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Thursday March 2, 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 – 850 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
999+	85.00-89.00	99.75	899+	84.00-101.50	101.50
900-999	90.00-105.75	105.75	800-899	87.50-99.50	99.50
800-899	95.50-116.50	116.50	700-799	87.00-107.25	109.00
700-799	111.50-126.25	126.25	600-699	102.50-115.25	117.00
600-699	124.00-139.50	139.50	500-599	110.00-120.25	120.25
500-599	125.00-147.50	147.50	400-499	95.00-114.300	122.00
400-499	116.00-149.00	151.00			

Light weight steers traded steady while heavier steers and all weights of heifers sold barely steady to \$5.00 lower.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange –775 fed cattle, 500 cows, 150 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	94.00-99.00	104.75
Good fed heifers	93.00-98.00	102.75
Cows	29.00-42.50	53.50
Holstein steers	53.00-84.00	
Stocker steers +700	96.00-113.50	
Lightweight steers	109.00-141.00	
Stocker heifers +700	92.00-101.00	
Lightweight heifers	99.00-114.00	

Fed cattle sold at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Cows sold \$1.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold at steady prices.

Ontario Auction Sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	91.00-97.75	95.89	99.75
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	90.00-98.75	94.87	105.00
Cows	24.93-39.89	32.48	68.00
Bulls	40.19-51.94	45.54	81.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	107.25-115.25	115.75	+900	78.00-105.00	105.00
900-999	109.50-117.00	117.00	700-799	106.00-118.75	118.75
800-899	111.00-116.00	116.00			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw active trade with prices steady to \$0.50 higher.

Steers	Live	86.90-89.25	Flat rail	146.50-148.00
Heifers	Live	86.75-89.25	Flat rail	148.00-149.25

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was light to moderate in the north with prices near the bottom of last weeks range at \$142.00 dressed. Business was quiet in the south and not expected to develop until Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	142.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	152.70	141.35
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-1.03	-0.67
Current 5 day average:	154.18	143.43

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						
Apr	86.80	-0.22	Mar	107.15	+0.02	Mar	2.284	+4.2	Mar	5.910	+13.4	Spot	88.42	+0.31
Jun	82.35	-0.27	Apr	107.50	-0.37	May	2.392	+4.4	May	6.040	+13.0	Mar	88.43	+0.32
Aug	82.57	+0.02	May	108.47	-0.10	Jul	2.492	+4.6	Jul	6.146	+12.6	Jun	88.67	+0.32
Oct	85.87	+0.00	Aug	109.67	+0.05	Sep	2.554	+3.6	Aug	6.194	+14.4	Sep	88.88	+0.32

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