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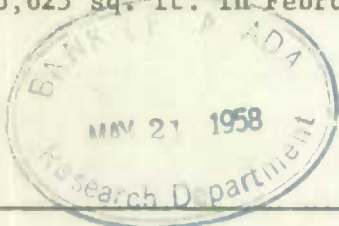
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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in March of all types of hides and skins with the exception of calf and kip skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with March 1957, there were decreases in all classes except goat and kid skins.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 10.5 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 22.9 p.c. compared with March 1957.

Production of sole leather in March, at 842,637 lb. was 16.7 p.c. under the 1,011,171 lb. recorded for February; total deliveries at 1,012,587 lb. were 16.5 p.c. under the February figure of 1,212,481 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,119,981 sq. ft., 2.7 p.c. under the 5,264,319 sq. ft. in February; total deliveries at 4,828,177 sq. ft. were 11.5 p.c. under the 5,455,892 sq. ft. in February. Calf and kip upper leather production was 897,557 sq. ft., 16.7 p.c. under the 1,077,623 sq. ft. in February and total deliveries at 763,908 sq. ft. were 24.9 p.c. under the 1,016,625 sq. ft. in February.



1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	March 1957	February 1958	March 1958
Cattle Hides	- number 210,177	170,926	185,766
Calf and Kip Skins	- number 94,779	96,340	78,867
Goat and Kid Skins	- number 7,405	7,710	9,320
Sheep and Lamb Skins	- dozens 8,573	5,843	6,523
Cowhide Bellies	- number 37,999	27,877	36,114

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

	March 31, 1957	February 28, 1958	March 31, 1958
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer	409,051	362,212	336,502
- Country	121,335	112,749	98,100
Total	530,386	474,961	434,602
Foreign	92,241	61,332	45,522
Cattle Hides Total	622,627	536,293	480,124
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer	206,949	117,758	119,550
- Country	61,555	29,599	33,550
Total	268,504	147,357	153,100
Foreign	155,892	138,404	172,814
Calf and Kip Skins, Total	424,396	285,761	325,914
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ...	67,668	16,777	18,662
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ...	48,931	58,456	53,154
Horse Hides (number) (4)	18,644	4,966	4,158

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number	4,328	900	1,000
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

	March 1957	February 1958	March 1953
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production	1,218,494	1,011,171	842,637
Deliveries - Domestic	1,189,227	1,091,519	983,009
- Export	100,826	120,962	29,578
- Total	1,290,053	1,212,481	1,012,587

3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Continued)

	March 1957	February 1958	March 1958
Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)			
Production	5,371,688	5,264,319	5,119,981
Deliveries - Domestic	4,055,739	4,123,316	3,376,802
- Export	1,325,654	1,332,576	1,451,375
- Total	5,381,393	5,455,892	4,828,177
Finished Stock on Hand	3,668,182	3,688,219	(2) 4,002,048
Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.			
Production	846,153	559,162	694,146
Deliveries - Domestic	789,344	487,168	541,064
- Export	81,855	119,143	87,747
- Total	871,199	606,311	628,811
Finished Stock on Hand	723,114	1,449,100	1,514,435
Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides			
Production	8,030	8,858	7,403
Deliveries - Domestic	7,799	8,339	6,802
- Export	248	487	486
- Total	8,047	8,826	7,288
Finished Stock on Hand	24	564	679
Belting Leather - Butt Bends			
Production	1,512	1,068	1,685
Deliveries - Domestic	1,657	1,160	1,669
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,657	1,160	1,669
Finished Stock on Hand	4,593	913	929
2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.			
Production	994,980	1,077,623	897,557
Deliveries - Domestic	519,632	618,277	531,220
- Export	316,051	398,348	232,688
- Total	835,683	1,016,625	763,908
Finished Stock on Hand	1,596,064	1,887,009	2,020,658

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.

(2) Discrepancy due to actual physical inventory.



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3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	March 1957	February 1958	March 1958
3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins			
Production	10,237	7,880	9,709
Deliveries - Domestic	10,189	7,504	10,043
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	10,189	7,504	10,043
Finished Stock on Hand	528	1,799	1,465
4. Sheep and Lamb Leather			
Glove and Garment Leather Doz. skins			
Production	5,606	2,915	3,747
Deliveries - Domestic	4,374	2,119	3,539
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	4,374	2,119	3,539
Finished Stock on Hand	5,300	10,389	10,597
Shoe Leather - Doz. Skins			
Production	1,635	1,685	2,009
Deliveries - Domestic	1,718	1,707	1,927
- Export	-	-	-
- Total	1,718	1,707	1,927
Finished Stock on Hand	801	613	695