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STATISTICS OF HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER

Wettings in May of all types of hides and skins with the exception of sheep and lamb skins showed increases over the previous month. As compared with May 1957, there were decreases in all classes.

Stocks of raw cattle hides registered a decrease of 5.5 p.c. compared with the previous month and a decrease of 20.0 p.c. compared with May 1957.

Production of sole leather in May, at 906,691 lb. was 4.6 p.c. under the 950,197 lb. recorded for April; total deliveries at 971,158 lb. were 5.2 p.c. under the April figure of 1,024,190 lb. Cattle upper leather production was 5,384,246 sq. ft., 5.9 p.c. over the 5,082,198 sq. ft. in April; total deliveries at 5,081,138 sq. ft. were 3.7 p.c. over the 4,899,577 sq. ft. in April. Calf and kip upper leather production was 955,469 sq. ft., 9.2 p.c. over the 875,277 sq. ft. in April and total deliveries at 1,014,089 sq. ft. were 29.0 p.c. over the 786,021 sq. ft. in April.

1. WETTINGS OF HIDES AND SKINS

	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958
Cattle Hides ..... - number	205,242	182,244	186,997
Calf and Kip Skins ..... - number	110,643	73,623	99,935
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	7,818	4,819	7,527
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	10,288	7,112	6,989

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

	May 31, 1957	April 30, 1958	May 31, 1958
Cattle Hides (1) - Number			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	374,997	328,652	322,424
- Country .....	122,042	108,764	95,041
Total .....	497,039	437,416	417,465
Foreign .....	68,367	41,056	34,650
Cattle Hides Total .....	565,406	478,472	452,115
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic (2) - Packer .....	242,539	178,817	180,407
- Country .....	70,007	40,737	35,305
Total .....	312,546	219,554	215,712
Foreign .....	141,469	172,073	171,268
Calf and Kip Skins, Total .....	454,015	391,627	386,980
Goat and Kid Skins (3) (number) ....	53,384	22,196	14,762
Sheep and Lamb Skins (3) (dozens) ....	42,479	50,579	46,643
Horse Hides (number) ..... (4)	16,223	3,744	2,679

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

Cattle Hides (1) .....	- number	2,263	-	-
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

	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958
1. Cattle Leather			
Sole leather - pounds			
Production .....	1,199,666	950,197	906,691
Deliveries - Domestic .....	961,118	968,326	870,160
- Export .....	100,732	55,864	100,998
- Total .....	1,061,850	1,024,190	971,158

3. FINISHED LEATHERS ( Continued)

	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958
<b>Upper Leather (1) (Sq. ft.)</b>			
Production .....	5,189,076	5,082,198	5,384,246
Deliveries - Domestic .....	3,852,175	3,663,928	3,647,555
- Export .....	1,197,009	1,235,649	1,433,583
- Total .....	5,049,184	4,899,577	5,081,138
Finished Stock on Hand .....	4,061,369	4,187,957	4,491,065
<b>Glove and Garment Leather - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	796,491	500,310	515,121
Deliveries - Domestic .....	693,289	369,834	449,319
- Export .....	97,739	147,192	120,524
- Total .....	791,028	517,026	569,843
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,064,356	1,272,121(2)	1,216,063
<b>Bag, Case and Strap Leather - Sides</b>			
Production .....	7,585	5,154	5,965
Deliveries - Domestic .....	7,229	4,571	5,630
- Export .....	304	585	312
- Total .....	7,533	5,156	5,942
Finished Stock on Hand .....	76	19	42
<b>Belting Leather - Butt Bends</b>			
Production .....	1,292	789	985
Deliveries - Domestic .....	922	471	882
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	922	471	882
Finished Stock on Hand .....	5,295	1,247	1,350
<b>2. Calf and Kip Skins Upper - Sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	893,231	875,277	955,469
Deliveries - Domestic .....	704,889	510,966	700,623
- Export .....	259,447	275,055	313,466
- Total .....	964,336	786,021	1,014,089
Finished Stock on Hand .....	1,631,243	2,109,914(2)	2,045,987

(1) Figures include overweight kip and patent leather.

(2) Discrepancy due to actual physical inventory.



3. FINISHED LEATHERS - (Concluded)

	May 1957	April 1958	May 1958
<b>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</b>			
Production .....	5,261	5,950	6,338
Deliveries - Domestic .....	5,261	5,422	6,174
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	5,261	5,422	6,174
Finished Stock on Hand .....	924	1,993	2,157

4. Sheep and Lamb Leather

Glove and Garment Leather Doz. skins

Production .....	6,169	3,157	3,459
Deliveries - Domestic .....	5,199	3,722	2,999
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	5,199	3,722	2,999
Finished Stock on Hand .....	2,302	10,032	10,492

Shoe Leather - Doz. Skins

Production .....	1,874	1,478	1,747
Deliveries - Domestic .....	1,694	1,411	1,597
- Export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	1,694	1,411	1,597
Finished Stock on Hand .....	3,429	762	912