

Daily Market Information Report

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

Thursday May 4, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

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

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 1000 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	63.00-90.00	99.00	900+	82.00-90.00	90.00
900-999	95.50-100.00	100.00	800-899	85.00-103.00	103.00
800-899	89.25-112.75	112.75	700-799	95.00-108.25	112.50
700-799	110.50-120.50	120.50	600-699	110.00-118.75	118.75
600-699	108.00-135.50	135.50	500-599	110.00-126.50	129.00
500-599	121.00-144.50	146.00	400-499	100.00-120.50	124.00
400-499	123.00-139.00	141.00	300-399	120.00-134.00	134.00
400-	110.00-127.00	159.00			

Replacements sold actively at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 200 fed cattle, 450 cows, 200 stockers, 35 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	92.00-98.00	108.75
Good fed heifers	90.00-94.00	98.00
Cows	32.00-38.00	46.50
Holstein steers	45.00-75.00	85.00
Stocker steers +700	97.00-108.00	114.00
Lightweight steers	120.00-125.00	144.00
Stocker heifers +700	85.00-98.00	99.50
Lightweight heifers	115.00-119.00	126.00

Fed steers and heifers sold fully steady. Cows traded steady. Holstein steers were under pressure. Stockers sold at fully steady prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 215 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	80.00-90.00	95.00
Good Beef	95.00-110.00	120.00
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Hol	75.00-85.00	
Plain Hol	60.00-70.00	

Veal traded on a steady market.

Today at: **Warton – Grey-Bruce Livestock Cooperative Sale- 617 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-1000	87.00-103.25	800-900	101.75-102.50
800-900	106.25-121.75	700-800	96.75-117.75
700-800	110.25-129.50	600-700	97.00-131.00
600-700	118.00-142.25	500-600	105.00-126.00
500-600	118.00-145.00	400-500	106.00-116.00
400-500	105.00-134.00		

Good to strong sale with good quality cattle.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	92.00-99.00	95.11	101.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	84.00-93.50	90.03	98.00
Cows	29.81-43.76	36.85	62.00
Bulls	42.73-66.55	54.84	92.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 3, 2006- 539 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	92.00-94.75	103.50	800-899	93.50-101.75	101.75
900-999	90.50-95.75	107.50	700-799	94.00-111.25	111.25
800-899	102.75-105.50	106.50	600-699	102.00-118.50	118.50
700-799	96.25-115.25	118.75	400-499	104.50-112.50	112.50
600-699	118.50-130.00	130.00			
500-599	125.00-134.25	134.25			

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., May 3, 2006- 1,250 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	85.00-100.60	+900	93.50-98.50
900-999	91.75-111.00	800-899	79.00-114.00
800-899	98.00-119.75	700-799	80.00-120.50
700-799	70.00-122.00	600-699	90.50-124.75
600-699	91.00-135.00	500-599	76.00-135.00
500-599	86.00-150.00	400-499	88.00-134.00
400-499	124.00-150.00	300-399	120.00-128.00
399-	138.00-146.00		

Replacement cattle sold strong on good demand.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher than Tuesday.

Steers	Live	83.85-85.85	Flat rail	140.00-143.50
Heifers	Live	84.00-86.00	Flat rail	140.00-143.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was fairly active with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	79.00
	Rail	125.00-128.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	148.67	130.21
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-1.54	-0.50
Current 5 day average:	148.89	130.88

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					
							¢/bu			¢/bu				
Jun	74.20	-0.92	May	100.82	-0.87	May	2.296	-2.4	May	5.906	-2.0	Spot	90.38	+0.10
Aug	75.95	-1.07	Aug	103.30	-1.07	Jul	2.392	-3.2	Jul	6.036	-1.6	Jun	90.46	+0.07
Oct	79.75	-1.12	Sep	103.00	-0.90	Sep	2.500	-3.0	Aug	6.090	-2.4	Sep	90.69	+0.07
Dec	81.67	-0.97	Oct	102.00	-1.00	Dec	2.624	-3.4	Sep	6.132	-2.4	Dec	90.92	+0.07

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