

# Numbers of Alligator Skins Taken and Their Uses During 1800-2010 in Louisiana

<b>Period</b>	<b>Numbers and Notes</b>	<b>Uses</b>
1718	No commercial trade in La.	
1800-1827	Many thousands	Boots, shoes, saddles, demand faded – leather thought not durable, fat used as oil, killed as predators by cattlemen
1855	Many thousands, interest in alligator skins declined	Shoes, boots and novelty items
1860-1865	Many thousands	Used by Confederate Troops, shoes and saddles
1870-1902	56,000 in La.	Commercial use, tanned in New York and New Jersey, some went to Europe for tanning
1880-1933	3.5 million La. skins, 64,815 per year	Commercial trade
1925	21,885 La. skins	Commercial trade
1926	36,041 La. skins	Commercial trade
1939-1960	414,126 La. skins, 18,005 per year	Commercial trade
1962-1971	Season Closed Statewide	
1972-1983	103,782 La. skins, 10,378 per year	Commercial trade
1984-1993	801,682 La. skins, 80,168 per year, alligator farm production began contributing significantly	Commercial trade
1994-2003	2,158,115 La. skins, 215,812 per year	Commercial trade
2005	31,175 wild La. skins, 256,432 farm La. skins	Commercial trade
2006	30,857 wild La. skins, 272,570 farm La. skins	Commercial trade
2007	35,011 wild La. skins, 305,176 farm La. skins	Commercial trade
2008	35,625 wild La. skins, 288,359 farm La. skins	Commercial trade
2009*	9,139 wild La. skins, 294,537 farm La. skins	Commercial trade
2010	26,149 wild La. skins	Commercial trade

\* Worldwide economic recession caused alligator hide demand to decline dramatically. Updated 3/3/11