



Daily Market Information Report - Tuesday, December 24, 2013

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by Beef Farmers of Ontario.

The Beef Farmers of Ontario office will be closed from December 24th at 12:00 noon until and including Friday December 27th, reopening on Monday December 30th. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff at the Beef Farmers of Ontario, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas!

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

Prices reported for Monday, December 23, 2013

A Grade Steers	214.00-217.00
A Grade Heifers	213.00-216.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock**: **0** Fed Cattle and **100** Cows

	Price Range	Top
Choice Steers & Heifers	N/T	
Second Cut Cattle	N/T	
Good Beef Cows	N/T	
Export Cows	71.00-84.50	86.00

A light offering of Holstein cows sold on a strong demand at higher prices. December 27th – next regular sale.

Today at **Ontario Livestock Exchange**: **50** Veal and **115** Cows

	Price Range	Top
Cows	N/A	
Good Beef	N/T	
Good Holstein	133.00-139.00	
Medium Holstein	120.00-133.00	
Plain Holstein	N/T	
Heavy Holstein	N/T	

Veal sold on a steady market. Cows have not started trading at time of reporting but a very strong active trade is anticipated. Next sale Friday December 27th - (regular Wednesday and Thursday sales on Friday)

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	332	49.54-79.50	64.38	86.50
Bulls under 1600 lbs	3	90.00-95.50	93.57	95.50
Veal Calves +600 lbs		N/T		
Veal Calves Under 125 lbs	501	83.01-187.78	150.58	232.00

To check out individual auction market results on the Ontario Beef website go to <http://www.ontariobeef.com/markets/market-reports.aspx>

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade remained very quiet today with business not expected to surface until after Christmas. Asking prices are reported at \$133.00-\$134.00 live and \$210.00 plus dressed. A couple of bids are reported at \$129.00 live and \$210.00 dressed, but no sales have taken place.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Midday 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	132.22	-0.47	Jan	166.42	-0.25	Mar	4.346	+0.4	Jan	13.362	+7.6	Spot	94.19	-0.11
Feb	133.90	-0.05	Mar	167.02	-0.07	May	4.426	+0.2	Mar	13.256	+6.0	Mar	94.01	-0.08
Apr	134.65	-0.10	Apr	167.72	-0.22	Jul	4.494	+0.0	May	13.100	+4.4	Jun	93.74	-0.14
Jun	129.05	+0.00	May	168.25	-0.17	Sep	4.550	+0.0	Jun	12.956	+5.0	Sep	96.54	-0.15
Aug	127.72	-0.12	Aug	169.42	-0.02	Dec	4.606	-0.2	Aug	12.614	-1.6	Dec	-	
Oct	130.52	+0.17	Sep	168.60	+0.22	Mar	4.712	-0.4	Sep	12.006	-3.2	Mar	-	

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