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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in February of cattle hides, calf and kip skins and horse fronts showed decreases from the previous month. As compared with February 1956, there were increases in all classes except cattle hides and goat and kid skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered an increase of 3.7 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 11.9 p.c. compared with February 1956.

Production of sole leather in February, at 1,020,444 lb. was 4.7 p.c. under the 1,070,475 lb. recorded for January; total deliveries at 1,172,544 lb. were 17.9 p.c. over the January figure of 994,588 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,558,688 sq. ft., 3.8 p.c. over the 5,353,029 sq. ft. in January; total deliveries at 5,215,772 sq. ft. were 1.3 p.c. under the 5,281,796 sq. ft. in January. Calf and kip upper leather production was 924,613 sq. ft., 17.6 p.c. under the 1,121,505 sq. ft. in January and total deliveries at 893,375 sq. ft. were 23.2 p.c. under the 1,162,853 sq. ft. in January.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	February 1956	January 1957	February 1957
Cattle Hides - number	219,225	215,916	198,124
Calf and Kip Skins - number	80,125	105,608	90,539
Goat and Kid Skins - number	16,833	10,628	11,880
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	8,299	7,397	11,121
Horse Fronts - number	3,000	6,401	3,600
Butts - number	600	-	-
Cowhide bellies - number	18,842	23,525	32,692

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

	February 29, 1956	January 31, 1957	February 28, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	334,198	421,764	422,160
Country	129,020	122,876	117,440
Total	463,218	544,640	539,600
Foreign	99,202	61,882	89,607
Cattle Hides, Total	562,420	606,522	629,207
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	175,050	194,041	185,512
Country	52,401	77,173	67,833
Total	227,451	271,214	253,345
Foreign	167,912	123,293	141,685
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	404,363	394,507	395,030
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	16,070	62,877	51,374
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	41,002	46,784	45,440
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 18,388	(5) 14,987	(6) 17,413

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	5,124	7,180	5,818
Calf and Kip Skins	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	- dozens	3,243	-	-
Horse Hides	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips
 (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit
 (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
 (4) Includes 10,522 horse fronts.
 (5) Includes 10,822 horse fronts.
 (6) Includes 13,096 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	February 1956	January 1957	February 1957
<u>1. Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,314,331	1,070,475	1,020,444
Deliveries - Domestic	1,224,245	932,261	1,071,485
- Export	55,013	62,327	101,059
- Total	1,279,258	994,588	1,172,544

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	February 1956	January 1957	February 1957
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,899,139	5,353,029	5,558,688
Deliveries - Domestic	4,889,807	3,997,674	3,950,198
- Export	1,144,144	1,284,122	1,265,574
- Total	6,033,951	5,281,796	5,215,772
Finished Stock on Hand	2,885,187	3,410,979	3,753,895
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	832,450	838,073	799,452
Deliveries - Domestic	613,376	727,180	735,023
- Export	153,035	88,986	111,106
- Total	766,411	816,166	846,129
Finished Stock on Hand	403,722	794,837	748,160
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,342	7,150	6,648
Deliveries - Domestic	8,143	6,342	6,291
- Export	153	826	335
- Total	8,296	7,168	6,626
Finished Stock on Hand	84	19	41
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,845	1,180	1,243
Deliveries - Domestic	1,141	1,764	1,423
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,141	1,764	1,423
Finished Stock on Hand	3,856	4,918	4,738
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	978,767	1,121,505	924,613
Deliveries - Domestic	671,438	595,956	546,676
- Export	291,615	566,897	346,699
- Total	963,053	1,162,853	893,375
Finished Stock on Hand	1,498,005	1,405,529	1,436,767

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	February 1956	January 1957	February 1957
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	16,816	9,936	9,393
Deliveries - Domestic	16,548	11,331	9,600
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	16,548	11,331	9,600
Finished Stock on Hand	911	687	480

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	5,517	5,387	5,051
Deliveries - Domestic	5,260	4,573	4,269
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,260	4,573	4,269
Finished Stock on Hand	4,980	3,286	4,068

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,388	1,674	2,083
Deliveries - Domestic	1,523	1,660	2,048
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,523	1,660	2,048
Finished Stock on Hand	1,799	849	884

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	144,798	139,558	106,604
Deliveries - Domestic	170,672	84,147	116,401
- Export	2,181	220	6,565
- Total	172,853	84,367	122,966
Finished Stock on Hand	110,157	139,737	123,375