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Wednesday December 16, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 131.00-135.00
A grade heifers 130.00-134.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange- 487** stockers.

| | Price Range | Top |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Steers +1000 lbs | 86.00-94.00 | |
| Steers 800-1000 lbs | 84.00-94.00 | 98.50 |
| Steers 600-800 lbs | 92.00-100.00 | 106.00 |
| Heifers +800 lbs | 80.00-85.00 | |
| Heifers 600-800 lbs | 88.00-96.00 | |

A good quality offering traded actively at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards- 220** fed steers & heifers, **410** cows, **30** bulls, **30** veal

| | Range | Top |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Fancy fed steers | 78.00-81.00 | 85.00 |
| Fancy fed heifers | 78.00-82.00 | 84.75 |
| Good Cows | 34.00-42.00 | 55.50 |
| Export Cows | 35.00-42.00 | 45.50 |
| Bulls | 42.00-52.00 | 62.50 |

Cows and bulls traded actively at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Fed steers and heifers sold actively at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger. Veal sold steady to Monday. 1,200 stockers are expected for Thursday. Bred Cow sale this Fri @ 7pm with 175 expected.

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

| | Price Range | Average | Top Price |
|---|-------------|---------|-----------|
| Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers | 76.75-82.60 | 79.57 | 85.00 |
| Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers | 72.00-79.00 | 76.80 | 80.25 |
| Cows | 28.13-44.44 | 35.95 | 68.50 |
| Bulls all weights | 39.20-53.86 | 47.72 | 63.00 |
| Veal 600 lbs + | 75.00-97.50 | 85.98 | 138.00 |
| Veal 125 lbs & under | 35.00-77.50 | 61.05 | 82.50 |

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – Dec 15, 2009 – 253 head

| | Price Range | | Price Range |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| Choice steers | 78.00-82.75 | Choice heifers | 76.00-78.25 |
| Good steers | 75.00-78.00 | Good heifers | 74.00-76.00 |
| Plain steers | 72.00-75.00 | Plain heifers | 70.00-74.00 |
| Good fed cows | 40.00-45.00 | Beef bulls | 40.00-50.00 |
| D1 & D2 cows | 35.00-40.00 | Hol bulls | 40.00-45.00 |
| D3 & D4 cows | 25.00-35.00 | Good calves | 90.00-110.00 |
| Shells | 10.00-25.00 | Second cut calves | 50.00-90.00 |
| Good Hol veal | 85.00-88.00 | Newborn bull calves & others | 10.00-50.00 |
| Plainer veal | 80.00-85.00 | | |

The market traded steady on all fronts.

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), Dec 15, 2009- 267** stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|-------|--------|
| 700-799 | 55.00-95.00 | 82.68 | 95.00 | 700-799 | 51.00-84.00 | 74.67 | 84.00 |
| 600-699 | 70.00-105.00 | 91.84 | 105.00 | 600-699 | 63.00-94.00 | 86.23 | 94.00 |
| 500-599 | 65.00-118.50 | 96.44 | 118.50 | 500-599 | 62.00-97.50 | 83.54 | 97.50 |
| 400-499 | 86.50-126.50 | 108.12 | 126.50 | 400-499 | 49.00-102.50 | 78.62 | 102.50 |

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, Dec 15, 2009- 1,161** stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+ | 92.50-94.00 | 92.99 | 94.00 | 900+ | 69.50-80.50 | 79.12 | 80.50 |
| 900-999 | 91.50-97.00 | 94.35 | 97.00 | 800-899 | 76.50-95.00 | 90.21 | 95.00 |
| 800-899 | 91.50-97.75 | 9.34 | 97.75 | 700-799 | 75.00-89.00 | 83.73 | 99.50 |
| 700-799 | 79.00-99.00 | 88.57 | 100.00 | 600-699 | 70.00-98.25 | 85.57 | 98.25 |
| 600-699 | 92.50-108.50 | 103.25 | 114.00 | 500-599 | 87.00-110.75 | 100.48 | 110.75 |
| 500-599 | 103.00-123.00 | 113.88 | 123.00 | 400-499 | 88.00-101.00 | 93.81 | 114.50 |
| 400-499 | 115.00-131.25 | 123.59 | 131.25 | 300-399 | 104.00-117.00 | 114.58 | 117.00 |
| 399- | 114.00-125.00 | 122.53 | 125.00 | | | | |

All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold on a selective demand at barely steady prices. The next regular sale will be on Tues Jan 19th, 2010.

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

| | Choice | Select |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cutout Values: (noon estimate) | 138.04 | 131.83 |
| Change: (from yesterday's close) | -0.49 | +1.11 |
| Current 5 day average: | 136.37 | 129.35 |

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

| | Nov 2009 | Nov 2008 |
|---------|----------|----------|
| Steers | 4,540 | 4,608 |
| Heifers | 3,291 | 2,895 |
| Cows | 1,258 | 997 |
| Bulls | 1,262 | 1,144 |

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday was untested with business expected to develop today.

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|---------|------|-----|-----------|-----|
| 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 light in the south with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Asking prices are at \$82.00 live and \$130.00 plus dressed. The north remained quiet.

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| Choice and select steers and heifers: | Live | 81.00 |
| | 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 | | | |
| Dec | 82.12 +0.02 | Jan | 92.85 -0.17 | Mar | 4.102 +2.6 | Jan | 10.594 +4.4 | Spot | 94.09 -0.14 |
| Feb | 84.90 -0.02 | Mar | 93.32 -0.05 | May | 4.210 +2.6 | Mar | 10.670 +5.0 | Mar | 94.07 -0.14 |
| Apr | 88.02 -0.12 | Apr | 95.10 +0.22 | Jul | 4.294 +2.2 | May | 10.730 +6.2 | Jun | 94.05 -0.15 |
| Jun | 85.47 +0.15 | May | 96.00 +0.07 | Sep | 4.354 +3.2 | Jul | 10.770 +5.6 | Sep | 94.02 -0.15 |
| Aug | 85.55 +0.00 | Aug | 98.50 +0.30 | Dec | 4.422 +4.2 | Aug | 10.714 +6.0 | Dec | 93.98 -0.15 |
| Oct | 88.45 -0.07 | Sep | 98.05 -0.15 | Mar | 4.522 +4.4 | Sep | 10.494 +7.4 | Mar | 93.92 -0.17 |

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