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## STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 2.9 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 3.3 p.c. compared with May 1955.

Production of sole leather in May, at 1,194,437 lb. was 3.0 p.c. over the 1,159,866 lb. recorded for April; total deliveries at 1,122,753 lb. were 3.0 p.c. over the April figure of 1,090,214 lb. Cattle upper leather production, 5,542,402 sq. ft., 8.1 p.c. over the 5,125,329 sq. ft. in April; total deliveries at 5,856,188 sq. ft. were 12.0 p.c. over the 5,230,598 sq. ft. in April. Calf and kip upper leather production was 702,088 sq. ft., 4.1 p.c. under the 732,018 sq. ft. in April and total deliveries at 709,904 sq. ft. were 10.3 p.c. under the 791,838 sq. ft. in April.



### 1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
Cattle Hides ..... - number	194,490	206,907	214,102
Calf and Kip ..... - number	98,113	61,356	63,712
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	6,432	9,948	10,812
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	9,272	9,272	9,712
Horse Fronts ..... - number	5,989	3,473	7,083
Butts ..... - number	274	800	-
Cowhide bellies ..... - number	11,790	21,593	25,534

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

	May 31, 1955	April 30, 1956	May 31, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	324,523	357,288	341,033
Country .....	147,431	113,746	125,214
Total .....	471,954	471,034	466,247
Foreign .....	48,443	82,602	71,397
Cattle Hides, Total .....	520,397	553,636	537,644
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	195,823	222,243	246,014
Country .....	112,187	85,945	94,667
Total .....	308,010	308,188	340,681
Foreign .....	56,245	228,803	284,748
Calf and Kip Skins, Total .....	364,255	536,991	625,429
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) .....	29,806	26,221	39,655
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) .....	25,274	37,418	34,713
Horse Hides (number) .....	(4) 27,855	(5) 16,683	(6) 10,140

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

Cattle Hides (1) .....	- number	1,994	1,000	1,015
Calf and Kip Skins .....	- number	-	-	500
Goat and Kid Skins (3) .....	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) .....	- dozens	2,830	3,044	1,525
Horse Hides .....	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 14,542 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 6,580 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 4,196 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production .....	1,173,927	1,159,866	1,194,437
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,107,062	1,102,651	1,061,742
- Export .....	70,179	77,563	61,011
- Total .....	1,177,241	1,090,214	1,122,753

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
<b>Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)</b>			
Production .....	4,381,319	5,125,329	5,542,402
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,519,427	4,031,500	4,353,030
- Export .....	1,067,156	1,199,098	1,503,158
- Total .....	4,586,583	5,230,598	5,856,188
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,174,885	2,830,475	2,516,689
<b>Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	779,313	917,789	952,423
Deliveries - Domestic .....	698,555	767,800	752,750
- Export .....	51,640	180,950	143,535
- Total .....	750,195	948,750	896,285
Finished Stock on Hand .....	223,796	331,229	387,367
<b>Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides</b>			
Production .....	7,610	9,138	8,783
Deliveries - Domestic .....	6,978	9,001	8,361
- Export .....	632	138	381
- Total .....	7,610	9,139	8,742
Finished Stock on Hand .....	15	36	77
<b>Belting Leather - Butt Bends</b>			
Production .....	1,448	1,864	1,826
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,145	1,603	1,331
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	1,145	1,603	1,331
Finished Stock on Hand .....	4,011	4,532	5,027
<b>2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	1,003,816	732,018	702,088
Deliveries - Domestic .....	686,377	491,779	435,133
- Export .....	283,212	300,059	274,771
- Total .....	969,589	791,838	709,904
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,979,622	1,500,703	1,492,887

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	May 1955	April 1956	May 1956
<b>3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u></b>			
Production .....	4,320	5,976	6,963
Deliveries - Domestic .....	6,716	5,736	6,855
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	6,716	5,736	6,855
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,825	952	1,060

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production .....	5,301	7,508	6,546
Deliveries - Domestic .....	5,650	7,265	5,750
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	5,650	7,265	5,750
Finished Stock on Hand .....	5,431	3,995	4,791

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production .....	2,216	1,733	1,378
Deliveries - Domestic .....	2,212	1,621	1,388
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	2,212	1,621	1,388
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,256	1,507	1,497

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production .....	154,979	106,896	107,188
Deliveries - Domestic .....	131,321	101,347	86,301
- Export .....	-	2,941	5,823
- Total .....	131,321	104,288	92,124
Finished Stock on Hand .....	111,721	101,503	116,567