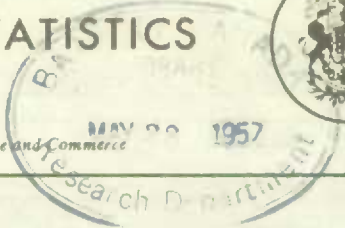


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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in March of all types of hides and skins, with the exception of goat and kid skins and sheep and lamb skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with March 1956, calf and kip skins, horse fronts and cowhide bellies showed increases.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.1 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 12.6 p.c. compared with March 1956.

Production of sole leather in March, at 1,218,494 lb. was 19.4 p.c. over the 1,020,444 lb. recorded for February; total deliveries at 1,290,053 lb. were 10.3 p.c. over the February figure of 1,172,544 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,371,688 sq. ft., 3.4 p.c. under the 5,558,688 sq. ft. in February; total deliveries at 5,381,393 sq. ft. were 3.2 p.c. over the 5,215,772 sq. ft. in February. Calf and kip upper leather production was 994,980 sq. ft., 7.6 p.c. over the 924,613 sq. ft. in February and total deliveries at 835,683 sq. ft. were 6.6 p.c. under the 893,375 sq. ft. in February.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	March 1956	February 1957	March 1957
Cattle Hides - number	215,316	198,124	210,177
Calf and Kip Skins - number	74,951	90,539	94,779
Goat and Kid Skins - number	8,349	11,880	7,405
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,671	11,121	8,573
Horse Fronts - number	2,544	3,600	4,418
Butts - number	1,171	-	-
Cowhide Bellies - number	29,810	32,692	37,999

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

	March 31, 1956	February 28, 1957	March 31, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	337,735	422,160	409,051
Country	124,000	117,440	121,335
Total	461,735	539,600	530,386
Foreign	91,230	89,607	92,241
Cattle Hides, Total	552,965	629,207	622,627
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	193,171	185,512	206,949
Country	75,760	67,833	61,555
Total	268,931	253,345	268,504
Foreign	193,560	141,685	155,892
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	462,491	395,030	424,396
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	35,750	51,374	67,668
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	35,478	45,440	48,931
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 18,103	(5) 17,413	(6) 18,644

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

	March 31, 1956	February 28, 1957	March 31, 1957
Cattle Hides (1)	3,840	5,818	4,328
Calf and Kip Skins	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3)	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3)	2,964	-	-
Horse Hides	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 9,304 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 13,096 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 13,337 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	March 1956	February 1957	March 1957
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,457,341	1,020,444	1,218,494
Deliveries - Domestic	1,334,016	1,071,485	1,189,227
- Export	82,089	101,059	100,826
- Total	1,416,105	1,172,544	1,290,053

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	March 1956	February 1957	March 1957
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,521,333	5,558,688	5,371,688
Deliveries - Domestic	4,367,646	3,950,198	4,055,739
- Export	1,103,130	1,265,574	1,325,654
- Total	5,470,776	5,215,772	5,381,393
Finished Stock on Hand	2,935,744	3,753,895(2)	3,668,182
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	743,428	799,452	846,153
Deliveries - Domestic	683,073	735,023	789,344
- Export	101,887	111,106	81,855
- Total	784,960	846,129	871,199
Finished Stock on Hand	362,190	748,160	723,114
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	9,879	6,648	8,030
Deliveries - Domestic	9,772	6,291	7,799
- Export	154	335	248
- Total	9,926	6,626	8,047
Finished Stock on Hand	37	41	24
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,920	1,243	1,512
Deliveries - Domestic	1,505	1,423	1,657
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,505	1,423	1,657
Finished Stock on Hand	4,271	4,738	4,593
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	846,197	924,613	994,980
Deliveries - Domestic	565,973	546,676	519,632
- Export	217,706	346,699	316,051
- Total	783,679	893,375	835,683
Finished Stock on Hand	1,560,523	1,436,767	1,596,064

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.

(2) Discrepancy due to actual physical inventory.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	March 1956	February 1957	March 1957
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	5,688	9,393	10,237
Deliveries - Domestic	5,887	9,600	10,189
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,887	9,600	10,189
Finished Stock on Hand	712	480	528

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production	5,497	5,051	5,606
Deliveries - Domestic	6,725	4,269	4,374
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,725	4,269	4,374
Finished Stock on Hand	3,752	4,068	5,300

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,907	2,083	1,635
Deliveries - Domestic	2,311	2,048	1,718
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,311	2,048	1,718
Finished Stock on Hand	1,395	884	801

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production	153,761	106,604	150,210
Deliveries - Domestic	162,507	116,401	119,510
- Export	2,516	6,565	2,219
- Total	165,023	122,966	121,729
Finished Stock on Hand	98,895	123,375	151,856