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**Wednesday December 30, 2009**

## ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

Prices reported for Tuesday December 29<sup>th</sup>.

**A grade steers** 141.00-143.00  
**A grade heifers** 140.00-142.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange- 460** stockers.

|                            | Price Range | Top    |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|
| <b>Steers +1000 lbs</b>    | 88.00-92.00 | 95.00  |
| <b>Steers 800-1000 lbs</b> | 92.00-95.00 | 100.00 |
| <b>Heifers +800 lbs</b>    | 80.00-87.00 | 89.75  |

Stocker cattle sold on a good active trade at fully steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards Inc- 420** fed steers & heifers, **180** cows, **20** bulls, **10** veal

|                          | Range       | Top   |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>Fancy fed steers</b>  | 82.00-87.00 | 91.50 |
| <b>Fancy fed heifers</b> | 82.00-87.00 | 91.00 |
| <b>Good Cows</b>         | 35.00-45.00 | 51.50 |
| <b>Export Cows</b>       | 36.00-46.00 | 48.50 |
| <b>Bulls</b>             | 42.00-52.00 | 58.00 |

Cows and bulls traded actively at strong prices. Steers and heifers sold actively at prices \$3.00-\$4.00 higher. Veal sold steady to Monday. 500 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale.

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

|   | Price Range  | Average | Top Price |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>    | 82.75-88.00  | 85.65   | 89.00     |
| <b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b> | 82.50-86.10  | 84.64   | 87.75     |
| <b>Cows</b>                                   | 28.20-43.32  | 36.30   | 69.50     |
| <b>Bulls all weights</b>                      | 44.41-51.34  | 48.54   | 56.50     |
| <b>Veal 600 lbs +</b>                         | 82.15-104.86 | 93.45   | 140.00    |
| <b>Veal 125 lbs &amp; under</b>               | 30.00-67.50  | 53.02   | 80.00     |

**At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – Dec 29, 2009 – 102 head**

|                         | Price Range |   | Price Range   |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Choice steers</b>    | 84.00-86.75 | <b>Choice heifers</b>                   | 83.00-85.50   |
| <b>Good steers</b>      | 82.00-84.00 | <b>Good heifers</b>                     | 80.00-83.00   |
| <b>Plain steers</b>     | 79.00-82.00 | <b>Plain heifers</b>                    | 75.00-80.00   |
| <b>Good fed cows</b>    | 42.00-46.00 | <b>Good calves</b>                      | 110.00-145.00 |
| <b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b> | 35.00-42.00 | <b>Second cut calves</b>                | 70.00-110.00  |
| <b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b> | 30.00-35.00 | <b>Newborn bull calves &amp; others</b> | 10.00-70.00   |
| <b>Shells</b>           | 15.00-30.00 |   |               |

The fat cattle market traded strong with prices up to \$4.00 higher. Cows sold \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. A light run of stockers sold at steady prices.

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), Dec 29, 2009- 94** stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range  | Avg   | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range | Avg   | Top   |
|----------------|--------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| <b>700-799</b> | 74.00-91.50  | 84.44 | 91.50  | <b>700-799</b> | 57.00-85.00 | 67.03 | 85.00 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 84.50-102.50 | 93.35 | 102.50 | <b>600-699</b> | 70.00-96.00 | 82.42 | 96.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 80.50-111.50 | 96.02 | 111.50 | <b>500-599</b> | 65.00-99.00 | 84.20 | 99.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 60.00-106.00 | 95.16 | 106.00 |                |             |       |       |

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

|   | <b>Choice</b> | <b>Select</b> |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)   | 139.22        | 133.73        |
| <b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close) | -0.20         | -0.07         |
| <b>Current 5 day average:</b>           | 138.81        | 131.93        |

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Alberta direct trade for Tuesday is unavailable.

|                |             |     |                  |     |
|----------------|-------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| <b>Steers</b>  | <b>Live</b> | N/T | <b>Flat rail</b> | N/T |
| <b>Heifers</b> | <b>Live</b> | N/T | <b>Flat rail</b> | N/T |

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

U.S. cash cattle trade is moderate to fairly active at reporting time with business expected to finish off the year by the end of today. Southern trade is \$2.00 higher while northern business is \$3.00-\$4.00 higher.

|  |             |               |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| <b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b> | <b>Live</b> | 84.00-85.50   |
|  | <b>Rail</b> | 135.00-136.00 |

**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>         | 84.60 | +0.37 | <b>Jan</b>           | 95.12 | +0.15 | <b>Mar</b>       | 4.136 | -3.2             | <b>Jan</b> | 10.362             | -1.6 | <b>Spot</b> | 94.76 | -1.11 |
| <b>Feb</b>         | 85.05 | -0.07 | <b>Mar</b>           | 94.87 | +0.15 | <b>May</b>       | 4.234 | -3.4             | <b>Mar</b> | 10.444             | -2.4 | <b>Mar</b>  | 94.75 | -1.11 |
| <b>Apr</b>         | 88.95 | +0.10 | <b>Apr</b>           | 96.17 | +0.02 | <b>Jul</b>       | 4.322 | -3.2             | <b>May</b> | 10.494             | -3.0 | <b>Jun</b>  | 94.74 | -1.11 |
| <b>Jun</b>         | 86.62 | +0.17 | <b>May</b>           | 97.25 | +0.15 | <b>Sep</b>       | 4.372 | -2.4             | <b>Jul</b> | 10.546             | -2.2 | <b>Sep</b>  | 94.72 | -1.11 |
| <b>Aug</b>         | 86.70 | +0.12 | <b>Aug</b>           | 98.77 | -0.02 | <b>Dec</b>       | 4.420 | -3.2             | <b>Aug</b> | 10.496             | -2.6 | <b>Dec</b>  | 94.65 | -1.12 |
| <b>Oct</b>         | 89.20 | +0.05 | <b>Sep</b>           | 98.20 | +0.00 | <b>Mar</b>       | 4.510 | -3.2             | <b>Sep</b> | 10.310             | -3.0 | <b>Mar</b>  | 94.58 | -1.12 |

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