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Wednesday Nov 29, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 153.00-156.00
A grade heifers 152.00-155.00

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 600 steers & heifers, 475 cows, 30 bulls, 50 veal.**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	88.00-93.00	100.00
Fancy fed heifers	88.00-93.00	94.75
Cows	32.00-45.00	70.00
Bulls	35.00-45.00	82.00

All classes of steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$2.00 higher. Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady to stronger prices. Calves sold steady.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 475 stockers**

	Price Range
Steers 800+	100.00-109.00 top 112.00
Steers 600-800	109.00-118.50
Heifers 700+	95.00-102.00
Heifers 500-700	100.00-105.75
Cows	30.00-37.50 top 52.00

Stockers sold on an active trade with stronger prices. Cows traded steady.

Denfield Livestock –November 28, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	86.00-95.00 top 97.75	Good & Choice Heifers	86.00-95.50
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00	Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
Good Hol Bulls	35.00-40.00	D1 & D2 Cows	32.00-38.00
Hol Bull Calves	100.00-185.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Steers 500-600 lbs	110.00-130.00	Yearling Steers	95.00-110.00
Heifers 500-600 lbs	105.00-120.00	Yearling Heifers	95.00-105.00

All classes of fed steers and heifers traded on a strong demand at prices \$3.00-\$4.00 higher with fancy cattle bringing premium prices. American type cattle sold strong. Cows traded active at prices \$2.00 higher, stockers steady, Holstein bull calves a little stronger.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	86.00-95.00	90.16	99.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	78.94-94.40	88.88	96.50
Cows	22.41-37.24	30.03	74.00
Bulls- all weights	30.29-41.50	35.73	60.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Nov 28, 2006- 1,053 hd**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.50-104.00	104.00	900-	91.00-109.00	109.00
900-999	87.00-103.50	103.50	800-899	87.00-106.75	106.75
800-899	105.50-108.00	108.00	700-799	93.50-104.00	104.00
700-799	99.00-114.25	114.25	600-699	101.00-110.00	119.50
600-699	102.00-119.00	119.00	500-599	105.00-120.50	120.50
500-599	112.00-133.00	133.00	400-499	107.00-126.00	135.00
400-499	124.00-143.00	143.00	300-399	110.00-131.00	141.00
399-	129.50-152.00	152.00			

Continued good demand for stocker and feeder cattle kept prices steady.

Stocker sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd , Nov 28, 2006- 291 hd**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	71.50-115.00	115.00	600-699	58.00-103.50	103.50
600-699	77.00-109.50	109.50	500-599	61.00-105.00	105.00
500-599	68.50-126.50	126.50	400-499	69.00-113.00	113.00
400-499	104.00-134.00	134.00			

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards, Nov 28, 2006- 436 hd**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	77.00-93.50	93.50	900+	75.00-95.75	103.00
900-999	91.50-108.00	108.00	800-899	95.50-107.00	107.00
800-899	97.50-111.00	111.00	700-799	92.00-107.00	109.00
700-799	105.50-115.00	121.50	600-699	80.00-108.00	108.00
600-699	104.50-114.00	114.00	500-599	98.00-104.00	107.00

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market (Woodville)- 341 head- Nov 22, 2006

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$1050-\$1300	\$800-\$1000
Avg quality bred cows	\$700-\$1000	\$550-\$750
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1100-\$1400	\$800-\$1100
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800-\$1050	\$650-\$800

Good demand for top quality breeding stock. Older and more mature cows sold on a selective demand.

Keady Livestock- Nov 24, 2006 - 361 head

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$950-\$1425	\$800-\$1000
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$1050	\$600-\$850
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$900-\$1175	\$700-\$925
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$750-\$900	\$650-\$775

An above average sale of quality sold very strong with keen bidding for youthful top quality cows.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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

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

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

US cash cattle trade was quiet today with business not expected until at least Thursday. Early asking prices of \$90.00 live and \$142.00 dressed may have to be adjusted due to sharply lower live cattle futures. Packers have reduced mid week slaughter as a result of slow beef movement.

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)	140.96	127.97
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.43	+0.17
Current 5 day average:	141.86	128.72

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 US					
							¢/bu			¢/bu				
Dec	85.20	-1.17	Jan	97.95	-0.62	Dec	3.702	+1.4	Jan	6.822	-4.0	Spot	87.94	-0.49
Feb	88.40	-1.07	Mar	97.00	-0.42	Mar	3.852	+0.4	Mar	6.960	-3.4	Dec	87.94	-0.55
Apr	89.62	-0.87	Apr	97.40	-0.65	May	3.900	-0.6	May	7.040	-4.4	Mar	88.19	-0.55
Jun	87.15	-0.52	May	98.00	-0.80	Jul	3.932	-1.2	Jul	7.130	-3.2	Jun	88.46	-0.55

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M E M O R A N D U M **RFID Tagging and the Canadian Cattle Industry**

In 2003, the Canadian cattle industry committed to the transition towards Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, thus ensuring that Canada's Cattle Identification Program continues its role as an internationally recognized efficient and effective trace back system. The use of RFID tags assists the industry with the automation of data collection and the ability to maintain the integrity of all information. In addition, RFID tags can function in extreme climates and through other environmental contaminants that can impede tag retention, readability and overall effectiveness.

As of September 1, 2006 all cattle leaving their herd of origin must be tagged with a CCIA approved RFID tag. In order to facilitate the transition to RFID, the CCIA will continue to recognize bar coded tags until at least December 31, 2007, and recognize bar coded tags on mature breeding stock indefinitely.

All CCIA approved tags are required to have demonstrated excellent retention characteristics. To ensure optimal tag retention, backing studs must correspond to matching fronts (CCIA tags are approved as a complete set), appropriate tag applicators for specific tag brands are to be used (consult with your local Dealer) and each tag should be applied as per Manufacturers directions.

For more information, please contact the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency at 1-877-909-BEEF (2333) or visit www.canadaid.ca.

