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ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 174.00-178.00
A grade heifers 174.00-178.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock – 870 fed cattle and 325 cows sold**

	Price Range	Top
Choice steers & heifers	102.00-107.00	110.75
Second cut cattle	92.00-100.00	

Fed cattle sold barely steady.

Today at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange– 300 cows, 274 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Cows	29.00-42.00	
Veal calves +600	94.00-120.00	143.00
Veal calves 450-600	89.00-105.00	111.00

Cows continued to sell strong with prices \$2-3 higher. Veal calves sold strong as well.

Today at: **Ontario Stockyards veal calves sold steady to stronger.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal calves +600	80.00-130.50	143.00
Veal calves 450-600	55.00-101.00	132.00

Ontario auction sales on **Monday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Cows	20.69-35.26	27.34	57.00
Veal calves +600	N/A		
Veal calves -125	113.31-270.94	199.26	288.00

At Talbotville Livestock: December 31, 2005 – 609 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	97.00-109.00	115.00
Good & choice heifers	95.00-106.50	110.00
Cows	28.00-37.50	55.50
Bulls	20.00-31.00	

Fed cattle sold steady and cows sold much stronger.

U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was untested today with trade not expected until Wednesday or Thursday. Asking prices are \$96-97 live and \$155 dressed.

Choice and select steers and heifers: Live N/T
Rail N/T

U.S. BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES (U.S. funds)

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	156.08	141.03
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.22	-1.23
Current 5 day average:	158.96	144.62

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu	\$/bu US		¢/bu			
Feb	96.37	+0.00	Jan	114.27	-0.97	Mar	2.200	+4.2	Jan	6.174	+15.4	Spot	86.52	+0.48
Apr	95.02	-0.02	Mar	114.00	-0.72	May	2.284	+3.4	Mar	6.284	+15.0	Mar	86.68	+0.48
Jun	87.27	-0.05	Apr	114.05	-0.95	July	2.360	+4.0	May	6.386	+16.6	Jun	86.89	+0.48
Aug	86.25	-0.10	May	113.25	-0.75	Sep	2.426	+3.4	Jul	6.464	+16.0	Sep	87.07	+0.48

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