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Wednesday May 17, 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 15, 2006:** 159.00-160.00

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 330 steers, 190 heifers, 400 cows, 20 bulls, 25 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	93.00-98.00	99.50
Fancy fed heifers	92.00-97.00	100.00
Cows	34.00-47.00	68.00
Bulls	42.00-52.00	77.00

Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady prices. All classes of steers and heifers traded actively with prices steady to last week. Calves sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 650 stockers**

	Price Range
Steers + 800	97.00-105.75 top 108.50
Lightweight Steers	115.00-131.50
Heifers +700	96.00-104.25 top 110.50
Lightweight Heifers	107.00-117.50
Cows	26.00-38.00

Stockers sold at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Cows traded on a steady market.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	90.00-97.00	94.23	103.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	89.00-98.50	93.76	100.00
Cows	23.74-42.18	33.33	70.00
Bulls	39.89-56.70	47.18	79.00

Denfield Livestock – May 16, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	93.00-97.00
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.50
Good Heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good Holstein Bull Calves	200.00-300.00

The market traded on a steady demand on all classes of fed cattle with the fancy cattle trading at premium prices. Good cows traded actively at strong prices. Stockers sold steady, Holstein bull calves sold strong.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 16, 2006 – 1,661 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	101.75-106.50	900+	95.00-100.00
900-999	105.00-113.50	800-899	100.25-107.00
800-899	106.00-115.50	700-799	107.00-116.00
700-799	106.00-136.50	600-699	112.00-125.00
600-699	120.00-143.00	500-599	113.50-132.50
500-599	133.50-154.00	400-499	114.00-136.00
400-499	132.00-151.00	300-399	113.00-136.00
Under 400	135.00-151.00		

Continued strong demand for grass type stockers kept prices strong and steady.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 16, 2006 - 342 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	80.00-112.50	700-799	85.00-112.50
600-699	70.00-130.50	600-699	66.50-121.00
500-599	76.00-140.00	500-599	78.00-126.50
400-499	73.00-145.00	400-499	87.00-129.00
399 & less	95.00-146.00		

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards- 960 stockers- Vaccinated Sale**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.00-99.00	99.00	900+	90.50-94.50	94.50
900-999	101.50-108.75	110.50	800-899	95.00-103.25	111.00
800-899	105.50-114.50	114.50	700-799	105.00-116.00	121.50
700-799	111.50-123.00	126.75	600-699	104.00-119.50	129.00
600-699	110.00-120.00	139.00	500-599	116.25-126.00	132.50
500-599	122.00-141.00	149.00	400-499	114.00-139.50	139.50

A good quality of replacements sold at strong prices.

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	April 2006	April 2005
Steers	4,009	5,238
Heifers	2,870	3,408
Cows	2,200	2,902
Bulls	749	899

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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

Steers	Live	84.25-84.50	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

US cash cattle trade was generally quiet today with some improvement in buying interest. Business is expected to develop Thursday. Asking prices remain firm at \$81.00 live and \$128.00 dressed.

Choice and select steers and heifers: Live
Rail

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	145.00	124.63
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.03	-0.78
Current 5 day average:	145.27	125.72

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	77.72	+0.07	May	103.55	-0.30	July	2.630	+4.0	Jul	6.040	+1.2	Spot	89.86	-0.47
Aug	78.77	-0.10	Aug	106.47	-0.35	Sep	2.740	+4.0	Aug	6.100	+0.6	Jun	89.85	-0.41
Oct	82.82	+0.05	Sep	105.87	-0.37	Dec	2.866	+3.6	Sep	6.154	+1.6	Sept	90.19	-0.41
Dec	84.70	-0.02	Oct	105.00	-0.32	Mar	2.954	+3.0	Nov	5.265	+0.6	Dec	90.43	-0.41

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