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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 0.76 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 2.8 p.c. compared with April 1954.

Production of sole leather in April, at 1,074,665 lb. was 7.1 p.c. under the 1,156,551 lb. recorded for March; total deliveries at 1,121,481 lb. were 11.6 p.c. under the March figure of 1,269,203 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 3,974,616 sq. ft., 22.1 p.c. under the 5,103,131 sq. ft. in March; total deliveries at 4,218,665 sq. ft. were 16.1 p.c. under the 5,028,245 sq. ft. in March. Calf and kip upper leather production was 864,094 sq. ft., 1.3 p.c. under the 875,430 sq. ft. in March and total deliveries at 1,083,230 sq. ft. were 26.5 p.c. over the 856,128 sq. ft. in March.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
Cattle Hides - number	160,432	192,855	172,102
Calf and Kip Skins - number	45,854	89,175	101,504
Goat and Kid Skins - number	2,190	12,010	15,375
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,961	10,247	7,849
Horse Fronts - number	2,820	3,499	6,278
Butts - number	1,000	1,300	1,100
Cowhide bellies - number	11,225	16,521	22,820

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

	April 30, 1954	March 31, 1955	April 30, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	343,005	333,650	341,879
Country	179,248	164,185	153,125
Total	522,253	497,835	495,004
Foreign	46,505	58,951	57,518
Cattle Hides, Total	568,758	556,786	552,522
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Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	201,557	168,251	182,616
Country	185,441	106,963	125,727
Total	386,998	275,214	308,343
Foreign	77,775	61,389	56,711
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	464,773	336,603	365,054
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Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	8,767	25,329	10,950
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	33,071	37,156	39,079
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 14,779	(5) 24,664	(6) 25,791

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	1,000	887	2,911
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	2,015
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	2,000	1,021	2,840
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 5,982 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 12,009 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 14,545 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
<u>1. Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,233,454	1,156,551	1,074,665
Deliveries - Domestic	1,162,490	1,235,621	1,052,870
- Export	93,418	33,582	68,611
- Total	1,255,908	1,269,203	1,121,481

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,079,004	5,103,131	3,974,616
Deliveries - Domestic	3,153,617	3,732,983	3,121,542
- Export	856,273	1,295,262	1,097,123
- Total	4,009,890	5,028,245	4,218,665
Finished Stock on Hand	3,332,415	3,624,198	3,380,149
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	460,123	904,114	799,074
Deliveries - Domestic	388,242	850,339	687,270
- Export	134,478	44,675	51,995
- Total	522,720	895,014	739,265
Finished Stock on Hand	392,836	134,869	194,678
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,407	9,206	9,162
Deliveries - Domestic	6,370	8,523	8,496
- Export	864	683	666
- Total	7,234	9,206	9,162
Finished Stock on Hand	1,507	15	15
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	328	1,887	1,578
Deliveries - Domestic	630	2,277	1,581
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	630	2,277	1,581
Finished Stock on Hand	5,730	3,711	3,708
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.			
Production	855,192	875,430	864,094
Deliveries - Domestic	370,985	631,297	709,179
- Export	257,630	224,831	374,051
- Total	628,615	856,128	1,083,230
Finished Stock on Hand	2,018,141	2,164,531	1,945,395

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	April 1954	March 1955	April 1955
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	5,546	9,731	10,214
Deliveries - Domestic	4,364	11,193	12,588
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,364	11,193	12,588
Finished Stock on Hand	12,988	8,595	6,221

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	4,245	6,313	5,691
Deliveries - Domestic	3,851	5,467	4,281
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,851	5,467	4,281
Finished Stock on Hand	2,933	4,370	5,780

Shoe Leather - doz. skins

Production	2,940	2,708	1,877
Deliveries - Domestic	2,985	3,035	2,076
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,985	3,035	2,076
Finished Stock on Hand	4,173	2,451	2,252

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	112,512	107,653	140,018
Deliveries - Domestic	106,283	123,704	91,798
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	106,283	123,704	91,798
Finished Stock on Hand	105,433	39,843	88,063