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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in October of all types of hides and skins, showed increases over the previous month. As compared with October 1955, there were increases in all classes except horse butts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an ⁱⁿ decrease of 9.8 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 13.6 p.c. compared with October 1955.

Production of sole leather in October, at 1,134,905 lb. was 2.3 p.c. over the 1,108,952 lb. recorded for September; total deliveries at 1,293,440 lb. were 7.5 p.c. over the September figure of 1,203,605 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,845,346 sq. ft., 20.1 p.c. over the 4,867,698 sq. ft. in September; total deliveries at 5,494,544 sq. ft. were 8.2 p.c. over the 5,077,359 sq. ft. in September. Calf and kip upper leather production was 802,382 sq. ft., 27.1 p.c. over the 631,094 sq. ft. in September and total deliveries at 782,248 sq. ft. were 28.6 p.c. over the 608,154 sq. ft. in September.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	October 1955	September 1956	October 1956
Cattle Hides - number	203,353	188,778	223,543
Calf and Kip Skins - number	101,381	68,656	109,164
Goat and Kid Skins - number	1,420	8,462	8,517
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,892	8,977	11,127
Horse Fronts - number	2,404	5,078	7,846
Butts - number	1,350	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	15,040	15,704	37,280

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

	October 31, 1955	September 30, 1956	October 31, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	336,428	359,215	402,993
Country	104,095	92,389	97,666
Total	440,523	451,604	500,659
Foreign	47,312	53,813	54,485
Cattle Hides, Total	487,835	505,417	555,144
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	214,779	261,106	264,404
Country	76,784	114,067	101,539
Total	291,563	375,173	365,943
Foreign	99,001	273,720	223,185
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	390,564	648,893	589,128
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	15,434	64,314	56,309
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	51,527	37,396	36,956
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 23,262	(5) 12,609	(6) 11,568

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

Cattle Hides (1)	2,733	-	3,929
Calf and Kip Skins	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	10	-	-
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 6,665 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 5,071 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 4,290 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	October 1955	September 1956	October 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,311,806	1,108,952	1,134,905
Deliveries - Domestic	1,194,651	1,166,224	1,221,759
- Export	28,390	37,381	71,681
- Total	1,223,041	1,203,605	1,293,440

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	October 1955	September 1956	October 1956
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,721,261	4,867,698	5,845,346
Deliveries - Domestic	4,205,328	3,761,962	4,207,104
- Export	1,452,232	1,315,397	1,287,440
- Total	5,657,560	5,077,359	5,494,544
Finished Stock on Hand	3,085,447	2,605,692	2,956,494
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	851,062	467,732	1,120,104
Deliveries - Domestic	796,460	254,120	924,981
- Export	144,920	208,044	193,931
- Total	941,380	462,164	1,118,912
Finished Stock on Hand	156,190	440,177	441,369
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,990	9,164	9,574
Deliveries - Domestic	9,573	8,762	9,169
- Export	417	422	384
- Total	9,990	9,184	9,553
Finished Stock on Hand	14	12	33
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,239	1,754	1,597
Deliveries - Domestic	1,938	833	975
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,938	833	975
Finished Stock on Hand	3,388	5,263	5,885
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	839,550	631,094	802,382
Deliveries - Domestic	565,878	429,956	431,332
- Export	358,697	178,198	350,916
- Total	924,575	608,154	782,248
Finished Stock on Hand	1,700,634	1,513,006	1,533,140

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	October 1955	September 1956	October 1956
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	7,704	5,441	7,552
Deliveries - Domestic	7,620	5,441	7,958
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,620	5,441	7,958
Finished Stock on Hand	991	2,315	1,909
4. <u>Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins			
Production	6,650	4,049	5,648
Deliveries - Domestic	6,110	3,952	6,348
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,110	3,952	6,348
Finished Stock on Hand	4,066	5,983	5,283
Shoe Leather - Doz. skins			
Production	2,104	1,158	1,623
Deliveries - Domestic	2,087	1,240	2,035
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,087	1,240	2,035
Finished Stock on Hand	1,711	1,355	943
5. <u>Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	219,381	79,074	130,993
Deliveries - Domestic	233,385	94,700	100,845
- Export	-	-	3,982
- Total	233,385	94,700	114,827
Finished Stock on Hand	132,609	68,022	84,188