

Daily Market Information Report

The following information is collected from different sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

Thursday April 20, 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 – 1200 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	98.50	98.50	800-899	104.50-109.00	109.00
800-899	101.75-112.00	114.00	700-799	96.75-111.25	114.50
700-799	114.50-126.50	126.50	600-699	102.00-117.00	124.50
600-699	117.50-139.75	139.75	500-599	116.00-127.00	128.00
500-599	123.00-147.75	150.00	400-499	115.00-133.00	134.00
400-499	126.00-151.00	154.00	300-399	113.00-117.50	117.50
400-	130.00-142.00	142.00			

Grass type replacements sold actively at steady to higher prices, all others sold steady.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange –625 fed cattle, 450 cows, 200 stockers, 50 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	93.00-100.00	125.00
Good fed heifers	92.00-99.75	104.00
Cows	28.00-43.00	57.00
Holstein steers	67.00-81.00	
Stocker steers +800	93.00-98.50	
Lightweight steers	110.00-133.00	
Stocker heifers +700	89.00-105.00	
Lightweight heifers	94.00-110.00	

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

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 268 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	90.00-100.00	107.00
Good Beef	100.00-115.00	135.00
Med Hol	80.00-90.00	
Heavy Hol	80.00-90.00	
Plain Hol	65.00-80.00	

Veal calves sold on a strong active trade at steady prices.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	88.50-96.00	93.68	101.75
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	82.00-98.25	92.61	102.00
Cows	24.12-40.66	33.95	60.00
Bulls	39.67-50.67	44.68	70.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 19, 2006-421 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	96.25-103.00	105.00	+900	90.50-99.00	99.00
900-999	98.25-108.75	109.00	800-899	90.50-96.50	100.75
800-899	95.50-110.25	110.25	700-799	105.00-115.50	115.50
700-799	94.50-115.50	120.00	600-699	106.00-120.50	120.50
600-699	106.00-110.00	115.50	500-599	52.00-115.50	115.50
500-599	106.00-128.00	138.00			

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., April 19, 2006-451 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	89.75-92.00	+900	87.75-90.50
900-999	99.00-106.75	800-899	95.50-100.50
800-899	97.50-114.50	700-799	81.00-110.00
700-799	103.00-118.25	600-699	88.00-123.00
600-699	92.00-137.00	500-599	92.00-131.00
500-599	115.00-145.00	400-499	76.00-134.50
400-499	82.50-157.50	300-399	82.50-105.00
399-	91.00-146.00		

Grass type cattle sold actively at stronger prices.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices steady to \$0.75 higher than last Wednesday.

Steers	Live	84.10-87.00	Flat rail	142.50-144.70
Heifers	Live	85.40-87.50	Flat rail	142.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was at a standstill except for a few sales linked to a regional buyer in Nebraska. Significant trade volume may be postponed until Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	134.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 15, 2006	1.6444	1.5830
April 8, 2006	1.6439	1.6018
April 1, 2006	1.6568	1.6151

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	600-900	600-900
	142.86	127.83
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.40	+0.32
Current 5 day average:	141.43	128.28

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	82.17	-0.65	Apr	103.10	-0.77	May	2.356	-2.6	May	2.712	-2.6	Spot	87.79	-0.25
Jun	75.22	-1.05	May	103.75	-0.95	Jul	10474	-2.4	Jul	5.852	-2.4	Jun	87.91	-0.28
Aug	77.35	-0.77	Aug	104.87	-0.87	Sep	2.574	-2.2	Aug	5.912	-1.6	Sep	88.15	-0.28
Oct	80.97	-0.60	Sep	104.00	-0.80	Dec	2.694	-2.4	Sep	5.954	-2.6	Dec	88.38	-0.28

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