

17.—Average Value per Head of Farm Livestock, by Province, 1958 and 1959—concluded

Province and Item	1958	1959	Province and Item	1958	1959
	No.	No.		No.	No.
Saskatchewan—			British Columbia—		
Horses.....	79	88	Horses.....	95	107
All cattle.....	128	140	All cattle.....	134	144
Milk cows ¹	180	202	Milk cows ¹	192	212
Other cattle.....	119	131	Other cattle.....	117	125
Sheep.....	18	15	Sheep.....	21	18
Swine.....	30	23	Swine.....	34	28
Alberta—			Totals—		
Horses.....	84	93	Horses.....	112	124
All cattle.....	127	140	All cattle.....	132	144
Milk cows ¹	188	211	Milk cows ¹	183	201
Other cattle.....	120	131	Other cattle.....	112	122
Sheep.....	18	16	Sheep.....	18	16
Swine.....	33	24	Swine.....	35	26

¹ Cows and heifers, two years old or over, kept for milk purposes.

The federal Department of Agriculture inspects all livestock in plants designated as inspected establishments under the Meat and Canned Foods Act. A record is kept of these inspections and figures from 1944 are given in Table 18. Local wholesale butcherings 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 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 1944-58, and by Month 1958

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs	Year and Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.
1944.....	1,354,121	661,245	959,169	8,766,417	1958				
1945.....	1,891,024	787,626	1,185,161	5,681,629	January.....	158,353	40,960	29,828	438,710
1946.....	1,668,441	752,343	1,213,235	4,252,591	February.....	135,427	35,582	25,774	419,725
1947.....	1,291,759	665,311	900,766	4,452,816	March.....	167,665	82,864	27,574	561,579
1948.....	1,489,883	787,410	768,943	4,487,649	April.....	130,392	105,484	18,766	429,723
1949.....	1,439,489	766,277	629,673	4,098,609	May.....	136,695	92,929	17,546	414,812
1950.....	1,284,683	773,205	521,089	4,405,055	June.....	176,362	92,320	27,957	494,564
1951.....	1,149,789	583,718	438,518	4,488,007	July.....	141,460	57,743	30,050	375,442
1952.....	1,237,630	567,760	512,966	6,234,145	August.....	150,343	54,985	49,356	402,767
1953.....	1,489,406	740,723	543,371	4,611,312	September.....	194,820	71,338	99,607	528,388
1954.....	1,635,008	820,566	562,555	4,679,214	October.....	160,969	53,485	98,641	513,473
1955.....	1,702,108	828,658	591,566	5,543,787	November.....	162,863	48,289	78,410	601,575
1956.....	1,874,363	891,615	599,974	5,548,289	December.....	174,831	48,788	45,467	783,170
1957.....	1,986,251	887,102	581,903	4,971,477					
1958.....	1,889,280	784,767	548,976	5,963,928	Totals, 1958	1,889,280	784,767	548,976	5,963,928