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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

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

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 3.3 p.c. compared with the previous month and an increase of 8.8 p.c. compared with April 1956.

Production of sole leather in April, at 1,011,041 lb. was 17.0 p.c. under the 1,218,494 lb. recorded for March; total deliveries at 1,064,022 lb. were 17.5 p.c. under the March figure of 1,290,053 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,070,173 sq. ft., 5.6 p.c. under the 5,371,688 sq. ft. in March; total deliveries at 4,816,878 sq. ft. were 10.5 p.c. under the 5,381,393 sq. ft. in March. Calf and kip upper leather production was 746,126 sq. ft., 25.0 p.c. under the 994,980 sq. ft. in March and total deliveries at 639,842 sq. ft. were 23.4 p.c. under the 835,683 sq. ft. in March.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957
Cattle Hides ..... - number	206,907	210,177	192,076
Calf and Kip Skins ..... - number	61,356	94,779	85,019
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	9,948	7,405	8,699
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	9,272	8,573	8,842
Horse Fronts ..... - number	3,473	4,418	4,321
Butts ..... - number	800	-	300
Cowhide Bellies ..... - number	21,593	37,999	22,303

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

	April 30, 1956	March 31, 1957	April 30, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	357,288	409,051	386,926
Country .....	113,746	121,335	138,694
Total .....	471,034	530,386	525,620
Foreign .....	82,602	92,241	76,540
Cattle Hides, Total .....	553,636	622,627	602,160
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	222,243	206,949	217,141
Country .....	85,945	61,555	73,290
Total .....	308,188	268,504	290,431
Foreign .....	228,803	155,892	134,473
Calf and Kip Skins, Total .....	536,991	424,396	424,904
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) .....	26,221	67,668	58,992
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) .....	37,418	48,931	43,898
Horse Hides (number) .....	(4) 16,683	(5) 18,644	(6) 17,415

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

Cattle Hides (1) .....	- number	1,000	4,328	2,500
Calf and Kip Skins .....	- number	-	-	-
Goat and Kid Skins (3) .....	- number	-	-	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) .....	- dozens	3,044	-	-
Horse Hides .....	- number	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit.
- (3) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (4) Includes 6,580 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 13,337 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 11,218 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production .....	1,159,866	1,218,494	1,011,041
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,012,651	1,189,227	1,009,241
- Export .....	77,563	100,826	54,781
- Total .....	1,090,214	1,290,053	1,064,022

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957
<b>Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)</b>			
Production .....	5,125,329	5,371,688	5,070,173
Deliveries - Domestic .....	4,031,500	4,055,739	3,403,641
- Export .....	1,199,098	1,325,654	1,413,237
- Total .....	5,230,598	5,381,393	4,816,878
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,830,475	3,668,182	3,921,477
<b>Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	917,789	846,153	1,028,316
Deliveries - Domestic .....	767,800	789,344	623,226
- Export .....	180,950	81,855	69,311
- Total .....	948,750	871,199	692,537
Finished Stock on Hand .....	331,229	723,114	1,058,893
<b>Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides</b>			
Production .....	9,138	8,030	6,887
Deliveries - Domestic .....	9,001	7,799	6,537
- Export .....	138	248	350
- Total .....	9,139	8,047	6,887
Finished Stock on Hand .....	36	24	24
<b>Belting Leather - Butt Bends</b>			
Production .....	1,864	1,512	1,189
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,603	1,657	857
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	1,603	1,657	857
Finished Stock on Hand .....	4,532	4,593	4,925
<b>2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	732,018	994,980	746,126
Deliveries - Domestic .....	491,779	519,632	461,287
- Export .....	300,059	316,051	178,555
- Total .....	791,838	835,683	639,842
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,500,703	1,596,064	1,702,348

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.





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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	April 1956	March 1957	April 1957
<b>3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u></b>			
Production .....	5,976	10,237	7,500
Deliveries - Domestic .....	5,736	10,189	7,104
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	5,736	10,189	7,104
Finished Stock on Hand .....	952	528	924

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather doz. skins

Production .....	7,508	5,606	2,540
Deliveries - Domestic .....	7,265	4,374	6,531
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	7,265	4,374	6,531
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,995	5,300	1,309

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production .....	1,733	1,635	3,862
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,621	1,718	1,414
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	1,621	1,718	1,414
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,507	801	3,249

5. Horse Leather

Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.

Production .....	106,896	150,210	130,227
Deliveries - Domestic .....	101,347	119,510	119,531
- Export .....	2,941	2,219	5,875
- Total .....	104,288	121,729	125,406
Finished Stock on Hand .....	101,503	151,856	156,677