



markets. A high quality information system covering annual production, stocks on hand and details on movement and location of supplies is essential to the smooth functioning of the trade. It is, for instance, customary to commit supplies for delivery before harvesting the crop from which such supplies will be drawn. Statistics Canada, in cooperation with the Canadian Grain Commission, the grain trade, the provincial departments of agriculture and the Canadian farmers, plays a leading role in providing this service.

A statistical picture of the Canadian grain industry is provided in Section 11.4.2, with summary statistics on the wheat crop for 1975, compared with 1974 and 1973. Further details are given in Tables 11.4 - 11.7 and 11.31 - 11.34.

11.6.2 Livestock slaughter

Cattle slaughtered at federally inspected packing plants amounted to 3,337,687 head in 1975, up 12.2% from 2,975,833 head in 1974. All provinces showed increases with the exception of Saskatchewan.

Calves slaughtered at federally inspected packing plants amounted to 682,094 head in 1975, up 73.6% from 392,811 head in 1974. Increases occurred in all provinces except British Columbia which showed a slight decline.

Statistics on pigs, sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1975, with comparisons for 1974 and 1973, are given in Section 11.4.3.