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Wednesday December 23, 2009

"On behalf of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!"

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 136.00-137.00
A grade heifers 135.00-136.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange- 258** stockers.

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000 lbs	85.00-92.00	97.00
Steers 800-1000 lbs	88.00-93.00	98.00
Heifers +800 lbs	80.00-82.00	86.00

Stockers sold on a good active trade at stronger prices.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	81.85-85.06	83.36	85.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	77.00-84.50	81.74	85.50
Cows	29.48-44.72	36.71	64.50
Bulls all weights	36.86-52.93	45.91	61.00
Veal 600 lbs +	70.00-107.00	90.75	142.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – Dec 22, 2009 – 144 head

	Price Range		Price Range
Good fed cows	35.00-40.00	Hol bulls	40.00-42.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-35.00	Good calves	120.00-160.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00	Second cut calves	80.00-120.00
Shells	10.00-25.00	Newborn bull calves & others	10.00-70.00
Steers 600-700 lbs	90.00-106.00	Heifers 600-700 lbs	92.00-97.00
Goats- Kids	65.00		

The market traded steady on most categories but there were too few fat market cattle to establish a market. Regular sale next Tuesday. Merry Christmas to all.

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	138.59	130.85
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.00	-0.38
Current 5 day average:	138.67	130.87

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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

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 was active yesterday with live prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher and dressed sales up \$3.00-\$4.00. Today trade was untested as it appears that business is finished for the week.

Choice and select steers and heifers: Live 82.00-83.00
 Rail 131.00-132.00

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					
Dec	83.27	+1.32	Jan	95.45	+1.02	Mar	4.046	+6.0	Jan	10.012	+10.2	Spot	95.44	+0.70
Feb	85.37	+0.70	Mar	95.17	+0.92	May	4.152	+6.0	Mar	10.090	+10.4	Mar	95.43	+0.70
Apr	88.82	+0.90	Apr	96.45	+0.65	Jul	4.250	+6.2	May	10.150	+10.6	Jun	95.42	+0.70
Jun	86.30	+0.85	May	97.20	+0.65	Sep	4.310	+6.0	Jul	10.196	+11.4	Sep	95.39	+0.70
Aug	86.40	+0.85	Aug	99.05	+0.35	Dec	4.372	+6.0	Aug	10.156	+10.6	Dec	95.31	+0.70
Oct	89.15	+0.62	Sep	98.25	+0.05	Mar	4.464	+5.0	Sep	10.004	+12.2	Mar	95.21	+0.72

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