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Wednesday May 3, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers **Prices reported for Monday May 1, 2006:** 159.00-162.00

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 175 steers, 250 heifers, 370 cows, 25 bulls, 40 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	93.00-98.00	101.00
Fancy fed heifers	88.00-92.00	98.00
Cows	35.00-47.00	62.00
Bulls	40.00-52.00	92.00

Fed steers and heifers sold actively at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Cows and bulls sold actively with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher. Veal calves sold steady to Monday's decline.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 539 stockers**

	Price Range
Steers + 800	93.00-99.00 top 107.50
Steers 600-800	118.00-125.00 top 130.00
Steers 400-600	125.00-134.00
Heifers +700	95.00-108.00 top 111.25
Heifers 500-700	114.00-119.00
Heifers 300-500	105.00-112.00

Grass type replacements sold fully steady while shortkeeps sold under pressure. A light offering of cows sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	90.50-99.25	94.07	100.50
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	85.69-92.65	90.21	96.25
Cows	24.63-43.52	33.36	52.50
Bulls	34.57-45.59	41.07	87.00

Denfield Livestock –May 2, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	94.00-99.00 to 101.75
Good Steers	90.00-94.00
Plain Steers	85.00-88.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	94.00-99.50
Good Heifers	88.00-93.00
Plain Heifers	75.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-45.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-28.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	38.00-44.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good hol bull calves	200.00-315.00

Fed steers and heifers traded on a moderate demand at steady prices on the good and fancy well fed cattle, with the plainer cattle under pressure. Cows traded steady, stockers steady, light calves strong and Holstein bull calves sold strong.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 2, 2006 – 1,906 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	102.75-104.00	900+	89.00-90.50
900-999	97.50-107.50	800-899	88.00-107.00
800-899	106.00-122.00	700-799	95.50-111.75
700-799	115.00-132.75	600-699	99.00-122.00
600-699	121.50-140.00	500-599	107.50-131.00
500-599	116.00-150.00	400-499	117.00-129.00
400-499	123.00-151.50	300-399	126.00-137.00
Under 400	124.00-153.50		

Demand for lightweight grass cattle made for strong and steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 2, 2006 - 217 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	96.00-125.50	700-799	50.00-106.50
500-599	99.00-144.00	600-699	79.50-112.00
400-499	90.00-145.00	500-599	77.00-113.50
		400-499	76.00-122.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards- May 2, 2006 - 1172 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-1000	97.50-104.25	104.25	800-900	99.50-105.25	105.25
800-900	95.75-112.00	112.00	700-800	100.25-116.50	116.50
700-800	108.50-118.00	127.25	600-700	109.00-120.50	124.50
600-700	113.50-130.00	134.00	500-600	115.00-132.00	132.00
500-600	120.25-140.75	140.75	400-500	112.00-135.00	135.00
400-500	128.00-150.00	150.00	300-400	126.00-137.00	137.00

A good active trade on replacements with steady prices.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was light with prices steady to the end of last week.

Steers	Live	83.25-84.50	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	81.75-83.25	Flat rail	137.50

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

US cash cattle trade is quiet with trade delayed until Thursday or Friday. Asking prices are \$81.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.

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

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 22, 2006	1.6560	1.5800
April 15, 2006	1.6444	1.5830

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	150.15	130.76
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.58	-0.51
Current 5 day average:	148.25	130.86

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			
Jun	75.12	+0.02	May	101.70	-0.45	May	2.322	-1.0	May	5.926	+2.2	Spot	90.28	-0.07
Aug	77.02	-0.05	Aug	104.37	+0.12	July	2.424	-1.0	Jul	6.054	+2.4	Jun	90.39	-0.07
Oct	80.87	-0.20	Sep	103.90	+0.05	Sep	2.530	-1.2	Aug	6.114	+3.6	Sept	90.62	-0.07
Dec	82.62	+0.07	Oct	103.00	-0.10	Dec	2.660	-1.0	Sep	6.156	+2.2	Dec	90.85	-0.07

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