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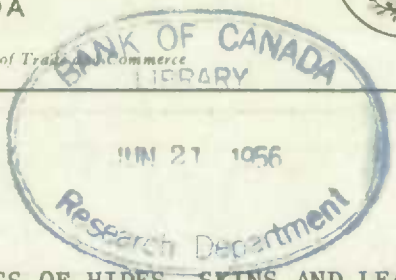
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 0.1 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 0.2 p.c. compared with April 1955.

Production of sole leather in April, at 1,159,866 lb. was 20.4 p.c. under the 1,457,341 lb. recorded for March; total deliveries at 1,090,214 lb. were 23.0 p.c. under the March figure of 1,416,105 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,125,329 sq. ft., 7.2 p.c. under the 5,521,333 sq. ft. in March; total deliveries at 5,230,598 sq. ft. were 4.4 p.c. under the 5,470,776 sq. ft. in March. Calf and kip upper leather production was 732,018 sq. ft., 13.5 p.c. under the 846,197 sq. ft. in March and total deliveries at 791,838 sq. ft. were 1.0 p.c. over the 783,679 sq. ft. in March.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
Cattle Hides - number	172,102	215,316	206,907
Calf and Kip - number	101,504	74,951	61,356
Goat and Kid Skins - number	15,375	8,349	9,948
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,849	9,671	9,272
Horse Fronts - number	6,278	2,544	3,473
Butts - number	1,100	1,171	800
Cowhide bellies - number	22,820	29,810	21,593

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

	April 30, 1955	March 31, 1956	April 30, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	341,879	337,735	357,288
Country	153,125	124,000	113,746
Total	495,004	461,735	471,034
Foreign	57,518	91,230	82,602
Cattle Hides, Total	552,522	552,965	553,636
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	182,616	193,171	222,243
Country	125,727	75,760	85,945
Total	308,343	268,931	308,188
Foreign	56,711	193,560	228,803
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	365,054	462,491	536,991
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	10,950	35,750	26,221
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	39,079	35,478	37,418
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 25,791	(5) 18,103	(6) 16,683

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	2,911	3,840	1,000
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	2,015	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	2,840	2,964	3,044
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 14,545 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 9,304 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 6,580 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,074,665	1,457,341	1,159,866
Deliveries - Domestic	1,052,870	1,334,016	1,012,651
- Export	68,611	82,089	77,563
- Total	1,121,481	1,416,105	1,090,214

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	3,974,616	5,521,333	5,125,329
Deliveries - Domestic	3,121,542	4,367,646	4,031,500
- Export	1,097,123	1,103,130	1,199,098
- Total	4,218,665	5,470,776	5,230,598
Finished Stock on Hand	3,380,149	2,935,744	2,830,475
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	799,074	743,428	917,789
Deliveries - Domestic	687,270	683,073	767,800
- Export	51,995	101,887	180,950
- Total	739,265	784,960	948,750
Finished Stock on Hand	194,678	362,190	331,229
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,162	9,879	9,138
Deliveries - Domestic	8,496	9,772	9,001
- Export	666	154	138
- Total	9,162	9,926	9,139
Finished Stock on Hand	15	37	36
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,578	1,920	1,864
Deliveries - Domestic	1,581	1,505	1,603
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,581	1,505	1,603
Finished Stock on Hand	3,708	4,271	4,532
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	864,094	846,197	732,018
Deliveries - Domestic	709,179	565,973	491,779
- Export	374,051	217,706	300,059
- Total	1,083,230	783,679	791,838
Finished Stock on Hand	1,945,395	1,560,523	1,500,703

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	April 1955	March 1956	April 1956
<u>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	10,214	5,688	5,976
Deliveries - Domestic	12,588	5,887	5,736
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	12,588	5,887	5,736
Finished Stock on Hand	6,221	712	952

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	5,691	5,497	7,508
Deliveries - Domestic	4,281	6,725	7,265
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,281	6,725	7,265
Finished Stock on Hand	5,780	3,752	3,995

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,877	1,907	1,733
Deliveries - Domestic	2,076	2,311	1,621
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,076	2,311	1,621
Finished Stock on Hand	2,252	1,395	1,507

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	140,018	153,761	106,896
Deliveries - Domestic	91,798	162,507	101,347
- Export	-	2,516	2,941
- Total	91,798	165,023	104,288
Finished Stock on Hand	88,063	98,895	101,503