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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in August of all types of hides and skins with the exception of cowhide bellies showed increases over the previous month. As compared with August 1956, there were increases in all classes except sheep and lamb skins and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 4.7 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 4.8 p.c. compared with August 1956.

Production of sole leather in August, at 1,012,574 lb. was 47.2 p.c. over the 687,758 lb. recorded for July; total deliveries at 1,073,310 lb. were 41.1 p.c. over the July figure of 760,691 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,305,527 sq. ft., 64.9 p.c. over the 3,217,406 sq. ft. in July; total deliveries at 5,334,683 sq. ft. were 62.0 p.c. over the 3,293,065 sq. ft. in July. Calf and kip upper leather production was 888,401 sq. ft., 102.8 p.c. over the 438,032 sq. ft. in July and total deliveries at 785,890 sq. ft. were 60.3 p.c. over the 490,109 sq. ft. in July.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	August 1956	July 1957	August 1957
Cattle Hides - number	199,445	128,607	204,640
Calf and Kip Skins - number	64,346	68,624	115,772
Goat and Kid Skins - number	5,199	3,420	7,856
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	9,938	4,746	8,573
Horse Fronts - number	2,734	2,735	4,161
Butts - number	-	-	-
Cowhide Bellies - number	33,160	26,004	17,978

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

	August 31, 1956	July 31, 1957	August 31, 1957
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	362,448	363,067	358,456
Country	109,806	124,781	108,370
Total	472,254	487,848	466,826
Foreign	53,475	37,659	33,919
Cattle Hides Total	525,729	525,507	500,745
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	285,547	300,537	283,801
Country	112,861	66,773	61,811
Total	398,408	367,310	345,612
Foreign	280,833	228,095	228,682
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	679,241	595,405	574,294
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	54,828	64,893	57,069
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	38,621	38,867	36,010
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 15,058	(5) 13,589	(6) 14,397

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	6,982	-	-
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 8,993 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 8,733 horse fronts.
- (6) Includes 9,457 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	August 1956	July 1957	August 1957
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,198,508	687,758	1,012,574
Deliveries - Domestic	1,223,321	642,013	1,011,204
- Export	66,584	118,678	62,106
- Total	1,289,905	760,691	1,073,310

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	August 1956	July 1957	August 1957
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,573,249	3,217,406	5,305,527
Deliveries - Domestic	4,188,158	2,444,971	3,985,577
- Export	1,338,664	848,094	1,349,106
- Total	5,526,822	3,293,065	5,334,683
Finished Stock on Hand	2,815,353	3,889,315	3,860,159
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	889,188	364,198	835,875
Deliveries - Domestic	905,908	262,401	641,989
- Export	164,035	114,547	176,279
- Total	1,069,943	376,948	818,268
Finished Stock on Hand	434,609	1,226,403	1,244,010
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,152	4,862	8,148
Deliveries - Domestic	7,254	4,110	7,682
- Export	899	779	487
- Total	8,153	4,889	8,169
Finished Stock on Hand	32	24	3
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,698	724	722
Deliveries - Domestic	2,414	1,526	722
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,414	1,526	722
Finished Stock on Hand	4,342	4,539	4,539
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	658,309	438,032	888,401
Deliveries - Domestic	369,578	360,821	490,225
- Export	299,306	129,288	295,665
- Total	668,884	490,109	785,890
Finished Stock on Hand	1,490,066	1,626,211	1,728,722

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	August 1956	July 1957	August 1957
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	5,352	3,941	7,448
Deliveries - Domestic	5,676	3,944	7,082
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	5,676	3,944	7,082
Finished Stock on Hand	2,315	1,360	1,726
4. <u>Sheep and Lamb Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather Doz. skins			
Production	6,352	3,438	6,176
Deliveries - Domestic	6,964	3,002	4,842
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	6,964	3,002	4,842
Finished Stock on Hand	5,886	3,564	4,898
Shoe Leather - Doz. skins			
Production	2,968	831	1,544
Deliveries - Domestic	2,968	889	1,600
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	2,968	889	1,600
Finished Stock on Hand	1,437	3,424	3,368
5. <u>Horse Leather</u>			
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	181,668	174,167	198,565
Deliveries - Domestic	192,179	122,204	176,353
- Export	2,784	-	-
- Total	194,963	122,204	176,353
Finished Stock on Hand	83,648	220,962	243,174