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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 sheep and lamb skins showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with May 1954, there were increases in all classes except goat and kid skins and horse butts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 5.8 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 2.1 p.c. compared with May 1954.

Production of sole leather in May, at 1,173,927 lb. was 9.2 p.c. over the 1,074,665 lb. recorded for April; total deliveries at 1,177,241 lb. were 5.0 p.c. over the April figure of 1,121,481 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,381,319 sq. ft., 10.2 p.c. over the 3,974,616 sq. ft. in April; total deliveries at 4,586,583 sq. ft. were 8.7 p.c. over the 4,218,665 sq. ft. in April. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,003,816 sq. ft., 16.2 p.c. over the 864,094 sq. ft. in April and total deliveries at 969,589 sq. ft. were 10.5 p.c. under the 1,083,230 sq. ft. in April.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	May 1954	April 1955	May 1955
Cattle Hides - number	165,911	172,102	194,490
Calf and Kip Skins - number	81,140	101,504	98,113
Goat and Kid Skins - number	6,897	15,375	6,432
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	8,716	7,849	9,272
Horse Fronts - number	4,668	6,278	5,989
Butts - number	1,248	1,100	274
Cowhide bellies - number	9,162	22,820	11,790

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

	May 31, 1954	April 30, 1955	May 31, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	338,392	341,879	324,523
Country	162,888	153,125	147,431
Total	501,280	495,004	471,954
Foreign	30,397	57,518	48,443
Cattle Hides, Total	531,677	552,522	520,397
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	260,686	182,616	195,823
Country	146,576	125,727	112,187
Total	407,262	308,343	308,010
Foreign	64,497	56,711	56,245
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	471,759	365,054	364,255
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	10,298	10,950	29,806
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	37,584	39,079	25,274
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 13,483	(5) 25,791	(6) 27,855

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	3,500	2,911	1,994
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	2,015	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	-	2,840	2,830
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 4,485 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 14,545 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 14,542 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	May 1954	April 1955	May 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	1,107,974	1,074,665	1,173,927
Deliveries - Domestic	997,979	1,052,870	1,107,062
- Export	245,210	68,611	70,179
- Total	1,243,189	1,121,481	1,177,241

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	May 1954	April 1955	May 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,201,399	3,974,616	4,381,319
Deliveries - Domestic	3,342,623	3,121,542	3,519,427
- Export	688,720	1,097,123	1,067,156
- Total.....	4,031,343	4,218,665	4,586,583
Finished Stock on Hand	3,502,471	3,380,149	3,174,885
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	452,549	799,074	779,313
Deliveries - Domestic	375,520	687,270	698,555
- Export	100,807	51,995	51,640
- Total	476,327	739,265	750,195
Finished Stock on Hand.....	369,058	194,678	223,796
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,104	9,162	7,610
Deliveries - Domestic	7,283	8,496	6,978
- Export	683	666	632
- Total	7,966	9,162	7,610
Finished Stock on Hand	1,645	15	15
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	715	1,578	1,448
Deliveries - Domestic	987	1,581	1,145
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	987	1,581	1,145
Finished Stock on Hand	5,458	3,708	4,011
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.			
Production	777,297	864,094	1,003,816
Deliveries - Domestic	560,418	709,179	686,377
- Export	264,776	374,051	283,212
- Total	825,194	1,083,230	969,589
Finished Stock on Hand	1,970,244	1,945,395	1,979,622

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	May 1954	April 1955	May 1955
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	2,140	10,214	4,320
Deliveries - Domestic	3,334	12,588	6,716
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,334	12,588	6,716
Finished Stock on Hand	11,794	6,221	3,825

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	3,664	5,691	5,301
Deliveries - Domestic	3,765	4,281	5,650
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,765	4,281	5,650
Finished Stock on Hand	2,832	5,780	5,431

Shoe Leather - doz. skins

Production	2,194	1,877	2,216
Deliveries - Domestic	1,986	2,076	2,212
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,986	2,076	2,212
Finished Stock on Hand	4,381	2,252	2,256

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	97,707	140,018	154,979
Deliveries - Domestic	82,659	91,798	131,321
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	82,659	91,798	131,321
Finished Stock on Hand	120,481	88,063	111,721