

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 1955 are given in Table 15. Local wholesale butcherings 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 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 14 p.c. more cattle were slaughtered in inspected establishments in 1964 than in 1963. Slaughterings of calves were up 12 p.c. and slaughterings of hogs by a like percentage. On the other hand, slaughterings of sheep and lambs declined by 6.5 p.c.

Price movements in 1964 are indicated by the annual average calculation of prices on the Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Edmonton markets as shown in Table 42, p. 505.

15.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments 1955-64, and by Month 1963 and 1964

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year and Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1955.....	1,702,108	828,658	591,566	5,543,787
1956.....	1,874,363	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
1964.....	2,422,260	750,319	497,686	6,627,600
1963				
January.....	158,214	33,904	30,660	436,934
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	470,553
May.....	163,864	79,600	18,587	444,961
June.....	200,962	75,520	28,282	531,601
July.....	156,895	49,381	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	576,029
1964				
January.....	178,351	37,616	34,047	515,012
February.....	171,721	34,577	28,664	534,922
March.....	198,116	60,632	30,903	622,303
April.....	169,057	85,178	17,415	550,155
May.....	170,571	81,309	15,415	493,271
June.....	229,084	81,525	28,128	595,209
July.....	177,397	54,661	29,842	443,837
August.....	192,491	53,356	49,697	449,294
September.....	255,457	72,532	81,368	612,908
October.....	203,643	62,194	69,746	514,150
November.....	213,150	61,169	62,234	561,220
December.....	263,222	65,570	50,227	735,319