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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of horse fronts showed increases over the previous month. As compared with November 1954, there were increases in all classes except horse fronts and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 2.8 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of .27 p.c. compared with November 1954.

Production of sole leather in November, at 1,402,030 lb. was 6.9 p.c. over the 1,311,806 lb. recorded for October; total deliveries at 1,205,510 lb. were 1.4 p.c. under the October figure of 1,223,041 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,601,664 sq. ft., 2.1 p.c. under the 5,721,261 sq. ft. in October; total deliveries at 5,731,866 sq. ft. were 1.3 p.c. over the 5,657,560 sq. ft. in October. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,117,650 sq. ft., 33.1 p.c. over the 839,550 sq. ft. in October and total deliveries at 1,214,504 sq. ft. were 31.4 p.c. over the 924,575 sq. ft. in October.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	November 1954	October 1955	November 1955
Cattle Hides ..... - number	177,956	203,353	217,449
Calf and Kip Skins ..... - number	81,269	101,381	120,864
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	11,650	1,420	16,653
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	10,354	9,892	10,956
Horse Fronts ..... - number	4,257	2,404	1,975
Butts ..... - number	-	1,350	1,600
Cowhide bellies ..... - number	25,446	15,040	22,699

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

	November 30, 1954	October 31, 1955	November 30, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	347,982	336,428	343,900
Country .....	118,730	104,095	109,208
Total .....	466,712	440,523	453,108
Foreign .....	33,602	47,312	48,570
Cattle Hides, Total .....	500,314	487,835	501,678
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	260,998	214,779	200,886
Country .....	168,167	76,784	56,939
Total .....	429,165	291,563	257,825
Foreign .....	72,946	99,001	141,238
Calf and Kip Skins, Total .....	502,111	390,564	399,063
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) .....	4,849	15,434	2,990
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ...	57,951	5,527	44,552
Horse Hides (number) .....	(4) 24,168	(5) 23,262	(6) 29,023

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

Cattle Hides (1) .....	-	2,733	2,712
Calf and Kip Skins .....	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) .....	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) ...	-	10	810
Horse Hides .....	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 8,053 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 6,665 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 10,225 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	November 1954	October 1955	November 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production .....	1,038,521	1,311,806	1,402,030
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,079,677	1,194,651	1,155,396
- Export .....	40,095	28,390	50,114
- Total .....	1,119,772	1,223,041	1,205,510

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	November 1954	October 1955	November 1955
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Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production .....	4,258,051	5,721,261	5,601,664
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,441,425	4,205,328	4,462,863
- Export .....	1,001,477	1,452,232	1,269,003
- Total .....	4,442,902	5,657,560	5,731,866
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,277,999	3,085,447	2,955,245
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Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production .....	828,494	851,062	859,368
Deliveries - Domestic .....	688,178	796,460	762,986
- Export .....	143,720	144,920	102,989
- Total .....	831,898	941,380	865,975
Finished Stock on Hand .....	109,658	156,190	149,583
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Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production .....	8,723	9,990	8,378
Deliveries - Domestic .....	8,212	9,573	7,928
- Export .....	511	417	450
- Total .....	8,723	9,990	8,378
Finished Stock on Hand .....	15	14	14
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Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production .....	905	1,239	1,605
Deliveries - Domestic .....	757	1,938	2,057
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	757	1,938	2,057
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,728	3,388	2,936
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2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production .....	922,641	839,550	1,117,650
Deliveries - Domestic .....	602,494	565,878	744,124
- Export .....	227,001	358,697	470,380
- Total .....	829,495	924,575	1,214,504
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,059,469	1,700,634	1,603,780
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(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	November 1954	October 1955	November 1955
<b>3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u></b>			
Production .....	8,114	7,704	9,816
Deliveries - Domestic .....	8,646	7,620	10,080
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	8,646	7,620	10,080
Finished Stock on Hand .....	10,426	991	727

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production .....	4,107	6,650	6,879
Deliveries - Domestic .....	4,105	6,110	6,265
- Export .....	-	-	167
- Total .....	4,105	6,110	6,432
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,240	4,066	4,513

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production .....	3,556	2,104	2,323
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,441	2,087	2,265
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	3,441	2,087	2,265
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,725	1,711	1,769

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production .....	74,825	219,381	188,140
Deliveries - Domestic .....	62,845	233,385	171,023
- Export .....	5,413	-	-
- Total .....	68,258	233,385	171,023
Finished Stock on Hand .....	98,884	132,609	149,726