

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 18. Local wholesale butchering and slaughterings carried out by retail butchers and by farmers for their own use are not included. Actually the slaughtering and meat packing industry is concentrated in a comparatively small number of large establishments to facilitate greater efficiency and utilization of products; thus the figures of Table 18 are fairly inclusive. The slaughtering and meat packing industry is dealt with in its proper relation to all other manufacturing enterprises in Chapter XIV 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.

18.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments 1943-57, and by Month 1957 (Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs	Year and Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.	1957	No.	No.	No.	No.
1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1952 1953 1954	1,439,489 1,284,683 1,149,789 1,237,630 1,469,406 1,635,008	661, 245 787, 626 752, 343 665, 311 787, 410 766, 277 773, 205 583, 718 567, 760 740, 723 820, 506	959, 169 1, 185, 161 1, 213, 235 900, 766 768, 943 629, 673 521, 089	8,766,417 5,681,629 4,252,591 4,452,816 4,487,649 4,098,609 4,405,055 4,405,055 6,234,145	March. April. May. June. July. August. September. October. November. December.	146, 803 138, 118 166, 050 129, 501 139, 260 183, 131 153, 054 159, 321 215, 538 170, 359 195, 991 189, 125	40,618 73,568 99,205 106,989 101,480 70,012 69,008 90,497 67,299 66,050	32,949 19,258 14,487 28,039 36,642 55,423 102,962 80,518 94,793	424, 936 507, 565 392, 221 381, 898 431, 384 317, 777 301, 630 456, 660 393, 530 443, 530
1955 1956 1957	1,702,108 1,874,363 1,986,251	891,615	599,974	5,548,289		1,986,251	887,102	581,903	4,971,477