

The Federal Department of Agriculture inspects all livestock in plants designated as inspected establishments under the Meat and Canned Foods Act. A statistical record is kept of these inspections and details are given in Table 17. Local wholesale butchering and slaughtering carried out by retail butchers and by farmers for their own use are not included. Actually the slaughtering and meat packing industry is concentrated into a comparatively small number of large establishments to facilitate greater efficiency and utilization of products; thus the figures of Table 17 are fairly inclusive. The slaughtering and meat packing industry is dealt with in its proper relation to all other manufacturing enterprises in Chapter XV of this volume. On a gross value basis it normally ranks among the three largest manufacturing industries in Canada but it owes its importance to the value of raw products obtained from the farmer and the rancher rather than to the value added by the manufacturing process.

17.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments 1941-55 and by Month 1956

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs	Year and Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.
					1956				
1941.....	1,003,691	727,829	828,603	6,280,345	January.....	141,694	42,828	36,953	493,000
1942.....	970,415	666,672	825,368	6,196,850	February....	128,553	41,980	27,813	449,128
1943.....	1,021,054	594,087	889,317	7,168,525	March.....	159,918	87,933	32,385	590,117
1944.....	1,354,121	661,245	959,169	8,766,417	April.....	135,783	106,643	22,030	494,319
1945.....	1,891,024	787,626	1,185,161	5,681,629	May.....	137,904	98,914	15,008	458,211
1946.....	1,668,441	752,343	1,213,235	4,252,591	June.....	169,028	96,640	25,420	523,161
1947.....	1,291,759	665,311	900,766	4,452,816	July.....	142,732	66,487	30,940	375,160
1948.....	1,489,883	787,410	768,943	4,487,649	August.....	147,117	68,530	54,618	352,178
1949.....	1,439,489	766,277	629,673	4,098,609	September...	197,563	85,605	96,615	449,958
1950.....	1,284,683	773,205	521,089	4,405,055	October.....	162,983	69,863	97,761	414,594
1951.....	1,149,789	583,718	438,518	4,488,007	November...	177,304	68,835	107,996	451,356
1952.....	1,237,630	567,760	512,966	6,234,145	December...	173,784	57,357	52,435	497,107
1953.....	1,469,406	740,723	543,371	4,611,312					
1954.....	1,635,008	820,506	562,555	4,679,214					
1955.....	1,702,108	828,658	591,566	5,543,787	Totals, 1956	1,874,363	891,615	599,974	5,548,289

Wool.—Canada's wool requirements are largely met by imports which amounted to 58,226,000 lb. (greasy basis) in 1956 and 53,954,000 lb. in 1955. Exports amounted to 3,594,000 lb. in 1956 and 2,883,000 lb. in 1955. The apparent domestic consumption of wool shown in Table 18 is determined on the basis of production, exports and imports but does not take into consideration changes in stocks for which the data are not available. Differences in wool utilization between years are therefore probably less marked than indicated by these figures.

18.—Production and Apparent Consumption of Wool 1953-56

Item	1953	1954	1955	1956 ¹
Shorn Wool—				
Yield per fleece.....	lb. 7.4	7.4	7.4	7.3
Total yield shorn.....	'000 lb. 6,355	6,496	6,446	6,165
Price per pound.....	cts. 38.6	37.7	35.3	37.8
Total value of shorn wool.....	\$'000 2,450	2,451	2,277	2,328
Total pulled wool.....	'000 lb. 1,862	1,555	1,595	1,707
Total wool production.....	" 8,217	8,051	8,041	7,872
Apparent consumption.....	" 67,649	46,788	59,112	62,504

¹ Census figures.