

Daily Market Information Report



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Friday May 5, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

A grade steers **Prices reported for Monday May 1, 06: 159.00-162.00**
A grade heifers **Not reported**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** : 1,590 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-1000	95.50-99.00	99.00	900+	87.00-98.00	98.00
800-900	93.00-107.25	109.50	800-900	88.50-102.50	106.00
700-800	106.75-120.75	120.75	700-800	97.00-112.75	112.75
600-700	112.50-130.00	133.00	600-700	103.00-122.75	127.00
500-600	120.50-137.00	141.00	500-600	111.00-130.00	134.00
400-500	116.00-141.00	150.00	400-500	114.00-129.00	134.00
400-	130.00-149.00	149.00	300-400	113.00-126.00	126.00

Calves and yearlings sold on a steady active trade.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers	69.45-95.85	85.00	108.75
Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers	59.06-91.27	80.34	99.50
Cows	25.44-39.35	31.82	46.50
Bulls	34.97-52.61	43.25	63.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 4, 2006- 1,017 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	63.00-90.00	99.00	900+	60.00-90.00	90.00
900-999	90.00-100.00	100.00	800-899	80.00-104.50	104.50
800-899	85.00-112.75	112.75	700-799	94.00-108.25	112.50
700-799	103.75-120.50	120.50	600-699	107.00-118.75	118.75
600-699	102.00-130.50	135.50	500-599	105.00-127.00	129.00
500-599	110.00-137.00	146.00	400-499	100.00-124.00	124.00
400-499	122.00-140.00	141.00	300-399	108.00-128.00	134.00
399-	100.00-127.00	159.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle – May 4, 2006- 849 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	107.35	107.35	900+	104.00-105.50	105.50
800-899	113.25-119.25	119.25	800-899	101.00-110.00	110.00
700-799	110.00-126.25	140.00	700-799	87.50-102.00	108.50
600-699	105.00-137.00	158.00	600-699	99.50-122.50	124.00
500-599	104.00-139.75	139.75	500-599	91.00-120.00	120.00
400-499	117.00-138.25	138.25	400-499	115.00-125.00	125.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker sale: **Warton – Grey-Bruce Livestock Cooperative Sale-May 4, 2006- 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.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Thursday was moderate with prices \$1.00 higher than Wednesday.

Steers	Live	85.20-86.80	Flat rail	142.00-144.00
Heifers	Live	85.00-86.50	Flat rail	143.25-144.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active in the south with prices steady to \$2.00 lower than last week. Trade in the north was finished on Thursday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	78.00-78.50
	Rail	N/T

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending May 4, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	157.00-158.25

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	147.24	129.47
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-1.24	-0.58
Current 5 day average:	148.80	130.69

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	73.85 -0.35	May	99.80 -1.02	May	2.306 +1.0	May	5.944 +3.6	Spot	90.30 -0.08
Aug	75.75 -0.20	Aug	102.82 -0.47	July	2.404 +1.2	Jul	6.064 +2.6	Jun	90.43 -0.03
Oct	79.32 -0.42	Sep	102.50 -0.50	Sep	2.514 +1.4	Aug	6.120 +3.0	Sep	90.66 -0.03
Dec	80.95 -0.72	Oct	101.32 -0.67	Dec	2.640 +1.4	Sep	6.154 +2.2	Dec	90.89 -0.03

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