

The Federal Department of Agriculture inspects all livestock in plants designated as inspected establishments under the Meat and Canned Foods Act. A statistical record is kept of these inspections and details are given in Table 18. Local wholesale butchering and such slaughtering as are carried out by retail butchers and by farmers for their own use are not included. Actually the slaughtering and meat packing industry is concentrated into a comparatively small number of large establishments to facilitate greater efficiency and utilization of products; thus the figures of Table 18 are fairly inclusive. The slaughtering and meat packing industry is dealt with in its proper relation to all other manufacturing enterprises in Chapter XV of this volume. On a gross value basis it normally ranks among the three 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.

18.—Livestock Slaughtered at Inspected Establishments 1939-53 and by Month 1954

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

| Year | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Hogs | Year and Month | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Hogs |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1954 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1939..... | 873,660 | 679,117 | 783,828 | 3,623,645 | January..... | 132,866 | 41,904 | 31,769 | 350,621 |
| 1940..... | 890,919 | 703,918 | 765,165 | 5,457,083 | February..... | 116,705 | 41,886 | 26,930 | 357,429 |
| 1941..... | 1,003,691 | 727,829 | 828,603 | 6,280,345 | March..... | 146,139 | 90,587 | 27,332 | 443,896 |
| 1942..... | 970,415 | 666,672 | 825,368 | 6,196,850 | April..... | 116,504 | 100,005 | 18,751 | 363,591 |
| 1943..... | 1,021,054 | 594,087 | 889,317 | 7,168,525 | May..... | 126,752 | 93,682 | 11,363 | 350,751 |
| 1944..... | 1,354,121 | 661,245 | 959,169 | 8,766,417 | June..... | 148,194 | 88,670 | 15,354 | 394,108 |
| 1945..... | 1,891,024 | 787,626 | 1,185,161 | 5,681,629 | July..... | 127,729 | 66,300 | 35,109 | 284,692 |
| 1946..... | 1,668,441 | 752,343 | 1,213,235 | 4,252,591 | August..... | 124,199 | 54,308 | 53,103 | 281,138 |
| 1947..... | 1,291,759 | 665,311 | 900,766 | 4,452,816 | September..... | 165,587 | 75,780 | 100,924 | 433,949 |
| 1948..... | 1,489,883 | 787,410 | 768,943 | 4,487,649 | October..... | 135,751 | 57,359 | 97,429 | 398,846 |
| 1949..... | 1,439,489 | 766,277 | 629,673 | 4,095,609 | November..... | 150,620 | 60,729 | 92,075 | 476,376 |
| 1950..... | 1,284,683 | 773,205 | 521,089 | 4,405,055 | December..... | 143,962 | 49,296 | 52,416 | 544,007 |
| 1951..... | 1,149,789 | 583,718 | 438,518 | 4,488,007 | | | | | |
| 1952..... | 1,237,630 | 567,760 | 512,966 | 6,234,145 | Totals..... | 1,635,008 | 820,506 | 562,555 | 4,679,214 |
| 1953..... | 1,469,406 | 740,723 | 543,371 | 4,611,312 | | | | | |

Wool.—Canada's wool requirements are largely met by imports which in 1954 amounted to 41,487,000 lb. (greasy basis) and 63,088,000 lb. in 1953. Exports amounted to 2,865,000 lb. in 1954 and 3,756,000 lb. in 1953. The apparent domestic consumption of wool shown in Table 19 is accounted for on the basis of production, exports and imports but does not take into consideration changes in stocks for which the data are not available. Differences in wool utilization between years are therefore probably less marked than indicated by these figures.

19.—Production and Apparent Consumption of Wool 1951-54

NOTE.—The 1951 figures shown are based on the Census Revisions of 1950 and previous figures are not on the same basis.

| Item | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Shorn Wool— | | | | |
| Yield per fleece..... lb. | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.4 |
| Total yield shorn..... '000 lb. | 5,700 | 6,378 | 6,659 | 6,810 |
| Price per pound..... cts. | 74 | 36 | 38.5 | 37.6 |
| Total value of shorn wool..... \$'000 | 4,231 | 2,265 | 2,565 | 2,561 |
| Total pulled wool..... '000 lb. | 1,182 | 1,313 | 1,962 | 1,670 |
| Total wool production..... " | 6,882 | 7,691 | 8,621 | 8,480 |
| Apparent consumption..... " | 73,238 | 53,589 | 67,953 | 47,102 |