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Friday Aug 4, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

A grade steers **Prices reported for Monday July 31, 2006: 154.00-155.00**
A grade heifers **Not reported**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** :765 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|----------|---------------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 1000+ | 96.00-108.25 | 112.00 | 900+ | 89.75-102.75 | 104.50 |
| 900-1000 | 102.25-110.75 | 125.00 | 800-900 | 94.50-112.00 | 113.25 |
| 800-900 | 93.00-110.00 | 115.25 | 700-800 | 105.00-114.50 | 114.50 |
| 1700-800 | 113.00-123.50 | 123.50 | 600-700 | 113.00-126.00 | 128.50 |
| 600-700 | 116.00-133.00 | 135.00 | 500-600 | 121.00-136.00 | 135.00 |
| 500-600 | 116.00-138.50 | 147.00 | 400-500 | 109.00-140.00 | 140.00 |
| 400-500 | 135.00-160.00 | 160.00 | 300-400 | 133.00-139.00 | 139.00 |
| -400 | 155.00-175.00 | 175.00 | | | |

Calves and yearlings sold on a steady trade.

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

| | Price Range | Average | Top |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers | 85.75-95.19 | 90.19 | 101.00 |
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers | 68.01-93.05 | 85.07 | 100.00 |
| Cows | 32.70-51.34 | 41.33 | 78.00 |
| Bulls | 46.72-57.46 | 51.76 | 63.00 |

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Aug 3, 2006**

| STEERS | Price Range | HEIFERS | Price Range |
|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| 900-999 | 97.00-109.50 | 800-899 | 100.25-112.25 |
| 800-899 | 108.25-116.00 | 700-799 | 111.50-114.25 |
| 700-799 | 118.75-124.25 | 600-699 | 100.00-120.00 |
| 600-699 | 97.00-126.00 | 500-599 | 91.00-127.00 |
| 500-599 | 103.00-135.50 | 400-499 | 89.00-125.00 |
| 400-499 | 105.00-152.00 | 300-399 | 112.50-130.00 |
| -399 | 130.00-150.00 | 299- | 125.00-170.00 |

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –Aug 3, 2006**

| STEERS | Price Range | HEIFERS | Price Range |
|---------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 1000+ | 102.50-105.75 | 900+ | 102.00 |
| 900-999 | 104.25-105.25 | 800-8990 | 104.00-109.50 |

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Thursday was limited with prices steady to Wednesday.

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| Steers | Live | 81.50-83.20 | Flat rail | 137.55-137.70 |
| Heifers | Live | N/T | Flat rail | 137.55 |

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was light after Thursday's active trade later in the day. Prices were \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week.

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| Choice and select steers and heifers: | Live | 81.00-82.00 |
| | Rail | 130.00-131.00 |

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending July 22,2006 Week ending July 15,2006

**Live slaughter cattle imported
from the U.S. into Ontario**

117

953

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

| | Choice 600-900 | Select 600-900 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cutout Values: (noon estimate) | 141.42 | 128.32 |
| Change: (from yesterday's close) | +0.74 | +1.29 |
| Current 5 day average: | 140.09 | 124.58 |

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 | 84.82 +1.95 | Aug | 115.12 +1.30 | Sep | 2.450 +0.0 | Aug | 5.774 +1.4 | Spot | 88.65 | -0.23 |
| Oct | 89.50 +1.55 | Sep | 115.25 +1.25 | Dec | 2.622 +0.2 | Sep | 5.820 +0.4 | Sept | 88.74 | -0.26 |
| Dec | 89.70 +1.45 | Oct | 115.45 +1.37 | Mar | 2.762 +0.2 | Nov | 5.970 +1.4 | Dec | 89.02 | -0.26 |
| Feb | 91.40 +1.25 | Nov | 114.25 +1.60 | May | 2.852 +0.0 | Jan | 6.094 +2.2 | Mar | 89.29 | -0.26 |

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