

Daily Market Information Report

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Thursday, April 4, 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 April 3, 2013

A grade steers	198.00
A grade heifers	197.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 350 fed cattle, 675 cows, and 150 stockers, 20 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	112.75-122.00	135.50
Good fed heifers	108.00-117.00	119.00
Good Cows	67.00-75.00	92.00
Steers 700+	107.00-117.00	
Lightweight steers	124.00-142.00	
Heifers 700+	104.00-116.00	
Lightweight heifers	N/T	

Cows sold on a steady market. Fed steers and heifers traded at prices \$2.00 lower. Stockers sold at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower.

Today at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc. – 700 stockers on offer**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	70.00-107.00	91.12	119.00	900+	106.50		
900-999	114.00-129.50	128.15	129.50	800-899	109.00-125.50	121.26	125.50
800-899	116.00-129.50	123.17	135.50	700-799	115.00-130.00	123.73	130.00
700-799	127.25-140.25	133.75	144.00	600-699	113.00-139.25	128.06	139.25
600-699	131.50-151.50	143.92	157.50	500-599	130.00-146.50	139.29	145.60
500-599	134.50-167.00	156.48	167.00	400-499	100.00-132.00	115.94	144.00
400-499	145.00-165.00	154.58	170.00	300-399	115.00-134.00	122.41	134.00
399-	150.00-157.00	155.10	157.00				

Replacements traded actively with prices fully steady to stronger. Final results will be posted on Friday's report. April 16th @ 11:00 am- Special Spring Stocker Sale- vaccinated calves and yearlings.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock –220 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef Calves	110.00-160.00	164.00
Good Holsteins	90.00-101.00	108.00
Med. Holsteins	80.00-90.00	
Heavy Holsteins	88.00-95.00	98.00

Veal sold on a good, strong demand with beef calves trading \$2.00-\$5.00 higher while Holstein calves traded \$5.00-\$7.00 higher.

At: **Aylmer Stockyards Inc – April 3, 2013 –279 cattle**

	Price Range		Price Range
Good Cows	67.00-80.00 top \$104.00	Good & choice veal	90.00-102.00
Med. & plain cows	65.00-72.00	Plain & heavy veal	85.00-91.00
Bulls	77.00	Replacement calves	\$145.00-\$180.00 top \$280.00
Holstein steers	100.00-104.00		

April 10th & 24th – Special Spring Stocker Sales.

At **Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – April 2, 2013 – 524 cattle**

	Price Range	Top		Price Range	Top
Choice steers	121.00-125.00	128.25	Choice heifers	120.00-124.00	127.25
Good steers	116.00-120.00		Good heifers	115.00-119.00	
Good beef cows	70.00-80.00	85.50	Good Hol veal	90.00-96.00	
Good Hol cows	70.00-75.00		Plain & Heavy veal	85.00-90.00	
D1 & D2 cows	60.00-65.00		Choice drop calves	\$220.00-\$260.00	
D3 & D4 cows	45.00-55.00		Good drop calves	\$180.00-\$220.00	
Good beef bulls	87.00-105.00		Plain & Newborns	\$150.00-\$180.00	
Good Hol bulls	N/T				

A good offering of fed cattle sold steady to slightly higher. A good offering of veal sold stronger at prices \$4.00-\$5.00 higher. Bulls and cull cows traded steady to last week. Drop calves sold strong at higher prices by \$2.00 a head. Stocker and Bred Cow Sale April 13th @ 11:00 am.

Ontario Auction Sales on Wednesday saw weighted prices for:

	Volume	Price Range	Avg	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	27	109.00-119.50	114.79	119.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	168	109.82-123.74	117.29	124.25
Cows	495	59.76-75.05	67.47	94.00
Bulls	26	74.15-89.04	82.77	104.00
Veal under 125 lbs	64	114.00-190.00	155.43	200.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 3, 2013 – 665 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	124.50-135.00	129.73	135.00	900+	107.50-109.50	108.28	109.50
900-999	123.00-133.75	130.32	133.75	600-699			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was untested with business expected to develop today. Canfax reported bids of \$188.00 delivered which is \$3.00-\$4.00 lower than last week's trade. If bids don't improve, light trade is anticipated.

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 on Wednesday was moderate with live prices fully steady at \$127.00-\$128.50 live in the south and \$128.00-\$129.00 live in the north. Today, moderate trade in the north was \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week's weighted average price with sales from \$204.00-\$205.00 dressed. Other than a few clean up deals tomorrow, it appears that business for the week is completed.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	127.00-129.00
	Rail	204.00-205.00

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	191.58	188.65
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.10	+0.04
Current 5 day average:	190.31	188.67

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	127.25	-0.72	Apr	143.90	-0.65	May	6.300	-11.4	May	13.720	-8.2	Spot	98.84	+0.24
Jun	122.35	-0.85	May	145.95	-0.62	Jul	6.184	-11.6	Jul	13.516	-6.0	Jun	98.67	+0.26
Aug	123.20	-0.62	Aug	152.82	-0.67	Sep	5.550	-4.0	Aug	13.220	-4.6	Sep	98.47	+0.26
Oct	127.47	-0.52	Sep	154.40	-0.70	Dec	5.400	+0.4	Sep	12.680	-3.2	Dec	98.27	+0.26
Dec	129.05	-0.50	Oct	155.62	-0.67	Mar	5.504	+0.0	Nov	12330	+0.4	Mar	98.07	+0.25
Feb	130.20	-0.70	Nov	156.25	-0.75	May	5.582	+0.0	Jan	12.386	+0.4	Jun	97.87	+0.24

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