



Daily Market Information Report



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Thursday March 5, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

Prices reported for Wednesday March 4, 2009

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

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange** – 530 fed cattle, 620 cows, 150 stockers, 50 Veal

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	97.00-107.00	111.75
Good fed heifers	95.00-105.00	115.00
Good Cows	48.00-59.00	78.00
Steers 800 lbs +	92.00-97.00	
Lightweight steers	100.00-108.00	
Heifers 700 lbs +	84.00-91.50	

Cows sold on a steady market. A good quality offering of fed steers and heifers sold at strong prices. Stockers sold at steady prices.

Today at **Ontario Stockyards Inc:** 1,200 Stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	89.00-98.00	94.67	98.00	900+	82.00-95.50	87.71	95.50
900-999	79.00-101.50	93.46	105.00	800-899	80.00-94.00	89.57	94.00
800-899	96.00-107.00	102.04	110.00	700-799	74.00-95.25	87.75	106.00
700-799	102.00-113.00	106.80	113.00	600-699	92.00-108.75	103.67	108.75
600-699	108.00-124.75	115.83	124.75	500-599	95.00-110.00	104.80	110.00
500-599	109.50-127.25	121.38	131.00	400-499	92.50-113.00	103.60	113.00
400-499	94.00-117.00	103.81	120.00	300-399	100.00-105.50	103.47	105.50

Replacement cattle traded actively at steady prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock:** 180 veal

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef	100.00-110.00	135.00
Good Holsteins	85.00-95.00	105.00
Med Holsteins	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Holsteins	75.00-90.00	
Plain Holsteins	60.00-70.00	

Holstein veal calves sold at prices \$5.00-\$8.00 stronger than last week while beef veal calves traded steady.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	94.19-99.75	97.35	103.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	93.85-101.75	98.19	103.25
Cows	41.14-58.57	51.04	85.00
Bulls	58.07-69.16	63.92	82.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	88.00-120.00	103.24	215.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 4, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	101.00-109.50	105.61	109.50	900+	96.75-99.50	98.30	101.00
900-999	104.00-108.75	106.47	109.25	800-899	70.00-104.00	99.33	104.00
800-899	103.50-105.75	104.95	105.75	700-799	96.75-105.75	100.58	105.75
700-799	98.00-110.00	106.10	110.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was moderate with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week.

Steers	Live	89.00-90.00	Flat rail	152.50-153.20
Heifers	Live	88.90-90.15	Flat rail	152.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was light in parts of Nebraska today with prices steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. All other feeding areas remained untested with asking prices holding at \$85.00 live and \$135.00 dressed. Significant trade is possibly going to be delayed until Friday.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	130.00-131.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869
Feb 13, 2009	1.7219	1.6935
Feb 6, 2009	1.6962	1.7021

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	135.43	133.87
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.05	+0.39
Current 5 day average:	133.73	131.92

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	83.90 -0.75	Mar	92.20 -0.82	Mar	3.492 -6.0	Mar	8.624 -13.0	Spot	77.52 -1.00
Jun	82.35 -0.70	Apr	92.82 -1.02	May	3.584 -5.0	May	8.520 -16.4	Mar	77.50 -1.01
Aug	83.32 -0.65	May	93.87 -1.02	Jul	3.676 -5.0	Jul	8.512 -16.4	Jun	77.61 -0.99
Oct	86.95 -0.75	Aug	96.95 -1.25	Sep	3.762 -5.4	Aug	8.374 -14.4	Sep	77.83 -0.96
Dec	88.90 -0.60	Sep	97.50 -0.95	Dec	3.876 -6.0	Sep	8.120 -12.2	Dec	78.00 -0.94
Feb	89.92 -0.57	Oct	97.70 -0.60	Mar	3.992 -6.2	Nov	7.994 -10.6	Mar	78.08 -0.94

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