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Wednesday April 5, 2006

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 150 steers, 270 heifers, 300 cows, 35 bulls, 40 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	93.00-98.00	98.75
Fancy fed heifers	93.00-97.50	
Cows	33.00-42.00	68.00
Bulls	40.00-50.00	79.00

Dairy cows sold steady, beef cows traded barely steady to \$1.00 lower. Bulls held firm. All classes of fed steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$1.00 higher. Veal sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 800 stockers, 37 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Steers + 800	100.00-115.00	121.75
Steers 600-800	114.00-133.00	136.50
Steers 500-600	132.00-135.00	137.00
Heifers +700	98.00-110.50	
Cows	26.00-43.00	

Light stockers sold stronger with shortkeeps selling steady. Cows traded steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	89.50-98.50	94.22	103.75
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	87.00-95.75	91.96	101.75
Cows	22.25-37.91	29.68	69.50
Bulls	34.94-68.45	46.58	87.00

Denfield Livestock – April 4, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00
Good Steers	88.00-94.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.50
Good Heifers	88.00-93.00
Plain Heifers	60.00-70.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-45.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	15.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good hol bull calves	150.00-285.00

Fed cattle sold on a good demand at steady prices with fancy cattle selling at premium prices. Cows sold actively at stronger prices. Stockers sold strong. Holstein bull calves sold steady.

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- April 4, 2006- 1422 head**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	100.25-103.00	900+	93.25-100.25
900-999	100.50-110.00	800-899	101.00-106.00
800-899	104.00-117.35	700-799	103.10-112.50
700-799	112.00-130.25	600-699	100.75-122.00
600-699	125.00-138.50	500-599	102.00-126.00
500-599	130.00-145.66	400-499	115.00-131.00
400-499	122.00-149.00	300-399	97.00-128.00
Under 400	122.00-151.00		

Lightweight grass type stocker cattle continued to sell briskly at steady prices while heavier shortkeeps sold under pressure.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 4, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	81.00-106.00	700-799	87.00-108.00
700-799	67.00-117.00	600-699	62.00-116.50
600-699	79.00-129.00	500-599	77.00-124.00
500-599	86.00-145.00	400-499	85.00-134.00
400-499	92.00-139.00	300-399	79.00-120.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report, with business expected today.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

US cash cattle trade remains at a standstill in the south with asking prices at \$85.00 live. Light trade developed in the north with prices \$5.00 lower than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	129.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	139.36	127.91
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.03	-0.33
Current 5 day average:	139.69	128.84

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	78.90	+0.57	Apr	100.02	+0.82	May	2.362	+1.6	May	5.614	+2.6	Spot	86.10	+0.09
Jun	74.05	+0.92	May	100.40	+1.17	July	2.474	+2.0	Jul	5.760	+3.0	Jun	86.26	+0.09
Aug	75.62	+0.67	Aug	102.80	+1.12	Sep	2.566	+2.0	Aug	5.794	+1.2	Sept	86.49	+0.09
Oct	79.35	+0.62	Sep	101.77	+0.55	Dec	2.680	+1.4	Sep	5.830	+1.0	Dec	86.10	+0.09

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