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Thursday March 30, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES REPORTED BY PRODUCERS

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers Not reported
A grade heifers Not reported

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 1,150 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	102.50-110.00	110.00	800-899	97.00-105.00	105.00
700-799	114.50-124.75	125.50	700-799	99.00-107.00	116.75
600-699	124.00-135.75	135.75	600-699	107.50-121.75	121.75
500-599	127.50-145.50	163.00	500-599	115.00-129.00	133.00
400-499	124.00-152.50	163.00	400-499	121.50-129.00	135.00
400-	131.00-150.00	150.00	300-399	117.00-123.00	123.00

All grass type replacements traded actively at strong prices. Heavier and fleshy types sold barely steady to \$5.00 lower.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange –700 fed cattle, 500 cows, 150 stockers, 50 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	92.00-97.00	103.00
Good fed heifers	91.00-96.75	97.50
Cows	26.00-35.50	59.00
Holstein steers	61.00-80.00	
Stocker steers +700	94.00-110.00	
Lightweight steers	106.00-132.00	138.00
Stocker heifers +700	92.00-106.00	
Lightweight heifers	95.00-123.00	

Fed steers and heifers traded at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower. Cows sold at prices \$1.00 lower. Stockers traded on a steady market. Holstein steers sold slightly easier.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 250 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	85.00-95.00	
Good Beef	100.00-125.00	150.00
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Hol	80.00-85.00	
Plain Hol	50.00-70.00	

Good beef veal sold steady while all classes of dairy veal sold at prices \$5.00 to \$8.00 lower.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	85.00-96.75	91.57	98.25
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	84.86-96.32	92.12	97.25
Cows	23.79-37.52	31.27	72.00
Bulls	33.98-43.25	38.78	60.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 29, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.00-108.00	108.50	+900	97.25-99.25	103.00
900-999	100.00-107.75	112.25	800-899	96.50-114.75	114.75
800-899	107.50-115.25	115.25	700-799	104.00-109.50	109.50
600-699	119.50-130.00	130.00			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices under pressure.

Steers	Live	84.25-87.00	Flat rail	140.00-144.30
Heifers	Live	84.25-87.15	Flat rail	140.00-143.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was generally quiet with scattered business reported at steady money.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	84.00
	Rail	133.00-134.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	139.97	129.01
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.14	-0.42
Current 5 day average:	140.77	130.01

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	81.00	+0.37	Mar	103.35	-0.15	May	2.276	+3.4	May	5.876	+5.2	Spot	86.15	+0.91
Jun	75.90	+1.15	Apr	104.25	+1.05	Jul	2.386	+3.2	Jul	6.010	+5.6	Jun	86.34	+0.90
Aug	77.60	+0.77	May	104.40	+0.82	Sep	2.480	+3.4	Aug	6.056	+6.2	Sep	86.57	+0.90
Oct	81.20	+0.72	Aug	106.62	+0.67	Dec	2.600	+3.2	Sep	6.084	+5.2	Dec	86.81	+0.90

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