

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 1954 are given in Table 15. 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 15 are fairly inclusive. The slaughtering and meat packing industry is dealt with in its proper relation to all other manufacturing enterprises in Chapter XVI of this volume. On a gross value basis, it normally ranks among the four 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.

Almost 5 p.c. more cattle were slaughtered in inspected establishments in 1963 than in 1962. Slaughtering of calves, however, were down 5.5 p.c., more calves being kept on feed to be marketed later as beef cattle. Inspected slaughtering of sheep and lambs and of hogs also declined by 6.2 p.c. and 2.0 p.c., respectively.

Price movements in 1963 are indicated by the annual average calculation of prices on the Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Edmonton markets as shown in Table 42, p. 492.

15.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments 1954-63, and by Month 1962 and 1963

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year and Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954.....	1,635,008	820,506	562,555	4,679,214
1955.....	1,702,108	828,658	591,566	5,543,787
1956.....	1,874,362	891,615	599,974	5,548,289
1957.....	1,986,251	887,102	581,903	4,971,477
1958.....	1,889,280	784,767	548,976	5,963,928
1959.....	1,744,185	676,571	569,746	8,020,766
1960.....	1,941,703	712,100	562,678	6,182,315
1961.....	2,041,473	690,286	633,347	5,849,875
1962.....	2,028,159	710,229	567,463	6,031,933
1963.....	2,126,716	671,390	532,015	5,909,506
1962				
January.....	151,214	36,545	36,833	529,363
February.....	147,141	26,418	30,182	512,192
March.....	185,635	69,913	25,788	667,077
April.....	144,348	80,207	18,648	513,185
May.....	152,865	78,866	16,268	468,103
June.....	194,306	73,589	23,687	534,859
July.....	158,143	49,253	28,555	383,079
August.....	163,159	50,272	50,515	394,947
September.....	205,132	69,390	100,919	531,455
October.....	167,559	60,660	92,711	477,399
November.....	180,423	59,208	91,446	494,260
December.....	178,234	45,908	51,811	526,014
1963				
January.....	158,214	33,904	30,660	436,924
February.....	158,755	34,648	29,492	455,097
March.....	192,909	63,452	29,622	595,387
April.....	152,842	73,520	21,758	470,552
May.....	163,864	79,600	18,587	444,961
June.....	200,962	75,520	28,282	531,601
July.....	156,895	49,351	31,234	399,225
August.....	162,877	46,844	47,783	409,781
September.....	220,897	64,942	91,675	567,409
October.....	171,567	50,918	77,169	508,789
November.....	192,776	52,223	73,676	514,740
December.....	194,158	46,438	52,077	575,029