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ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts. (Price for today, regardless of delivery day)

A grade steers 200.00-202.00
A grade heifers 199.00-201.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange** – 119 stockers, 172 cows, 148 veal

	Price Range	Top
Good cows	64.00-71.00	98.00
Good Holsteins	98.00-109.00	
Med Holsteins	90.00-98.00	
Plain Holsteins	85.00-90.00	
Heavy Holsteins	94.00-104.00	
Stocker Steers 1000 lbs +	129.00-139.00	142.50

Veal sold on a steady market. Cows sold at prices \$2.00 higher than last week's stronger market. Stockers sold at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards Inc** – 85 fed cattle, 135 cows, 10 bulls, 30 veal

	Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	120.00-125.00	
Fancy fed heifers	120.00-125.00	127.50
Good Cows	56.00-70.00	81.00
Export Cows	56.00-66.00	71.00
Bulls	65.00-75.00	94.00

Cows and bulls sold actively at prices \$3.00-\$5.00 higher. A light run of fed steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$4.00-\$5.00 higher. Veal sold on a steady market. 200 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale.

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

	Volume	Price Range	Avg	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	10	111.50-120.25	115.33	120.25
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	57	112.00-124.25	121.15	124.25
Cows	187	54.91-70.59	63.29	91.00
Bulls	N/T			
Veal 600 lbs +	N/T			
Veal under 125 lbs	N/T			

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	194.01	182.45
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.14	+1.40
Current 5 day average:	193.84	179.56

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade has remained very quiet this week due to the New Year’s Holiday. Business is expected to develop sometime today with steady to slightly lower prices anticipated, partly due to a larger volume on offer this week, as well as strength in the CDN dollar which could limit U.S. packer interest.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade remains at a standstill today with little business expected before Thursday, at the earliest. Asking prices have been reported at \$129.00-\$130.00 live and \$205.00-\$207.00 dressed.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$				
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu		\$/bu US		¢/bu				
Feb	132.37	+0.07	Jan	151.20	-0.20	Mar	6.906	-7.4	Jan	14.054	-13.2	Spot	101.44	+0.91		
Apr	136.17	-0.20	Mar	153.90	-0.37	May	6.934	-6.6	Mar	13.922	-17.2	Mar	101.26	+0.89		
Jun	131.20	+0.45	Apr	156.40	-0.10	Jul	6.906	-6.4	May	13.842	-15.0	Jun	101.04	+0.88		
Aug	130.85	+0.65	May	158.10	+0.02	Sep	6.154	-5.6	Jul	13.820	-13.2	Sep	100.81	+0.88		
Oct	134.52	+0.30	Aug	162.37	+0.20	Dec	5.922	-7.4	Aug	13.604	-12.6	Dec	100.55	+0.87		
Dec	135.55	-0.25	Sep	162.75	+0.00	Mar	6.020	-7.4	Sep	13.240	-10.2	Mar	100.27	+0.85		

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