

## Section 2.—Live-Stock Marketings\*

Cattle marketings through public stockyards, packing plants and direct for export totalled 1,414,268 head in 1952, a decline of 10.5 p.c. from the previous year and the lowest number since 1943. Since marketings of steers were considerably higher than in 1951, the drop in cattle marketings indicates a retention of breeding stock. Exports to the United States were cut off after Feb. 25, owing to the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, resulting in an almost negligible export volume of live stock during 1952. Producers were encouraged to finish cattle at home whenever possible and as animals were carried to heavier weights, the average carcass weight of inspected beef was 513.4 lb., 9.3 lb. above the 1951 average. For the same reason a definite improvement took place in the quality of the output as evidenced by the fact that Choice and Good heavy steers accounted for 15.3 p.c. of total marketings as compared with 9.4 p.c. in 1951. Marketing of calves, totalling 631,478 head, was 8.4 p.c. lower than in 1951, the most pronounced drop occurring in the veal-producing province of Quebec. Hog marketings were 36.8 p.c. higher than in 1951, totalling 6,699,056 head. This was 42.0 p.c. above the previous five-year average and the largest annual movement since the record peak of 8,863,830 head in 1944. Grade A hogs accounted for only 28.5 p.c. of the total, a decrease of 2.8 p.c. from 1951, while corresponding increases were noted in the percentages of Grades B2, C and Heavies. Reversing the downward trend of recent years, sheep and lamb marketings showed an increase of 13.7 p.c., Alberta leading the way with a gain of 39.0 p.c.

\* For more detailed information, see DBS annual, *Live Stock and Animal Products Statistics*, and the Department of Agriculture publication, *Annual Market Review*. Statistics of live stock and poultry are given at pp. 414-416 and 423-424, respectively, of this volume.

## 7.—Live Stock Marketed at Public Stockyards, Packing Plants and Direct for Export, by Province, 1951 and 1952

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year and Live Stock	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>1951</b>								
<b>Cattle—</b>								
Totals to stockyards...	8,671	53,636	321,611	96,435	233,157	283,930	21,804	1,019,244
Direct to packers.....	21,524	50,220	154,765	53,011	56,359	85,314	29,639	450,832
Direct for export.....	2,119	7,947	66,999	285	4,219	16,416	12,561	110,546
Country points in other provinces.....	—	—	79	185	10,963	8,210	1,097	20,534
<b>Totals, Cattle.....</b>	<b>32,314</b>	<b>111,803</b>	<b>543,454</b>	<b>149,916</b>	<b>304,698</b>	<b>393,870</b>	<b>65,101</b>	<b>1,601,156</b>
<b>Calves—</b>								
Totals to stockyards...	14,229	88,200	99,265	32,678	51,179	57,139	3,757	346,447
Direct to packers.....	13,519	151,792	82,677	31,486	13,768	34,906	4,413	332,561
Direct for export.....	404	429	7,858	—	975	604	207	10,477
Country points in other provinces.....	—	—	—	50	4,985	2,755	30	7,820
<b>Totals, Calves.....</b>	<b>28,152</b>	<b>240,421</b>	<b>189,800</b>	<b>64,214</b>	<b>70,907</b>	<b>95,404</b>	<b>8,407</b>	<b>697,305</b>
<b>Hogs—</b>								
Totals to stockyards...	1,663	128,692	176,808	61,549	87,459	159,377	1,020	616,568
Direct to packers.....	190,173	924,967	1,862,741	230,030	240,467	798,396	31,200	4,277,974
Direct for export.....	347	217	953	80	—	370	607	2,574
<b>Totals, Hogs.....</b>	<b>192,183</b>	<b>1,053,876</b>	<b>2,040,502</b>	<b>291,659</b>	<b>327,926</b>	<b>958,143</b>	<b>32,827</b>	<b>4,897,116</b>

<sup>1</sup> Live stock billed through stockyards to country points outside province of origin.