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Thursday March 16, 2006

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 875 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
999+	70.00-94.00		800-899	93.50-99.50	101.50
900-999	99.00-106.00	106.00	700-799	90.75-108.50	112.00
800-899	92.00-109.75	133.00	600-699	98.00-119.00	127.00
700-799	111.25-124.00	124.00	500-599	118.00-124.50	124.50
600-699	120.00-136.75	136.75	400-499	113.00-130.00	130.00
500-599	116.50-145.75	147.00	300-399	116.50-127.00	127.00
400-499	123.00-149.50	149.50			

Most classes of replacements sold actively at strong prices, with some fleshy types selling slightly lower.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 550 fed cattle, 450 cows, 150 stockers, 50 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	92.00-103.00	114.00
Good fed heifers	90.00-97.75	
Cows	30.00-43.00	50.00
Holstein steers	58.00-80.00	
Stocker steers +700	94.00-119.00	
Lightweight steers	111.00-146.00	
Stocker heifers +700	89.00-106.00	
Lightweight heifers	101.00-127.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower. Cows traded at prices \$2.00 higher. Holstein steers and all classes of stockers sold at steady prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 176 veal calves .**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	90.00-100.00	108.50
Good Beef	105.00-120.00	135.00
Med Hol	75.00-85.00	
Heavy Hol	85.00-95.00	

Good beef veal sold fully steady. Holstein veal sold \$2.00 to \$5.00 lower.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	80.00-94.75	90.23	104.75
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	80.00-94.50	90.17	99.00
Cows	25.72-39.58	31.85	74.00
Bulls	42.00-71.09	57.76	84.75

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 15 , 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	88.75-100.25	105.00	+900	90.75-95.23	103.75
900-999	97.25-106.00	107.25	800-899	95.75-102.00	102.75
800-899	99.25-113.50	113.50	700-799	96.75-104.25	104.22
700-799	92.00-99.50	110.00	600-699	106.50-117.50	120.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market – March 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	85.00-115.50	115.50	800-899	102.50-104.00	104.00
700-799	91.50-126.50	126.50	700-799	93.50-115.50	115.50
600-699	95.00-136.50	136.50	600-699	99.50-122.00	122.00
500-599	106.00-149.50	149.50	500-599	111.50-123.50	123.50
400-499	120.00-152.50	152.50	400-499	104.50-127.00	127.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw prices start off under pressure but strengthen throughout the day.

Steers	Live	85.00-87.00	Flat rail	142.00-145.00
Heifers	Live	84.00-87.35	Flat rail	144.00-145.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was limited in the North as feedlot managers continue to hold for more money. Trade in the south is not expected until Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	135.00-136.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	144.78	133.14
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.85	-0.56
Current 5 day average:	146.68	135.33

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 US						
							¢/bu		¢/bu					
Apr	83.42	+0.42	Mar	104.80	+0.92	May	2.244	-4.6	May	5.762	-8.0	Spot	86.77	+0.21
Jun	78.55	-0.20	Apr	105.75	+0.90	Jul	2.350	-4.4	Jul	5.882	-7.4	Jun	86.98	+0.23
Aug	80.22	+0.22	May	106.30	+0.75	Sep	2.442	-4.0	Aug	4.940	-6.4	Sep	87.22	+0.23
Oct	84.07	+0.05	Aug	107.77	+0.40	Dec	2.556	-3.4	Sep	5.960	-7.2	Dec	87.46	+0.23

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