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Wednesday Dec 20, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 147.00-150.00
A grade heifers 146.00-148.00

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 90 steers & heifers, 200 cows, 15 bulls, 20 veal.**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	83.00-87.00	
Fancy fed heifers	84.00-88.00	
Cows	30.00-38.00	41.00
Bulls	32.00-42.00	75.00

Cows and bulls sold on a steady market. Light receipts of fed steers and heifers sold steady. Veal calves sold steady to Monday's decline.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 360 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers 800+	97.00-104.50	top 107.75
Steers 600-800	96.00-108.25	
Steers 400-600	103.00-111.00	
Heifers 700+	92.00-98.50	
Heifers 500-700	94.00-105.00	
Heifers 300-500	92.00-100.00	
Cows	26.00-34.50	

Shortkeep steers and heifers sold actively on a strong trade with lightweight cattle trading steady. Cows sold on a steady market.

Denfield Livestock – Dec 19, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	83.00-93.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	60.00-70.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00	Good Fed Cows	38.00-44.00
Good Hol Bulls	35.00-40.00	D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
Good Hol bull calves	\$100.00-\$210.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Steers 500-600 lbs	115.00-122.00	Heifers 500-600 lbs	110.00-115.00
Steers 600-800 lbs	90.00-110.00	Heifers 600-800 lbs	90.00-105.00

Fed cattle sold on a good demand at steady prices with American orders active and strong. Cows sold steady, stockers steady and Holstein bull calves also sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	82.53-90.25	86.57	96.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	82.91-87.63	85.51	92.50
Cows	20.99-35.18	28.65	50.00
Bulls- all weights	29.95-39.00	35.17	47.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Dec 19, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	108.50-112.50	112.50	700-799	91.00-102.00	102.00
600-699	100.00-120.00	125.00	600-699	99.00-111.50	111.50
500-599	125.25-133.50	133.50	500-599	84.00-120.00	123.00
400-499	111.00-140.00	140.00	400-499	104.00-127.00	130.00
399-	133.00-145.00	145.00	300-399	105.0-128.50	128.50

Stocker cattle sold on moderate demand at steady to previous prices, in tune with soft fed cattle sales.

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 as many producers are dealing with the severe winter storm. Business is not expected to develop until Friday. Asking prices are \$88.00-\$89.00 live and \$138.00-\$140.00 dressed.

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

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	143.38	126.45
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.58	-0.18
Current 5 day average:	143.79	126.26

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						
Dec	87.37	+0.57	Jan	98.85	-0.15	Mar	3.726	-0.2	Jan	6.482	-5.2	Spot	87.09	+0.37
Feb	90.35	+0.27	Mar	96.75	+0.10	May	3.812	+0.4	Mar	6.634	-5.2	Dec	87.32	+0.39
Apr	92.17	+0.37	Apr	98.10	-0.50	Jul	3.874	+1.4	May	6.766	-4.6	Mar	87.56	+0.39
Jun	88.42	+0.70	May	99.20	+0.20	Sep	3.740	+2.0	Jul	6.882	-4.6	Jun	87.80	+0.39

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