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Wednesday April 26, 2006

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 275steers, 265 heifers, 350 cows, 20 bulls, 45 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	91.00-96.00	98.00
Fancy fed heifers	91.00-96.00	98.50
Cows	34.00-47.00	59.00
Bulls	40.00-50.00	60.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at stronger prices. Trading on all classes of steers and heifers was dull with prices \$1.00 cwt lower. Veal calves sold steady to Monday's decline.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 970 stockers, 11 cows**

	Price Range
Steers + 900	98.00-105.00
Steers 700-900	100.00-120.00
Steers 500-700	110.00-123.00
Heifers +700	100.00-112.25
Heifers 500-700	110.00-123.00
Cows	25.00-39.50

Grass type replacement cattle sold steady while shortkeeps sold under pressure. Cows sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	89.21-96.94	93.71	101.00
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	86.69-99.37	92.86	99.75
Cows	25.75-43.68	33.72	60.50
Bulls	37.71-47.55	42.39	97.00

Denfield Livestock – April 25, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-92.00
Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-38.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-52.00
Good Holstein Bulls	30.00-40.00
Stocker steers 500-600 lbs	120.00-130.00
Stocker heifers 500-600 lbs	120.00-125.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-300.00

The market at Denfield Livestock traded on a moderate demand at barely steady prices on all classes of fed cattle with fancy cattle bringing premium prices. A large offering of cows sold strong at \$2.00 - \$5.00 higher. Stockers sold strong, Holstein bull calves sold strong.

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- April 25, 2006- 1,644 head**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	86.00-101.75	900+	80.00-106.25
900-999	99.00-109.50	800-899	101.00-107.25
800-899	107.00-119.50	700-799	106.00-113.50
700-799	112.00-130.75	600-699	100.50-121.00
600-699	120.00-143.25	500-599	96.00-132.00
500-599	115.00-152.00	400-499	115.50-134.50
400-499	134.00-151.00	300-399	95.00-136.00
Under 400	124.00-147.00		

A good selection of stocker and feeder cattle sold on brisk demand at fully steady prices. Dollar calves sold \$15.00 per head higher.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 25, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	68.00-134.50	600-699	77.00-121.00
500-599	80.50-144.00	500-599	70.00-120.00
400-499	103.00-146.00	400-499	81.00-121.00
399-	122.00-141.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was limited with prices starting off easier.

Steers	Live	84.50	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

US cash cattle trade was very quiet today and is not expected to develop until Thursday or Friday. Asking prices are \$84.00 live and \$134.00 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)	146.56	130.27
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.93	+0.75
Current 5 day average:	143.23	128.45

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					
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Apr	80.10	+0.35	Apr	101.50	+0.90	May	2.314	+0.4	May	5.756	-3.6	Spot	88.64	+0.25
Jun	74.35	+0.82	May	101.75	+1.80	July	2.432	+1.0	Jul	5.900	-3.2	Jun	88.75	+0.24
Aug	75.95	+0.70	Aug	102.90	+1.52	Sep	2.534	+0.4	Aug	5.954	-3.0	Sept	88.99	+0.24
Oct	79.57	+0.67	Sep	102.47	+1.62	Dec	2.662	+0.4	Sep	6.002	-3.2	Dec	89.22	+0.24

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