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## Wednesday March 22, 2006

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 405 steers, 325 heifers, 300 cows, 15 bulls, 40 veal**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Fancy fed steers</b>	94.00-99.00	100.50
<b>Fancy fed heifers</b>	93.00-98.00	100.50
<b>Cows</b>	35.00-48.00	70.00
<b>Bulls</b>	44.00-54.00	87.00

Fed steers and heifers sold actively with prices \$1.00 higher. Cows and bulls traded actively with prices steady to stronger. Veal calves sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 550 stockers, 25 cows**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Steers + 800</b>	94.00-108.00	116.00
<b>Steers 600-800</b>	108.00-115.00	124.00
<b>Heifers +700</b>	98.00-102.00	103.50
<b>Cows</b>	24.00-32.00	46.00

Replacement cattle sold at prices \$2.00 higher. Cows traded at prices steady to Tuesday.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>	88.50-99.75	95.02	105.00
<b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b>	85.75-97.75	93.66	98.50
<b>Cows</b>	23.15-37.60	30.28	49.00
<b>Bulls</b>	36.82-46.03	41.89	63.00

**Denfield Livestock – March 21, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	95.00-100.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	90.00-94.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	98.00-103.00 top 110.00
<b>Good Heifers</b>	88.00-93.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	65.00-75.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	40.00-50.00
<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 Holstein Bulls</b>	30.00-40.00
<b>Good Stocker Strs- 650-750 lb</b>	115.00-122.00
<b>Good Stocker Hfrs- 650-750 lb</b>	110.00-115.00
<b>Good hol bull calves</b>	200.00-305.00
<b>Bred Cows</b>	600.00-900.00

Fed cattle traded on a good demand at steady prices on the well fed cattle with the fancy cattle trading very strong at \$2.00 higher. A good run of cows traded actively at strong prices. Bred cows sold steady, stockers sold steady and Holstein bull calves sold strong.

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- March 21, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>900-999</b>	95.50-105.50	<b>900+</b>	92.75
<b>800-899</b>	104.50-111.50	<b>800-899</b>	97.00-104.10
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-125.25	<b>700-799</b>	94.75-111.00
<b>600-699</b>	128.75-134.50	<b>600-699</b>	113.85-122.00
<b>500-599</b>	128.00-151.00	<b>500-599</b>	113.00-130.00
<b>400-499</b>	105.00-151.00	<b>400-499</b>	114.00-131.00
<b>Under 400</b>	132.00-139.00		

A good selection of replacement cattle sold on good demand at steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. March 21, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>800-899</b>	84.50-106.50	<b>700-799</b>	88.00-106.50
<b>700-799</b>	78.50-120.50	<b>600-699</b>	72.50-111.00
<b>600-699</b>	87.50-126.00	<b>500-599</b>	67.00-129.50
<b>500-599</b>	74.00-146.50	<b>400-499</b>	96.00-124.00
<b>400-499</b>	84.00-151.50	<b>300-399</b>	77.00-116.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw too few cattle to report. Trade is expected to develop today.

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

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

U.S. cash cattle trade saw moderate trade in Texas with prices fully steady with last week. The early buying in the south could reflect the packer recognition that the northern sales will be difficult to generate with steady money, given the severity of the late winter storm.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	Live	86.00-86.50
	Rail	N/T

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	143.48	131.79
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	-0.09	+0.17
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	143.98	132.64

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>	82.97 -0.50	<b>Mar</b>	104.62 -0.47	<b>May</b>	2.224 -1.0	<b>May</b>	5.770 +1.6	<b>Spot</b>	86.01 -0.23
<b>Jun</b>	77.52 -0.67	<b>Apr</b>	105.82 -1.15	<b>July</b>	2.334 -1.0	<b>Jul</b>	5.896 +2.4	<b>Jun</b>	85.98 -0.25
<b>Aug</b>	79.90 -0.37	<b>May</b>	105.70 -1.30	<b>Sep</b>	2.426 -0.4	<b>Aug</b>	5.940 +2.0	<b>Sept</b>	86.22 -0.25
<b>Oct</b>	83.57 -0.67	<b>Aug</b>	107.65 -1.00	<b>Dec</b>	2.536 +0.0	<b>Sep</b>	5.962 +1.6	<b>Dec</b>	86.46 -0.25

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