

The Canada 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 1957 are given in Table 16. 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 16 are fairly inclusive.

Slaughtering of all types of livestock declined in 1966 over the previous year; slaughtering of cattle in inspected establishments were down about 1 p.c., of calves 14.1 p.c., of sheep and lambs more than 20 p.c., and of hogs about 3 p.c.

16.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments, 1957-66

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Hogs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1957.....	1,986,251	887,102	581,903	4,971,477
1958.....	1,883,280	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
1965.....	2,734,514	894,728	409,783	6,421,226
1966.....	2,705,139	765,596	327,621	6,129,632

Poultry.—Poultry on farms and their values in 1965 and 1966 compared with 1956 are given in Table 17; production and consumption of poultry meat are included in Table 18.

17.—Numbers and Values of Poultry on Farms, by Province, as at June 1, 1956, 1965 and 1966

Province and Year	Hens and Chickens		Turkeys		Geese		Ducks		All Poultry	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Newfoundland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Prince Edward Is... 1956	812	795	14	33	9	22	5	7	840	857
1965	435	448	10	51	6	22	2	5	453	526
1966	355	400	5	28	5	20	2	4	367	452
Nova Scotia..... 1956	1,909	2,600	54	165	3	8	2	3	1,668	2,776
1965	2,210	2,403	70	360	1	4	1	2	2,282	2,769
1966	2,478	2,733	38	182	1	3	1	2	2,518	2,920
New Brunswick.... 1956	1,125	1,384	45	150	4	12	2	3	1,176	1,549
1965	1,150	1,346	31	161	1	3	1	2	1,182	1,512
1966	1,200	1,362	58	278	1	3	—	1	1,259	1,644
Quebec..... 1956	10,882	12,157	632	2,023	12	37	45	69	11,571	14,286
1965	14,860	13,401	900	4,068	8	28	60	116	15,828	17,613
1966	16,530	11,027	1,230	5,437	7	27	66	131	17,833	16,622
Ontario..... 1956	24,934	26,040	1,415	4,273	96	231	124	153	26,569	30,697
1965	23,665	23,294	3,400	16,286	55	217	140	287	27,260	40,084
1966	24,230	17,539	4,060	19,488	55	213	145	293	28,490	37,833