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## STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 6.1 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 5.2 p.c. compared with February 1954.

Production of sole leather in February, at 1,061,436 lb. was 5.6 p.c. over the 1,005,064 lb. recorded for January; total deliveries at 1,119,777 lb. were 2.8 p.c. over the January figure of 1,088,907 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,755,140 sq. ft., 1.2 p.c. over the 4,698,525 sq. ft. in January; total deliveries at 4,784,577 sq. ft. were 1.4 p.c. over the 4,719,855 sq. ft. in January. Calf and kip upper leather production was 790,172 sq. ft., 16.9 p.c. under the 950,408 sq. ft. in January and total deliveries at 815,567 sq. ft., were 3.5 p.c. under the 844,848 sq. ft. in January.

### 1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	February 1954	January 1955	February 1955
Cattle Hides ..... - number	159,189	194,303	194,994
Calf and Kip Skins ..... - number	59,671	99,083	87,000
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	5,932	5,784	7,750
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	6,596	9,002	9,721
Horse Fronts ..... - number	7,873	2,331	6,496
Butts ..... - number	200	-	400
Cowhide bellies ..... - number	12,220	17,876	14,659

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

	February 28, 1954	January 31, 1955	February 28, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - number			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	334,279	350,422	324,342
Country .....	153,020	141,682	128,463
Total .....	487,299	492,104	452,805
Foreign .....	45,457	45,627	52,376
Cattle Hides, Total .....	532,756	537,731	505,181
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	171,598	220,354	171,062
Country .....	93,082	128,984	118,327
Total .....	264,680	349,338	289,389
Foreign .....	96,996	59,967	38,239
Calf and Kip Skins, Total .....	361,676	409,305	327,628
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) .....	18,277	2,880	24,885
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) .....	45,579	45,018	42,735
Horse Hides (number) .....	(4) 13,319	(5) 24,231	(6) 21,907

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

Cattle Hides (1) .....	- number	1,260	902	879
Calf and Kip Skins .....	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) .....	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) .....	- dozens	50	750	1,021
Horse Hides .....	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 4,635 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 10,617 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 9,329 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	February 1954	January 1955	February 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production .....	1,171,316	1,005,064	1,061,436
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,004,360	1,026,318	1,070,899
- Export .....	140,291	62,589	48,878
- Total .....	1,144,651	1,088,907	1,119,777

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - Continued

	February 1954	January 1955	February 1955
<b>Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)</b>			
Production .....	4,127,697	4,698,525	4,755,140
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,417,526	3,472,410	3,649,447
- Export .....	764,066	1,247,445	1,135,130
- Total .....	4,181,592	4,719,855	4,784,577
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,316,274	3,578,749	3,549,312
<b>Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	432,676	712,238	742,257
Deliveries - Domestic .....	408,545	614,806	721,641
- Export .....	55,868	81,048	35,132
- Total .....	464,413	695,854	756,773
Finished Stock on Hand .....	429,443	140,285	125,769
<b>Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides</b>			
Production .....	7,987	6,545	7,793
Deliveries - Domestic .....	7,762	6,395	7,600
- Export .....	602	150	193
- Total .....	8,364	6,545	7,793
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,381	15	15
<b>Harness Leather - Sides</b>			
Production .....	3,258	2,431	1,977
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,257	2,416	1,937
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	3,257	2,416	1,937
Finished Stock on Hand .....	141	129	169
<b>Belting Leather - Butt Bends</b>			
Production .....	1,009	1,417	1,641
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,065	1,321	1,216
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	1,065	1,321	1,216
Finished Stock on Hand .....	6,834	3,676	4,101
<b>2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.</b>			
Production .....	807,667	950,408	790,172
Deliveries - Domestic .....	552,555	679,601	631,875
- Export .....	255,580	165,247	183,692
- Total .....	808,135	844,848	815,567
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,667,289	2,170,624	2,145,229

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	February 1954	January 1955	February 1955
<b>3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u></b>			
Production .....	10,585	8,523	6,294
Deliveries - Domestic .....	10,123	8,103	6,538
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	10,123	8,103	6,538
Finished Stock on Hand .....	18,655	10,301	10,057
<b>4. <u>Sheep and Lamb Leather</u></b>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production .....	3,462	3,856	5,066
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,419	3,783	4,147
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	3,419	3,783	4,147
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,801	2,605	3,524
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production .....	2,420	2,261	2,198
Deliveries - Domestic .....	2,413	2,349	2,236
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	2,413	2,349	2,236
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,716	2,816	2,778
<b>5. <u>Horse Leather</u></b>			
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. Ft.			
Production .....	139,821	101,102	85,999
Deliveries - Domestic .....	152,924	72,440	110,460
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	152,924	72,440	110,460
Finished Stock on Hand .....	76,332	80,355	55,894