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**Thursday April 27, 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 – 1400 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	96.50-108.00	108.00	800-899	91.00-100.75	102.50
700-799	99.50-116.00	124.00	700-799	104.00-110.75	110.75
600-699	112.00-128.50	130.50	600-699	108.00-118.50	120.50
500-599	126.00-144.00	146.00	500-599	115.25-131.00	136.00
400-499	130.00-144.00	146.00	400-499	120.00-134.00	134.00
400-	125.00-130.00	134.00	300-399	97.00-102.50	102.50

All grass type replacements sold steady while fleshier types traded under some pressure.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 625 fed cattle, 450 cows, 200 stockers, 60 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	91.75-96.75	112.50
Good fed heifers	87.00-100.00	102.25
Cows	32.00-48.00	58.00
Holstein steers	64.00-83.00	
Stocker steers +700	92.00-105.00	
Lightweight steers	103.75-136.00	
Stocker heifers +700	92.00-106.00	
Lightweight heifers	97.00-117.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold from barely steady to \$1.00 - \$2.00 lower. Holstein steers traded steady. Cows sold strong at prices \$2.00 higher. Stockers sold on a steady market.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 256 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	80.00-90.00	
Good Beef	90.00-110.00	123.00
Med Hol	70.00-78.00	
Heavy Hol	75.00-85.00	
Plain Hol	60.00-70.00	

Veal calves sold at prices \$5.00 to \$10.00 lower.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	82.00-97.00	89.66	98.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	82.00-97.00	90.59	98.50
Cows	27.90-43.32	35.91	59.00
Bulls	40.74-51.69	47.00	60.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 26, 2006- 967 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>+1000</b>	93.50-100.25	100.75	<b>+900</b>	90.50-93.75	101.25
<b>900-999</b>	95.00-106.75	109.50	<b>800-899</b>	91.00-99.75	99.75
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-111.50	115.25	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-112.25	112.25
<b>700-799</b>	99.00-114.25	120.50	<b>600-699</b>	110.00-122.00	122.00
<b>600-699</b>	115.00-127.50	127.50	<b>500-599</b>	111.00-123.00	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	111.00-137.00	143.50	<b>400-499</b>	108.50-112.50	112.50

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.**

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., April 26, 2006- 585 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>+1000</b>	54.00-93.00	<b>+900</b>	76.50-84.50
<b>900-999</b>	64.50-104.50	<b>800-899</b>	79.50-93.25
<b>800-899</b>	89.50-111.75	<b>700-799</b>	70.50-110.00
<b>700-799</b>	101.00-119.00	<b>600-699</b>	85.00-119.00
<b>600-699</b>	89.00-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	108.50-129.50
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-144.00	<b>400-499</b>	90.00-141.00
<b>400-499</b>	110.00-144.00	<b>300-399</b>	106.00-133.00
<b>399-</b>	91.00-141.00		

Grass cattle sold actively on good demand.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was moderate with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower than last Wednesday.

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.40-84.55	<b>Flat rail</b>	137.50-140.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.75-85.55	<b>Flat rail</b>	138.00

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

US cash cattle trade was fairly active in the morning but somewhat slower this afternoon with sales \$2.00 lower than last week.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	<b>Live</b>	79.00-80.00
	<b>Rail</b>	127.00-128.00

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	148.77	130.99
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	+1.77	+0.41
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	144.14	129.06

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE**

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>			<b>Soybeans</b>			<b>Canadian \$</b>		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US			\$/bu US					
							¢/bu			¢/bu				
<b>Apr</b>	78.82	-1.27	<b>Apr</b>	101.10	-0.40	<b>May</b>	2.312	-0.2	<b>May</b>	5.752	-0.4	<b>Spot</b>	89.08	+0.44
<b>Jun</b>	73.30	-1.05	<b>May</b>	101.02	-0.72	<b>Jul</b>	2.426	-0.4	<b>Jul</b>	5.904	+0.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.18	+0.43
<b>Aug</b>	75.15	-0.80	<b>Aug</b>	102.30	-0.60	<b>Sep</b>	2.532	-0.2	<b>Aug</b>	5.954	+0.0	<b>Sep</b>	89.42	+0.43
<b>Oct</b>	79.15	-0.42	<b>Sep</b>	101.65	-0.82	<b>Dec</b>	2.660	-0.2	<b>Sep</b>	6.004	+0.2	<b>Dec</b>	89.65	+0.43

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