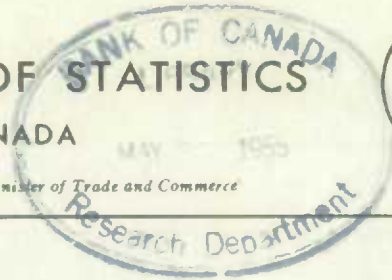


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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 10.2 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 1.5 p.c. compared with March 1954.

Production of sole leather in March, at 1,156,551 lb. was 9.0 p.c. over the 1,061,436 lb. recorded for February; total deliveries at 1,269,203 lb. were 13.3 p.c. over the February figure of 1,119,777 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,103,131 sq. ft., 7.3 p.c. over the 4,755,140 sq. ft. in February; total deliveries at 5,028,245 sq. ft. were 5.1 p.c. over the 4,784,577 sq. ft. in February. Calf and kip upper leather production was 875,430 sq. ft., 10.8 p.c. over the 790,172 sq. ft. in February and total deliveries at 856,128 sq. ft., were 5.0 p.c. over the 815,567 sq. ft. in February.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

| | March 1954 | February 1955 | March 1955 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cattle Hides - <i>number</i> | 172,290 | 194,994 | 192,855 |
| Calf and Kip Skins - number | 71,759 | 87,000 | 89,175 |
| Goat and Kid Skins - number | 5,809 | 7,750 | 12,010 |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens | 9,245 | 9,721 | 10,247 |
| Horse Fronts - number | 4,301 | 6,496 | 3,499 |
| Butts - number | - | 400 | 1,300 |
| Cowhide bellies - number | 10,145 | 14,659 | 16,521 |

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

| | March 31, 1954 | February 28, 1955 | March 31, 1955 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Cattle Hides (1) - Number | | | |
| Domestic (2) - Packer | 353,901 | 324,342 | 333,650 |
| Country | 155,262 | 128,463 | 164,185 |
| Total | 509,163 | 452,805 | 497,835 |
| Foreign | 39,369 | 52,376 | 58,951 |
| Cattle Hides, Total | 548,532 | 505,181 | 556,786 |
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| Calf and Kip Skins - (number) | | | |
| Domestic (2) - Packer | 191,401 | 171,062 | 168,251 |
| Country | 133,308 | 118,327 | 106,963 |
| Total | 324,709 | 289,389 | 275,214 |
| Foreign | 92,023 | 38,239 | 61,389 |
| Calf and Kip Skins, Total | 416,732 | 327,628 | 336,603 |
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| Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) | 10,979 | 24,885 | 25,329 |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ... | 34,747 | 42,735 | 37,156 |
| Horse Hides (number) | (4) 14,376 | (5) 21,907 | (6) 24,664 |

Foreign Hides and Skins in Transit

(Not included in above)

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cattle Hides (1) | 1,901 | 879 | 887 |
| Calf and Kip Skins | - | - | - |
| Goat and Kid Skins (3) | - | - | - |
| Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) | - | 1,021 | 1,021 |
| Horse Hides | - | - | - |

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 5,251 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 9,329 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 12,009 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

| | March 1954 | February 1955 | March 1955 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>1. Cattle Leather</u> | | | |
| Sole Leather - pounds | | | |
| Production | 1,221,061 | 1,061,436 | 1,156,551 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 971,306 | 1,070,899 | 1,235,621 |
| - Export | 128,850 | 48,878 | 33,582 |
| - Total | 1,100,156 | 1,119,777 | 1,269,203 |

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - Continued

| | March 1954 | February 1955 | March 1955 |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.) | | | |
| Production | 4,304,702 | 4,755,140 | 5,103,131 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 3,525,146 | 3,649,447 | 3,732,983 |
| - Export | 832,529 | 1,135,130 | 1,295,262 |
| - Total | 4,357,675 | 4,784,577 | 5,028,245 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 3,263,301 | 3,549,312 | 3,624,198 |
| Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft. | | | |
| Production | 470,603 | 742,257 | 904,114 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 402,398 | 721,641 | 850,339 |
| - Export | 42,215 | 35,132 | 44,675 |
| - Total | 444,613 | 756,773 | 895,014 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 455,433 | 125,769 | 134,869 |
| Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides | | | |
| Production | 9,230 | 7,793 | 9,206 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 7,769 | 7,600 | 8,523 |
| - Export | 1,508 | 193 | 683 |
| - Total | 9,277 | 7,793 | 9,206 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 1,334 | 15 | 15 |
| Harness Leather - Sides | | | |
| Production | 1,931 | 1,977 | 2,059 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 2,051 | 1,937 | 2,042 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 2,051 | 1,937 | 2,042 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 21 | 169 | 186 |
| Belting Leather - Butt Bends | | | |
| Production | 501 | 1,641 | 1,887 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 1,303 | 1,216 | 2,277 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 1,303 | 1,216 | 2,277 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 6,032 | 4,101 | 3,711 |
| 2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft. | | | |
| Production | 865,080 | 790,172 | 875,430 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 479,236 | 631,875 | 631,297 |
| - Export | 261,569 | 183,692 | 224,831 |
| - Total | 740,805 | 815,567 | 856,128 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 1,791,564 | 2,145,229 | 2,164,531 |

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

| | March 1954 | February 1955 | March 1955 |
|--|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| <u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u> | | | |
| Production | 9,684 | 6,294 | 9,731 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 16,533 | 6,538 | 11,193 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 16,533 | 6,538 | 11,193 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 11,806 | 10,057 | 8,595 |

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

| | | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins | | | |
| Production | 3,409 | 5,066 | 6,313 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 3,671 | 4,147 | 5,467 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 3,671 | 4,147 | 5,467 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 2,539 | 3,524 | 4,370 |

Shoe Leather - doz. skins

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 3,384 | 2,198 | 2,708 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 2,882 | 2,236 | 3,035 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 2,882 | 2,236 | 3,035 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 4,218 | 2,778 | 2,451 |

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. Ft.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Production | 161,686 | 85,999 | 107,653 |
| Deliveries - Domestic | 138,814 | 110,460 | 123,704 |
| - Export | - | - | - |
| - Total | 138,814 | 110,460 | 123,704 |
| Finished Stock on Hand | 99,204 | 55,894 | 39,843 |