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Monday April 3, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 162.00-164.00
A grade heifers Not reported

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the Ontario Stockyards: 110 veal calves.

	Price Range	Top
Veal calves +600	73.50-105.00	136.00
Veal calves 451-600	70.00-110.00	114.50

Veal calves sold on a steady market.

At Talbotville Livestock: April 1, 2006- 483 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.50-97.00	105.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-94.00	97.50
Cows	27.00-35.50	48.50
Bulls	46.50	

Fed steers and heifers traded steady with some fancy cattle selling stronger. Cows traded strong.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, March 31, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	91.95-103.00	103.00	900+	92.50-99.00	101.50
900-1000	91.25-103.00	108.00	800-900	99.75-106.35	107.00
800-900	101.75-109.50	116.00	700-800	96.00-110.50	112.50
700-800	103.00-121.00	128.00	600-700	99.00-119.00	119.00
600-700	102.00-140.00	140.00	500-600	111.50-126.00	130.00
500-600	117.00-140.50	150.50	400-500	119.00-130.00	130.00
400-500	116.00-137.00	146.00	300-400	124.00-132.00	142.00

Stockers: Denfield Livestock, April 1, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	90.00-100.00	900+	85.00-95.00
900-1000	90.00-100.00	800-900	85.00-98.00
800-900	95.00-115.00	700-800	90.00-110.00
700-800	105.00-116.00	600-700	95.00-115.00
600-700	105.00-120.00	500-600	100.00-120.00
500-600	105.00-120.00	400-500	100.00-130.00
400-500	110.00-130.00	300-400	

Light cattle traded strong, heavier cattle sold steady.

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 25, 2006	848	778
March 26, 2005	836	793

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 25, 2006		
Grand Total	64,146	766,234	92%
Alberta Slaughter	38,454	470,376	84%
Ontario Slaughter	14,097	158,532	108%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 1, 2006		
Grand Total	613,000	583,000	566,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 25, 2006	1.6831	1.6142
March 18, 2006	1.6961	1.6259
March 11, 2006	1.7286	1.6525

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	140.62	129.21
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.34	+0.43
Current 5 day average:	140.19	129.44

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

U.S. cash cattle trade is typically quiet today with business not expected before Wednesday or Thursday. Asking prices are \$86.00 live and \$136.00 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	80.22 +0.72	Apr	100.97 -0.50	May	2.364 +0.4	May	5.650 -6.4	Spot	85.33 -0.27
Jun	74.75 +0.40	May	101.45 -0.30	July	2.476 +0.4	July	5.790 -6.4	Jun	85.50 -0.29
Aug	76.47 +0.17	Aug	103.87 -0.22	Sep	2.564 +0.4	Aug	5.836 -6.4	Sept	85.73 -0.29
Oct	80.22 +0.47	Sep	103.75 +0.15	Dec	2.682 +0.2	Sept	5.822 -4.6	Dec	85.97 -0.29

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