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Friday March 24, 2006

***Important notice regarding Rail Grade Pricing at the end of the report.**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** : 1045 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	81.00-101.00	101.00	900+	80.00-102.00	102.00
900-1000	99.75-114.00	115.00	800-900	93.00-107.25	107.25
800-900	97.50-114.25	128.00	700-800	105.50-113.00	113.00
700-800	99.50-119.75	128.50	600-700	104.50-125.00	127.00
600-700	112.00-129.75	135.00	500-600	108.00-133.00	136.00
500-600	119.00-145.00	145.00	400-500	104.00-120.00	129.00
400-500	122.00-151.50	151.50	300-400	105.00-128.00	128.00

Calves sold at prices \$4.00 to \$5.00 higher with the yearlings selling \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers	86.28-99.70	92.62	111.50
Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers	77.81-99.55	90.59	102.00
Cows	23.23-36.71	29.28	58.00
Bulls	33.46-50.92	40.75	86.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – March 23, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	82.00-97.50	98.50	900+	75.00-95.75	103.50
900-999	98.50-107.25	109.50	800-899	97.00-111.00	111.00
800-899	103.50-115.25	115.25	700-799	100.00-121.50	121.50
700-799	104.00-119.00	126.00	600-699	107.00-133.50	133.50
600-699	117.50-140.00	146.00	500-599	108.00-127.00	128.00
500-599	119.50-151.50	154.00	400-499	119.00-134.00	134.00
400-499	127.00-153.00	158.00	300-399	100.00-145.50	154.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle – March 23, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	95.25-102.00	800-899	95.50-104.75
800-899	105.25-106.75	700-799	97.25-111.00
700-799	116.50-119.75	600-699	97.00-121.50
		500-599	120.00-123.00
		400-499	115.00-119.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on **Thursday** saw light trade with prices steady to Wednesday.

Steers	Live	86.00-87.75	Flat rail	145.50
Heifers	Live	85.50-88.25	Flat rail	N/T

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet with the exception of a few clean up deals which traded at steady prices.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	86.50
	Rail	138.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	140.84	129.96
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.37	-0.74
Current 5 day average:	142.67	131.71

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	82.47 -0.80	Mar	103.45 -1.20	May	2.186 -0.4	May	5.736 -1.0	Spot	85.63 -0.16
Jun	76.90 -0.65	Apr	104.97 -0.97	July	2.296 -0.4	Jul	5.870 -0.4	Jun	85.81 -0.20
Aug	78.95 -0.70	May	104.97 -0.97	Sep	2.394 +0.0	Aug	5.914 -0.4	Sep	86.05 -0.20
Oct	82.77 -0.55	Aug	107.05 -0.62	Dec	2.514 +0.2	Sep	5.944 +0.4	Dec	86.29 -0.20

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The Board of Directors is very aware of how important the rail grade price is to our members. They have made a decision to accept rail grade prices from Ontario producers. In order for the rail grade pricing to be established on any given day, we require a minimum of five sources reporting information by fax or email.

Producers who are willing to report are encouraged to call our office to get the form. All prices need to be in writing. Information will be audited on a random basis. All information will be kept strictly confidential within the office of the Market Information Coordinator.

We are hopeful that Federal plants will resume price reporting which will benefit the Ontario industry.
