

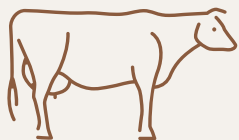
Where does leather come from?



Most leather is a by-product

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, leathersgoods, 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.

