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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 Tuesday May 23, 2006:** 159.00-160.00

Today at the Ontario Stockyards – 340 steers, 175 heifers, 450 cows, 25 bulls, 45 veal

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	95.00-100.00	110.50
Fancy fed heifers	94.00-99.00	108.00
Cows	32.00-42.00	66.00
Bulls	42.00-52.00	74.50

Cows traded on a moderate demand at lower prices. Bulls held firm. Fed steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$2.00 higher. Calves sold steady to Monday's decline.

Today at the Ontario Livestock Exchange, 670 stockers

	Price Range
Steers + 800	99.75-107.00 sales to 112.50
Steers 600-800	102.00-115.00
Heifers +700	97.00-103.50
Cows	25.00-39.00

Stockers sold on a strong market. Cows traded steady.

Ontario auction sales on Tuesday saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	90.00-100.00	96.07	104.50
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	90.00-100.50	95.15	106.75
Cows	24.00-41.93	31.99	72.50
Bulls	36.24-44.39	40.49	54.50

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	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 top 105.00
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-94.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Shells	10.00-15.00
Good Beef Bulls	38.00-50.00
Good Holstein Bulls	30.00-35.00
Good Holstein Bull Calves	175.00-300.00

Fed steers and heifers sold on a strong demand at prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher on all classes with the fancy cattle trading at premium prices. Cows were \$2.00 lower, stockers were steady, Holstein bull calves were strong.

