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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 Monday July 31: \$154.00-155.00**

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards –300 steers & heifers, 400 cows, 25 bulls, 40 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	90.00-95.00	
Fancy fed heifers	90.00-95.00	97.00
Cows	41.00-56.00	78.00
Bulls	50.00-60.00	66.00

Fed steers and heifers traded actively at steady prices. Cows and bulls sold actively on a steady market. Veal calves sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 119 stockers**

	Price Range
Steers + 800	104.00-118.00
Cows	32.00-44.00 sales to 48.50

A light run of stockers, due to extreme weather conditions, sold on a steady market. Cows traded steady to Tuesday's stronger market.

Denfield Livestock – Aug 1, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	45.00-55.00	Good Fed Cows	45.00-54.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-42.00	D3 & D4 Cows	27.00-32.00

A very light offering of fed cattle, due to the extreme heat, traded at steady prices. Cows sold steady to stronger. Holstein bull calves sold under pressure.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	89.00-95.60	91.48	101.00
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	77.50-96.50	89.95	98.50
Cows	32.61-53.62	43.54	63.00
Bulls	51.93-59.85	56.24	71.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Aug 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	105.75-114.85	800-899	88.25-110.25
900-999	109.75-113.75		

A light run of stocker cattle sold on a strong demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. Aug 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	100.00-119.50	600-699	106.00-122.00
600-699	94.00-130.50	500-599	91.00-130.00
500-599	93.00-130.00	400-499	97.00-136.50
400-499	109.00-142.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was limited with barely steady prices.

Steers	Live	81.25	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

US cash cattle trade was quiet with just a few scattered bids in the south at \$78.00. It appears that packers would rather cut kills instead of buying cattle midweek. Asking prices remain firm at \$81.00-\$82.00 live and \$128.00-\$130.00 dressed.

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

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	139.91	123.97
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.42	+0.64
Current 5 day average:	140.53	123.41

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				
Aug	82.92	-0.82	Aug	113.17	-1.25	Sep	2.472	+6.6	Aug	5.816	+8.2	Spot	88.79	+0.30		
Oct	87.57	-0.72	Sep	113.17	-1.72	Dec	2.642	+6.4	Sep	5.872	+8.0	Sept	88.92	+0.31		
Dec	88.05	-0.57	Oct	113.40	-1.47	Mar	2.774	+6.2	Nov	6.012	+7.4	Dec	89.20	+0.31		
Feb	89.85	-0.57	Nov	112.40	-1.32	May	2.872	+6.0	Jan	6.132	+7.4	Mar	89.47	+0.31		

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