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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 175.00-178.00
A grade heifers 175.00-178.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 360 steers, 220 heifers, 400 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	102.00-107.00	111.00
Fancy fed heifers	100.00-105.00	107.00
Cows	32.00-45.00	64.00
Bulls	35.00-45.00	96.50

Following the excellent holiday market, steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$2 lower. Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady prices. Veal calves sold steady.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 460 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers 950-1,050	116.00-122.00	
Steers 800-950	122.00-129.00	
Steers 600-800	128.00-135.00	
Heifers 900-1,000	104.00-112.00	
Cows	25.00-32.00	36.00

Stockers sold on a good demand at higher prices and cows sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	94.00-107.75	102.99	110.75
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	94.76-106.70	101.95	109.35
Cows	24.13-39.54	31.23	70.00
Bulls	32.55-44.09	38.37	86.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on **Tuesday** saw no new trade to report.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill. Asking prices are \$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 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	157.90	141.24
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.59	+0.16
Current 5 day average:	158.41	143.63

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu	\$/bu US		¢/bu			
Feb	96.47	+0.10	Jan	114.22	-0.05	Mar	2.182	-1.6	Jan	6.210	+3.4	Spot	87.21	+0.69
Apr	94.87	-0.15	Mar	113.72	-0.27	May	2.270	-1.4	Mar	6.322	+3.6	Dec	87.36	+0.68
Jun	87.50	+0.22	Apr	114.10	+0.05	July	2.352	-0.6	May	6.416	+3.0	Mar	87.57	+0.68
Aug	86.15	-0.10	May	113.15	-0.10	Sep	2.420	-0.6	Jul	6.494	+3.0	Jun	87.75	+0.68

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