

Section 4.—Marketing of Live Stock and Live-Stock Products*

Since the outbreak of war in 1939, there has been a great increase in the demand for live stock and live-stock products in the form of meats, dairy products, poultry and eggs. These products have not only been required in greater volume to meet requirements of the United Kingdom and other United Nations, but the demand in Canada has expanded sharply as a result of greater purchasing power in the hands of the consumers. Live stock thus makes a very important contribution to farmers' income and also provides the basis for a large slaughtering and meat-packing industry in Canada.

Live-Stock Marketings, 1944.—Marketings of all classes of live stock, except calves, reached an all-time high in Canada in 1944, due largely to the strong demand existing for meat products both on the domestic and foreign markets. Cattle marketed in Canada in 1944 numbered 1,528,947, as compared with 1,243,888 in 1943. Marketing of calves totalled 701,039 as compared with 643,569 in 1943. Marketings of hogs through commercial channels in 1944 totalled 8,863,830 as compared with 7,149,917 in 1943. Marketings of sheep and lambs were 1,050,953 in 1944 as compared with 887,199 in 1943.

The interprovincial and export movement of all classes of live stock in 1944 showed increases over the previous year. Total shipments in 1944 with figures for 1943, in parentheses, were as follows: cattle 621,075 (460,024); calves 192,906 (182,156); swine 1,887,092 (1,582,979); and sheep 377,946 (296,694).

* Revised in the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. For more detailed information on this subject, see "Live Stock and Animal Products Statistics", published annually by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; and the "Annual Market Review", published by the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Statistics of live stock and poultry are given at pp. 230-235 of this volume.

9.—Live Stock Marketed at Stockyards, Packing Plants and Direct for Export, by Provinces, 1944

Live Stock	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle—								
Totals to stockyards.....	496	41,197	282,380	111,333	291,068	251,481	14,436	992,391
Direct to packers.....	11,231	20,691	143,970	61,417	87,791	131,696	35,918	492,714
Direct for export.....	990	7,878	33,593	122	48	1,080	131	43,842
Totals, Cattle.....	12,717	69,766	459,943	172,872	378,907	384,257	50,485	1,528,947
Calves—								
Totals to stockyards.....	7,664	118,405	145,100	39,213	65,299	31,946	1,817	409,444
Direct to packers.....	8,936	71,062	88,647	44,288	16,740	55,826	4,261	289,760
Direct for export.....	120	99	1,458	5	19	116	18	1,835
Totals, Calves.....	16,720	189,566	235,205	83,506	82,058	87,888	6,096	701,039
Hogs—								
Totals to stockyards.....	3,590	266,289	265,517	58,543	138,304	180,625	3,380	916,248
Direct to packers.....	143,228	523,036	1,843,217	793,451	1,795,808	2,801,315	46,875	7,946,930
Direct for export.....	442	29	91	84	2	2	2	652
Totals, Hogs.....	147,260	789,354	2,108,825	852,078	1,934,114	2,981,942	50,257	8,863,830
Sheep and Lambs—								
Totals to stockyards.....	3,327	106,958	129,244	44,907	87,949	72,239	5,470	450,094
Direct to packers.....	24,610	52,987	116,116	78,020	39,279	205,739	34,815	551,566
Direct for export.....	23	782	13,443	818	9,053	25,146	28	49,293
Totals, Sheep and Lambs.....	27,960	160,727	258,803	123,745	136,281	303,124	40,313	1,050,953
Store cattle purchased.....	66	1,337	79,725	16,538	14,011	55,374	2,047	169,098