

# Daily Market Information Report

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

**Friday December 18, 2009**

## ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

**A grade steers** 133.00-136.00  
**A grade heifers** 132.00-135.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock: 2,575** stockers (1,373 yearlings left to sell at reporting time)

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	80.50-86.00	84.64	86.00	900+	77.00-80.00	78.95	80.00
900-999	78.00-84.00	78.86	84.00	800-899	77.00-93.00	88.06	93.00
800-899	80.50-87.50	84.66	88.50	700-799	82.00-95.00	86.62	95.00
700-799	71.00-107.00	91.97	107.00	600-699	84.00-100.50	96.21	100.50
600-699	96.50-110.25	102.57	111.50	500-599	77.50-100.50	88.66	110.00
500-599	90.00-119.00	104.54	110.00	400-499	88.00-107.50	97.37	107.50
400-499	89.00-118.00	101.84	125.00	300-399	87.00-115.00	99.95	115.00
399-	96.00-122.00	108.68	124.00	299-	112.00-117.00	115.04	125.00

Calves and yearlings are trading on a steady market.

Ontario Auction Sales on **Thursday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	70.28-84.70	78.60	97.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	63.99-81.25	75.83	95.00
Cows	30.36-43.07	36.24	66.00
Bulls	41.61-55.35	49.45	74.00
Veal calves 600 lbs +	70.61-103.53	86.52	124.00
Veal calves 125 lbs & under	38.00-99.00	76.09	115.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Dec 17, 2009 – 282** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	80.00-94.00	89.40	94.00	900+	74.00-81.50	79.10	81.50
600-699	82.00-104.00	95.00	104.00	800-899	50.00-67.50	58.39	84.00
500-599	90.00-111.00	102.12	111.00	700-799	73.00-83.50	78.31	83.50
400-499	89.00-115.00	102.24	127.00	600-699	56.00-90.00	76.00	106.00
399-	47.00-118.00	68.56	119.00	500-599	77.00-98.00	89.85	98.00
				400-499	80.00-115.00	96.18	122.00
				300-399	73.00-103.00	93.90	103.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Dec 17, 2009 – 1,577** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	64.00-87.50	79.15	87.50	900+	72.50-87.00	78.14	87.00
900-999	75.00-92.00	86.73	96.00	800-899	77.50-86.00	82.71	91.50
800-899	79.75-98.00	90.39	104.00	700-799	78.00-91.00	85.33	98.00
700-799	89.50-106.00	98.44	106.00	600-699	83.00-95.50	89.32	99.00
600-699	96.00-109.75	103.01	115.00	500-599	86.00-107.00	96.53	120.00
500-599	103.00-124.25	112.77	125.00	400-499	86.25-111.00	98.41	119.00
400-499	105.00-124.00	113.69	141.00	300-399	80.00-105.00	92.91	120.00
399-	103.00-130.00	114.36	135.00	299-	87.50-95.00	92.51	100.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Dec 17, 2009- 437** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	70.00-94.00	84.77	97.00	<b>800-899</b>	45.00-79.50	73.17	79.50
<b>600-699</b>	78.00-98.00	89.80	102.00	<b>700-799</b>	67.00-85.00	77.00	93.00
<b>500-599</b>	84.00-105.00	96.96	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	68.00-88.00	80.94	89.00
<b>400-499</b>	76.00-109.00	92.19	114.00	<b>500-599</b>	73.00-88.00	82.28	91.00
<b>399-</b>	63.00-115.00	93.76	117.00	<b>400-499</b>	79.00-102.00	88.88	106.00
				<b>300-399</b>	80.00-103.00	92.60	106.00
				<b>299-</b>	51.00-86.00	62.00	113.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 17, 2009 – 268** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>400-499</b>	92.50-114.00	103.93	117.00	<b>400-499</b>	82.50-105.50	94.18	130.00
<b>399-</b>	79.00-119.00	96.92	135.00	<b>300-399</b>	84.00-111.50	95.46	120.00

**Stocker Comparison-** this week's average price compared to last week & the same time last year.

	This week's Average Price	Last week's Average Price	Change from last week	Year Ago Average Price	Change from last year
<b>Steers</b>	<b>2009</b>			<b>2008</b>	
<b>400-500</b>	107.50	112.14	-4.64	107.03	+0.07
<b>500-600</b>	105.12	104.40	+0.72	104.48	+0.64
<b>600-700</b>	97.26	97.79	-0.53	100.87	-3.61
<b>700-800</b>	90.90	90.46	+0.44	95.95	-5.05
<b>800-900</b>	90.34	90.29	+0.05	94.86	-4.52
<b>900+</b>	89.89	90.64	-0.75	106.09	-16.20
<b>Heifers</b>					
<b>300-400</b>	92.82	98.73	-5.91	90.28	+2.54
<b>400-500</b>	89.74	99.79	-10.05	92.54	-2.8
<b>500-600</b>	91.62	92.38	-0.76	92.58	-0.96
<b>600-700</b>	86.12	88.90	-2.78	92.18	-6.06
<b>700-800</b>	81.46	86.83	-5.37	88.07	-6.61
<b>800+</b>	82.83	84.78	-1.95	93.35	-10.52

**QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET – (F.O.B. the feedlot)**

For the week ending Dec 17, 2009 **Price Range**  
**A1, A2 Steers** 131.25-133.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct trade this week saw live prices average \$1.30-\$2.40 higher with flat rail prices \$3.00 higher than last week. Prices reported for the week are as follows:

**Steers Live** 74.90-76.00 **Flat rail** 126.00-128.85  
**Heifers Live** 75.35-77.65 **Flat rail** 126.00-128.85

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

US cash cattle trade was moderate today with southern business a full \$2.00 higher than last week but steady to Wednesday. Northern trade was \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week.

**Choice and select steers and heifers:** Live 81.00  
Rail 128.00-129.00

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	138.94	130.85
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	+0.17	+0.16
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	138.22	130.65

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE**

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>			<b>Soybeans</b>			<b>Canadian \$</b>		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US    ¢/bu			\$/bu US    ¢/bu					
<b>Dec</b>	82.05	+0.62	<b>Jan</b>	94.72	+0.75	<b>Mar</b>	3.976	+0.6	<b>Jan</b>	10.120	-10.0	<b>Spot</b>	93.83	+0.36
<b>Feb</b>	84.85	+0.30	<b>Mar</b>	94.75	+0.57	<b>May</b>	4.084	+0.6	<b>Mar</b>	10.200	-10.0	<b>Mar</b>	93.80	+0.38
<b>Apr</b>	88.17	+0.40	<b>Apr</b>	96.27	+0.37	<b>Jul</b>	4.174	+0.6	<b>May</b>	10.262	-10.2	<b>Jun</b>	93.80	+0.38
<b>Jun</b>	85.67	+0.20	<b>May</b>	96.75	+0.05	<b>Sep</b>	4.240	+1.2	<b>Jul</b>	10.341	-10.2	<b>Sep</b>	93.77	+0.38
<b>Aug</b>	85.77	+0.37	<b>Aug</b>	99.00	+0.10	<b>Dec</b>	4.302	+0.4	<b>Aug</b>	10.280	-9.2	<b>Dec</b>	93.70	+0.38
<b>Oct</b>	88.67	+0.27	<b>Sep</b>	98.20	+0.10	<b>Mar</b>	4.394	-0.4	<b>Sep</b>	10.100	-7.4	<b>Mar</b>	93.61	+0.38

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