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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of cattle hides, showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with January 1954, there were increases in all classes except goat and kid skins, horse fronts and horse butts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.4 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 2.6 p.c. compared with January 1954.

Production of sole leather in January, at 1,005,064 lb. was 8.3 p.c. over the 927,938 lb. recorded for December; total deliveries at 1,088,907 lb. were 8.6 p.c. over the December figure of 1,002,623 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,698,525 sq. ft., 5.7 p.c. under 4,980,570 sq. ft. in December; total deliveries at 4,719,855 sq. ft. were 1.3 p.c. over the 4,658,490 sq. ft. in December. Calf and kip upper leather production was 950,408 sq. ft., 8.1 p.c. under the 1,034,363 sq. ft. in December and total deliveries at 844,848 sq. ft., were 17.8 p.c. under the 1,028,768 sq. ft. in December.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	January 1954	December 1954	January 1955
Cattle Hides - number	163,001	188,746	194,303
Calf and Kip Skins - number	71,619	102,036	99,083
Goat and Kid Skins - number	14,902	6,024	5,784
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,209	9,532	9,002
Horse Fronts - number	5,028	4,756	2,331
Butts - number	3,320	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	10,620	20,573	17,876

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

	January 31, 1954	December 31, 1954	January 31, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	343,974	363,376	350,422
Country	130,572	139,487	141,682
Total	474,546	502,863	492,104
Foreign	49,320	42,621	45,627
Cattle Hides, Total	523,866	545,484	537,731
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	179,266	251,576	220,354
Country	76,654	157,684	128,984
Total	255,920	409,260	349,338
Foreign	92,601	61,498	59,967
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	348,521	470,758	409,305
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	21,649	2,788	2,880
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ...	43,662	48,633	45,018
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 16,112	(5) 21,378	(6) 24,231

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1)	number	2,965	2,843	902
Calf and Kip Skins	number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) ...	dozens	190	858	750
Horse Hides	number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 4,305 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 9,240 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 10,617 horse fronts.

3. Finished Leathers

	January 1954	December 1954	January 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,246,618	927,938	1,005,064
Deliveries - Domestic	1,017,849	957,893	1,026,318
- Export	103,745	44,730	62,589
- Total	1,121,594	1,002,623	1,088,907

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - Continued)

	January 1954	December 1954	January 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,060,187	4,980,570	4,698,525
Deliveries - Domestic	3,342,342	3,523,022	3,472,410
- Export	631,970	1,135,468	1,247,445
- Total	3,974,312	4,658,490	4,719,855
Finished Stock on Hand	3,370,169	3,600,079	3,578,749
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	368,791	785,645	712,238
Deliveries - Domestic	308,491	738,308	614,806
- Export	123,956	33,094	81,048
- Total	432,447	771,402	695,854
Finished Stock on Hand	461,180	123,901	140,285
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,315	7,098	6,545
Deliveries - Domestic	6,750	6,853	6,395
- Export	586	245	150
- Total	7,336	7,098	6,545
Finished Stock on Hand	1,756	15	15
Harness Leather - Sides			
Production	2,071	2,300	2,431
Deliveries - Domestic	1,950	2,215	2,416
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,950	2,215	2,416
Finished Stock on Hand	140	114	129
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,058	947	1,417
Deliveries - Domestic	1,063	1,095	1,321
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,063	1,095	1,321
Finished Stock on Hand	6,890	3,580	3,676
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.			
Production	1,083,227	1,034,363	950,408
Deliveries - Domestic	549,636	736,760	679,601
- Export	350,632	292,008	165,247
- Total	900,268	1,028,768	844,848
Finished Stock on Hand	1,667,757	2,065,064	2,170,624

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	January 1954	December 1954	January 1955
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	10,986	6,336	8,523
Deliveries - Domestic	9,882	6,881	8,103
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	9,882	6,881	8,103
Finished Stock on Hand	18,193	9,881	10,301
<u>4. Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	2,892	4,200	3,856
Deliveries - Domestic	3,099	3,908	3,783
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,099	3,908	3,783
Finished Stock on Hand	2,758	2,532	2,605
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	1,919	3,129	2,261
Deliveries - Domestic	2,006	2,950	2,349
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,006	2,950	2,349
Finished Stock on Hand	3,709	2,904	2,816
<u>5. Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather-- sq. ft.			
Production	147,260	101,553	101,102
Deliveries - Domestic	149,116	139,581	72,440
- Export	-	9,163	-
- Total	149,116	148,744	72,440
Finished Stock on Hand	89,435	51,693	80,355