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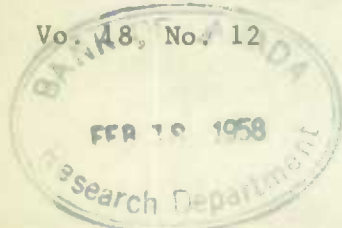
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in December of all types of hides and skins with the exception of sheep and lamb skins and cowhide bellies showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with December 1956, there were increases in all classes except cattle hides and goat and kid skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 8.1 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 10.1 p.c. compared with December 1956.

Production of sole leather in December, at 990,770 lb. was 9.5 p.c. under the 1,094,243 lb. recorded for November; total deliveries at 897,835 lb. were 6.6 p.c. under the November figure of 960,953 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,610,470 sq. ft., 3.7 p.c. over the 5,407,961 sq. ft. in November; total deliveries at 5,265,926 sq. ft. were 1.0 p.c. under the 5,321,309 sq. ft. in November. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,109,483 sq. ft., 1.3 p.c. over the 1,095,190 sq. ft. in November and total deliveries at 1,046,222 sq. ft. were 8.9 p.c. under the 1,148,099 sq. ft. in November.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	December 1956	November 1957	December 1957
Cattle Hides - number	186,082	207,025	183,303
Calf and Kip Skins - number	82,767	122,554	97,756
Goat and Kid Skins - number	14,591	10,899	10,868
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,495	6,060	7,758
Horse Fronts - number	3,417	6,591	4,772
Butts - number	-	-	-
Cowhide Bellies - number	30,651	19,884	37,763

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

	December 31, 1956	November 30, 1957	December 31, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	435,686	377,897	381,787
Country	112,397	95,172	121,145
Total	548,083	473,069	502,932
Foreign	64,261	35,830	47,550
Cattle Hides Total	612,344	508,899	550,482
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	233,884	240,707	219,887
Country	86,713	53,031	57,301
Total	320,597	293,738	277,188
Foreign	154,505	167,940	160,107
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	475,102	461,678	437,295
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	73,504	46,013	37,817
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	47,887	54,209	55,662
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 16,914	(5) 10,634	(6) 10,351

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	3,600	2,180	6,234
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	-	-	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 10,848 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 5,903 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 6,187 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	December 1956	November 1957	December 1957
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,001,394	1,094,243	990,770
Deliveries - Domestic	903,200	858,001	835,373
- Export	138,382	102,952	62,462
- Total	1,041,582	960,953	897,835

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	December 1956	November 1957	December 1957
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	4,895,559	5,407,961	5,610,470
Deliveries - Domestic	3,515,498	3,679,391	3,765,939
- Export	1,175,913	1,641,918	1,499,987
- Total	4,691,411	5,321,309	5,265,926
Finished Stock on Hand	3,339,746	4,020,456	4,365,000
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	946,843	682,365	759,683
Deliveries - Domestic	532,304	491,650	364,525
- Export	160,398	124,388	191,184
- Total	692,702	616,038	555,709
Finished Stock on Hand	772,930	1,432,637	1,636,611
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	4,575	8,488	6,452
Deliveries - Domestic	4,249	7,673	5,866
- Export	296	633	657
- Total	4,545	8,306	6,523
Finished Stock on Hand	37	356	285
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	897	1,084	657
Deliveries - Domestic	1,004	1,470	1,889
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,004	1,470	1,889
Finished Stock on Hand	5,502	3,915	2,683
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	937,061	1,095,190	1,109,483
Deliveries - Domestic	570,601	724,853	662,532
- Export	384,106	423,246	383,690
- Total	954,707	1,148,099	1,046,222
Finished Stock on Hand	1,446,877	1,692,456	1,755,717

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (concluded)

	December 1956	November 1957	December 1957
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	7,923	9,990	11,600
Deliveries - Domestic	7,711	10,832	11,016
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,711	10,832	11,016
Finished Stock on Hand	2,082	840	1,424

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather Doz. skins

Production	5,032	5,382	4,190
Deliveries - Domestic	7,565	5,079	3,043
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	7,565	5,079	3,043
Finished Stock on Hand	2,472	5,112	(1) 9,033

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,290	2,097	1,980
Deliveries - Domestic	1,342	2,064	2,105
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,342	2,064	2,105
Finished Stock on Hand	835	3,379	(1) 657

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	137,580	142,711	155,489
Deliveries - Domestic	214,628	130,017	175,256
- Export	9,000	4,028	-
- Total	223,628	134,045	175,256
Finished Stock on Hand	84,546	139,832	120,065

(1) Discrepancy due to actual physical inventory.