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Wednesday March 4, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 163.00-166.00
A grade heifers 162.00-165.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards**- 460 fed steers & heifers, 225 cows, 15 bulls.

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	96.00-101.00	103.50
Fancy fed heifers	96.00-101.00	103.25
Export Cows	47.00-55.00	
Good Cows	53.00-58.00	61.50
Bulls	56.00-66.00	82.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at prices \$3.00-\$500 stronger. All steers and heifers traded actively at steady prices. Calves steady to Monday's lower prices. Thursday's sale 1,000 expected.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange**- 1250 stockers

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	101.00-105.00	107.50
Steers 800-1000	105.00-107.00	109.25
Steers 600-800	99.00-110.00	
Heifers +800	97.00-104.00	
Heifers 600-800	99.00-105.75	

A good offering of stockers sold on a good active trade at steady prices

At Denfield Livestock – March 3, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.25	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-103.75
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	93.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	75.00-160.00
Shells	20.00-30.00		

All classes of fed cattle traded on a good demand at fully steady prices. Fancy cattle trading at premium prices. A good offering of butcher cows traded on a good demand at fully steady prices with the U.S. eligible strong. Stockers were steady, Holstein bull calves a little higher.

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009 1 replacement calves, 4 bulls, 43 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	65.00	Cows D1 & D2	45.00-49.00 Top 53.00
Bulls	54.00-60.50 Top 63.00	Cows D3	42.00-45.00 Top 46.00
Bred cows-good x bred		Cows D4	26.00-38.50 Top 38.00

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	92.75-101.10	97.40	104.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	90.31-100.57	94.73	102.75
Cows	39.03-55.19	49.02	84.50
Bulls all weights	53.52-64.36	60.65	74.00
Veal 600 lbs +	75.00-99.00	86.02	144.50
Veal 125 lbs & under	50.00-105.00	79.45	105.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 3, 2009** 115 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	87.50-100.00	94.65	100.00	700-799	76.50-96.50	90.07	96.50
600-699	88.00-109.50	101.73	109.50	600-699	79.00-105.00	94.80	105.00
500-599	95.00-130.00	111.92	130.00	500-599	75.00-113.00	99.71	113.00
400-499	104.00-125.00	114.65	125.00	400-499	99.00-111.00	104.20	111.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 3, 2009** 200 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50	800-899	100.75-101.50	100.90	101.50
700-799	90.00-109.50	96.20	110.00	700-799	75.50-75.50	75.50	75.50
600-699	112.75-125.00	119.82	125.00	600-699	98.25-99.00	98.34	100.50
500-599	102.00-125.00	119.96	125.00	500-599	104.50-113.00	108.95	113.00
400-499	110.00-122.00	117.27	122.00	400-499	100.00-110.00	107.14	110.00
800-899	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009** 452 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	85.00-90.00	900+	82.00-86.50
900-999	91.00-99.00	800-899	90.00-98.75
800-899	92.00-101.00	700-799	90.00-108.50
700-799	97.00-107.50	600-699	96.00-107.00
600-699	105.00-117.00	500-599	98.00-116.00
500-599	112.00-125.00	400-499	99.00-116.50
400-499	115.00-124.00	300-399	82.00-114.00

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	135.56	133.74
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.74	+0.82
Current 5 day average:	133.45	131.57

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report.

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

U.S. cash cattle trade remains quiet this afternoon with asking prices holding firm at \$85.00 live and \$135.00 dressed.

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

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	84.65	+0.42	Mar	93.02	+1.05	Mar	3.552	+11.6	Mar	8.754	+12.4	Spot	78.52	+0.86
Jun	83.05	+0.60	Apr	93.85	+1.05	May	3.634	+13.0	May	8.684	+15.0	Mar	78.51	+0.85
Aug	83.97	+0.62	May	94.90	+0.57	Jul	3.726	+13.0	Jul	8.676	+16.4	Jun	78.60	+0.86
Oct	87.70	+0.80	Aug	98.20	+0.80	Sep	3.816	+13.2	Aug	8.520	+17.6	Sep	78.79	+0.89
Dec	89.50	+0.75	Sep	98.45	+0.95	Dec	3.936	+13.0	Sep	8.242	+18.2	Dec	78.94	+0.91
Feb	90.50	+0.80	Oct	98.30	+0.82	Mar	4.054	+12.6	Nov	8.102	+19.0	Mar	79.02	+0.93

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