

Daily Market Information Report



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Friday February 24, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

The following prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 165.00-167.00
A grade heifers 164.00-166.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** :990 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 1000+ | 101.25-111.25 | 111.25 | 900+ | 93.25-103.00 | 107.25 |
| 900-1000 | 101.25-115.00 | 116.75 | 800-900 | 96.50-107.25 | 109.25 |
| 800-900 | 95.00-112.00 | 117.25 | 700-800 | 99.00-110.00 | 110.00 |
| 700-800 | 106.50-123.00 | 124.00 | 600-700 | 91.00-117.25 | 124.00 |
| 600-700 | 118.00-132.00 | 132.00 | 500-600 | 110.00-122.00 | 124.00 |
| 500-600 | 126.00-142.50 | 146.00 | 400-500 | 99.00-121.50 | 130.50 |
| 400-500 | 109.00-138.00 | 138.00 | 300-400 | 88.00-119.00 | 119.00 |

Calves sold on a steady market. Yearling steers sold \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher, yearling heifers sold on a strong market.

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

| | Price Range | Average | Top |
|---|-------------|---------|--------|
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers | 78.60-98.04 | 91.83 | 108.25 |
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers | 80.75-99.66 | 90.68 | 106.25 |
| Cows | 23.01-36.06 | 28.96 | 59.50 |
| Bulls | 30.04-44.55 | 36.69 | 56.50 |

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – February 23, 2006**

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| 800-899 | 96.00-116.00 | 116.00 | 800-899 | 94.50-105.00 | 105.00 |
| 700-799 | 119.00-126.50 | 126.50 | 700-799 | 96.75-110.00 | 110.00 |
| 600-699 | 116.00-136.00 | 137.00 | 600-699 | 98.50-121.00 | 121.00 |
| 500-599 | 114.00-140.00 | 140.50 | 500-599 | 109.25-123.00 | 125.00 |
| 400-499 | 125.50-152.00 | 155.00 | 400-499 | 85.00-114.00 | 128.00 |

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on **Thursday** saw light trade with prices steady to Wednesday.

Steers Live 87.00 Flat rail 146.00
Heifers Live 86.25-87.45 Flat rail N/T

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade saw fairly active trade in the south with prices remaining steady to last Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers: Live 89.00-89.50
Rail N/T

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

| | Choice | Select |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 600-900 | 600-900 |
| Cutout Values: (noon estimate) | 154.44 | 143.85 |
| Change: (from yesterday's close) | -0.41 | +0.14 |
| Current 5 day average: | 152.29 | 142.03 |

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 | 90.07 | -0.70 | Mar | 106.20 | -0.75 | Mar | 2.276 | +4.6 | Mar | 5.772 | +5.4 | Spot | 87.13 | +0.37 | | |
| Apr | 87.00 | -0.47 | Apr | 106.72 | -0.92 | May | 2.386 | +5.0 | May | 5.900 | +5.2 | Mar | 87.12 | +0.34 | | |
| Jun | 82.12 | -0.60 | May | 107.45 | -0.80 | July | 2.480 | +5.0 | Jul | 6.014 | +5.6 | Jun | 87.36 | +0.34 | | |
| Aug | 82.10 | -0.27 | Aug | 108.47 | -0.85 | Sep | 2.542 | +4.4 | Aug | 6.034 | +4.4 | Sep | 87.57 | +0.34 | | |

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