

Daily Market Information Report

The following information is collected from different sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

Thursday Dec 20, 2007

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

Prices reported for Wednesday Dec. 19, 2007

A grade steers	135.00-137.00
A grade heifers	134.00-136.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 325 fed cattle, 350 cows, 300 stockers, 25 veal.**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	74.00-81.50	83.50
Good fed heifers	72.00-80.00	83.25
Good Cows	31.00-52.00	64.50
Holstein Steers	64.00-74.50	
Steers 70+	81.00-98.00	
Steers 500-700	97.00-105.00	
Heifers 700+	72.00-80.00	
Heifers 500-700	73.00-86.50	
Lightweight heifers	78.00-84.00	

Cows sold at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Fed steers and heifers sold on a slightly easier market. Stockers traded steady.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.50-88.75	83.09	88.75	900+	78.50-87.50	84.32	87.50
900-999	80.50-93.25	89.37	93.25	800-899	75.00-87.75	82.76	87.75
800-899	85.25-95.25	88.20	95.25	700-799	84.25-85.50	84.88	87.50
700-799	84.50-91.50	88.19	96.00	600-699	74.50-93.00	85.28	100.00
600-699	84.00-100.50	89.74	101.50	500-599	79.00-92.75	87.35	98.50
500-599	80.50-106.75	92.63	116.75	400-499	88.00-101.00	95.49	110.50
400-499	94.00-113.50	104.55	114.00				

A heavy run of replacements sold at easier prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock:** 110 veal

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef	100.00-115.00	122.00
Good Hol	85.00-90.00	94.50
Plain Hol	60.00-70.00	
Heavy Hol	75.00-85.00	
Med Hol	70.00-80.00	

Veal sold on a steady market.

Ontario Auction Sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	72.00-80.00	76.04	83.25
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	70.00-80.75	75.91	82.00
Cows	22.00-37.00	28.92	55.00
Bulls (all weights)	34.89-42.10	39.19	73.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange Dec. 19, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	86.00-95.25	90.87	98.00	+900	81.50-87.00	84.28	87.00
900-999	87.75-100.00	95.07	100.00	800-899	77.25-85.00	79.79	85.00
800-899	86.00-90.50	87.64	91.50	600-699	76.50-86.00	78.79	86.00
700-799	86.50-95.00	90.63	100.00				
600-699	88.75-100.50	93.18	100.50				

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market- Dec 19, 2007- 235 Bred Cows

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$800.00-\$1000.00	\$700.00-\$850.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$600.00-\$750.00	\$500.00-\$650.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	N/T	\$800.00-\$1000.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	N/T	\$500.00-\$700.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was very light with steers trading \$1.00 lower than last week. Business is expected to come to a close this afternoon.

Steers	Live	84.50	Flat rail	139.50-141.00
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	139.50-141.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was light to moderate today with live and dressed prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	92.00-92.50
	Rail	144.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 7, 2007	1.5109	1.4483
Nov 30, 2007	1.4869	1.4147
Nov 23, 2007	1.4461	1.4097

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	148.02	137.28
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.25	-0.13
Current 5 day average:	149.22	135.08

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	92.37	-0.15	Jan	103.95	-0.25	Mar	4.374	+2.6	Jan	11.606	+1.6	Spot	100.11	+0.42
Feb	95.70	-0.57	Mar	106.95	-0.40	May	4.480	+2.6	Mar	11.796	+2.0	Mar	100.15	+0.44
Apr	97.92	-0.55	Apr	109.32	-0.30	Jul	4.560	+3.2	May	11.956	+3.0	Jun	100.11	+0.44
Jun	94.22	-0.22	May	110.65	-0.30	Sep	4.563	+2.2	Jul	12.014	+3.4	Sep	100.06	+0.44

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