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Monday March 27, 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
A grade heifers 164.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the Ontario Stockyards: 155 veal calves.

	Price Range	Top
Veal calves +600	84.00-109.50	130.00
Veal calves 451-600	75.00-102.50	120.00

Veal sold at prices \$5.00 lower.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, March 24, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	86.00-106.50	106.50	900+	84.00-105.00	105.00
900-1000	99.75-114.00	115.00	800-900	95.50-107.25	107.25
800-900	102.00-115.00	121.50	700-800	92.00-113.00	113.00
700-800	99.50-119.75	128.50	600-700	95.50-127.00	127.00
600-700	112.00-129.50	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

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards, March 24, 2006. 177 bred cows, 17 cow/calf pairs, 3 bulls.

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$900.00-\$1,325.00	\$750.00-\$950.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$650.00-\$850.00	\$550.00-\$750.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$950.00-\$1,250.00	\$800.00-\$950.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$750.00-\$950.00	\$650.00-\$800.00

All cattle sold on a good active trade.

D.H. Hickson, March 24, 2006 118 bred cows.

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$900.00-\$1,370.00	
Avg quality bred cows	\$600.00-\$875.00	\$400.00-\$785.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1,000.00-\$1,250.00	
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$750.00-\$975.00	

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 18, 2006	859	777
March 19, 2005	834	789

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 18, 2006		
Grand Total	67,509	702,083	91%
Alberta Slaughter	43,102	431,917	83%
Ontario Slaughter	12,853	144,435	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	March 25, 2006		
Grand Total	583,000	623,000	567,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 11, 2006	1.7286	1.6525
March 4, 2006	1.7240	1.6821

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	140.42	130.34
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.31	+0.40
Current 5 day average:	142.22	131.18

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was typically slow today. New showlists appear to be mixed, larger in Kansas and Colorado and smaller in Texas and Nebraska. Overall numbers appear to be steady with last week. Asking prices remain \$88.00 to \$89.00 live and \$140.00 dressed.

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

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	81.87 -0.60	Mar	103.42 -0.02	May	2.216 +3.0	May	5.794 +5.6	Spot	85.51 -0.12
Jun	76.07 -0.82	Apr	104.12 -0.85	July	2.324 +2.6	July	5.920 +5.0	Jun	85.71 -0.10
Aug	78.05 -0.90	May	104.17 -0.80	Sep	2.424 +3.0	Aug	5.966 +5.2	Sept	85.95 -0.10
Oct	81.87 -0.90	Aug	106.70 -0.35	Dec	2.544 +3.0	Sept	6.000 +5.4	Dec	86.19 -0.10

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