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**Thursday March 23, 2006**

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 1000 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
999+	82.00-96.00	98.50	800-899	97.00-111.00	111.00
900-999	102.50-109.50	109.50	700-799	108.50-121.50	121.50
800-899	107.00-115.25	115.25	600-699	112.00-133.50	133.50
700-799	109.00-120.25	126.00	500-599	115.00-128.00	128.00
600-699	122.50-140.00	146.00	400-499	120.00-134.00	134.00
500-599	127.00-151.50	154.00			
400-499	128.00-151.00	155.50			

All classes of replacements sold actively at prices steady to \$5 higher.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 625 fed cattle, 600 cows, 150 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	93.00-101.00	111.50
Good fed heifers	92.00-98.25	102.00
Cows	30.00-43.00	53.00
Holstein steers	72.00-86.00	
Stocker steers +700	98.00-119.00	
Lightweight steers	106.00-138.00	
Stocker heifers +700	91.00-101.00	
Lightweight heifers	102.00-127.00	

Fed cattle sold \$1-2 higher. Cows sold on a good firm market.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 184 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	90.00-105.00	108.00
Good Beef	110.00-127.00	
Med Hol	80.00-90.00	
Heavy Hol	85.00-95.00	
Plain Hol	60.00-80.00	

Veal calves sold on a strong active trade with fully steady prices.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	89.00-97.75	94.19	100.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	84.00-97.25	92.41	100.50
Cows	26.62-44.35	34.42	70.00
Bulls	50.80-72.92	67.54	87.00

Stockers sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 22, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	97.75-107.75	108.75	<b>+900</b>	94.75-99.75	101.75
<b>900-999</b>	103.00-109.25	112.75	<b>800-899</b>	94.50-103.25	103.25
<b>800-899</b>	104.00-116.25	116.25	<b>700-799</b>	102.00-106.00	
<b>700-799</b>	119.00-119.50				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was under pressure at the beginning of the day but strengthened as the day progressed.

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	87.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	143.50-145.50
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	86.00-87.65	<b>Flat rail</b>	143.00-143.50

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

US cash cattle trade was fairly active in the North with dressed sales \$1 higher than last week. Trade in the south is delayed until tomorrow.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	<b>Live</b>	N/T
	<b>Rail</b>	\$138.00

**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)	142.31	131.32
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	+0.07	+0.00
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	143.30	132.16

**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>	83.27	+0.30	<b>Mar</b>	104.65	+0.02	<b>May</b>	2.192	-3.2	<b>May</b>	5.746	-2.2	<b>Spot</b>	85.79	-0.22		
<b>Jun</b>	77.55	+0.02	<b>Apr</b>	105.95	+0.12	<b>Jul</b>	2.302	-3.2	<b>Jul</b>	5.874	-2.2	<b>Jun</b>	86.01	+0.03		
<b>Aug</b>	79.65	-0.25	<b>May</b>	105.95	+0.25	<b>Sep</b>	2.394	-3.2	<b>Aug</b>	5.920	-2.0	<b>Sep</b>	86.25	+0.03		
<b>Oct</b>	83.32	-0.25	<b>Aug</b>	107.67	+0.02	<b>Dec</b>	2.512	-2.4	<b>Sep</b>	5.940	-2.2	<b>Dec</b>	86.49	+0.03		

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