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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of .68 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 3.3 p.c. compared with August 1954.

Production of sole leather in August, at 983,429 lb. was 38.4 p.c. over the 711,117 lb. recorded for July; total deliveries at 1,122,392 lb. were 36.8 p.c. over the July figure of 820,324 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,488,483 sq. ft., 77.6 p.c. over the 3,089,768 sq. ft. in July; total deliveries at 5,350,846 sq. ft. were 62.5 p.c. over the 3,293,094 sq. ft. in July. Calf and kip upper leather production was 779,656 sq. ft., 55.4 p.c. over the 501,804 sq. ft. in July and total deliveries at 803,703 sq. ft. were 70.3 p.c. over the 471,965 sq. ft. in July.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	August 1954	July 1955	August 1955
Cattle Hides - number	183,866	125,325	206,468
Calf and Kip Skins - number	64,747	66,471	89,813
Goat and Kid Skins - number	8,850	3,174	13,132
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,737	5,966	8,648
Horse Fronts - number	2,395	2,285	7,449
Butts - number	-	900	-
Cowhide bellies - number	4,820	13,610	28,530

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

	August 31, 1954	July 31, 1955	August 31, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	353,494	334,394	356,680
Country	136,444	145,929	132,377
Total	489,938	480,323	489,057
Foreign	22,724	45,580	40,407
Cattle Hides, Total	512,662	525,903	529,464
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	315,164	242,860	240,487
Country	172,216	106,415	90,016
Total	487,380	349,275	330,503
Foreign	93,970	95,715	86,386
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	581,359	444,990	416,889
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	14,929	9,335	12,934
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	30,973	41,561	45,696
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 16,237	(5) 29,918	(6) 26,918

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	5,125	2,200	3,000
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	2,063	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) ...	- dozens	-	103	5
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 4,780 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 15,558 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 9,939 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	August 1954	July 1955	August 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	968,136	711,117	983,429
Deliveries - Domestic	948,111	770,200	1,064,968
- Export	36,427	50,124	57,424
- Total	984,538	820,324	1,122,392

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	August 1954	July 1955	August 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,365,973	3,089,768	5,488,483
Deliveries - Domestic	3,649,240	2,588,701	4,234,937
- Export	820,312	704,393	1,115,909
- Total	4,469,552	3,293,094	5,350,846
Finished Stock on Hand	3,254,528	3,197,917	3,335,554
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	555,336	426,722	814,749
Deliveries - Domestic	552,179	355,242	593,947
- Export	52,837	77,540	115,223
- Total	605,016	432,782	709,170
Finished Stock on Hand	286,794	285,399	390,978
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,951	4,709	8,707
Deliveries - Domestic	9,669	4,483	8,061
- Export	469	227	646
- Total	10,138	4,710	8,707
Finished Stock on Hand	1,460	14	14
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	620	960	1,178
Deliveries - Domestic	1,227	1,334	1,133
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,227	1,334	1,133
Finished Stock on Hand	4,154	3,692	3,737
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.			
Production	650,847	501,804	779,656
Deliveries - Domestic	529,406	332,158	560,533
- Export	140,766	139,807	243,170
- Total	670,172	471,965	803,703
Finished Stock on Hand	1,894,276	1,871,281	1,847,234

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	August 1954	July 1955	August 1955
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	6,856	1,200	8,532
Deliveries - Domestic	7,478	1,128	8,645
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,478	1,128	8,645
Finished Stock on Hand	11,300	1,056	943
<u>4. Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	3,469	2,949	4,835
Deliveries - Domestic	3,618	3,031	6,899
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,618	3,031	6,899
Finished Stock on Hand	2,480	5,345	3,281
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	2,485	808	2,055
Deliveries - Domestic	3,269	1,071	2,230
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,269	1,071	2,230
Finished Stock on Hand	2,995	1,919	1,744
<u>5. Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	102,537	87,487	172,787
Deliveries - Domestic	82,028	115,110	159,781
- Export	814	3,855	-
- Total	82,842	118,965	159,781
Finished Stock on Hand	75,284	101,025	114,031