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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of sheep and lamb skins and horse fronts showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with December 1954, there were increases in all classes except calf and kip skins, horse fronts and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 1.5 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 6.6 p.c. compared with December 1954.

Production of sole leather in December, at 1,377,005 lb. was 1.8 p.c. under the 1,402,030 lb. recorded for November; total deliveries at 1,282,886 lb. were 6.4 p.c. over the November figure of 1,205,510 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,652,801 sq. ft., 0.9 p.c. over the 5,601,664 sq. ft. in November; total deliveries at 5,509,399 sq. ft. were 3.9 p.c. under the 5,731,866 sq. ft. in November. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,072,859 sq. ft., 4.0 p.c. under the 1,117,650 sq. ft. in November and total deliveries at 1,163,141 sq. ft. were 4.1 p.c. under the 1,214,504 sq. ft. in November.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
Cattle Hides - number	188,746	217,449	216,742
Calf and Kip Skins - number	102,036	120,864	96,645.
Goat and Kid Skins - number	6,024	16,653	10,348
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,532	10,956	11,073
Horse Fronts - number	4,756	1,975	2,193
Butts - number	-	1,600	500
Cowhide bellies - number	20,573	22,699	15,011

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

	December 31, 1954	November 30, 1955	December 31, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	363,376	343,900	333,447
Country	139,487	109,208	113,838
Total	502,863	453,108	447,285
Foreign	42,621	48,570	62,101
Cattle Hides, Total	545,484	501,678	509,386
Calf and Kip Skins - (number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	251,576	200,886	184,501
Country	157,684	56,939	58,711
Total	409,260	257,825	243,212
Foreign	61,498	141,238	169,912
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	470,758	399,063	413,124
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	2,788	2,990	5,414
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	48,633	44,552	45,928
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 21,378	(5) 29,023	(6) 20,139

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

Cattle Hides (1)..... - number	2,843	2,712	1,780
Calf and Kip Skins	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)..... - number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	858	810	-
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 9,240 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 10,225 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 12,050 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	927,938	1,402,030	1,377,005
Deliveries - Domestic	957,893	1,155,396	1,202,956
- Export	44,730	50,114	79,930
- Total	1,002,623	1,205,510	1,282,886

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq ft.)			
Production	4,980,570	5,601,664	5,652,801
Deliveries - Domestic	3,523,022	4,462,863	4,497,438
- Export	1,135,468	1,269,003	1,011,961
- Total	4,658,490	5,731,866	5,509,399
Finished Stock on Hand	3,500,079	2,955,245	3,098,647
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	785,645	859,368	1,013,129
Deliveries - Domestic	738,308	762,986	790,938
- Export	33,094	102,989	136,621
- Total	771,402	865,975	927,559
Finished Stock on Hand	123,901	149,583	235,153
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,098	8,378	8,371
Deliveries - Domestic	6,853	7,928	7,781
- Export	245	450	604
- Total	7,098	8,378	8,385
Finished Stock on Hand	15	14	-
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	947	1,605	1,589
Deliveries - Domestic	1,095	2,057	2,048
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,095	2,057	2,048
Finished Stock on Hand	3,580	2,936	2,477
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	1,034,363	1,117,650	1,072,859
Deliveries - Domestic	736,760	744,124	675,734
- Export	292,008	470,380	487,407
- Total	1,028,768	1,214,504	1,163,141
Finished Stock on Hand	2,065,064	1,603,780	1,513,498

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	6,336	9,816	8,160
Deliveries - Domestic	6,881	10,080	8,232
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,881	10,080	8,232
Finished Stock on Hand	9,881	727	655

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz skins

Production	4,200	6,879	6,074
Deliveries - Domestic	3,908	6,265	6,588
- Export	-	167	-
- Total	3,908	6,432	6,588
Finished Stock on Hand	2,532	4,513	3,999

Shoe Leather - Doz skins

Production	3,129	2,323	2,351
Deliveries - Domestic	2,950	2,265	2,262
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,950	2,265	2,262
Finished Stock on Hand	2,904	1,769	1,858

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	101,553	188,140	153,461
Deliveries - Domestic	139,581	171,023	227,063
- Export	9,163	-	-
- Total	148,744	171,023	227,063
Finished Stock on Hand	51,693	149,726	76,124