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Tuesday April 25, 2006

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock –793 fed cattle,175 cows.**

	Price Range	Top
Choice steers & heifers	94.00-97.00	101.00
Second cut cattle	90.00-94.00	
Fed steers and heifers sold under pressure to \$1.00 lower.		

Today at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange– 200 cows, 419 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Cows	27.00-39.00	44.00
Veal: Good Hol	82.00-92.00	
Good Beef	100.00-129.50	
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	
Plain Hol	50.00-65.00	
Heavy Hol	65.00-80.00	

Cows sold on a steady market. Veal sold at easier prices.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, April 24, 2006.- 1,187 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	97.50-100.25	100.25	900+	88.00-94.00	94.00
900-1000	102.50-104.75	104.75	800-900	99.00-110.50	110.50
800-900	106.00-111.00	115.00	700-800	108.50-117.50	117.50
700-800	114.75-122.50	123.75	600-700	109.00-122.00	122.00
600-700	122.00-137.25	137.25	500-600	105.00-127.50	132.50
500-600	128.50-145.25	151.00	400-500	115.00-128.00	136.00
400-500	140.00-150.00	153.00	300-400	115.00-134.00	134.00

Calves and yearlings sold on a strong active trade.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Cows	22.95-36.56	29.27	42.00
Veal calves +600	69.62-98.28	85.36	124.50
Veal calves -125	170.00-290.07	242.32	300.00

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

U.S. cash cattle trade is quiet with little business expected until Thursday or Friday. Today's kill was aggressive as packers appear to be reacting to better margins, seasonal beef demand and larger feedlot supplies. Asking prices remain at \$84.00 live and \$134.00 dressed.

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

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	March 2006	March 2005
Steers	4,246	4,735
Heifers	2,871	3,170
Cows	2,734	3,428
Bulls	621	900

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	144.75	129.46
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.50	+0.42
Current 5 day average:	142.70	128.19

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US ¢/bu			\$/bu US ¢/bu					
Apr	79.75	-0.07	Apr	100.60	-0.20	May	2.318	-1.6	May	5.794	+5.2	Spot	88.39	+0.36
Jun	73.52	+0.30	May	99.95	+0.00	July	2.422	-2.0	Jul	5.932	+5.0	Jun	88.51	+0.36
Aug	75.25	+0.00	Aug	101.37	+0.15	Sep	2.530	-1.4	Aug	5.984	+4.4	Sep	88.75	+0.36
Oct	78.90	-0.10	Sept	100.85	+0.30	Dec	2.656	-1.2	Sept	6.034	+4.2	Dec	88.98	+0.36

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