



Tannery of the Year Americas 2011: Nominations

Curtiembre Arlei, Argentina

Founded in 1938, Arlei is currently one of the largest exporters of crust leather in the world. The company began as a small vegetable sole leather trading house distributing goods to local footwear and handbag manufacturers, and gradually expanded with the construction of a vegetable tannery in Salta (northwestern Argentina) and a facility in Santa Fe (northeastern Argentina), and later on its finishing plant and a cutting and sewing facility in Buenos Aires. The company now processes more than 9,000 hides a day and operates seven days a week, consuming more than 20% of the total slaughter of Argentinean hides, and exporting a wide range of products, including automotive leather, to all five continents. Arlei was the first Argentine tannery to achieve ISO14001, ISO 9001 and TS 16949 certification.

Suelas WYNY, Mexico

Founder Wilmar Nienow set up this manufacturer of sole leather in León, Guanajuato, in 1978. It now has a capacity



of 3,500 hides a day and a workforce of 600. It still specialises in the 100% vegetable-tanned sole leather that helped give the company its name, but also includes chrome-tanned and saddle leather in its product offering. Around 25% of its output is for the Mexican market, with export clients in all five continents consuming the rest. To help it serve export markets well, Suelas WYNY runs two international showrooms, in Italy and Hong Kong.

Lefarc, Mexico

León-based Lefarc is a family-owned and -run leather producer, specialising in chrome-free tanning. Its leather goes into footwear for children, women and men, as well as Mexico's traditional cowboy boots. Other applications include high-end leathersgoods and upholstery.

The tannery's manufacturing facilities are equipped with modern machinery and cover an area of 10,000 square-metres.

Coming Indústria e Comércio de Couros, Brazil

Coming was set up in 1982 by three brothers, Mario, Marcio and Emilio Bittar. It focuses on producing wet blue hides for export markets, specialising in the high-quality raw material available to it from the feedlots and abattoirs of its home state, Goiás. It has the capacity to process between 3,000 and 4,000 hides a day at its facility near Trindade. In 2009 it was the ninth-largest exporter of wet blue in Brazil and the tenth biggest exporter across all industrial sectors in the state of Goiás.



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Durlicouros, Brazil

The Durli tanning company was founded in 1960 in Erechim, southern Brazil. The company has since expanded and now has plants in Mato Grosso, Pará and Paraná. Durli specialises in wet blue, crust and finished leather for the automotive, footwear, furniture and leather-goods industries. Much of the leather it produces is exported to Europe and Asia.

Indústria de Peles Pampa, Brazil

Located in Portão, in southern Brazil, Indústria de Peles Pampa began production in 1998 as part of Grupo Finskin, a global leather tanning group which has its headquarters in Europe. The tannery covers an area of 35,500 square-metres and has the capacity to process 6,000 cattle hides per day. It employs 750 people.

Indústria de Peles Pampa specialises in the production of finished cow leather for the furniture and automotive industries. Approximately 80% of its production is exported to overseas markets across the globe. The tannery claims it is responsible for more than 5% of all international sales of leather from Brazil.



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La Hispano Argentina, Argentina

Concentrating much of its production in its newly upgraded Florencio Varela tannery in the province of Buenos Aires, La Hispano Argentina has the capacity to produce 90,000 tonnes of leather a year. The company has been running for 90 years and, in addition to its sites on home soil, now has sales offices in Europe, Asia and Oceania, as well as a tannery in Guangdong Province in China. It's a family-run firm, with the third generation now in charge.

Artículos de Piel Los Favoritos—B'Leather, Dominican Republic

Part of an industrial group that has been making one of the Dominican Republic's most famous brands of rum since the 1850s, Artículos de Piel has the capacity to make a million square-feet of leather per week. It operates in one of the country's free economic zones, allowing it to import raw material and export its finished leather duty free. Its target markets are footwear and automotive leather.

JBS, Brazil

Meat giant JBS Group is one of the Brazil's biggest companies. It runs tanneries all over the country, tanning raw hides to wet blue as close to source as possible, using only fresh hides in multiple locations. In turn, these regional tanneries supply centres for retanning and finishing. It runs a total of ten tanneries in Brazil and also has one facility for making leather in China. Across all divisions, JBS employs around 40,000 people worldwide and has a slaughter capacity of 47,000 head of cattle per day. ©

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