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Wednesday May 6, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 166.00-170.00
A grade heifers 165.00-169.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards**- 360 fed steers & heifers, 275 cows, 25 bulls, 15 veal

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	100.00-104.75	
Fancy fed heifers	100.00-104.00	104.75
Export Cows	50.00-59.00	62.00
Good Cows	52.00-61.00	69.00
Bulls	58.00-68.00	78.00

Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady prices. All steers and heifers traded actively at steady to strong prices. Veal was steady to Monday. 1,200 stockers are expected for Thursday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange**- 2,060 stockers.

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	100.00-105.00	107.50
Steers 800-1000	99.00-111.00	
Steers 600-800	107.00-120.00	130.00
Steers 400-600	110.00-135.00	
Heifers +800	95.00-102.00	
Heifers 600-800	96.00-107.00	114.00
Heifers 400-600	98.00-130.00	

Stocker cattle traded on a steady market.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	92.50-103.50	99.08	106.75
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	95.50-103.25	100.38	114.25
Cows	41.56-59.57	52.25	67.00
Bulls all weights	60.78-69.41	65.25	74.50
Veal 600 lbs +	75.94-96.83	85.48	130.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	70.00-140.00	117.17	140.00

At Denfield Livestock – May 5, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-107.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-101.00
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	95.00-99.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$225.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Beef crossed calves	\$200.00-\$300.00
Yearling steers	95.00-105.00	Yearling heifers	95.00-101.00

The market traded on a good demand at steady prices on all classes of fed cattle with the fancy cattle bringing a premium. Good cows traded active at strong prices, stockers and holstein bull calves were strong.

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009- 4 replacement calves, 6 bulls, 68 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	105.00-180.00	Cows D1 & D2	54.00-57.75
Bulls	N/A	Cows D3	48.00-54.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-47.00

As the dollar rises it brings pressure on the cattle market.

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 5, 2009 – 159 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	67.00-115.50	90.68	115.50	500-599	83.50-115.50	102.66	115.50
500-599	75.00-128.50	106.85	128.50	400-499	70.00-113.00	98.62	113.00
400-499	70.00-130.50	110.85	130.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 5, 2009- 1,527 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	98.50-108.00	106.47	108.00	900+	89.00-96.50	94.07	96.50
800-899	102.00-115.00	109.46	115.00	800-899	102.50-107.50	105.36	107.00
700-799	107.00-126.50	120.70	133.50	700-799	100.00-114.25	109.95	114.25
600-699	121.00-134.25	126.71	134.50	600-699	105.25-117.75	114.36	117.75
500-599	130.25-139.25	135.85	142.00	500-599	107.00-120.00	115.60	120.00
400-499	127.00-146.00	137.38	146.00	400-499	100.00-124.00	113.58	132.00
399-	71.00-116.00	89.33	119.00				

All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold on a solid demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009- 257 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	96.00-103.50	900+	79.00-89.00
700-799	110.00-112.50	800-899	90.00-94.50
600-699	110.00-118.50	700-799	94.00-106.00
500-599	112.00-133.00	600-699	93.00-107.50
400-499	125.00-132.00	500-599	101.00-112.00
		400-499	112.00-118.00
		300-399	112.00-117.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 5, 2009- 1,194 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	86.00-98.50	93.67	100.00	900+	70.00-90.50	81.17	90.50
900-999	95.00-104.00	100.13	104.00	800-899	95.00-105.50	98.89	107.50
800-899	102.00-112.50	107.86	112.50	700-799	91.00-108.00	100.53	113.00
700-799	110.50-121.50	117.87	128.00	600-699	100.00-119.25	112.06	135.00
600-699	113.00-128.25	121.57	131.00	500-599	105.50-118.50	112.84	118.50
500-599	116.00-131.00	123.00	139.25	400-499	95.00-111.00	104.73	111.00
400-499	104.00-140.00	115.98	145.00				

Vaccinated stocker sale. A good quality offering of replacements sold actively at steady prices.

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	146.05	143.69
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.38	-0.49
Current 5 day average:	148.99	146.07

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday was untested with business expected to develop today. Trade is expected to be softer in pricing pressured by the CDN dollar, with this week's offering steady in volume.

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 is quiet with just a few scattered bids reported at \$83.00 live and \$133.00-\$134.00 dressed. Asking prices are at \$88.00 live and \$140.00 dressed. Trade is possible on Thursday but not expected until Friday.

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						
Jun	81.87	-0.25	May	97.70	+0.27	May	4.006	+2.2	May	11.350	+19.0	Spot	85.68	0.063
Aug	82.35	+0.12	Aug	99.00	+0.22	Jul	4.074	+2.2	Jul	11.180	+17.0	Jun	85.73	+0.68
Oct	86.90	+0.25	Sep	99.15	+0.15	Sep	4.160	+1.6	Aug	10.770	+15.4	Sep	85.81	+0.68
Dec	88.95	+0.07	Oct	99.42	+0.17	Dec	4.266	+1.6	Sep	10.230	+16.0	Dec	85.89	+0.67
Feb	90.60	+0.15	Nov	99.40	+0.20	Mar	4.392	+1.6	Nov	9.780	+17.4	Mar	85.97	+0.65
Apr	91.45	+0.20	Jan	98.30	+0.05	May	4.466	+1.0	Jan	9.816	+17.2	Jun	86.08	+0.64

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