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* Not applicable to this trade

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTERING TRADE

THIS REPORT on the Wholesale Slaughtering Trade relates to abattoirs and wholesale slaughterhouses controlled by the Ministry of Food irrespective of the number of persons employed. Slaughterhouses for killing animals not for human consumption are excluded. The information given relates, therefore, to livestock purchased by the Ministry of Food, subsequently slaughtered and sold as meat (including offal) for human consumption, hides and skins and gut. Pigs slaughtered by curers for bacon are not included. No operatives are directly employed by the Ministry of Food, killing being done on behalf of the Ministry by contractors at fixed payments.

The subsidy figure in Table 1 represents an adjustment to balance the loss incurred on sales at approved wholesale prices and sufficient to leave a net output equal to the cost of salaries, employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes, rent, tolls and other expenses.

This trade, which was not covered in 1935, corresponds to minimum list heading 153(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO
WHOLESALE SLAUGHTERING TRADE
Summary

TABLE 1

	1948
Gross output (production) (a)	£'000 68,620
Subsidy (b)	41,804
Cost of materials used, etc. (c)	107,907
Payment for work done on materials given out (d)	1,690
Net output	827
Wages and salaries of persons employed (e)	382
Number of persons employed (e)	No. 1,033 ✓
Net output per person employed	£ 801
Stocks at end of year	£'000
Finished products (f)	161
Materials (g)	215
Number of establishments	No. 615

- (a) At approved wholesale prices.
 (b) See introductory note.
 (c) Cost of live animals, direct purchase expenses at collecting centres, and transport from centres to slaughterhouses.
 (d) Slaughtering.
 (e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
 (f) Meat and edible offal at wholesale prices.
 (g) Live animals.

The values of gross output and of materials used are derived in the following way:-

	1948
Output of establishments in this trade	£'000
Total value of sales (see Table 8)	69,966
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	+ 19
	69,985
Less payment for transport by other firms	1,365
Gross output (production)	68,620
Materials used by establishments in this trade	
Purchases (see Table 13)	107,809
Adjustment for changes in stocks (see Table 14)	+ 98
Materials used	107,907

TABLE 2 - Summary, 1948: Small firms in Great Britain

This table is not applicable to the trade.

TABLE 3 - Estimated average employment, 1948: All firms in Great Britain

For the total employment in this trade see Tables 1 and 15.

TABLE 4 - Analysis by size, 1948

TABLE 5 - Analysis by standard region, 1948

Owing to the absence of sufficient information these tables cannot be given.

TABLE 6 - Analysis according to specialisation within the trade, 1948

No specialisation within this trade was distinguished.

TABLE 7 - Total make of intermediate products

This table is not applicable to the trade.

Sales in the trade (a)

TABLE 8

	1948	
	Quantity	Value
	Th. tons	£'000
Meat for human consumption		
Beef	443.0	36,834
Veal	28.0	2,308
Mutton and lamb	121.5	13,046
Pork	12.5	1,196
Edible offal, including tripe	..	4,089
Raw fat (edible)	28.9	2,455
Total meat for human consumption		61,927
Hides and skins	Thous.	
Cattle hides	1,666	3,926
Calf hides	1,191	434
Sheep skins	5,712	2,713
Gut	..	610
Inedible meat and offal, condemned and residual, including blood	..	356
Total		69,966

(a) At approved wholesale prices.

TABLE 9 - Sales (or production) of principal products of the trade by establishments classified to other trades

TABLE 10 - Sales (or production) in the trade of other than principal products

TABLE 11 - Analysis of sales, 1948

TABLE 12 - Production, exports and imports of certain principal products

These tables are not applicable to the trade.

Purchased materials

TABLE 13

	1948		
	Quantity		Cost
	Thous.	Th. tons	£'000
Live animals			
Cattle	1,665	448.2	70,994
Calves	1,275	28.2	2,345
Sheep and lambs	5,721	121.8	29,935
Pigs	150	12.7	1,752
Total live animals	8,811	610.9	105,027
Direct purchase expenses at collecting centres			1,197
Transport from centres to slaughterhouses			1,586
Total			107,809

Stocks of finished products and materials, 1948

TABLE 14

	At beginning of year	At end of year
	£'000	£'000
Finished products		
Meat, including edible offals (a)		
Beef	96	91
Veal	8	9
Mutton and lamb	34	49
Pork	4	12
Total meat, including edible offals	142	161
Materials		
Live animals		
Cattle	259	152
Calves	1	2
Sheep and lambs	53	58
Pigs	-	3
Total live animals	313	215

(a) At approved wholesale prices.

Employment and remuneration

TABLE 15

	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)
	1948
	No.
Males	
Under 18	-
All ages	991
Females	
Under 18	-
All ages	42
Total	
Under 18	-
All ages	1,033 (b)
Total remuneration	£'000
	382

(a) At September 25, 1948.

(b) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to £9,000.

Wages and salaries paid, 1948

TABLE 16

	Amount paid (a)	Percentage of annual remuneration paid in				
		First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Year
Remuneration of administrative, technical and clerical employees	£'000 382	24.5	25.5	24.5	25.5	100

(a) All establishments in the trade made returns for the twelve months ended March 31, 1949.

TABLE 17 - Payments for work done on materials given out, 1948

The total amount paid for work done on materials given out (slaughtering) was £1,690,000.

TABLE 18 - Payments for certain services, 1948

TABLE 19 - Plant, machinery and vehicles acquired and disposed of, 1948

TABLE 20 - Capital expenditure on building work and changes in occupation of buildings and land, 1948

These tables are not applicable to the trade.

1948

Summary

TABLE 21

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Gross output (production)	£'000 52,388	£'000 3,843	£'000 12,388	£'000 68,620
Subsidy	31,249	2,447	8,108	41,804
Cost of materials used, etc.	81,707	6,120	20,080	107,907
Payment for work done on materials given out	1,270	116	304	1,690
Net output	660	54	113	827
Wages and salaries of persons employed	316	28	39	382
Number of persons employed	No. 858	No. 77	No. 98	No. 1,033
Net output per person employed	£ 769	£ 704	£ 1,150	£ 801
Stocks at end of year	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Finished products	116	5	40	161
Materials	153	10	52	215
Number of establishments	No. 455	No. 59	No. 101	No. 615

The values of gross output and of materials used are derived in the following way:-

	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Output of establishments in this trade	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Total value of sales (see Table 23)	53,423	3,917	12,626	69,966
Adjustment for changes in stocks	+ 15	+ 2	+ 2	+ 19
	53,437	3,920	12,628	69,985
Less payment for transport by other firms	1,049	77	240	1,365
Gross output (production)	52,388	3,843	12,388	68,620
Materials used by establishments in this trade				
Purchases (see Table 24)	81,646	6,123	20,040	107,809
Adjustment for changes in stocks	+ 61	- 3	+ 40	+ 98
Materials used	81,707	6,120	20,080	107,907

TABLE 22 - Summary: Small firms

This table is not applicable to the trade.

Sales in the trade (a)

TABLE 23

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Th.tons	£'000	Th.tons	£'000	Th.tons	£'000
Meat for human consumption						
Beef	373.2	32,717	69.8	6,118	443.0	38,834
Veal	24.7	2,115	3.2	192	28.0	2,308
Mutton and lamb	89.3	9,629	32.1	3,417	121.5	13,046
Pork	11.5	1,090	1.0	105	12.5	1,196
Edible offal, including tripe	..	3,375	..	715	..	4,089
Raw fat (edible)	23.3	1,980	5.6	475	28.9	2,455
Total meat for human consumption		50,906		11,021		61,927
Hides and skins	Thous.		Thous.		Thous.	
Cattle skins	1,410	3,321	257	605	1,666	3,926
Calf skins	1,136	414	54	20	1,191	434
Sheep skins	4,063	1,930	1,649	783	5,712	2,713
Gut	..	470	..	140	..	610
Inedible meat and offal, condemned and residual, including blood	..	298	..	58	..	356
Total		57,340		12,626		69,966

(a) At approved wholesale prices.

Purchased materials

TABLE 24

	England and Wales			Scotland			Great Britain		
	Quantity		Cost	Quantity		Cost	Quantity		Cost
	Thous.	Th.tons	£'000	Thous.	Th.tons	£'000	Thous.	Th.tons	£'000
Live animals									
Cattle	1,406	378.0	59,583	259	70.2	11,411	1,665	448.2	70,994
Calves	1,136	24.9	2,156	138	3.3	189	1,275	28.2	2,345
Sheep and lambs	4,065	89.6	22,132	1,656	32.3	7,803	5,721	121.8	29,935
Pigs	139	11.7	1,604	12	1.0	148	150	12.7	1,752
Total live animals	6,746	504.2	85,475	2,066	106.7	19,552	3,811	610.9	105,027
Direct purchase expenses at collecting centres			987			210			1,197
Transport from centres to slaughterhouses			1,307			278			1,586
Total			87,769			20,040			107,809

Employment and remuneration

TABLE 25

	England and Wales		Scotland		Great Britain	
	Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)		Administrative, technical and clerical employees (a)	
	No.		No.		No.	
Males						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	900	91	991			
Females						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	35	7	42			
Total						
Under 18	-	-	-	-	-	-
All ages	935(b)	98(b)	1,033(b)			
Total remuneration	£'000		£'000		£'000	
	343		39		382	

(a) Number at September 25, 1948.

(b) The employers' share of contributions to all National Insurance Schemes payable during the year in respect of these workers amounted to a total of £9,000; £8,000 for England and Wales and £1,000 for Scotland.

TABLE 26 - Monthly index of employment of operatives

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