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## Wednesday March 1, 2006

### ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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 the **Ontario Stockyards – 260 steers, 115 heifers, 260 cows, 10 bulls, 30 veal**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Fancy fed steers</b>	94.00-99.00	99.75
<b>Fancy fed heifers</b>	94.00-99.00	107.00
<b>Cows</b>	30.00-45.00	57.00
<b>Bulls</b>	38.00-48.00	56.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at steady to stronger prices. A light offering of steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Calves sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 451 stockers, 20 cows**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Steers + 800</b>	106.00-115.00	117.00
<b>Steers 600-800</b>	118.00-120.00	
<b>Heifers +700</b>	101.00-110.00	118.75
<b>Cows</b>	26.00-39.50	

Shortkeep steers and heifers sold strong at prices \$2.00- \$3.00 higher. Cows sold fully steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>	92.25-99.00	95.77	105.00
<b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b>	89.75-97.75	94.33	108.25
<b>Cows</b>	23.25-41.74	32.16	75.00
<b>Bulls</b>	35.63-47.00	42.24	66.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- February 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	96.50-106.50	<b>900+</b>	83.00-96.50
<b>800-899</b>	108.50-120.00	<b>800-899</b>	89.50-101.00
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-124.00	<b>700-799</b>	98.50-106.00
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-130.00	<b>600-699</b>	83.00-114.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.00-142.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.50-116.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.50-144.66	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-142.00

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. February 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	74.00-116.00	<b>700-799</b>	63.50-75.00
<b>600-699</b>	91.50-121.50	<b>600-699</b>	89.00-111.50
<b>500-599</b>	71.00-134.50	<b>500-599</b>	82.00-117.50
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-141.50	<b>400-499</b>	95.50-111.50

**Denfield Livestock – February 28 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	90.00-95.00 top 98.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	80.00-85.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	90.00-95.00 top 98.50
<b>Good Heifers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	65.00-75.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	40.00-60.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-38.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	40.00-60.00
<b>Good Stocker Strs- 650-750 lb</b>	120.00-126.00
<b>Good Stocker Hfrs- 650-750 lb</b>	110.00-120.00
<b>Bred Cows</b>	600.00-800.00

Fed cattle traded on a good demand with prices showing some improvement with fancy cattle in good demand at strong prices. A good offering of cows traded very strong at prices \$2.00 to \$4.00 higher. Stockers sold fully steady.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade, with trade expected to develop 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 remained quiet today with significant trade volume not expected until Thursday or later. Asking prices are \$91.00- \$92.00 live and \$146.00 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)	154.08	142.88
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	-0.10	-0.57
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	154.31	143.70

**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>Apr</b>	87.02	-0.20	<b>Mar</b>	107.12	+0.25	<b>Mar</b>	2.242	-3.6	<b>Mar</b>	5.774	-2.6	<b>Spot</b>	88.11	+0.07
<b>Jun</b>	82.62	+0.00	<b>Apr</b>	107.87	+0.55	<b>May</b>	2.346	-4.0	<b>May</b>	5.910	-3.0	<b>Mar</b>	88.11	+0.06
<b>Aug</b>	82.55	+0.17	<b>May</b>	108.57	+0.85	<b>July</b>	2.444	-3.6	<b>Jul</b>	6.020	-2.6	<b>Jun</b>	88.35	+0.06
<b>Oct</b>	85.87	+0.17	<b>Aug</b>	109.62	+0.65	<b>Sep</b>	2.516	-2.4	<b>Aug</b>	6.050	-3.0	<b>Sep</b>	88.56	+0.06

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