

Daily Market Information Report

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

Thursday, March 7, 2013

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

Prices reported for Wednesday, March 6, 2013

A grade steers	202.00-204.00
A grade heifers	201.00-203.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 240 fed cattle, 800 cows, and 225 stockers, 20 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	116.00-126.00	135.75
Good fed heifers	115.00-124.00	127.50
Good Cows	67.00-75.00	99.00
Steers 700+	117.00-127.50	
Lightweight steers	125.00-140.00	
Heifers 700+	112.00-122.50	
Lightweight heifers	116.00-130.00	

Cows sold at prices \$3.00 higher. Fed steers and heifers traded on a steady market. Stockers sold steady to yesterday's lower market.

Today at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc. – 825 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	137.25			900+	89.00-119.50	112.60	119.50
900-999	129.00-136.25	133.95	136.25	800-899	115.00-123.50	120.44	123.50
800-899	131.75-138.00	136.15	138.00	700-799	111.50-133.00	120.35	135.50
700-799	124.00-143.50	132.10	143.50	600-699	114.50-135.00	124.40	135.00
600-699	140.00-153.00	144.74	154.00	500-599	109.00-130.25	124.72	144.50
500-599	139.50-166.00	152.24	166.00	400-499	105.00-127.00	116.13	129.50
400-499	144.00-165.00	155.31	178.00	300-399	105.00-120.00	109.54	128.00
399-	169.00-180.00	176.37	180.00				

A good active sale with calves trading steady and good quality yearlings and short keeps selling slightly stronger. Final results will be posted on Friday's report. March 12th @11:00 am- Vaccinated calf and yearling sale.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock –225 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef calves	109.00-140.00	169.00
Good Holsteins	77.00-85.00	88.50
Med Holsteins	70.00-80.00	
Heavy Holsteins	75.00-85.00	

Veal sold at prices steady to last week.

At: **Aylmer Stockyards Inc – March 6, 2013 –316 cattle**

	Price Range		Price Range
Good Cows	66.00-77.00 top 88.50	Good & choice veal	80.00-87.00
Med & plain cows	51.00-64.00	Plain & heavy veal	60.00-78.00
Bulls	72.00-75.00	Replacement calves	\$145.00-\$265.00 top \$300.00
Hol steers	85.00-98.00		

Cows sold steady on a strong market. Veal sold under pressure.

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

	Volume	Price Range	Avg	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	32	118.25-124.50	121.58	124.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	76	113.50-125.50	117.70	129.00
Cows	599	60.00-75.49	67.44	95.50
Bulls	26	72.75-90.09	82.20	95.00
Veal under 125 lbs	162	106.00-174.00	146.87	180.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 6, 2013 – 571 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	123.50-147.50	131.20	147.50	600-699	126.00-127.50	127.00	127.50
900-999	132.00-147.00	136.31	147.00				
800-899	138.25-139.00	138.33	139.00				

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	196.77	195.34
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.69	+0.54
Current 5 day average:	191.03	189.19

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was light to moderate on a larger offering. Prices on the rail were generally \$3.00 lower than last week. Business is expected to continue today.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	189.50-190.50
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	189.50-190.75

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was light this afternoon in the north with prices steady at \$203.00-\$204.00 dressed. The south was quiet following moderate trade volumes on Wednesday at steady prices of \$128.00 live, and it appears that business in the south for this week is completed. The north however, still has cattle to sell with asking prices reported at \$205.00 plus dressed. Sellers are reported as passing on bids of \$203.00 dressed at the moment, which could result in the remaining business being carried over until tomorrow.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	128.00
	Rail	203.00-204.00

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					
Apr	128.30	-0.50	Mar	140.47	-0.45	Mar	7.114	+3.4	Mar	15.034	+19.0	Spot	97.20	+0.22
Jun	124.45	+0.50	Apr	142.62	+0.37	May	6.912	+2.6	May	14.734	+7.4	Mar	97.17	+0.23
Aug	125.25	+0.45	May	144.92	+0.35	Jul	6.724	+0.6	Jul	14.536	+5.0	Jun	96.98	+0.23
Oct	129.37	+0.47	Aug	151.85	+0.40	Sep	5.640	-3.2	Aug	14.144	+6.0	Sep	96.80	+0.23
Dec	130.45	+0.35	Sep	154.05	+0.70	Dec	5.416	-2.4	Sep	13.340	+2.4	Dec	96.61	+0.22
Feb	131.25	+0.55	Nov	155.40	+0.90	Mar	5.514	-2.4	Nov	12.780	-0.6	Mar	96.42	+0.23

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