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Wednesday May 27, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 164.00-172.00
A grade heifers 163.00-171.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards**- 460 fed steers & heifers, 330 cows, 25 bulls, 20 veal

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	100.00-104.00	109.25
Fancy fed heifers	100.00-104.00	111.25
Export Cows	47.00-57.00	59.50
Good Cows	46.00-57.00	70.00
Bulls	57.00-67.00	85.00

Cows and bulls traded under pressure at prices \$2.00-\$4.00 lower. All steers and heifers sold under pressure with prices \$1.00 lower. Veal sold steady to Monday. 750 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange**- 1,800 stockers.

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	98.00-100.75	
Steers 800-1000	100.00-107.75	
Steers 600-800	110.00-119.00	
Heifers +800	92.00-96.25	
Heifers 600-800	102.00-08.50	

Grass types and light weight cattle sold steady with short keep cattle selling under pressure.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	99.12-105.32	102.53	108.75
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	93.50-104.00	99.82	110.75
Cows	38.99-57.84	49.51	91.00
Bulls 1600 lbs +	54.96-70.03	63.16	86.50
Veal 600 lbs +	68.00-87.00	77.88	130.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	65.00-125.00	111.22	190.00

At Denfield Livestock – May 26, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-105.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-103.25
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	95.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-68.50
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	65.00-68.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-47.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$150.00-\$225.00
Shells	30.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$20.00-\$100.00
Shortkeep steers	98.00-104.00		
950-1000 lbs			

All classes of fed cattle traded on a good demand at fully steady prices with the fancy cattle bringing a premium. Cows traded active at strong prices, stockers steady and Holstein bull calves higher.

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 26, 2009- 5 replacement calves, 9 bulls, 78 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	95.00-165.00 top 180.00	Cows D1 & D2	54.00-60.00 top 64.00
Bulls	60.00-67.00 top 80.00	Cows D3	49.00-54.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-48.00

The market held steady despite the rising Canadian dollar.

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 26, 2009 – 139 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	85.00-113.50	104.30	113.50	900+	54.00-91.50	74.25	91.50
600-699	92.00-114.50	105.50	114.50	600-699	65.00-111.00	100.16	111.00
500-599	73.00-129.50	118.84	129.50	500-599	100.00-121.00	112.97	121.00
400-499	117.50-136.50	130.87	136.50	400-499	91.00-128.50	113.10	128.50
300-399	121.00-137.00	133.21	137.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 26, 2009-** 1,924 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	98.50-102.50	100.51	102.50	900+	101.00-103.00	102.70	103.00
900-999	99.75-106.25	104.21	106.25	800-899	101.50-104.50	102.83	104.50
800-899	100.00-114.75	109.75	114.75	700-799	104.25-107.50	106.17	107.75
700-799	101.00-122.00	114.67	130.35	600-699	98.00-121.25	112.35	121.25
600-699	119.00-132.00	126.50	132.00	500-599	115.00-127.75	121.57	127.75
500-599	125.00-143.00	136.56	148.00	400-499	117.00-124.00	121.50	124.00
400-499	116.00-146.00	134.34	146.00	300-399	107.00-123.50	118.90	123.50
399-	117.00-127.00	121.11	127.00				

Good quality grass type cattle sold on strong demand at steady prices while heavier short keep feeder cattle sold \$2.00 lower. Dollar calves sold up to \$15.00 per head higher.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 26, 2009-** 156 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	97.00-103.00	900+	92.00-97.00
800-899	97.00-105.50	800-899	90.00-99.00
700-799	100.00-113.00	700-799	91.00-104.50
600-699	110.00-123.00	600-699	100.00-119.50
500-599	115.00-128.75	500-599	99.00-114.50
400-499	116.00-127.00	400-499	98.00-115.00
		300-399	106.00-118.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc** : 700 stockers – Vaccinated stocker sale.

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	94.00-104.00	98.77	112.00	900+	92.00-96.00	93.93	96.00
800-899	106.00-113.00	108.27	113.00	800-899	102.00-108.75	105.89	108.75
700-799	104.00-117.75	111.77	119.00	700-799	99.50-109.00	105.52	109.00
600-699	109.00-126.00	117.47	126.00	600-699	107.00-120.50	115.54	131.00
500-599	113.00-132.00	124.65	138.00	500-599	106.00-128.00	122.01	130.25
400-499	120.00-139.50	132.41	139.50	400-499	121.00-133.00	126.33	133.00
399-	106.00-130.00	125.07	130.00				

Replacements sold actively with prices steady to stronger.

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	147.30	140.19
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.32	+0.29
Current 5 day average:	146.71	141.28

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report. Business is expected to get off to a slow start again this week as the Canadian dollar pressures prices lower.

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 remains quiet today with little business expected before Thursday. Asking prices are at \$87.00-\$88.00 live and \$140.00 plus 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 US						
							¢/bu		¢/bu					
Jun	82.37	-0.45	Aug	102.45	-0.12	Jul	4.260	-1.4	Jul	11.870	+1.4	Spot	89.73	+0.26
Aug	83.10	-0.72	Sep	102.52	-0.32	Sep	4.362	-1.4	Aug	11.474	+2.4	Jun	89.72	+0.26
Oct	89.22	-0.22	Oct	102.72	-0.32	Dec	4.496	-0.4	Sep	10.904	+3.0	Sep	89.78	+0.26
Dec	91.15	-0.22	Nov	103.15	-0.27	Mar	4.604	-0.4	Nov	10.500	+7.4	Dec	89.86	+0.26
Feb	93.20	-0.20	Jan	102.00	+0.30	May	4.680	-0.4	Jan	10.524	+8.2	Mar	89.91	+0.26
Apr	94.90	-0.12	Mar	100.80	+0.47	Jul	4.750	-0.4	Mar	10.400	+8.0	Jun	89.98	+0.26

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