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Wednesday April 1, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 167.00-172.00
A grade heifers 166.00-171.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards**- 490 fed steers & heifers, 210 cows, 15 bulls, 15 veal

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	99.00-103.00	103.25
Fancy fed heifers	99.00-103.00	105.00
Export Cows	48.00-58.00	67.00
Good Cows	46.00-58.00	
Bulls	58.00-68.00	77.00

Cows and bulls sold on a steady market. All classes of fed steers and heifers traded actively at prices steady to last week. 1,300 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange**- 835 stockers.

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	102.00-109.75	
Steers 800-1000	106.00-112.00	126.25
Steers 600-800	115.00-122.25	
Heifers +800	101.00-105.00	125.00

Stocker cattle sold on a good active trade with steady prices.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	95.50-102.00	99.25	106.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	94.73-100.06	98.14	104.50
Cows	43.00-61.53	52.11	85.00
Bulls all weights	62.51-75.12	67.52	84.50
Veal 600 lbs +	75.00-93.00	82.38	128.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	65.00-115.00	98.28	115.00

At Denfield Livestock – March 31, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-103.75	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-102.00
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-68.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$175.00
Shells	20.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00

All classes of fed cattle sold on a strong demand at fully steady prices, with fancy cattle bringing premium prices. Cows traded fully steady with the top end \$2.00-\$4.00 higher. Stockers traded steady and good Holstein bull calves sold steady.

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 31, 2009 4 replacement calves, 4 bulls, 95 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	50.00-145.00	Cows D1 & D2	49.00-63.00 top 70.00
Bulls	55.00-65.50	Cows D3	39.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-40.00

Cows sold at prices \$2.00 cwt higher.

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 31, 2009** – 236 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	70.00-106.00	95.20	106.00	700-799	83.00-108.50	101.44	108.50
700-799	63.00-110.00	100.18	110.00	600-699	68.00-108.50	100.03	108.50
600-699	79.00-121.50	109.66	121.50	500-599	82.00-125.00	108.89	125.00
500-599	71.00-126.00	114.93	136.00	400-499	72.00-121.00	108.53	121.00
400-499	93.00-137.00	123.18	137.00	300-399	95.50-120.50	106.10	120.50
300-399	75.00-127.00	109.75	127.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 31, 2009**- 524 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	104.00-109.10	107.20	109.10	900+	96.00-102.50	98.90	102.50
800-899	109.25-113.00	111.17	113.00	800-899	98.00-103.50	100.31	103.50
700-799	107.00-116.00	113.61	120.50	700-799	103.25-107.00	105.90	107.75
600-699	119.00-133.00	126.86	133.00	600-699	101.00-113.50	108.72	116.50
500-599	113.00-137.00	124.75	137.00	500-599	108.00-113.00	111.00	118.50
400-499	123.00-133.00	126.50	133.00	400-499	94.00-123.00	113.75	123.00

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 31, 2009**- 514 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	95.00-108.00	800-899	94.00-100.50
800-899	99.00-112.00	700-799	100.00-109.00
700-799	106.00-118.00	600-699	96.00-113.00
600-699	113.00-124.50	500-599	101.00-114.50
500-599	118.00-126.50	400-499	106.00-118.50
400-499	120.00-129.00	300-399	109.00-122.00

Stockers sold at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt higher.

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	135.62	136.39
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.92	+0.27
Current 5 day average:	134.41	134.82

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday was quiet with business expected to surface some time this afternoon.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade remained untested today with bids at \$81.00 live and \$130.00-\$132.00 dressed. Asking prices are holding firm at \$85.00-\$86.00 live and \$136.00 plus dressed. One side will have to give in for business to develop, but it appears that this is not very likely before Thursday.

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	83.77	-0.15	Apr	93.30	+0.12	May	3.960	-8.6	May	9.520	+0.0	Spot	79.43	+0.06
Jun	81.37	-0.32	May	93.95	-0.30	Jul	4.062	-8.4	Jul	9.514	+1.0	Jun	79.48	+0.07
Aug	82.35	-0.10	Aug	96.37	-0.45	Sep	4.152	-8.6	Aug	9.364	+0.4	Sep	79.60	+0.07
Oct	86.02	+0.02	Sep	97.50	-0.37	Dec	4.272	-8.4	Sep	9.070	+0.4	Dec	79.73	+0.07
Dec	88.25	+0.02	Oct	97.80	-0.07	Mar	4.386	-8.6	Nov	8.920	+0.0	Mar	79.83	+0.07
Feb	89.50	+0.02	Nov	97.80	-0.12	May	4.462	-9.0	Jan	9.012	-0.6	Jun	79.93	+0.07

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