



Daily Market Information Report



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Thursday January 8, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

Prices reported for Wednesday Jan 7, 2009

A grade steers	170.00-176.00
A grade heifers	169.00-175.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange** – 320 fed cattle, 650 cows, 100 stockers, 50 Veal

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	102.00-110.00	118.50
Good fed heifers	99.00-106.50	
Good Cows	39.00-56.00	86.00
Steers 800+	90.00-93.50	
Lightweight steers	96.00-110.00	114.50
Heifers 700+	88.00-91.00	

Cows sold on a good strong trade. Fed steers and heifers sold steady to last week's stronger prices. Stockers traded stronger.

Today at **Ontario Stockyards Inc:** 350 Stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	99.25-104.00	100.76	104.00	900+	70.00-74.50	71.49	74.50
700-799	91.00-107.50	102.19	107.50	800-899	82.50-85.00	84.37	85.00
600-699	94.00-113.00	104.25	116.50	700-799	83.00-103.00	92.37	103.00
500-599	114.00-122.00	118.29	125.00	600-699	90.00-97.50	94.23	101.50
400-499	109.50-128.00	119.45	128.00	500-599	99.00-108.00	104.88	108.00
300-399	85.00-107.00	98.52	116.00	400-499	97.00-118.00	108.98	118.00
				300-399	103.00-112.00	109.21	112.00

A light run of replacements sold actively at strong prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock:** 280 veal

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef	110.00-140.00	169.00
Good Holsteins	95.00-105.00	107.00
Med Holsteins	85.00-95.00	
Heavy Holsteins	90.00-100.00	

Veal traded on a good active trade.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	100.00-104.50	102.36	108.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	93.50-104.00	100.03	106.00
Cows	34.27-53.76	43.36	77.00
Bulls	50.90-65.07	57.29	94.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Jan 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	103.25-108.75	106.98	108.75	900+	98.00-101.00	99.78	101.00
900-999	105.00-110.50	107.99	111.75	800-899	76.00-102.50	99.00	102.50
800-899	99.00-109.50	105.28	110.75	700-799	104.75-109.50	106.40	109.50
700-799	103.50-110.25	107.70	110.25	600-699	95.00-105.50	100.60	105.50
600-699	91.00-108.50	101.78	108.50	500-599	95.00-104.50	102.00	104.50
500-599	68.00-106.00	90.70	106.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices steady to last week.

Steers	Live	82.00-85.25	Flat rail	143.50
Heifers	Live	83.00	Flat rail	N/T

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was moderate this afternoon thanks to another round of sharply lower cattle futures. Northern sales were \$4.00 lower while southern trade was \$2.00-\$3.00 lower. It is expected that trade volumes will be significant by the end of the day.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	84.00
	Rail	134.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	143.46	136.41
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.03	+0.17
Current 5 day average:	143.93	135.83

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			
Feb	83.15 -2.62	Jan	93.50 -1.00	Mar	4.066 -9.6	Jan	9.890 -1.0	Spot	84.66 +1.08
Apr	86.95 -1.97	Mar	92.25 -1.02	May	4.172 -10.0	Mar	9.894 -0.4	Mar	84.57 +1.07
Jun	85.37 -1.07	Apr	93.50 -0.77	Jul	4.274 -9.6	May	10.000 -1.0	Jun	84.63 +1.04
Aug	86.10 -0.85	May	94.92 -1.17	Sep	4.374 -9.6	Jul	10.110 -0.6	Sep	84.77 +1.03
Oct	89.12 -1.45	Aug	97.00 -0.90	Dec	4.502 -10.2	Aug	10.134 -0.2	Dec	84.81 +1.02
Dec	91.20 -1.25	Sep	97.35 -1.05	Mar	4.620 -10.0	Sep	10.060 -4.0	Mar	84.87 +1.00

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