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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in January of all types of hides and skins with the exception of sheep and lamb skins and cowhide bellies showed increases over the previous month. As compared with January 1957, there were increases in all classes except cattle hides and cowhide bellies.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 1.4 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 10.5 p.c. compared with January 1957.

Production of sole leather in January, at 972,290 lb. was 1.9 p.c. under the 990,770 lb. recorded for December; total deliveries at 953,861 lb. were 6.2 p.c. over the December figure of 897,835 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,110,715 sq. ft., 8.9 p.c. under the 5,610,470 sq. ft. in December; total deliveries at 5,595,923 sq. ft. were 6.3 p.c. over the 5,265,926 sq. ft. in December. Calf and kip upper leather production was 1,245,457 sq. ft., 12.3 p.c. over the 1,109,483 sq. ft. in December and total deliveries at 1,175,163 sq. ft. were 12.3 p.c. over the 1,046,222 sq. ft. in December.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	January 1957	December 1957	January 1958
Cattle Hides - number	215,916	183,303	195,686
Calf and Kip Skins - number	105,608	97,756	127,075
Goat and Kid Skins - number	10,628	10,868	13,368
Sheep and Lamb Skins - dozens	7,397	7,758	7,593
Cowhide Bellies - number	23,525	37,763	17,067

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

	January 31, 1957	December 31, 1957	January 31, 1958
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	421,764	381,787	377,201
Country	122,876	121,145	101,322
Total	544,640	502,932	478,523
Foreign	61,882	47,550	64,344
Cattle Hides Total	606,522	550,482	542,867
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	194,041	219,887	162,841
Country	77,173	57,301	30,703
Total	271,214	277,188	193,544
Foreign	123,293	160,107	148,048
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	394,507	437,295	341,592
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number)	62,877	37,817	24,460
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens)	46,784	55,662	54,400
Horse Hides (number)	(4) 14,987	(4) 10,351	(4) 10,797

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	7,180	6,234	1,848
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 horse fronts.

3. FINISHED LEATHER

	January 1957	December 1957	January 1958
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,070,475	990,770	972,290
Deliveries - Domestic	932,261	835,373	876,969
- Export	62,327	62,462	76,892
- Total	994,588	897,835	953,861

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	January 1957	December 1957	January 1958
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,353,029	5,610,470	5,110,715
Deliveries - Domestic	3,997,674	3,765,939	4,018,572
- Export	1,284,122	1,499,987	1,577,351
- Total	5,281,796	5,265,926	5,595,923
Finished Stock on Hand	3,410,979	4,365,000	3,879,792
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	838,073	759,683	588,559
Deliveries - Domestic	727,180	364,525	506,932
- Export	88,986	191,184	221,989
- Total	816,166	555,709	728,921
Finished Stock on Hand	794,837	1,636,611	1,496,249
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	7,150	6,452	8,680
Deliveries - Domestic	6,342	5,866	7,859
- Export	826	657	574
- Total	7,168	6,523	8,433
Finished Stock on Hand	19	285	532
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,180	657	1,049
Deliveries - Domestic	1,764	1,889	2,727
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,764	1,889	2,727
Finished Stock on Hand	4,918	2,683	1,005
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	1,121,505	1,109,483	1,245,457
Deliveries - Domestic	595,956	662,532	708,719
- Export	566,897	383,690	466,444
- Total	1,162,853	1,046,222	1,175,163
Finished Stock on Hand	1,405,529	1,755,717	1,826,011

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (concluded)

	January 1957	December 1957	January 1958
3. <u>Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</u>			
Production	9,936	11,600	12,580
Deliveries - Domestic	11,331	11,016	12,581
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	11,331	11,016	12,581
Finished Stock on Hand	687	1,424	1,423

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather Doz. skins

Production	5,387	4,190	3,173
Deliveries - Domestic	4,573	3,043	2,613
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,573	3,043	2,613
Finished Stock on Hand	3,286	9,033	9,593

Shoe Leather - Doz. skins

Production	1,674	1,980	1,686
Deliveries - Domestic	1,660	2,105	1,708
- Export	-	-	-
Total	1,660	2,105	1,708
Finished Stock on Hand	849	657	635