

Live-Stock Marketings, 1943.—Total marketings of cattle in Canada in 1943 were 1,243,888 as compared with 1,288,617 in 1942. Marketings of calves totalled 643,569 as compared with 771,690. The declines in these two classes of live stock in 1943 as compared with 1942 were largely the result of the holding back of stock on the part of farmers for the building up of herds. Marketings of hogs through commercial channels in 1943 totalled 7,149,917 as compared with 6,232,087 in 1942. Marketings of sheep and lambs were 887,199 in 1943 as compared with 833,147 in 1942.

The interprovincial and export movement of live stock in 1943 showed very little change as compared with 1942. Total shipments in 1943 with revised figures for 1942, in parentheses, were as follows: cattle 460,024 (494,115); calves 182,156 (219,773); swine 1,582,979 (1,175,657); and sheep 296,694 (274,084).

3.—Live Stock Marketed at Stockyards, Packing Plants and Direct for Export, by Provinces, 1943

Live Stock	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle—								
Totals to stockyards....	531	31,291	255,784	108,328	213,015	191,222	12,322	812,493
Direct to packers.....	6,248	15,030	121,430	47,217	55,550	103,829	33,676	382,980
Direct for export.....	2,872	12,046	31,607	325	97	1,200	268	48,415
Totals, Cattle.....	9,651	58,367	408,821	155,870	268,662	296,251	46,266	1,243,888
Calves—								
Totals to stockyards....	12,363	117,101	134,595	41,032	52,403	25,312	1,560	384,366
Direct to packers.....	7,747	65,216	79,861	39,281	11,133	49,033	4,064	256,335
Direct for export.....	569	228	1,863	24	8	157	19	2,868
Totals, Calves.....	20,679	182,545	216,319	80,337	63,544	74,502	5,643	643,569
Hogs—								
Totals to stockyards....	3,162	139,275	260,504	76,521	118,716	150,612	3,237	752,027
Direct to packers.....	96,671	297,718	1,768,724	678,623	1,290,320	2,241,772	23,566	6,397,394
Direct for export.....	209	8	194	62	6	5	12	496
Totals, Hogs.....	100,042	437,001	2,029,422	755,206	1,409,042	2,392,389	26,815	7,149,917
Sheep—								
Totals to stockyards....	6,137	103,932	130,493	36,385	69,143	57,886	5,953	409,429
Direct to packers.....	21,692	60,639	103,871	60,334	35,256	152,626	40,733	475,201
Direct for export.....	4	46	1,806	9	Nil	642	62	2,569
Totals, Sheep.....	27,833	164,617	236,170	96,728	104,399	210,654	46,798	887,199
Store cattle purchased....	566	3,428	90,453	14,846	9,372	51,332	2,042	172,039

In Table 10 are given the statistics of the grading of animals marketed through stockyards and direct shipments to packing plants for the years 1939 to 1943. In recent years the practice developed of grading an increasing proportion of hogs by the carcass after they have been dressed at the packing plant until finally, at the end of September, 1940, live grading was discontinued. Consequently the figures in this table for hogs graded alive during that year are for nine months only.