

Subsection 2.—Livestock Marketings*

The 2,869,834 cattle marketed and graded through stockyards and packing plants in 1964 exceeded by 12 p.c. the number so marketed in 1963. Choice and Good grades combined accounted for 54 p.c. of total gradings compared with 52 p.c. in the previous year. This quality improvement resulted from a continued expansion of feed-lot finishing of cattle in Canada and a reduction in the number of feeder cattle exported alive to the United States. The average slaughtered weight of cattle was 542.1 lb., about the same as in 1963. Marketings of calves were also well above those of the previous year.

Hogs marketed at inspected and approved packing plants during 1964 numbered 7,281,644, an output exceeded only by sales in 1944 and 1959. Quality continued to improve, grade A accounting for 39 p.c. of the total gradings compared with 38 p.c. in 1963 and 36 p.c. in 1962. The number of sheep and lamb carcasses graded in 1964 was 436,490; the reduction of 3 p.c. from 1963 continued the declining trend of the sheep industry that has been in evidence over the past several years.

* More detailed information is available from DBS annual report *Livestock and Animal Products Statistics* (Catalogue No. 23-203), and the Canada Department of Agriculture publication *Livestock Market Review*. Statistics of livestock and poultry production and disappearance are given on pp. 485-490.

23.—Livestock Marketed at Stockyards and Packing Plants, by Grade, 1960-64

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Livestock	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Cattle	2,322,626	2,532,248	2,493,814	2,567,475	2,869,834
Steers—					
Choice.....	431,697	511,744	476,883	618,100	695,798
Good.....	238,920	271,077	231,158	241,796	289,093
Medium.....	172,080	163,484	160,971	155,543	172,691
Common.....	51,648	55,603	56,404	51,916	74,095
Heifers—					
Choice.....	100,818	116,670	101,667	113,706	137,161
Good.....	106,436	104,101	105,913	103,383	131,006
Medium.....	116,918	108,642	112,796	107,274	115,452
Common.....	57,737	57,596	56,472	50,095	59,495
Fed calves.....	97,250	85,845	82,442	63,263	49,435
Cows.....	548,412	566,045	642,781	590,797	629,904
Bulls.....	71,079	74,045	69,515	60,754	65,486
Feeder steers.....	267,209	323,932	307,883	323,417	355,879
Stock and feeder cows and heifers.....	62,422	95,464	88,728	87,431	94,339
Calves	864,928	918,990	984,237	916,068	983,616
Veal—					
Good and choice.....	158,069	173,071	211,444	202,602	223,489
Common and medium.....	484,632	423,613	431,041	424,217	470,700
Grass.....	60,674	51,196	48,676	36,850	26,908
Stockler.....	161,553	271,110	293,076	252,399	262,519
Hog Carcass Gradings	6,764,196	6,448,956	6,593,945	6,520,828	7,281,644
"A".....	2,064,623	2,105,855	2,299,956	2,384,686	2,726,771
"B".....	3,141,647	2,917,488	2,947,274	2,882,431	3,200,876
"C".....	724,189	613,412	543,769	494,985	536,625
"D".....	46,726	39,306	47,597	37,159	38,541
Heavy.....	222,683	212,903	216,085	227,475	220,359
Extra heavy.....	78,579	77,960	77,472	78,938	78,574
Light.....	198,771	152,966	168,171	135,400	160,744
Sows.....	231,753	278,563	240,253	234,302	267,336
Ridglings and stags.....	55,225	50,503	53,368	45,452	51,818
Lambs and Sheep Graded Alive	479,985	442,299	72,744	64,419	57,663
Lamb and Sheep Carcass Gradings	72,233	161,115	499,279	450,501	436,490

¹ Lamb carcasses.