

steers sold at stockyards and packing plants increased 12 p.c. over 1955 to a record 783,138. Sales of the heavier grades (over 1,000 lb.) increased 14 p.c. and sales of steers up to 1,000 lb. increased nearly 10 p.c. Heifer gradings increased 10.6 p.c. and cows increased 11.0 p.c. over the previous year. Fed calves decreased 2.5 p.c. Steers constituted the same proportion (35.1 p.c.) of slaughter cattle in 1956 as in 1955. In 1956 shipments of feeder cattle and calves from yards and plants, and on through-billing to Canadian country points outside the province of origin totalled 436,489 head, an increase of 25 p.c. over 1955. There was little change in the proportion of hogs graded into each category. Grade A hogs made up 28.5 p.c. of gradings in 1956 compared to 27.1 p.c. in 1955, while Grade B hogs constituted 50.6 p.c. against 51.9 p.c. in 1955. Grade C hogs, at 9.7 p.c. of total gradings, compared with 9.6 p.c. in 1955, and Grade D remained at 0.5 p.c. All provinces except Manitoba indicated improved quality as measured by the proportion classified as Grade A. The Maritimes again led the provinces in the percentage of A gradings and also in the increase of A gradings in 1956. The price spread between Grades A and B hogs remained at \$1 throughout 1955 and 1956. There was little change in the number of sheep and lambs marketed—554,808 in 1956 and 555,694 in 1955. About 59 p.c. of the lambs graded alive in 1956 were "Good", as compared to 61 p.c. in 1955.

26.—Livestock Marketed at Stockyards and Packing Plants by Grade 1952-56

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Livestock	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	1,405,870	1,701,004	1,938,672	1,992,818	2,235,443
Steers up to 1,000 lb.—					
Choice.....	27,012	37,346	55,973	66,813	82,295
Good.....	66,723	86,060	98,113	104,700	107,334
Medium.....	86,047	110,907	132,724	122,454	126,516
Common.....	60,879	85,947	90,091	60,360	73,081
Steers over 1,000 lb.—					
Choice.....	106,978	114,746	125,477	143,539	152,219
Good.....	107,913	125,963	112,467	120,835	143,027
Medium.....	65,871	77,202	75,453	67,835	82,022
Common.....	18,269	27,705	22,583	13,021	16,643
Heifers—					
Choice.....	14,757	14,253	16,261	25,666	28,773
Good.....	60,857	64,803	75,071	78,030	76,949
Medium.....	79,349	86,845	107,370	113,593	124,069
Common.....	54,723	70,153	82,146	74,210	92,552
Fed calves.....	99,389	146,323	172,810	174,017	169,635
Cows.....	339,878	386,785	474,775	526,290	584,402
Bulls.....	73,642	83,220	77,566	73,865	73,846
Stocker and feeder steers.....	112,273	143,828	177,857	193,067	240,552
Stock cows and heifers.....	27,164	34,341	38,695	34,174	61,281
Milkers and springers.....	4,146	4,577	3,240	349	246
Calves	630,624	819,921	899,887	906,623	963,191
Veal—					
Good and choice.....	173,117	232,820	233,671	275,547	244,774
Common and medium.....	357,857	446,111	534,717	486,092	558,063
Grass.....	50,448	72,973	59,005	76,508	87,728
Stocker.....	49,202	68,017	72,494	68,476	72,628
Hog Carcasses	6,698,642	5,902,814	5,078,715	5,916,584	5,959,605
"A".....	1,909,691	1,363,720	1,317,890	1,603,070	1,696,209
"B".....	3,464,597	2,673,573	2,723,127	3,071,901	3,018,166
"C".....	435,004	392,410	463,415	568,724	577,766
"D".....	29,803	23,180	21,663	28,899	30,897
Heavies.....	158,456	115,817	112,812	115,895	108,720
Extra heavies.....	133,552	92,469	88,425	84,039	85,451
Lights.....	163,014	87,550	71,667	117,854	123,008
Sows.....	345,635	207,171	234,189	274,672	266,061
Injured, ridglings and stags.....	58,890	46,924	45,527	51,530	53,297