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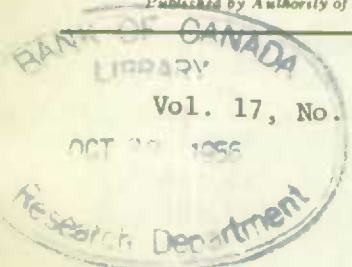
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in August of all types of hides and skins with the exception of goat and kid skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with August 1955, there were decreases in all classes except sheep and lamb skins and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.8 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of .7 p.c. compared with August 1955.

Production of sole leather in August, at 1,198,508 lb. was 89.9 p.c. over the 630,994 lb. recorded for July; total deliveries at 1,289,905 lb. were 101.3 p.c. over the July figure of 640,644 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,573,249 sq. ft., 84.4 p.c. over the 3,022,440 sq. ft. in July; total deliveries at 5,526,822 sq. ft. were 77.1 p.c. over the 3,120,141 sq. ft. in July. Calf and kip upper leather production was 658,309 sq. ft., 51.1 p.c. over the 435,639 sq. ft. in July and total deliveries at 668,884 sq. ft. were 41.3 p.c. over the 473,299 sq. ft. in July.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	August 1955	July 1956	August 1956
Cattle Hides - number	206,468	145,086	199,445
Calf and Kip Skins - number	89,813	58,932	64,346
Goat and Kid Skins - number	13,132	9,670	5,199
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	8,648	5,283	9,938
Horse Fronts - number	7,449	1,668	2,734
Butts - number	-	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	28,530	25,521	33,160

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

	August 31, 1955	July 31, 1956	August 31, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	356,680	367,301	362,448
Country	132,377	122,876	109,806
Total	489,057	490,177	472,254
Foreign	40,407	45,411	53,475
Cattle Hides, Total	529,464	535,588	525,729
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	240,487	267,021	285,547
Country	90,016	101,644	112,861
Total	330,503	368,665	398,408
Foreign	86,386	278,616	280,833
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	416,889	647,281	679,241
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	12,934	43,536	54,828
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	45,696	41,416	38,621
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 26,918	(5) 8,946	(6) 15,058

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	3,000	1,000	6,982
Calf and Kip Skins	" number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	5	-	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 9,939 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 3,800 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 8,993 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	August 1955	July 1956	August 1956
<u>1. Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	983,429	630,994	1,198,508
Deliveries - Domestic	1,064,968	613,515	1,223,321
- Export	57,424	27,129	66,584
- Total	1,122,392	640,644	1,289,905

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	August 1955	July 1956	August 1956
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Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,488,483	3,022,440	5,573,249
Deliveries - Domestic	4,234,937	2,304,358	4,188,158
- Export	1,115,909	815,783	1,338,664
- Total	5,350,846	3,120,141	5,526,822
Finished Stock on Hand	3,335,554	2,768,926	2,815,353
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Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	814,749	696,735	889,188
Deliveries - Domestic	593,947	450,400	905,908
- Export	115,223	196,583	164,035
- Total	709,170	646,983	1,069,943
Finished Stock on Hand	390,978	615,364	434,609
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Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,707	5,006	8,152
Deliveries - Domestic	8,061	5,029	7,254
- Export	646	-	899
- Total	8,707	5,029	8,153
Finished Stock on Hand	14	33	32
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Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,178	1,132	1,698
Deliveries - Domestic	1,133	1,240	2,414
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,133	1,240	2,414
Finished Stock on Hand	3,737	5,058	4,342
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2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	779,656	435,639	658,309
Deliveries - Domestic	560,533	282,663	369,578
- Export	243,170	190,636	299,306
- Total	803,703	473,299	668,884
Finished Stock on Hand	1,847,234	1,500,641	1,490,066
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(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	August 1955	July 1956	August 1956
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	8,532	7,363	5,352
Deliveries - Domestic	8,645	5,700	5,676
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	8,645	5,700	5,676
Finished Stock on Hand	943	2,639	2,315

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	4,835	5,059	6,352
Deliveries - Domestic	6,899	4,597	6,964
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,899	4,597	6,964
Finished Stock on Hand	3,281	6,498	5,886

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	2,055	960	2,968
Deliveries - Domestic	2,230	917	2,968
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,230	917	2,968
Finished Stock on Hand	1,744	1,437	1,437

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	172,787	62,350	181,668
Deliveries - Domestic	159,781	39,370	192,179
- Export	-	2,417	2,784
- Total	159,781	41,787	194,963
Finished Stock on Hand	114,031	96,943	83,648