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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of calf and kip skins, sheep and lamb skins and horse butts showed increases over the previous month. As compared with September 1954, there were increases in all classes.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 4.0 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 5.6 p.c. compared with September 1954.

Production of sole leather in September, at 1,079,700 lb. was 9.8 p.c. over the 983,429 lb. recorded for August; total deliveries at 1,254,705 lb. were 11.8 p.c. over the August figure of 1,122,392 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,223,988 sq. ft., 4.8 p.c. under the 5,488,483 sq. ft. in August; total deliveries at 5,537,796 sq. ft. were 3.5 p.c. over the 5,350,846 sq. ft. in August. Calf and kip upper leather production was 913,269 sq. ft., 17.3 p.c. over the 779,656 sq. ft. in August and total deliveries at 974,844 sq. ft. were 21.3 p.c. over the 803,703 sq. ft. in August.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	September 1954	August 1955	September 1955
Cattle Hides - number	150,718	206,468	197,115
Calf and Kip Skins - number	72,698	89,813	113,702
Goat and Kid Skins - number	8,128	13,132	11,283
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	8,757	8,648	9,246
Horse Fronts - number	1,902	7,449	5,487
Butts - number	-	-	1,550
Cowhide bellies - number	8,558	28,530	21,560

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

	September 30, 1954	August 31, 1955	September 30, 1955
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	382,147	356,680	352,046
Country	127,764	132,377	122,984
Total	509,911	489,057	475,030
Foreign	29,048	40,407	33,550
Cattle Hides, Total	538,959	529,464	508,580
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	334,545	240,487	220,572
Country	183,920	90,016	87,019
Total	518,465	330,503	307,591
Foreign	73,766	86,386	76,409
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	592,231	416,889	384,000
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	6,778	12,934	3,902
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	34,224	45,696	50,896
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 12,153	(5) 26,918	(6) 20,466

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	405	3,000	1,500
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) ...	- dozens	-	5	548
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
(2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
(3) Figures include East India Tanned.
(4) Includes 2,294 horse fronts.
(5) Includes 9,939 horse fronts.
(6) Includes 6,325 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	September 1954	August 1955	September 1955
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production	989,974	983,429	1,079,700
Deliveries - Domestic	1,020,651	1,064,968	1,173,458
- Export	199,468	57,424	81,247
- Total	1,220,119	1,122,392	1,254,705

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	September 1954	August 1955	September 1955
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,045,535	5,488,483	5,223,988
Deliveries - Domestic	3,051,006	4,234,937	4,148,306
- Export	965,814	1,115,909	1,389,490
- Total	4,016,820	5,350,846	5,537,796
Finished Stock on Hand	3,283,243	3,335,554	3,021,746
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Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	631,383	814,749	796,780
Deliveries - Domestic	584,963	593,947	762,718
- Export	86,786	115,223	178,532
- Total	671,749	709,170	941,250
Finished Stock on Hand	246,428	390,978	246,508
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Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,047	8,707	8,820
Deliveries - Domestic	10,027	8,061	8,393
- Export	465	646	427
- Total	10,492	8,707	8,820
Finished Stock on Hand	15	14	14
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Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,187	1,178	1,691
Deliveries - Domestic	1,500	1,133	1,341
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,500	1,133	1,341
Finished Stock on Hand	3,841	3,737	4,087
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2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. Ft.			
Production	717,442	779,656	913,269
Deliveries - Domestic	529,410	560,533	702,554
- Export	179,995	243,170	272,290
- Total	709,405	803,703	974,844
Finished Stock on Hand	1,902,313	1,847,234	1,785,659

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	September 1954	August 1955	September 1955
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	9,279	8,532	7,500
Deliveries - Domestic	8,905	8,645	7,536
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	8,905	8,645	7,536
Finished Stock on Hand	11,674	943	907
4. <u>Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	4,319	4,835	6,062
Deliveries - Domestic	4,064	6,899	5,817
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,064	6,899	5,817
Finished Stock on Hand	2,735	3,281	3,526
Shoe Leather - doz. skins			
Production	2,416	2,055	1,734
Deliveries - Domestic	2,633	2,230	1,784
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,633	2,230	1,784
Finished Stock on Hand	2,778	1,744	1,694
5. <u>Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	130,405	172,787	148,259
Deliveries - Domestic	120,887	159,781	115,677
- Export	32	-	-
- Total	120,919	159,781	115,677
Finished Stock on Hand	84,770	114,031	146,613