



Daily Market Information Report



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Monday March 16, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 168.00-172.00
A grade heifers 167.00-171.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Ontario Stockyards:** 105 veal

| | Price Range | Top Price |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Veal calves + 600 lbs | 85.00-107.50 | 115.00 |
| Veal calves 451-600 lbs | 77.00-104.00 | 106.50 |

An excellent offering of good Holstein calves sold steady to stronger with no good beef calves on offer. 700 stockers are expected for Tuesday March 17th vaccinated sale.

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 14, 2009- 331 head

| | Price Range | Top |
|--|----------------|--------|
| Good & Choice Steers | 96.00-101.50 | 104.00 |
| Good & Choice Heifers | 96.50-101.00 | 103.00 |
| Good Cows | 44.00-58.50 | 64.00 |
| Export Cows | 39.00-54.50 | |
| Good heavy bologna bulls | Sales to 66.50 | |
| Good veal calves (no choice on offer) | 76.00-95.50 | |

Fed steers and heifers sold strong to higher. Cows traded on a very strong market with bulls also selling strong. Good veal traded on a steady market with no choice calves on offer. Stocker and feeder cattle sold very strong with bred cows also trading on a strong market.

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 14, 2009- 106 cows

| | Price Range | Average | Top |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Cows | 34.50-67.00 | 49.68 | 67.00 |
| Bulls 1600 lbs & over | 52.50-68.50 | 61.28 | 68.50 |

Cull cows traded at prices \$2.00 stronger.

Stocker Sale at: Brussels Livestock, March 13, 2009

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+ | 82.00-99.50 | 93.89 | 106.75 | 900+ | 82.00-100.00 | 92.15 | 100.00 |
| 900-999 | 98.50-107.50 | 104.38 | 108.00 | 800-899 | 88.00-104.75 | 94.66 | 104.75 |
| 800-899 | 96.00-112.75 | 105.52 | 112.75 | 700-799 | 86.50-103.25 | 92.97 | 107.00 |
| 700-799 | 88.00-113.00 | 104.89 | 113.75 | 600-699 | 93.00-109.50 | 99.62 | 110.50 |
| 600-699 | 103.00-121.00 | 111.44 | 123.00 | 500-599 | 94.00-113.00 | 105.54 | 118.00 |
| 500-599 | 103.00-127.00 | 115.83 | 127.00 | 400-499 | 104.00-116.00 | 109.66 | 116.00 |
| 400-499 | 116.00-125.00 | 120.52 | 130.50 | 300-399 | 107.00-127.00 | 120.33 | 127.00 |
| 399- | 98.00-131.00 | 113.75 | 131.00 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, March 14, 2009

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 500-599 | 95.00-105.00 | 98.83 | 105.00 | 500-599 | 99.00-105.00 | 103.20 | 105.00 |
| 400-499 | 102.50-115.00 | 109.31 | 115.00 | 400-499 | 80.00-120.00 | 96.20 | 120.00 |
| 300-399 | 80.00-125.00 | 97.50 | 125.00 | 300-399 | 80.00-112.00 | 108.00 | 112.00 |

Stockers continued to trend higher. Wed March 18 is the Peterborough/Victoria County Cattlemen's sale- vaccinated- 600 head expected.

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

| | Week Ending | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| | Mar 14, 2009 | | |
| Grand Total | 623,000 | 603,000 | 638,000 |

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

| | Steers | Heifers |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Mar 7, 2009 | 841 | 786 |
| Mar 1, 2008 | 855 | 802 |

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

| | Week Ending | YTD | % of Yr. Ago |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| | Mar 7, 2009 | | |
| Grand Total | 55,989 | 562,789 | 105% |
| Alberta Slaughter | 37,731 | 395,971 | 108% |
| Ontario Slaughter | 11,183 | 94,310 | 94% |

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

| | Week ending Mar 7, 09 | Week ending Feb 28, 09 | Year to Date |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US. | 2,337 | 2,110 | 29,58 |
| Steers & Heifers | 1,661 | 1,259 | 23,954 |
| Cows | 684 | 811 | 5,403 |
| Bulls | 32 | 40 | 191 |

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

| | February 2009 | February 2008 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Steers | 2,933 | 4,004 |
| Heifers | 1,983 | 2,232 |
| Cows | 1,107 | 1,234 |
| Bulls | 1,207 | 453 |

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

| | Choice | Select |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cutout Values: (noon estimate) | 134.98 | 134.81 |
| Change: (from Friday's close) | -0.86 | -0.46 |
| Current 5 day average: | 135.70 | 134.86 |

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

US cash cattle trade is quiet following show list distribution. This weeks offering appears larger in all states except Kansas. Early asking prices are at \$84.00 live and \$133.00-\$134.00 dressed.

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

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures for today were as follows:

| Live Cattle | | Feeder Cattle | | Corn | | Soybeans | | Canadian \$ | |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| \$/cwt US | | \$/cwt US | | \$/bu US ¢/bu | | \$/bu US ¢/bu | | | |
| Apr | 84.45 -0.20 | Mar | 91.70 -0.25 | Mar | 3.914 +3.0 | Mar | 9.110 +34.4 | Spot | 78.83 +0.36 |
| Jun | 82.07 +0.02 | Apr | 92.02 -0.02 | May | 4.016 +3.4 | May | 9.074 +32.2 | Mar | 78.82 +0.37 |
| Aug | 83.00 +0.10 | May | 93.70 -0.32 | Jul | 4.100 +3.4 | Jul | 8.914 +30.0 | Jun | 78.90 +0.36 |
| Oct | 86.45 -0.10 | Aug | 97.17 -0.17 | Sep | 4.212 +3.2 | Aug | 8.634 +27.6 | Sep | 79.06 +0.36 |
| Dec | 88.95 +0.07 | Sep | 98.20 -0.12 | Dec | 4.314 +2.2 | Sep | 8.504 +26.6 | Dec | 79.24 +0.36 |
| Feb | 90.20 +0.22 | Oct | 98.50 -0.30 | Mar | 4.380 +2.4 | Nov | 8.600 +26.4 | Mar | 79.36 +0.36 |

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