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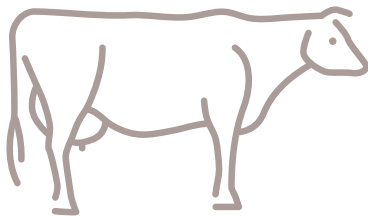


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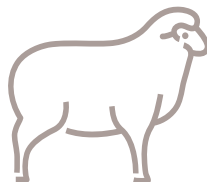
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THE **MAJORITY**, (APPROXIMATELY 99%) OF THE WORLD'S LEATHER IS A **BY-PRODUCT** OF THE FOOD INDUSTRY WITH THE MAIN SOURCES BEING CATTLE, SHEEP, GOATS AND PIGS.

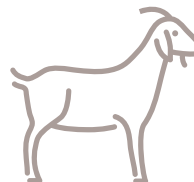
It's important to note that **none of these animals** are raised in order to make leather - it is a by-product that thanks to the skill of the manufacturer can be turned into a **versatile material**.



CATTLE
69%



SHEEP
13%



GOAT
11%



PIG
6%

THE **TOP THREE** LEATHER PRODUCING COUNTRIES BY VOLUME ARE **ITALY, CHINA AND BRAZIL**.

Leather is made in **almost every country** across the world. Geographically close leather production remains an important part of the **supply chain** for many businesses. All together around **24 billion square feet** are made annually.



THE LEATHER INDUSTRY IS AN **IMPORTANT GLOBAL EMPLOYER**, WITH ABOUT **HALF A MILLION PEOPLE** DIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN ITS MANUFACTURE.

However that can be multiplied many time over by the numbers working in associated industries. Leather **footwear, leathergoods, leather garments, gloves, furniture** including **automotive** and **aviation** - all have leather at their core and have pulled millions of people out of poverty and into the tax paying middle classes that are so needed for **viable economic development**.

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