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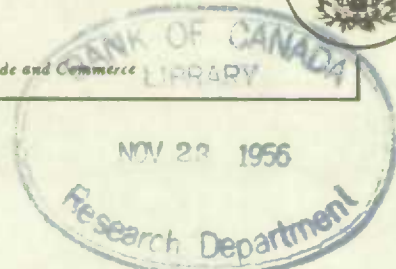
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in September of calf and kip skins, goat and kid skins and horse fronts showed increases over the previous month. As compared with September 1955, there were decreases in all classes.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 3.9 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 0.6 p.c. compared with September 1955.

Production of sole leather in September, at 1,108,952 lb. was 7.5 p.c. under the 1,198,508 lb. recorded for August; total deliveries at 1,203,605 lb. were 6.7 p.c. under the August figure of 1,289,905 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 4,867,698 sq. ft., 12.7 p.c. under the 5,573,249 sq. ft. in August; total deliveries at 5,077,359 sq. ft. were 8.2 p.c. under the 5,526,822 sq. ft. in August. Calf and kip upper leather production was 631,094 sq. ft., 4.1 p.c. under the 658,309 sq. ft. in August and total deliveries at 608,154 sq. ft. were 9.1 p.c. under the 668,884 sq. ft. in August.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
Cattle Hides - number	197,115	199,445	188,778
Calf and Kip Skins - number	113,702	64,346	68,656
Goat and Kid Skins - number	11,283	5,199	8,462
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,246	9,938	8,977
Horse Fronts - number	5,847	2,734	5,078
Butts - number	1,550	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	21,560	33,160	15,704

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

	September 30, 1955	August 31, 1956	September 30, 1956
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	352,046	362,448	359,215
Country	122,984	109,806	92,389
Total	475,030	472,254	451,604
Foreign	33,550	53,475	53,813
Cattle Hides, Total	508,580	525,729	505,417
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	220,572	285,547	261,106
Country	87,019	112,861	114,067
Total	307,591	398,408	375,173
Foreign	76,409	280,833	273,720
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	384,000	679,241	648,893
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	3,902	54,828	64,314
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	50,896	38,621	37,396
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 20,466	(5) 15,058	(6) 12,609

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	1,500	6,982	-
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	548	-	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
 (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
 (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
 (4) Includes 6,325 horse fronts.
 (5) Includes 8,993 horse fronts.
 (6) Includes 5,071 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHERS

	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,079,700	1,198,508	1,108,952
Deliveries - Domestic	1,173,458	1,223,321	1,166,224
- Export	81,247	66,584	37,381
- Total	1,254,705	1,289,905	1,203,605

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,223,988	5,573,249	4,867,698
Deliveries - Domestic	4,148,306	4,188,158	3,761,962
- Export	1,389,490	1,338,664	1,315,397
- Total	5,537,796	5,526,822	5,077,359
Finished Stock on Hand	3,021,746	2,815,353	2,605,692
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	796,780	889,188	467,732
Deliveries - Domestic	762,718	905,908	254,120
- Export	178,532	164,035	208,044
- Total	941,250	1,069,943	462,164
Finished Stock on Hand	246,508	434,609	440,177
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,820	8,152	9,164
Deliveries - Domestic	8,393	7,254	8,762
- Export	427	899	422
- Total	8,820	8,153	9,184
Finished Stock on Hand	14	32	12
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,691	1,698	1,754
Deliveries - Domestic	1,341	2,414	833
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,341	2,414	833
Finished Stock on Hand	4,087	4,342	5,263
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	913,269	658,309	631,094
Deliveries - Domestic	702,554	369,578	429,956
- Export	272,290	299,306	178,198
- Total	974,844	668,884	608,154
Finished Stock on Hand	1,785,659	1,490,066	1,513,006

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	September 1955	August 1956	September 1956
3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins			
Production	7,500	5,352	5,441
Deliveries - Domestic	7,530	5,676	5,441
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,536	5,676	5,441
Finished Stock on Hand	907	2,315	2,315

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	6,062	6,352	4,049
Deliveries - Domestic	5,817	6,964	3,952
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,817	6,964	3,952
Finished Stock on Hand	3,526	5,886	5,983

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,734	2,968	1,158
Deliveries - Domestic	1,784	2,968	1,240
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,784	2,968	1,240
Finished Stock on Hand	1,694	1,437	1,355

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	148,259	181,668	79,074
Deliveries - Domestic	115,677	192,179	94,700
- Export	-	2,784	-
- Total	115,677	194,963	94,700
Finished Stock on Hand	146,613	83,648	68,022