



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – WEDNESDAY April 1, 2026

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts for April 1, 2026:

A Grade Steers	\$535.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of April 6th
A Grade Heifers	\$534.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of April 6th

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **404 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Top
1000+	450.00-471.00		-		
900-1000	470.00-516.00	540.00			

Feeder cattle sold actively at stronger prices. **Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00pm, Regular Stocker Sales every Thursday @ 11:00am.**

Today at Ontario Stockyards Inc: **20 Steers & Heifers, 100 Cows & Bulls**

	Price Range	Top
Good Beef Cows	225.00-300.00	330.00
Good Dairy Cows	208.00-224.00	231.00
Plain/Medium Cows	175.00-205.00	
Fancy Steers & Heifers	-	-
Bulls	225.00-274.00	277.00

Cows sold stronger. Fed cattle sold stronger. **450 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale. Stocker sales every Thursday @ 11:00 am. May 16th@12:00 pm – Bred Cow Sale**

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Mar 31, 2026 – 201 Fed Cattle, 73 Cows, 2 Bulls, 0 Veal, 158 Drop calves**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	310.00-334.00	322.91	352.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	323.50-334.25	329.09	344.50
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250 lbs	315.00-325.00	321.57	325.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	248.00-324.50	296.30	324.50
Cows	191.00-251.00	217.56	276.00

Fed cattle traded very strong at \$7.00-10.00/cwt higher on the market. Cull cows continue to sell very strong at high prices. Drop calves sold higher with a good demand. **Apr 11th@11:00 am – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

At Hoard's Station Sale Barn: **Mar 31, 2026 – 136 Stockers, 69 Cows, 4 Bulls, 221 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	159.00 238.00	206.63	260.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	228.00 265.00	246.00	265.00
Veal 600 lbs an over	285.00 330.00	312.29	330.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	1600.00 2730.00	2122.12	2890.00

Bob calves sold stronger. Cows sold steady. Stockers sold very strong with quality considered. **May 1st@11:00 am – Quinte Cattlemens Special Stocker Sale**

Ontario auction sales on **Tuesday** saw weighted prices (cwt) for:

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	58	302.75-329.35	317.68	352.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	192	312.88-333.23	325.13	350.50
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross + 1250 lbs	10	304.25-312.25	309.51	325.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	19	240.47-288.92	270.78	324.50
Cows	520	174.63-243.30	211.63	339.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	15	261.93-369.80	321.31	650.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	20	239.93-295.61	263.08	394.39
Veal 600 lbs and over	305	314.21-381.12	347.07	415.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	199	1593.47-2675.83	2093.09	2890.00

To check out individual auction market results on the BFO website go to <https://www.ontariobeef.com/market-info/auction-reports/individual-auction-market-reports/>

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Hoard's Station Sale Barn: **Mar 31, 2026: 136 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	450.00-510.00	496.35	510.00	600-699	470.00-547.50	498.61	547.50
600-699	490.00-600.00	527.92	600.00	500-599	465.00-600.00	550.33	600.00
500-599	600.00-740.00	645.75	740.00	400-499	210.00-677.50	500.36	677.50
400-499	600.00-765.00	708.21	765.00	300-399	430.00-650.00	535.36	650.00

Stockers sold very strong with quality considered. **May 1st@11:00 am – Quinte Cattlemens Special Stocker Sale**

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: **Mar 31, 2026: 530 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	415.00-430.00	425.71	430.00	900+	340.00-410.00	399.23	410.00
900-999	471.00-471.00	471.00	475.00	800-899	428.00-428.00	428.00	428.00
800-899	495.00-518.00	512.39	518.00	700-799	440.00-490.00	460.82	490.00
700-799	540.00-587.00	572.44	587.00	600-699	480.00-516.00	492.34	565.00
600-699	620.00-671.00	648.66	675.00	500-599	480.00-574.00	516.77	590.00
500-599	670.00-715.00	693.33	715.00	400-499	560.00-620.00	600.56	650.00
400-499	695.00-815.00	782.88	820.00				

All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold full steady. **Apr 4th@2:00 pm – Sanders' Annual Charolais Bull Sale**

Stocker sale at Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: **Mar 31, 2026: 217 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	445.00-590.00	525.99	590.00	800-899	375.00-440.00	424.00	440.00
600-699	470.00-675.00	621.69	675.00	700-799	389.99-495.00	450.99	495.00
500-599	415.00-765.00	664.40	765.00	600-699	479.99-545.00	512.69	545.00
400-499	609.99-750.00	692.30	750.00	500-599	429.99-604.99	534.40	604.99
				400-499	484.99-759.99	630.49	759.99

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	394.42	392.59
Change (from yesterday's close):	-1.07	-0.34
Current Five Day Average:	392.82	392.19

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade so far this week have seen light trade develop with dressed sales at \$545.00/cwt delivered, \$5.00/cwt higher than the previous week. Packers are not only inquiring about cash cattle but also showing interest in wanting to acquire more contract cattle. Over the past three weeks the Canadian dollar has declined almost 200 basis points. The softer Canadian dollar is positive for the cattle market and should encourage Canadian beef exports. Seasonally the cattle feeder has gained leverage over the packing segment.

U.S. TRADE (U.S. FUNDS)

The U.S. cash cattle trade saw light trade was reported in Iowa yesterday with live sales at \$238.00/cwt, 3.00 higher than the previous week. This light test of the market does not set a market trend. Business in the Southern feeding states has been quiet with no bids to speak of. USDA released its quarterly hogs and pigs report the other day. Despite profitability in the hog sector the industry has been slow to rebuild numbers. Productivity efficiencies have offset declining sow numbers. Pigs saved per pitter were 2.1% higher than last year. Total hogs and pigs on March 1st were just over 74 million head, up 0.3% compared to last year. Trade, disease concerns and limited growth in terms of packing capacity have acted as headwinds for expansion.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	238.00
	Rail	N/T

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures **today** were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Apr	244.05	+1.02	Apr	370.75	+1.62	May	4.542	-3.4
Jun	244.35	+1.07	May	368.00	+1.52	Jul	4.650	-3.2
Aug	240.67	+0.87	Aug	366.85	+2.42	Sep	4.672	-3.0
Oct	236.40	+0.52	Sep	364.72	+2.65	Dec	4.812	-3.0
Dec	235.72	+0.40	Oct	362.07	+2.75	Mar	4.920	-3.0
Feb	235.70	+0.45	Nov	359.00	+2.67	May	4.986	-2.6

Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	<i>US \$/bu</i>			<i>US \$/bu</i>				
May	11.684	-2.4	May	5.974	-18.6	Spot	71.97	+0.21
Jul	11.844	-1.4	Jul	6.086	-17.6	Jun	72.26	+0.26
Aug	11.804	-3.0	Sep	6.214	-16.6	Sep	72.52	+0.26
Sep	11.560	-2.2	Dec	6.384	-16.0	Dec	72.68	+0.21
Nov	11.554	-2.0	Mar	6.522	-14.4	Mar	72.87	+0.21
Jan	11.652	-2.2	May	6.576	-13.0	Jun	73.00	+0.21

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER SPECIAL SPRING SALES

4-Apr	2:00 PM	Keady Livestock Market	Sanders' Annual Charolais Bull Sale
11-Apr	1:00 PM	Maple Hill Auctions Ltd	Bred Heifers, Bred Cows, Cow/Calf Pair,
15-Apr	7:00 PM	Cargill Auction Market	Special Spring Stocker Sale
11-Apr	1:00 PM	Brussels Livestock	Special Bred Cow/Heifer Sale
11-Apr	11:00 AM	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale
18-Apr	8:30 AM	Rainy River Cattlemens Sale	Special Spring Stocker Sale/Cows/Bulls
22-Apr	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	KLC Special Spring Stocker Sale
24-Apr	11:00 AM	Keady Livestock Mare	Northern Select Stocker Sale
25-Apr	11:00 AM	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Bred Cow & Cow Calf Pair Sale
29-Apr	12:00 PM	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
29-Apr	1:00 PM	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale