,200 | 5,125 |
| Calf and Kip Skins | - | 2,937 | 2,063 |
| Goat and Kid Skins (3) | - | - | - |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) .. | 260 | - | - |
| Horse Hides | - | - | - |

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 1,347 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 6,295 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 4,780 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

| | August 1953 | July 1954 | August 1954 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. <u>Cattle Leather</u> | | | |
| Sole Leather - pounds | | | |
| Production | 1,083,195 | 754,456 | 968,136 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 1,001,111 | 812,514 | 948,111 |
| - Export | 116,677 | 56,975 | 36,427 |
| - Total | 1,117,788 | 869,489 | 984,538 |

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

| | August 1953 | July 1954 | August 1954 |
|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.) | | | |
| Production | 3,872,146 | 2,651,490 | 4,365,973 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 3,161,188 | 2,447,940 | 3,649,240 |
| - Export | 638,473 | 513,865 | 820,312 |
| - Total | 3,799,661 | 2,961,805 | 4,469,552 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 3,062,418 | 3,358,107 | 3,254,528 |
| Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft. | | | |
| Production | 461,151 | 285,345 | 555,336 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 345,275 | 217,098 | 552,179 |
| - Export | 98,674 | 86,637 | 52,837 |
| - Total | 443,949 | 303,735 | 605,016 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 367,787 | 336,474 | 286,794 |
| Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides | | | |
| Production | 9,309 | 6,005 | 9,951 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 7,450 | 6,013 | 9,669 |
| - Export | 1,632 | 185 | 469 |
| - Total | 9,082 | 6,198 | 10,138 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 1,221 | 1,647 | 1,460 |
| Harness Leather - Sides | | | |
| Production | 2,647 | 1,520 | 2,423 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 3,055 | 1,552 | 2,392 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 3,055 | 1,552 | 2,392 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 788 | 22 | 53 |
| Belting Leather - Butt Bends | | | |
| Production | 848 | 495 | 620 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 1,146 | 1,148 | 1,227 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 1,146 | 1,148 | 1,227 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 7,056 | 4,761 | 4,134 |
| 2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft. | | | |
| Production | 720,923 | 326,398 | 650,847 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 511,992 | 307,324 | 529,406 |
| - Export | 248,166 | 206,429 | 140,766 |
| - Total | 760,158 | 513,753 | 670,172 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 1,559,102 | 1,913,601 | 1,894,276 |

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

| | August 1953 | July 1954 | August 1954 |
|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u> | | | |
| Production | 6,375 | 3,983 | 6,856 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 6,374 | 4,049 | 7,478 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 6,374 | 4,049 | 7,478 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 32,702 | 11,922 | 11,300 |

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

| Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 3,427 | 2,377 | 3,469 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 3,613 | 2,417 | 3,618 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 3,613 | 2,417 | 3,618 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 2,127 | 2,629 | 2,480 |

Shoe Leather - doz. skins

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 1,941 | 1,459 | 2,485 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 2,176 | 1,717 | 3,269 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 2,176 | 1,717 | 3,269 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 4,216 | 3,779 | 2,995 |

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Production | 188,776 | 43,003 | 102,537 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 149,381 | 64,435 | 82,028 |
| - Export | 59,887 | - | 814 |
| - Total | 209,268 | 64,435 | 82,842 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 89,528 | 55,589 | 75,284 |