

The cattle and calves sold alive totaled 51.2 million head in 1959, as compared with 44.4 million head sold in 1954. The number of cattle and calves sold includes the number sold for further fattening and growth by other farm operators, as well as those sold for slaughter.

A comparison of the number of cattle and calves sold with the commercial slaughter is given in the following table.

Item	1959			1954		
	Number sold (1,000)	Commercial slaughter <sup>1</sup>		Number sold (1,000)	Commercial slaughter <sup>1</sup>	
		Total (1,000)	Under Federal inspection (1,000)		Total (1,000)	Under Federal inspection (1,000)
Cattle and calves, total...	51,187	30,614	22,334	44,351	37,763	26,049
Cattle <sup>2</sup> .....	29,480	22,931	17,459	24,223	25,017	18,476
Calves <sup>2</sup> .....	21,727	7,683	4,875	20,128	12,746	7,573

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<sup>2</sup> The classification of all cattle as cattle or calves by farm operator and by operators of commercial slaughterhouses is not made on a comparable basis.

**Hogs and Pigs.**—The 1959 value of sales for hogs and pigs was \$2,432 million. This is 6.7 percent above the \$2,279 million of sales for 1954.

The number of hogs and pigs sold was 0.9 percent less than the number slaughtered in commercial establishments in 1959 as shown by the following data :

Item	1959			1954		
	Number sold (1,000)	Commercial slaughter <sup>1</sup>		Number sold (1,000)	Commercial slaughter <sup>1</sup>	
		Total (1,000)	Under Federal inspection (1,000)		Total (1,000)	Under Federal inspection (1,000)
Hogs and pigs sold alive...	80,820	81,582	68,708	57,419	64,827	52,894

<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The census number of hogs and pigs sold includes hogs and pigs sold for further growth and fattening as well as the number of hogs sold for slaughter. The number of hogs and pigs sold as shown by the census appears to be slightly understated.

