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**Wednesday July 26, 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 July 24: 156.00**

**Today at the Ontario Stockyards –530 steers & heifers, 400 cows, 25 bulls, 55 veal**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Fancy fed steers</b>	90.00-95.00	106.50
<b>Fancy fed heifers</b>	90.00-95.00	96.25
<b>Cows</b>	39.00-54.00	74.50
<b>Bulls</b>	49.00-59.00	80.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at strong prices. Fed steers and heifers sold on a dull demand at barely steady prices. Veal calves were steady to Monday.

**Today at the Ontario Livestock Exchange, 504 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Steers + 800</b>	100.00-105.00	106.75
<b>Steers 600-800</b>	112.00-125.00	
<b>Steers 400-600</b>	128.00-133.00	
<b>Heifers +700</b>	98.00-106.00	108.25
<b>Cows</b>	34.00-48.00	

Lightweight cattle and shortkeep steers sold steady while shortkeep heifers sold \$1.00 lower. Cows traded at fully steady prices.

**Denfield Livestock – July 25, 2006**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Choice Steers</b>	90.00-95.00	99.50
<b>Good Steers</b>	85.00-90.00	
<b>Plain Steers</b>	70.00-80.00	
<b>Choice Exotic Cross Heifers</b>	90.00-95.00	
<b>Good Heifers</b>	84.00-88.00	
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	70.00-80.00	
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	40.00-55.00	
<b>Good Holstein Bulls</b>	35.00-45.00	
<b>Good Beef Cows</b>	40.00-55.00	
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-36.00	
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00	
<b>Shells</b>	10.00-20.00	
<b>Holstein Bull Calves</b>	150.00-235.00	

Good fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower while fancy fed cattle sold in demand at steady prices. Good fed cows sold sharply higher, stockers were steady and Holstein bull calves were lower.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>	87.00-94.50	90.24	101.00
<b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b>	86.00-94.25	90.00	99.25
<b>Cows</b>	31.31-52.71	41.06	61.50
<b>Bulls</b>	48.81-58.58	53.77	81.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- July 25, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	112.20-115.00	<b>900+</b>	99.00-104.75
<b>800-899</b>	113.00-119.00	<b>800-899</b>	85.50-110.50
<b>600-699</b>	130.50-136.00	<b>600-699</b>	96.00-108.00
<b>500-599</b>	111.00-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	110.00-130.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. July 25, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	64.00-126.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.00-122.00
<b>600-699</b>	89.00-137.00	<b>600-699</b>	97.50-129.50
<b>500-599</b>	83.00-151.00	<b>500-599</b>	84.50-132.50
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-151.00	<b>400-499</b>	114.00-147.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was quiet with business expected to develop today.

<b>Steers</b>	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
<b>Heifers</b>	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

US cash cattle trade is quiet today with a few bids slightly lower than asking prices. Business is not expected until Thursday with asking prices remaining firm at \$81.00-\$82.00 live and \$128.00-\$130.00 dressed,

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

**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)	142.67	124.40
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	-0.24	+0.04
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	142.81	124.26

**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 US						
							¢/bu		¢/bu					
<b>Aug</b>	84.27	+1.77	<b>Aug</b>	114.52	+1.15	<b>Sep</b>	2.360	-3.4	<b>Aug</b>	5.816	-3.4	<b>Spot</b>	88.01	+0.41
<b>Oct</b>	88.02	+1.82	<b>Sep</b>	114.40	+1.20	<b>Dec</b>	2.526	-3.2	<b>Sep</b>	5.896	-3.4	<b>Sept</b>	88.14	+0.43
<b>Dec</b>	88.40	+1.57	<b>Oct</b>	114.35	+1.25	<b>Mar</b>	2.666	-3.0	<b>Nov</b>	6.026	-4.2	<b>Dec</b>	88.42	+0.43
<b>Feb</b>	91.10	+1.42	<b>Nov</b>	112.08	+1.27	<b>May</b>	2.764	-3.0	<b>Jan</b>	6.142	-3.4	<b>Mar</b>	88.69	+0.43

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