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Wednesday January 25, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 172.00-175.00
A grade heifers 172.00-175.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 370 steers, 315 heifers, 540 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	101.00-106.00	106.75
Fancy fed heifers	100.00-105.00	114.50
Cows	29.00-40.00	81.00
Bulls	37.00-47.00	78.00

Steers and heifers sold actively at steady prices. Cows and bulls sold on a good demand at barely steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 600 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers + 800	112.00-125.25	130.00
Steers 600-800	115.00-129.00	135.75
Steers 400-600	120.00-139.50	145.50
Heifers +700	100.00-108.25	112.00
Heifers 500-700	123.00-129.00	137.50
Cows	26.00-33.50	

Feeder cattle continued to sell on a strong market. Cows sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	97.00-105.50	101.83	109.00
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	94.68-105.20	102.08	109.00
Cows	20.53-36.46	27.50	65.00
Bulls	29.68-39.91	35.61	46.50

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- January 24, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	113.00-120.50	120.50	600-699	109.00-125.50	127.00
600-699	123.50-137.50	140.00	500-599	120.00-133.00	133.00
500-599	130.75-142.00	146.00			

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. January 24, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	90.00-130.50	130.50	600-699	72.00-124.50	124.50
500-599	92.00-140.50	140.50	500-599	84.00-126.00	126.00
400-499	86.00-146.50	146.50	400-499	102.00-128.00	128.00

Denfield Livestock – January 24, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	105.00-110.00
Good Steers	95.00-100.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00
Choice American Type	103.00-105.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	105.00-110.00
Good Heifers	95.00-100.00
Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	28.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	35.00-50.00

The market traded on a strong demand at fully steady prices on all classes of fed cattle with American orders strong. A large offering of cows sold active at steady to stronger prices. Stockers sold strong.

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 still untested with trade likely to occur Thursday morning. Asking prices are \$98-100 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)	155.85	143.60
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-1.10	+0.08
Current 5 day average:	157.52	144.00

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	94.90	-0.05	Jan	113.32	+0.17	Mar	2.164	+3.2	Mar	5.670	-4.2	Spot	86.93	+0.15		
Apr	93.30	+0.10	Mar	111.40	-0.05	May	2.260	+2.6	May	5.780	-3.0	Mar	87.00	+0.17		
Jun	86.85	+0.20	Apr	112.17	-0.10	July	2.350	+3.0	Jul	5.884	-3.0	Jun	87.22	+0.17		
Aug	85.57	+0.22	May	112.60	-0.15	Sep	2.422	+2.4	Aug	5.910	-3.0	Sep	87.41	+0.17		

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