

The following table compares the numbers of stock slaughtered during the past two years at meat-export slaughterhouses only :—

Class of Stock.	Year Ended 31st March,		Increase Compared with 1949.
	1949.	1950.	
Cattle	416,004	434,822	18,818
Calves	1,120,501	1,163,802	43,301
Sheep	3,206,370	3,283,856	77,486
Lambs	12,228,754	12,409,714	180,960
Pigs	504,661	564,162	59,501

The following table shows killings of sheep and lambs at meat-export slaughterhouses for four seasons, 1st October to 31st March (six months only) :—

Stock.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Sheep	2,348,620	2,232,301	2,300,880	2,383,306
Of which ewes were	1,729,109	1,703,989	1,875,339	1,833,403
Lambs	8,246,064	9,243,204	9,294,635	9,554,473

COMPENSATION PAID FOR STOCK AND MEAT CONDEMNED

Compensation amounting to £21,715 5s. was payable during the year for animals condemned in the field under the provisions of the Stock Act, and £18,099 6s. 1d. for carcasses or parts of carcasses condemned for disease on slaughter for human consumption at abattoirs, meat-export slaughterhouses, &c., under the provisions of the Meat Act.

IMPORTATION OF STOCK

The following stock were imported during the year : cattle 57, sheep 411, pigs 12, horses 115 (including the movement of thoroughbreds between here and Australia). Of the above animals the following were placed in quarantine for the respective periods required : cattle 57, sheep 39, and pigs 12.

EXPORTATION OF STOCK

During the year under review the following animals were exported : cattle, 499 ; sheep, 421 ; pigs, 172 ; and horses, 356. Of this total of horses the movement of thoroughbred horses to Australia accounted for 318 animals.

DAIRY INSPECTION

The registration of town-milk-supply premises is carried out by officers of the Division in the various centres. The supervision of these town-supply producers requires constant inspection and to obtain uniformly good results uniformity of inspection is desirable.

There are thirty-six districts in New Zealand in which there are milk-treatment stations, and of these, thirty-two were visited during the year. In the smaller districts the Supervising Dairy Inspector, in company with the local Inspector of Stock, inspected practically all the dairies, and in the large centres extensive cross-sections of the farms were visited. Some of the districts have been visited on several occasions.