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Thursday April 6, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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 – 1150 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	100.50-115.00	115.00	800-899	88.00-101.50	101.50
700-799	108.50-118.00	122.00	700-799	101.00-108.50	108.50
600-699	105.00-138.25	139.50	600-699	103.00-109.00	120.00
500-599	124.00-145.50	145.50	500-599	106.00-123.50	123.50
400-499	120.50-143.00	144.00	400-499	105.00-126.75	126.75
400-	115.00-127.00	130.00	300-399	113.00-116.25	116.25

Grass type replacements sold steady with fleshy, heavier and plainer types selling barely steady to lower.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange –300 fed cattle, 450 cows, 200 stockers, 50 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	93.00-100.00	106.00
Second cut steers	87.00-93.00	
Good fed heifers	89.75-94.75	98.50
Cows	29.00-39.50	47.50
Holstein steers	63.00-85.00	
Stocker steers +700	96.00-115.00	
Steers 400-600	112.00-141.00	
Stocker heifers +700	91.00-100.00	
Lightweight heifers	105.00-125.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold actively at prices firm to stronger. Cows sold steady to firm and stockers sold on a steady market.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 159 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	85.00-95.00	105.00
Good Beef	100.00-120.00	139.00
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Hol	80.00-90.00	

Veal calves sold on a strong active trade.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	84.00-98.00	92.19	98.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	81.85-96.79	90.95	97.50
Cows	23.98-38.81	32.21	68.00
Bulls	38.56-50.46	43.79	79.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.50-103.50	108.25	+900	94.25-96.25	104.50
900-999	101.50-109.50	109.52	800-899	99.50-106.00	106.00
800-899	106.50-121.75	121.75	700-799	100.00-110.50	110.50
700-799	116.25-128.75	128.75	600-699	87.50-116.00	116.00
600-699	120.00-133.00	136.50			
500-599	132.50-137.00	137.00			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt, April 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	74.00-84.00	+900	83.00-91.50
900-999	88.00-104.50	800-899	85.00-96.00
800-899	95.00-110.75	700-799	79.00-103.00
700-799	66.00-123.75	600-699	74.00-115.00
600-699	106.00-134.00	500-599	99.00-127.00
500-599	90.00-148.00	400-499	107.50-128.00
400-499	127.00-152.00	300-399	95.00-114.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was moderate to active. Business opened under pressure but picked up as the day progressed.

Steers	Live	82.00-85.15	Flat rail	137.75-142.40
Heifers	Live	83.75-85.75	Flat rail	139.00-141.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade saw scattered trade in Nebraska, the rest of the country was quiet. Significant business will be delayed until Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	80.00-80.50
	Rail	128.00-129.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	137.87	127.82
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.31	-0.02
Current 5 day average:	139.18	128.52

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 US					
Apr	79.70	+0.80	Apr	100.55	+0.52	May	2.414	+5.2	May	5.640	+2.4	Spot	86.69	+0.59
Jun	74.60	+0.55	May	100.95	+0.55	Jul	2.526	+5.2	Jul	5.780	+2.0	Jun	86.87	+0.61
Aug	76.17	+0.55	Aug	103.12	+0.32	Sep	2.614	+4.6	Aug	5.836	+4.2	Sep	87.10	+0.61
Oct	79.97	+0.62	Sep	102.50	+0.72	Dec	2.726	+4.6	Sep	5.870	+4.0	Dec	87.34	+0.61

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