

under 1,000 lb. increased by 18 p.c. Heifer gradings increased 19.0 p.c., fed calves 18.0 p.c. and cows 23.0 p.c. over the previous year. Steers constituted a slightly lower proportion of slaughter cattle, 36.7 p.c. in 1954 as compared with 39.1 p.c. in 1953. Feeder cattle shipments from yards and plants and on through-billings to country points in other provinces totalled 264,727, an increase of almost 20 p.c. over 1953. Quality of hogs was again somewhat lower than in the previous year. Grade A hogs constituted 26.0 p.c. of gradings in 1954 as compared with 27.3 p.c. in 1953 and 31.3 p.c. in 1951. The proportion in Grade B1 rose to 44.0 p.c. and Grade C comprised 9.1 p.c. in 1954 as compared with only 4.2 p.c. in 1950. Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces, notably Prince Edward Island with 53.6 p.c. Grade A carcasses, indicated improvement in hog quality. The price differential between Grades A and B1 hogs was increased to \$1 per cwt. on Apr. 12 from the 40 cents per cwt. formerly paid, to offer greater inducement for quality production. Marketings of sheep and lambs showed the third successive annual increase and about 60 p.c. of the 523,625 animals graded alive were 'good' lambs. Movement of feeder lambs at 39,307 was the largest since 1951.

25.—Livestock Marketed at Stockyards and Packing Plants by Grade 1950-54

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Livestock	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	1,661,754	1,470,076	1,405,870	1,701,004	1,938,672
Steers up to 1,000 lb.—					
Choice.....	17,408	17,939	27,012	37,348	55,973
Good.....	60,215	52,887	68,723	86,060	98,113
Medium.....	86,186	72,181	85,047	110,907	132,724
Common.....	53,088	46,016	60,879	85,947	90,091
Steers over 1,000 lb.—					
Choice.....	43,036	57,754	106,978	114,746	125,477
Good.....	61,278	79,847	107,913	125,963	112,467
Medium.....	43,968	50,897	65,871	77,202	75,453
Common.....	11,426	14,233	18,269	27,705	22,583
Heifers—					
Choice.....	12,695	13,102	14,757	14,253	16,261
Good.....	58,955	59,040	60,857	64,803	75,071
Medium.....	100,877	88,187	79,349	86,845	107,370
Common.....	87,648	66,563	54,723	70,153	82,146
Fed calves.....	94,944	77,993	99,389	146,323	172,810
Cows.....	566,075	444,858	339,878	386,785	474,775
Bulls.....	107,388	93,360	73,642	83,220	77,566
Stocker and feeder steers.....	196,569	182,164	112,273	143,823	177,857
Stock cows and heifers.....	55,172	49,120	27,164	34,341	38,695
Milkers and springers.....	4,826	3,935	4,146	4,577	3,240
Calves	872,335	679,008	630,624	819,921	899,887
Veal—					
Good and choice.....	239,649	189,607	173,117	232,820	233,671
Common and medium.....	490,743	370,812	357,857	446,111	534,717
Grass.....	83,766	54,604	50,448	72,973	59,005
Stocker.....	58,177	63,985	49,202	68,017	72,494
Hog Carcasses	4,775,557	4,894,542	6,698,642	5,002,814	5,078,715
"A".....	1,536,531	1,530,808	1,909,691	1,363,720	1,317,890
"B".....	2,516,136	2,537,964	3,464,597	2,673,573	2,723,127
"C".....	202,143	228,954	435,004	392,410	463,415
"D".....	19,558	18,644	29,803	23,180	21,663
Heavies.....	77,992	109,890	158,456	115,817	112,812
Extra heavies.....	66,142	90,531	133,552	92,469	88,425
Lights.....	85,364	79,691	163,014	87,550	71,667
Sows.....	225,001	253,307	345,635	207,171	234,189
Injured, ridglings and stags.....	46,690	46,753	58,890	46,924	45,527