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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of goat and kid skins showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with February 1955, there were increases in all classes except calf and kip skins, sheep and lamb skins and horse fronts.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 3.0 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 11.3 p.c. compared with February 1955.

Production of sole leather in February, at 1,314,331 lb. was 2.0 p.c. over the 1,288,223 lb. recorded for January; total deliveries at 1,279,258 lb. were 6.6 p.c. over the January figure of 1,199,759 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,899,139 sq. ft., 2.1 p.c. over the 5,777,985 sq. ft. in January; total deliveries at 6,033,951 sq. ft. were 3.0 p.c. over the 5,856,633 sq. ft. in January. Calf and kip upper leather production was 978,767 sq. ft., 0.5 p.c. under the 983,737 sq. ft. in January and total deliveries at 963,053 sq. ft. were 5.1 p.c. under the 1,014,944 sq. ft. in January.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
Cattle Hides - number	194,994	224,474	219,225
Calf and Kip Skins - number	87,000	103,611	80,125
Goat and Kid Skins - number	7,750	13,560	16,833
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,721	8,505	8,299
Horse Fronts - number	6,496	4,597	3,000
Butts - number	400	1,400	600
Cowhide bellies - number	14,659	26,502	18,842

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

	February 28, 1955	January 31, 1956	February 29, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	324,342	331,423	334,198
Country	128,463	112,990	129,020
Total	452,805	444,413	463,218
Foreign	52,376	101,683	99,202
Cattle Hides, Total	505,181	546,096	562,420
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	171,062	175,040	175,050
Country	118,327	54,487	52,401
Total	289,389	229,527	227,451
Foreign	38,239	158,338	176,912
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	327,628	387,865	404,363
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	24,885	25,840	16,070
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	42,735	38,810	41,002
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 21,907	(5) 20,320	(6) 18,388

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

Cattle Hides (1)	number	879	5,691	5,124
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	1,021	772	3,243
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 9,329 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 11,598 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 10,522 horse fronts

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather -pounds			
Production	1,061,436	1,288,223	1,314,331
Deliveries - Domestic	1,070,899	1,149,992	1,224,245
- Export	48,878	49,767	55,013
- Total	1,119,777	1,199,759	1,279,258

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,755,140	5,777,985	5,899,139
Deliveries - Domestic	3,649,447	4,751,446	4,889,807
- Export	1,135,130	1,105,187	1,144,144
- Total	4,784,577	5,856,633	6,033,951
Finished Stock on Hand	3,549,312	3,019,999	2,885,187
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	742,257	863,806	832,450
Deliveries - Domestic	721,641	600,708	613,376
- Export	35,132	160,568	153,035
- Total	756,773	761,276	766,411
Finished Stock on Hand	125,769	337,683	403,722
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,793	7,846	8,342
Deliveries - Domestic	7,600	7,808	8,143
- Export	193	-	153
- Total	7,793	7,808	8,296
Finished Stock on Hand	15	38	84
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,641	1,836	1,845
Deliveries - Domestic	1,216	1,161	1,141
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,216	1,161	1,141
Finished Stock on Hand	4,101	3,152	3,856
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	790,172	983,737	978,767
Deliveries - Domestic	631,875	604,937	671,438
- Export	183,692	410,007	291,615
- Total	815,567	1,014,944	963,053
Finished Stock on Hand	2,145,229	1,482,291	1,498,005

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3 FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	February 1955	January 1956	February 1956
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	6,294	8,244	16,816
Deliveries - Domestic	6,538	8,256	16,548
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,538	8,256	16,548
Finished Stock on Hand	10,057	643	911

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	5,066	5,519	5,517
Deliveries - Domestic	4,147	4,795	5,260
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,147	4,795	5,260
Finished Stock on Hand	3,524	4,723	4,980

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	2,198	1,552	1,388
Deliveries - Domestic	2,236	1,476	1,523
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,236	1,476	1,523
Finished Stock on Hand	2,778	1,934	1,799

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	85,999	154,517	144,798
Deliveries - Domestic	110,460	92,429	170,672
- Export	-	-	2,181
- Total	110,460	92,429	172,853
Finished Stock on Hand	55,894	138,212	110,157