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## Wednesday February 1, 2006

### ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

**A grade steers** 170.00-173.00  
**A grade heifers** 170.00-173.00

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 580 steers, 375 heifers, 400 cows**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Fancy fed steers</b>	97.00-102.00	106.50
<b>Fancy fed heifers</b>	96.00-101.00	106.00
<b>Cows</b>	25.00-37.00	59.00
<b>Bulls</b>	37.00-47.00	83.00

Fed steers and heifers sold under pressure with prices \$2.00-\$4.00 lower. Cows traded under pressure at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 lower. Veal sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 334 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Steers + 800</b>	113.00-122.00	124.75
<b>Steers 600-800</b>	115.00-125.00	
<b>Steers 400-600</b>	125.00-140.25	
<b>Heifers +700</b>	105.00-110.00	112.50
<b>Heifers 500-700</b>	110.00-124.50	
<b>Cows</b>	21.00-30.50	

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

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>	96.00-104.50	100.56	106.50
<b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b>	94.84-103.85	100.64	105.75
<b>Cows</b>	18.12-30.34	24.22	70.00
<b>Bulls</b>	30.52-51.18	38.54	80.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- January 31, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>800-899</b>	114.00-125.00	125.00	<b>900+</b>	85.00-115.25	115.25
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-135.00	135.00	<b>700-799</b>	105.50-122.00	122.00
<b>600-699</b>	125.00-144.50	144.50	<b>500-599</b>	123.00-133.00	133.00
<b>500-599</b>	131.00-150.00	150.00	<b>400-499</b>	97.00-133.00	137.00

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. January 31, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>600-699</b>	79.00-119.50	119.50	<b>600-699</b>	100.50-124.50	124.50
<b>500-599</b>	70.00-141.50	141.50	<b>500-599</b>	81.00-129.00	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.00-145.00	145.00	<b>400-499</b>	82.00-136.50	136.50

**Denfield Livestock – January 31, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	104.00-108.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	93.00-98.00
<b>Choice American Type Steers</b>	98.00-102.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	105.00-110.00
<b>Good Heifers</b>	93.00-98.00
<b>Choice American Type Heifers</b>	96.00-99.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	35.00-40.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	26.00-32.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	20.00-25.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	35.00-40.00

The market traded on an active demand with the fancy cattle selling steady and the American type trading at lower prices. Cows traded steady. Stockers traded steady.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was quiet with trade expected to develop later today.

<b>Steers</b>	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
<b>Heifers</b>	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet today with business expected to be delayed until Thursday. Asking prices are 96.00-97.00 live and 153.00 dressed.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	152.50	139.52
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	-0.71	-0.75
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	154.11	141.99

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE**

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>				
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US	¢/bu	\$/bu US	¢/bu					
<b>Feb</b>	93.05	-0.50	<b>Mar</b>	109.27	-0.55	<b>Mar</b>	2.164	-2.2	<b>Mar</b>	5.794	-14.6	<b>Spot</b>	87.70	-0.16
<b>Apr</b>	90.92	-0.65	<b>Apr</b>	110.35	-0.50	<b>May</b>	2.264	-2.4	<b>May</b>	5.922	-14.4	<b>Mar</b>	87.79	-0.16
<b>Jun</b>	84.92	-0.60	<b>May</b>	110.62	-0.57	<b>July</b>	2.360	-2.0	<b>Jul</b>	6.030	-13.4	<b>Jun</b>	88.02	-0.16
<b>Aug</b>	83.97	-0.40	<b>Aug</b>	110.75	-0.67	<b>Sep</b>	2.436	-1.4	<b>Aug</b>	6.060	-13.4	<b>Sep</b>	88.22	-0.16

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