

## 21.—Livestock Marketed at Stockyards and Packing Plants, by Grade, 1961-65

Livestock	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965 <sup>1</sup>
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Cattle</b> .....	<b>2,532,248</b>	<b>2,483,814</b>	<b>2,567,475</b>	<b>2,869,834</b>	<b>3,412,043</b>
Steers— <sup>2</sup>					
Choice.....	554,566	518,104	649,731	720,513	716,082
Good.....	314,000	272,379	273,423	313,813	292,940
Medium.....	163,484	160,971	155,843	172,691	208,793
Common.....	55,603	56,404	61,916	74,095	93,732
Heifers— <sup>2</sup>					
Choice.....	116,570	101,667	113,706	137,161	167,166
Good.....	104,101	105,913	103,383	131,006	169,994
Medium.....	106,642	112,796	107,274	115,482	160,974
Common.....	57,596	56,873	50,095	59,495	90,286
Cows.....	566,045	642,781	590,797	629,904	845,352
Bulls.....	74,045	69,515	60,754	65,486	78,977
Feeder steers.....	323,932	307,883	323,417	355,879	435,847
Stock and feeder cows and heifers.....	95,464	88,728	87,431	94,339	151,900
<b>Calves</b> .....	<b>918,990</b>	<b>984,237</b>	<b>916,068</b>	<b>983,616</b>	<b>1,182,623</b>
Choice and good—					
Veal.....	173,071	211,444	202,602	223,489	208,543
Butcher <sup>3</sup> .....	..	..	..	..	53,466
Medium and common—					
All weights <sup>4</sup> .....	474,809	479,717	461,067	497,608	565,252
Stock.....	271,110	293,076	262,399	262,519	358,362
<b>Hog Carcass Gradings</b> .....	<b>6,448,956</b>	<b>6,593,945</b>	<b>6,526,828</b>	<b>7,281,644</b>	<b>7,877,126</b>
"A".....	2,105,855	2,299,956	2,384,686	2,726,771	2,814,675
"B".....	2,917,488	2,947,274	2,882,431	3,200,876	3,065,538
"C".....	613,412	543,769	494,985	536,625	469,325
"D".....	39,306	47,597	37,159	38,541	35,406
Light.....	152,966	168,171	135,400	160,744	154,264
Heavy.....	212,903	216,085	227,475	220,358	199,619
Extra heavy.....	77,960	77,472	78,938	78,574	67,321
"E" <sup>5</sup> .....	50,503	53,368	45,452	51,818	50,084
Sows.....	278,563	240,253	234,302	267,336	220,894
<b>Lambs and Sheep Graded Alive</b> .....	<b>442,299</b>	<b>72,744</b>	<b>64,419</b>	<b>57,663</b>	<b>59,248</b>
<b>Lamb and Sheep Carcass Gradings</b> .....	<b>161,115</b>	<b>499,279</b>	<b>459,561</b>	<b>436,490</b>	<b>359,328</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Newfoundland for the first time.   <sup>2</sup> Fed calves discontinued Jan. 1, 1965; included with steers and heifers.   <sup>3</sup> Butcher calves not reported separately before 1965.   <sup>4</sup> Grass calves discontinued Jan. 1, 1965; included with medium and common, all weights.   <sup>5</sup> Includes injured hogs, ridglings and stags.

In addition to cattle sold through public stockyards and directly to packing plants, there were 36,122 cattle shipped from country points in one province to country points in another and 183,071 shipped direct on export, totalling 3,631,236. All provinces showed substantial gains. On a percentage basis, British Columbia made the best showing with a 67.4 p.c. increase due largely to a sharp rise in export sales but, numerically, the three largest cattle producers kept the previous year's trend—Alberta leading with an increase of 195,359, Saskatchewan with 165,523 and Ontario with 131,729 over 1964. The trend in calf marketings followed closely that of the cattle market, both in volume and in demand. A keen export trade developed during the heavy fall deliveries and stocker calves formed a large part of the movement to the United States.

Reversing the pattern of the previous two years, the dressed weight of cattle slaughtered at inspected packing plants declined nearly 12 lb., amounting to 530.7 lb. per carcass. This reduction was mainly attributed to heavy marketings of cows and heifers. Choice and good beef combined accounted for 49.3 p.c. of the total gradings compared with 54.3 p.c. in 1964.