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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of sheep and lamb skins, horse butts and cowhide bellies showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with March 1955 there were decreases in all classes except cattle hides and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.7 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 0.7 p.c. compared with March 1955.

Production of sole leather in March, at 1,457,341 lb. was 10.9 p.c. over the 1,314,331 lb. recorded for February; total deliveries at 1,416,105 lb. were 10.7 p.c. over the February figure of 1,279,258 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,521,333 sq. ft., 6.4 p.c. under the 5,899,139 sq. ft. in February; total deliveries at 5,470,776 sq. ft. were 9.3 p.c. under the 6,033,951 sq. ft. in February. Calf and kip upper leather production was 846,197 sq. ft., 13.5 p.c. under the 978,767 sq. ft. in February and total deliveries at 783,679 sq. ft. were 18.6 p.c. under the 963,053 sq. ft. in February.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	March 1955	February 1956	January 1956
Cattle Hides - number	192,855	219,225	215,316
Calf and Kip Skins - number	89,175	80,125	74,951
Goat and Kid Skins - number	12,010	16,833	8,349
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	10,247	8,299	9,671
Horse Fronts - number	3,499	3,000	2,544
Butts - number	1,300	600	1,171
Cowhide bellies - number	16,521	18,842	29,810

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

	March 1, 1955	February 29, 1956	March 31, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	333,650	334,198	337,735
Country	164,185	129,020	124,000
Total	497,835	463,218	461,735
Foreign	58,951	99,202	91,230
Cattle Hides, Total	556,786	562,420	552,965
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	168,251	175,050	193,171
Country	106,963	52,401	75,760
Total	275,214	227,451	268,931
Foreign	61,389	176,912	193,560
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	336,603	404,363	462,491
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	25,329	16,070	35,750
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	37,156	41,002	35,478
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 24,664	(5) 18,388	(6) 18,103

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

Cattle Hides (1)	number	887	5,124	3,840
Calf and Kip Skins	number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	dozens	1,021	3,243	2,964
Horse Hides	number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 12,009 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 10,522 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 9,304 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,156,551	1,314,331	1,457,341
Deliveries - Domestic	1,235,621	1,224,245	1,334,016
- Export	5,582	55,013	82,089
- Total	1,269,203	1,279,258	1,416,105

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,103,131	5,899,139	5,521,333
Deliveries - Domestic	3,732,983	4,889,807	4,367,646
- Export	1,295,262	1,144,144	1,103,130
- Total	5,028,245	6,033,951	5,470,776
Finished Stock on Hand	3,624,198	2,885,187	2,935,744
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	904,114	832,450	743,428
Deliveries - Domestic	850,339	613,376	683,073
- Export	44,675	153,035	101,887
- Total	895,014	766,411	784,960
Finished Stock on Hand	134,869	403,722	362,190
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,206	8,342	9,879
Deliveries - Domestic	8,523	8,143	9,772
- Export	683	153	154
- Total	9,206	8,296	9,926
Finished Stock on Hand	15	84	37
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,887	1,845	1,920
Deliveries - Domestic	2,277	1,141	1,505
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,277	1,141	1,505
Finished Stock on Hand	3,711	3,856	4,271
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	875,430	978,767	846,197
Deliveries - Domestic	631,297	671,438	565,973
- Export	224,831	291,615	217,706
- Total	856,128	963,053	783,679
Finished Stock on Hand	2,164,531	1,498,005	1,560,523

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	March 1955	February 1956	March 1956
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	9,731	16,816	5,688
Deliveries - Domestic	11,193	16,548	5,887
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	11,193	16,548	5,887
Finished Stock on Hand	8,595	911	712

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	6,313	5,517	5,497
Deliveries - Domestic	5,467	5,260	6,725
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,467	5,260	6,725
Finished Stock on Hand	4,370	4,980	3,752

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	2,708	1,388	1,907
Deliveries - Domestic	3,035	1,523	2,311
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	3,035	1,523	2,311
Finished Stock on Hand	2,451	1,799	1,395

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	107,653	144,798	153,761
Deliveries - Domestic	123,704	170,672	162,507
- Export	-	2,181	2,516
- Total	123,704	172,853	165,023
Finished Stock on Hand	39,843	110,157	98,895