

## 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, 1945.**—Three new records were established in commercial live-stock marketings in Canada in 1945. Cattle marketings numbered over 2,000,000 for the first time and calf and sheep marketings also reached new high levels. Hog marketings, however, were the lowest since 1939, and about 3,000,000 head less than in 1944, the record year. Cattle marketed in Canada in 1945 numbered 2,024,025, as compared with 1,528,947 in 1944. Marketings of calves totalled 830,346 as compared with 701,039 in 1944. Marketings of hogs through commercial channels in 1945 totalled 5,867,276 as compared with 8,863,830 in 1944. Marketings of sheep and lambs were 1,254,672 in 1945 as compared with 1,050,953 in 1944.

The interprovincial and export movement of all classes of live stock, except hogs, in 1945 showed increases over the previous year. Total shipments in 1945 with figures for 1944, in parentheses, were as follows: cattle 742,245 (621,075); calves 247,919 (192,906); hogs 1,094,086 (1,887,092); and sheep 426,288 (377,946).

\* Revised in the Agricultural Division, 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. 351-356 of this volume.

### 9.—Live Stock Marketed at Stockyards, Packing Plants and Direct for Export, by Provinces, 1945

Live Stock	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Mani-toba	Saskat-chewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Cattle—</b>								
Totals to stockyards.....	1,291	54,429	360,184	134,561	360,088	337,128	14,007	1,261,688
Direct to packers.....	13,994	32,058	200,834	76,134	135,009	197,203	44,487	699,719
Direct for export.....	4,542	11,789	45,418	53	98	484	234	62,618
<b>Totals, Cattle.....</b>	<b>19,827</b>	<b>98,276</b>	<b>606,436</b>	<b>210,748</b>	<b>495,195</b>	<b>534,815</b>	<b>58,728</b>	<b>2,024,025</b>
<b>Calves—</b>								
Totals to stockyards.....	9,547	123,642	152,141	43,285	83,986	46,697	1,589	460,887
Direct to packers.....	11,337	91,874	108,392	50,915	27,191	72,164	4,253	366,126
Direct for export.....	734	155	2,323	1	17	62	41	3,333
<b>Totals, Calves.....</b>	<b>21,618</b>	<b>215,671</b>	<b>262,856</b>	<b>94,201</b>	<b>111,194</b>	<b>118,923</b>	<b>5,883</b>	<b>830,346</b>
<b>Hogs—</b>								
Totals to stockyards.....	1,623	157,878	237,513	45,463	90,912	159,121	1,672	694,182
Direct to packers.....	105,581	377,387	1,569,155	441,167	852,004	1,786,993	34,604	5,166,891
Direct for export.....	5,889	13	232	18	4	45	2	6,203
<b>Totals, Hogs.....</b>	<b>113,093</b>	<b>535,278</b>	<b>1,806,900</b>	<b>486,648</b>	<b>942,920</b>	<b>1,946,159</b>	<b>36,278</b>	<b>5,867,276</b>
<b>Sheep and Lambs—</b>								
Totals to stockyards.....	3,068	129,794	156,154	53,928	115,244	75,556	4,424	538,168
Direct to packers.....	36,403	95,415	155,916	88,128	44,230	196,836	36,146	653,074
Direct for export.....	243	211	3,754	813	1,701	56,562	146	63,430
<b>Totals, Sheep and Lambs.....</b>	<b>39,714</b>	<b>225,420</b>	<b>315,824</b>	<b>142,869</b>	<b>161,175</b>	<b>328,954</b>	<b>40,716</b>	<b>1,254,672</b>
Store cattle purchased.....	116	1,692	85,594	15,463	12,329	72,257	1,026	188,477