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Wednesday April 25, 2007

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 180.00-181.00
A grade heifers 179.00-180.00

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 600 steers & heifers, 275 cows, 20 bulls, 50 veal.**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	103.00-108.00	109.00
Fancy fed heifers	103.00-108.00	112.00
Cows	46.00-62.00	66.00
Bulls	45.00-55.00	94.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at prices \$4.00-\$5.00 higher. All classes of steers and heifers sold actively at prices \$2.00 lower. Calves sold steady to stronger.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 1,300 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Cows	36.00-55.00	
Steers 800+	106.00-111.00	115.50
Steers 600-800	115.00-122.00	128.50
Steers 400-600	117.00-130.00	
Heifers 700+	98.00-110.00	113.50
Heifers 500-700	110.00-115.50	

Replacement cattle continued to sell on a strong active trade with steady prices. A light run of cows sold steady to yesterday's strong market.

Denfield Livestock – April 25, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	103.00-110.00 top 112.00	Good & Choice Heifers	102.00-107.00
Plain Steers	95.00-100.00	Plain Heifers	90.00-95.00
D1 & D2 Cows	45.00-48.00	Good Hol Bulls	48.00-52.00
D3 & D4 Cows	32.00-40.00	Good Beef Bulls	50.00-61.50
Shells	15.00-20.00	Good Hol Bull Calves	\$125.00-\$175.00

Fed steers and heifers traded \$1.00-\$2.00 lower on medium cattle and the fancy cattle remained steady to last week. Cows were \$5.00-\$8.00 higher. Holstein bull calves were slightly lower.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	101.00-109.00	105.39	114.50
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	100.00-108.25	104.45	111.75
Cows	38.51-58.19	48.65	65.00
Bulls- all weights	47.50-54.74	50.49	64.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock – April 24, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	90.50-100.00	96.11	100.00	800-899	98.00-103.25	102.60	103.25
900-999	109.00-111.00	110.92	111.00	700-799	103.00-111.00	107.63	116.00
800-899	105.00-114.50	109.64	114.50	600-699	109.50-120.00	113.99	123.00
700-799	117.50-135.50	124.84	135.50	500-599	105.00-121.00	115.30	124.00
600-699	120.00-137.50	131.10	137.50	400-499	116.00-128.00	123.51	128.00
500-599	121.00-141.00	136.30	145.50	300-399	99.00-122.00	114.80	122.00
400-499	125.00-140.00	134.37	149.00				
399-	114.00-129.00	124.00	129.00				

Under strong demand for grass type cattle, prices were from fully steady to slightly higher.

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd. – April 24, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	85.00-107.00	99.86	107.00	600-699	92.00-114.00	108.63	114.00
700-799	80.00-116.00	107.68	116.00	500-599	89.50-123.00	110.79	123.00
600-699	71.00-128.00	110.78	128.00	400-499	84.00-156.50	117.30	156.50
500-599	92.00-145.00	120.78	145.00				
400-499	96.00-145.00	123.47	145.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report. Business is expected to develop later 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 at a standstill today with asking prices remaining firm at \$98.00-\$100.00 live and \$158.00-\$160.00 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)	162.77	150.24
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-1.68	-0.39
Current 5 day average:	164.30	152.44

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					
Apr	96.95	+0.05	Apr	106.85	-0.25	May	3.712	+10.6	May	7.214	+11.6	Spot	89.71	+0.62
Jun	93.32	+0.02	May	107.97	-1.15	Jul	3.816	+10.4	Jul	7.376	+11.4	Jun	89.82	+0.61
Aug	91.80	+0.20	Aug	111.00	-1.10	Sep	3.782	+9.4	Aug	7.436	+11.0	Sep	90.04	+0.62
Oct	95.32	+0.05	Sep	110.55	-0.90	Dec	3.794	+7.0	Nov	7.504	+11.0	Dec	90.26	+0.62

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