U.S. HIDES:
SETTING THE GLOBAL INDUSTRY STANDARD IN PRODUCT QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

THE U.S. HIDE, SKIN AND LEATHER INDUSTRY adheres to the highest processing and production standards to ensure consistent, quality products. The hides and skins tanners and leather users receive from the U.S. are generally of higher quality and value than product they receive from other supplier countries. As a result, hides from the U.S. can be more readily utilized in a variety of finished leather applications, have a larger usable surface area, and produce a larger drop split, which can be captured and resold by the tanner or leather producer.

Standards Governing the Sale of Cattle Hides

The reliable, unique attributes of U.S. hides are due in large part to the health and welfare standards of the U.S. livestock industry as a whole, and protocols by which the hide industry abides as enumerated in its “Standards Governing the Sale of North American Cattle Hides” (Standards). The U.S. is one of the only countries with such comprehensive industry standards.

THE STANDARDS are non-compulsory guidelines that detail relevant terminology and recommended industry practices governing the sale, take-up, and delivery of North American cattle hides. The majority of the U.S. hides industry has adopted the Standards when selling, preparing and shipping hides to customers around the world.

The Standards also provide buyers with confidence in the condition, consistency, and delivery of the U.S. hides they purchase.

RESOURCES:

• Standards Governing the Sale of North American Cattle Hides