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Wednesday April 19, 2006

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 300steers, 140 heifers, 325 cows, 20 bulls, 25 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	92.00-97.00	101.75
Fancy fed heifers	92.00-97.00	102.00
Cows	32.00-45.00	60.00
Bulls	40.00-50.00	70.00

Top quality fed steers and heifers sold actively with prices \$1.00 higher. 2nd cut cattle sold steady. Cows and bulls sold on a good demand at steady prices. Veal calves sold barely steady.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 500 stockers, 27 cows**

	Price Range
Steers + 800	97.00-110.00
Lightweight steers	115.00-138.50
Heifers +700	95.00-115.50
Lightweight heifers	108.00-120.50
Cows	32.00-42.50

Replacement cattle sold on a fully steady market. Cows sold stronger at prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	92.00-101.50	95.74	105.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	91.25-99.75	94.92	110.25
Cows	24.42-40.87	32.50	60.00
Bulls	35.92-47.84	41.80	64.00

Denfield Livestock – April 18, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 top 102.50
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-94.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-45.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-46.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-330.00

Fed steers and heifers sold on a good demand at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher with a good offering of cattle trading at premium prices. A good offering of cows sold active at steady prices, stockers sold steady, Holstein bull calves sold strong.

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- April 18, 2006- 1,213 head**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	93.50-95.75	900+	94.00-95.50
900-999	102.75-111.00	800-899	96.00-105.00
800-899	108.50-115.25	700-799	105.00-113.00
700-799	115.50-127.50	600-699	115.00-127.50
600-699	124.00-146.50	500-599	112.00-130.00
500-599	127.00-150.00	400-499	101.00-131.00
400-499	123.00-150.00	300-399	112.00-131.00
Under 400	103.00-146.00		

Lightweight stocker cattle continued to sell on a strong demand while heavier shortkeep feeders sold at barely steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 18, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	103.00-127.00	600-699	98.00-118.50
600-699	94.50-136.50	500-599	74.00-115.50
500-599	105.00-158.00	400-499	84.00-125.00
400-499	110.00-147.00	300-399	111.00-116.50
399-	120.00-130.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report.

Steers	Live	Flat rail
Heifers	Live N/T	Flat rail

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

US cash cattle trade is quiet today but we should start to see buying interest improve on Thursday. Asking prices are generally \$86.00-\$87.00 live and \$137.00 dressed.

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

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	142.41	127.56
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.40	-0.67
Current 5 day average:	140.99	128.32

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	82.82	+0.20		Apr	103.87	+0.15		May	2.384	-0.6		May	5.740	-1.4		Spot	88.04	+0.38	
Jun	76.27	+0.75		May	104.70	+0.60		July	2.500	-0.6		Jul	5.876	-2.0		Jun	88.19	+0.039	
Aug	78.12	+0.57		Aug	105.75	+0.32		Sep	2.596	-0.6		Aug	5.930	-2.2		Sept	88.43	+0.39	
Oct	81.57	+0.37		Sep	104.80	+0.40		Dec	2.720	-0.2		Sep	5.982	-2.0		Dec	88.66	+0.66	

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