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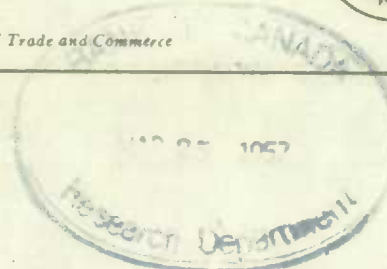


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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in January of cattle hides, calf and kip skins and horse fronts showed increases over the previous month. As compared with January 1956, calf and kip skins and horse fronts showed increases.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.0 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 11.1 p.c. compared with January 1956.

Production of sole leather in January, at 1,070,475 lb. was 6.9 p.c. over the 1,001,394 lb. recorded for December; total deliveries at 994,588 lb. were 4.5 p.c. under the December figure of 1,041,582 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,353,029 sq. ft., 9.3 p.c. over the 4,895,559 sq. ft. in December; total deliveries at 5,281,796 sq. ft. 12.6 p.c. over the 4,691,411 sq. ft. in December. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,121,505 sq. ft., 19.7 p.c. over the 937,061 sq. ft. in December and total deliveries at 1,162,853 sq. ft. were 21.8 p.c. over the 954,707 sq. ft. in December.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	January 1956	December 1956	January 1957
Cattle Hides - number	224,474	186,082	215,916
Calf and Kip Skins - number	103,611	82,767	105,608
Goat and Kid Skins - number	13,560	14,591	10,628
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	8,505	7,495	7,397
Horse Fronts - number	4,597	3,417	6,401
Butts - number	1,400	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	26,502	30,651	23,525

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

	January 31, 1956	December 31, 1956	January 31, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	331,423	435,686	421,764
Country	112,990	112,397	122,876
Total	444,413	548,083	544,640
Foreign	101,683	64,261	61,882
Cattle Hides, Total	546,096	612,344	606,522
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	175,040	233,884	194,041
Country	54,487	86,713	77,173
Total	229,527	320,597	271,214
Foreign	158,338	154,505	123,293
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	387,865	475,102	394,507
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	25,840	73,504	62,877
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	38,810	47,887	46,784
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 20,320	(5) 16,914	14,987

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

Cattle Hides (1)	5,691	3,600	7,180
Calf and Kip Skins	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	772	-	-
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 11,598 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 10,848 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 10,822 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	January 1956	December 1956	January 1957
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,288,223	1,001,394	1,070,475
Deliveries - Domestic	1,149,992	903,200	932,261
- Export	49,767	138,382	62,327
- Total	1,199,759	1,041,582	994,588

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	January 1956	December 1956	January 1957
Upper Leather (i) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,777,985	4,895,559	5,353,029
Deliveries - Domestic	4,751,446	3,515,498	3,997,674
- Export	1,105,187	1,175,913	1,284,122
- Total	5,856,633	4,691,411	5,281,796
Finished Stock on Hand	3,019,999	3,339,746	3,410,979
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	863,806	946,843	838,073
Deliveries - Domestic	600,708	532,304	727,180
- Export	160,568	160,398	88,986
- Total	761,276	692,702	816,166
Finished Stock on Hand	337,683	772,930	794,837
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,846	4,575	7,150
Deliveries - Domestic	7,808	4,249	6,342
- Export	-	296	826
- Total	7,808	4,545	7,168
Finished Stock on Hand	38	37	19
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,836	897	1,180
Deliveries - Domestic	1,161	1,004	1,764
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,161	1,004	1,764
Finished Stock on Hand	3,152	5,502	4,918
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	983,737	937,061	1,121,505
Deliveries - Domestic	604,937	570,601	595,956
- Export	410,007	384,106	566,897
- Total	1,014,944	954,707	1,162,853
Finished Stock on Hand	1,482,291	1,446,877	1,405,529

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	January 1956	December 1956	January 1957
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	8,244	7,923	9,936
Deliveries - Domestic	8,256	7,711	11,331
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	8,256	7,711	11,331
Finished Stock on Hand	643	2,082	687

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	5,519	5,032	5,387
Deliveries - Domestic	4,795	7,565	4,573
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,795	7,565	4,573
Finished Stock on Hand	4,723	2,472	3,286

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,552	1,290	1,674
Deliveries - Domestic	1,476	1,342	1,660
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,476	1,342	1,660
Finished Stock on Hand	1,934	835	849

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	154,517	137,580	139,558
Deliveries - Domestic	92,429	214,628	84,147
- Export	-	9,000	220
- Total	92,429	223,628	84,367
Finished Stock on Hand	138,212	84,546	139,737