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Tuesday May 23, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 159.00
A grade heifers Not Reported.

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock -501 fed cattle, 225 cows.**

	Price Range	Top
Choice steers & heifers	95.00-100.00	106.75
Second cut cattle	90.00-95.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold at prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher.

Today at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange-cows, veal**

	Price Range	Top
Cows	32.00-37.00	43.00
Veal: Good Hol	80.00-88.00	
Good Beef	100.00-128.50	
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Hol	65.00-78.00	
Plain Hol	60.00-70.00	

Veal sold on a barely steady market. Cows sold at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards: 91 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal calves +600	68.50-84.00	127.50
Veal calves 451-600	82.00-89.00	100.00

Veal calves sold under extreme pressure at prices \$10.00 lower.

At **Talbotville Livestock: May 20, 2006- 282 head.**

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-96.00	98.75
Good & choice heifers	84.00-96.00	98.75
Cows	27.00-35.00	52.00
Bulls	40.00-47.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold on a strong market. Cows and bulls traded steady.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, May 19, 2006. - 1,519 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.75-103.50	103.50	900+	94.75-101.50	114.50
900-1000	101.00-108.50	108.50	800-900	96.00-105.75	108.50
800-900	100.00-111.00	114.50	700-800	97.00-111.00	117.50
700-800	105.50-125.25	125.25	600-700	103.50-119.00	123.50
600-700	115.50-135.00	135.00	500-600	113.50-126.00	131.50
500-600	120.00-139.00	146.50	400-500	125.00-134.00	134.00
400-500	124.50-147.00	158.00	300-400	121.00-133.50	133.50

Ontario auction sales on [Saturday and Monday](#) saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Cows	20.55-37.01	28.57	59.00
Veal calves +600	60.86-110.67	78.92	114.50
Veal calves -125	148.95-284.30	225.67	310.00

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

U.S. cash cattle trade is extremely quiet today. Asking prices are \$82.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.

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

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 13, 2006	807	740
May 14, 2005	807	766

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	May 13, 2006		
Grand Total	70,001	1,219,309	88%
Alberta Slaughter	44,229	750,486	79%
Ontario Slaughter	13,854	251,697	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	May 20, 2006		
Grand Total	698,000	708,000	661,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	144.59	124.75
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.54	+0.29
Current 5 day average:	144.70	124.61

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US ¢/bu		\$/bu US ¢/bu				
Jun	77.62 +0.30	May	103.32 -0.05	July	2.530 -1.4	Jul	5.866 +4.2	Spot	89.51	+0.30
Aug	78.67 +0.00	Aug	106.82 +0.12	Sep	2.640 -1.4	Aug	5.926 +4.0	Jun	89.85	-0.17
Oct	82.42 +0.07	Sept	106.42 +0.12	Dec	2.774 -1.2	Sept	5.996 +5.4	Sep	89.83	-0.17
Dec	84.85 +0.27	Oct	105.55 +0.07	Mar	2.874 -0.6	Nov	6.106 +4.6	Dec	90.08	-0.17

**Please note that the spot dollar is up from Friday's Close and the June to Dec are down to Monday's Close.

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