

# Daily Market Information Report

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**Thursday May 25, 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 Tuesday May 23, 2006: 159.00-160.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 435 replacement cattle.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	67.00-99.00	99.00	900+	82.00-100.50	100.50
900-999	86.50-94.00	99.50	800-899	89.50-100.50	101.00
800-899	92.00-115.00	115.00	700-799	100.25-111.50	113.50
700-799	104.50-121.50	127.00	600-699	100.50-116.50	122.00
600-699	108.00-126.50	130.50	500-599	102.00-125.00	128.00
500-599	106.00-136.00	136.00	400-499	99.00-127.00	127.00
400-499	115.00-139.00	144.00	300-399	110.00-124.00	124.00
400-	127.00-134.00	140.00			

Replacements sold actively at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange –500 fed cattle, 400 cows, 200 stockers, 50 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	96.00-104.00	112.00
Good fed heifers	93.00-103.00	106.00
Holstein steers	64.00-79.00	87.00
Cows	23.50-36.50	45.00
Stocker steers +800	98.00-107.00	
Lightweight steers	102.00-125.00	
Stocker heifers +700	94.00-102.00	
Lightweight heifers	105.00-121.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold actively at prices firm to slightly higher. Holstein steers sold at fully steady prices. Cows traded on a barely steady market. Stockers sold on a good demand at fully steady prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 232 veal calves.**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Hol	70.00-80.00	89.00
Good Beef	85.00-100.00	114.00
Med Hol	60.00-70.00	
Heavy Hol	65.00-75.00	77.00

Veal calves sold at prices steady to last week.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	92.50-99.00	95.62	110.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	91.25-97.75	95.30	108.00
Cows	22.87-38.52	32.09	66.00
Bulls	44.01-55.12	50.79	74.50

## ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 24, 2006- 570 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>+1000</b>	97.50-103.50	103.50	<b>+900</b>	92.00-99.50	104.00
<b>900-999</b>	99.75-107.50	110.50	<b>800-899</b>	98.00-103.50	103.50
<b>800-899</b>	86.00-112.00	112.50	<b>700-799</b>	95.00-112.50	112.50
<b>700-799</b>	94.00-114.00	114.00			
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-115.00	115.00			

## ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.40-86.10	<b>Flat rail</b>	140.00-141.50
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.00-85.90	<b>Flat rail</b>	140.00-141.50

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

US cash cattle trade was fairly active in Nebraska and western Iowa with prices steady to \$2.00 higher than last week.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	<b>Live</b>	79.50
	<b>Rail</b>	126.00-132.00

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	147.55	126.53
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	+0.07	+0.36
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	145.23	124.87

## CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>			<b>Soybeans</b>			<b>Canadian \$</b>		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu	\$/bu US		¢/bu			
<b>Jun</b>	78.42	+0.47	<b>May</b>	103.40	+0.05	<b>Jul</b>	2.532	+3.6	<b>Jul</b>	5.842	+1.6	<b>Spot</b>	90.42	+1.10
<b>Aug</b>	79.20	+0.40	<b>Aug</b>	108.17	+0.75	<b>Sep</b>	2.642	+3.2	<b>Aug</b>	5.904	+1.4	<b>Jun</b>	90.45	+1.07
<b>Oct</b>	82.72	+0.10	<b>Sep</b>	107.75	+0.82	<b>Dec</b>	2.780	+3.6	<b>Sep</b>	5.962	+1.4	<b>Sep</b>	90.68	+1.07
<b>Dec</b>	85.22	+0.30	<b>Oct</b>	106.80	+0.57	<b>Mar</b>	2.882	+3.4	<b>Nov</b>	6.086	+1.4	<b>Dec</b>	90.92	+1.07

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