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STATISTICS ON HIDES, SKINS AND LEATHER IN CANADA

MAY, 1948.

Wettings of the more important types of hides all showed decreases, the exceptions being goat and kid skins and whole horse hides. As compared with May, 1947 there were decreases in all classes except horse hides.

Stocks of raw cattle hides at the end of May, 1948, registered a decrease of 18.3 p.c. as compared with the previous month and one of 18.7 p.c. as compared with May, 1947.

Production of sole leather in May decreased by 233,262 lbs. as compared with the April figures. Deliveries increased by 91,718 lbs and finished stock on hand by 12,104 lbs. In cattle upper leather production decreased by 44,771 sq. ft., deliveries increased by 321,136 sq. ft., and finished stock decreased by 356,086 sq. ft. In calf and kip upper leather production decreased by 40,434 sq.ft., deliveries increased by 321,136 sq.ft., while finished stock on hand decreased by 356,086 sq.ft.

Wettings of Hides and Skins

	May 31, 1947	April 30, 1948	May 31, 1948
Cattle Hides ..... - number	221,392	148,489	143,986
Calf and Kip Skins ..... - number	176,381	139,947	120,247
Goat and Kid Skins ..... - number	99,086	66,031	66,359
Sheep and Lamb Skins ..... - dozens	19,543	10,936	10,453
Horse Hides ..... - number	2,689	1,330	4,839
Fronts ..... - number	12,578	7,310	5,146
Butts ..... - number	6,023	4,074	2,840
Cowhide bellies ..... - number	83,446	89,645	47,556

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

	May 31, 1947	April 30, 1948	May 31, 1948
Cattle hides (1) (number)			
Domestic - packer .....	334,480	384,438	319,000
- country .....	149,571	155,948	122,909
- Total .....	484,051	540,386	441,909
Foreign .....	81,536	22,093	17,435
Cattle Hides, Total .....	565,587	562,479	459,344
Calf and Kip Skins - (number)			
Domestic - packer .....	213,785	212,214	242,037
- country .....	163,889	287,613	276,430
- Total .....	377,674	499,827	518,467
Foreign .....	189,907	232,171	205,041
Calf and kip skins, total .....	567,581	731,998 (6)	723,508 (6)
Goat & Kid skins (2) (number) .....	131,947	188,600	244,614
Sheep and Lamb skins (2) (dozens) .....	58,051	52,577 (6)	44,385
Horse Hides (number) .....	73,835 (3)	52,817 (4)	39,035 (5)

NOTE: Domestic on hand includes domestic in transit

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

Cattle Hides (1)	- number .....	9,060	-	-
Calf and Kip Skins	- number .....	4,905	-	3,000
Goat and Kid Skins (2)	- number .....	18,160	28,000	-
Sheep and Lamb Skins (2)	- dozens .....	903	-	-
Horse Hides	- number .....	-	-	-

- (1) Includes overweight kips.
- (2) Figures include East India Tanned.
- (3) Includes 42,740 horse fronts.
- (4) Includes 23,025 horse fronts.
- (5) Includes 18,583 horse fronts.
- (6) Any discrepancies noted are due to raw stocks sold.

Finished Leathers

	May 31, 1947	April 30, 1948	May 31, 1948
1. <u>Cattle Leather</u>			
Sole Leather - pounds			
Production .....	2,469,361	2,122,844	1,889,582
Deliveries - Domestic .....	2,204,173	1,587,886	1,644,947
- Export .....	107,185	197,874	232,531
- Total .....	2,311,358	1,785,760	1,877,478
Finished Stock on hand .....	1,418,091	4,402,437(1)	4,414,541

- (1) Includes deliveries returned to tanners.

Finished Leathers - continued			
	May 31, 1947	April 30, 1948	May 31, 1948
<b>Upper leather - sq. ft. (1)</b>			
Production .....	4,193,423	2,800,013	2,755,242
Deliveries - domestic .....	3,622,911	2,545,616	2,712,501
- export .....	394,667	244,576	398,827
- Total .....	4,017,578	2,790,192	3,111,328
Finished Stock on hand .....	1,057,350	1,715,115	1,359,029
<b>Glove and Garment Leather - sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	418,165	329,682	291,639
Deliveries - domestic .....	357,028	426,995	159,720
- export .....	19,567	69,639	38,402
- Total .....	376,595	496,634	198,122
Finished Stock on hand .....	65,816	338,397	431,914
<b>Bag, Case and Strap Leather - sides</b>			
Production .....	18,808	14,556	12,012
Deliveries - domestic .....	18,337	13,065	11,418
- export .....	474	1,535	648
- Total .....	18,811	14,600	12,066
Finished Stock on hand .....	77	381	327
<b>Harness Leather - sides</b>			
Production .....	17,268	7,066	5,098
Deliveries - domestic .....	16,601	4,478	2,959
- export .....	110	20	-
- Total .....	16,711	4,498	2,959
Finished Stock on hand .....	3,387	24,227	26,366
<b>Belting Leather - butts &amp; butt bends</b>			
Production .....	8,431	7,660	6,540
Deliveries - domestic .....	6,032	6,143	6,143
- export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	6,032	6,143	6,143
Finished Stock on hand .....	3,124	7,567	7,964
<b>2. Calf and Kip Skin Upper Leather - sq. ft.</b>			
Production .....	1,613,725	1,189,209	1,148,775
Deliveries - domestic .....	934,955	544,282	477,327
- export .....	734,501	370,140	423,029
- Total .....	1,669,456	914,422	900,356
Finished Stock on hand .....	1,065,205	3,330,842	3,579,261

(1) Figures include overweight kips and patent leather.





Finished Leathers - concluded

	May 31, 1947	April 30, 1948	May 31, 1948
<b>3. Goat and Kid Leather - Skins</b>			
Production .....	115,752	54,640	51,937
Deliveries - domestic .....	118,573	49,476	50,770
- export .....	5,746	-	-
- Total .....	124,319	49,476	50,770
Finished Stock on hand .....	22,868	50,912	52,079
<b>4. Sheep and Lamb Leathers</b>			
<u>Glove and Garment Leathers - (doz. skins)</u>			
Production .....	7,316	4,020	4,249
Deliveries - domestic .....	6,814	4,366	5,274
- export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	6,814	4,366	5,274
Finished Stock on hand .....	2,078	3,783	2,758
<u>Shoe Leather - (Doz. skins)</u>			
Production .....	8,893	3,385	3,472
Deliveries - domestic .....	8,831	3,535	4,186
- export .....	-	-	-
- Total .....	8,831	3,535	4,186
Finished Stock on hand .....	2,147	7,160	6,446
<b>5. Horse Leather</b>			
<u>Glove and Garment Leather - (Sq. ft.)</u>			
Production .....	540,111	390,851	255,052
Deliveries - domestic .....	541,160	336,906	318,002
- export .....	3,600	-	-
- Total .....	544,760	336,906	318,002
Finished Stock on hand .....	11,739	759,203	696,253