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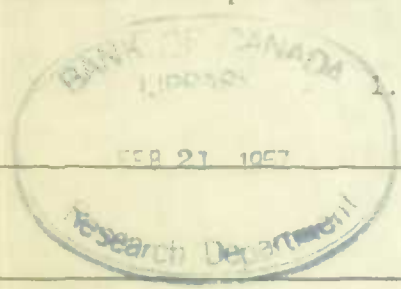
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in December of all types of hides with the exception of goat and kid skins and cowhide bellies showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with December 1955, goat and kid skins, horse fronts and cowhide bellies showed increases.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 7.2 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 20.2 p.c. compared with December 1955.

Production of sole leather in December, at 1,001,394 lb. was 25.7 p.c. under the 1,347,726 lb. recorded for November; total deliveries at 1,041,582 lb. were 9.7 p.c. under the November figure of 1,153,697 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,895,559 sq. ft., 14.1 p.c. under the 5,696,894 sq. ft. in November; total deliveries at 4,691,411 sq. ft. were 15.0 p.c. under the 5,517,790 sq. ft. in November. Calf and kip upper leather production was 937,061 sq. ft., 8.7 p.c. under the 1,026,261 sq. ft. in November and total deliveries at 954,707 sq. ft. were 12.8 p.c. under the 1,094,878 sq. ft. in November.



1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	December 1955	November 1956	December 1956
Cattle Hides - number	216,742	225,517	186,082
Calf and Kip Skins - number	96,645	124,739	82,767
Goat and Kid Skin: - number	10,348	9,300	14,591
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	11,073	10,604	7,495
Horse Fronts - number	2,193	3,658	3,417
Butts - number	500	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	15,011	14,047	30,651

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

	December 31, 1955	November 30, 1956	December 31, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	333,447	416,801	435,686
Country	113,838	97,320	112,397
Total	447,285	514,121	548,083
Foreign	62,101	57,232	64,261
Cattle Hides, Total	509,386	571,353	612,344
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	184,501	239,339	233,884
Country	58,711	97,643	86,713
Total	243,212	336,982	320,597
Foreign	169,912	161,080	154,505
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	413,124	498,062	475,102
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	5,414	68,522	73,504
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	45,928	45,614	47,887
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 20,139	(5) 18,045	(6) 16,914

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	1,780	2,441	3,600
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	-	-	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 12,050 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 10,175 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 10,848 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	December 1955	November 1956	December 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,377,005	1,347,726	1,001,394
Deliveries - Domestic	1,202,956	1,080,870	903,200
- Export	79,930	72,827	138,382
- Total	1,282,886	1,153,697	1,041,582

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	December 1955	November 1956	December 1956
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Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,652,801	5,696,894	4,895,559
Deliveries - Domestic	4,497,438	4,361,324	3,515,498
- Export	1,011,961	1,156,466	1,175,913
- Total	5,509,399	5,517,790	4,691,411
Finished Stock on Hand	3,098,647	3,135,598	3,339,746
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Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	1,013,129	1,251,217	946,843
Deliveries - Domestic	790,938	975,632	532,304
- Export	136,621	198,165	160,398
- Total	927,559	1,173,797	692,702
Finished Stock on Hand	235,153	518,789	772,930
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Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,371	7,439	4,575
Deliveries - Domestic	7,781	6,832	4,249
- Export	604	633	296
- Total	8,385	7,465	4,545
Finished Stock on Hand	-	7	37
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Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,589	2,003	897
Deliveries - Domestic	2,048	2,279	1,004
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,048	2,279	1,004
Finished Stock on Hand	2,477	5,609	5,502
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2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	1,072,859	1,026,261	937,061
Deliveries - Domestic	675,734	754,435	570,601
- Export	487,407	340,443	384,106
- Total	1,163,141	1,094,878	954,707
Finished Stock on Hand	1,513,498	1,464,523	1,446,877
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(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	December 1955	November 1956	December 1956
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	8,160	11,752	7,923
Deliveries - Domestic	8,232	11,791	7,711
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	8,232	11,791	7,711
Finished Stock on Hand	655	1,870	2,082

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	6,074	5,821	5,032
Deliveries - Domestic	6,588	6,099	7,565
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,588	6,099	7,565
Finished Stock on Hand	3,999	5,005	2,472

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	2,351	1,739	1,290
Deliveries - Domestic	2,262	1,795	1,342
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,262	1,795	1,342
Finished Stock on Hand	1,858	887	835

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	153,461	225,072	137,580
Deliveries - Domestic	227,063	128,823	214,628
- Export	-	9,843	9,000
- Total	227,063	138,666	223,628
Finished Stock on Hand	76,124	170,594	84,546