



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – THURSDAY April 30, 2026

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts for Wednesday April 29, 2026:

A Grade Steers **No bids or trades reported.**
 A Grade Heifers **No bids or trades reported.**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **175 Fed cattle, 175 Cow, 600 Stockers on offer**

*Market report is unavailable at the time of publications. **Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00pm, Regular Stocker Sales every Thursday @ 11:00am.**

Today at Brussels Livestock: **150 Veal**

	Price Range	Top
Beef Veal	380.00-401.00	
Good Holstein Veal	380.00-400.00	
Slightly Heavy Holstein Veal	375.00-391.00	
Heavy Holstein 800 lb +	300.00-382.00	
Medium Holstein Veal	360.00-379.00	
Plain Holsteins	310.00-359.00	

Veal sold strong and steady. Drop calves sold higher with Good Drop Calves from \$2300.00-\$3225.00 per head. Medium Drop Calves from \$1700.00-\$2250.00 per head. Plain Calves from \$250.00-\$1650.00 per head. **Stocker Sales every Fri @10:00 am. Jun 13th@1:00 pm – Special Bred Cow Sale**

Today at Ontario Stockyards Inc: **800 stockers on offer**

Sales at the time of reporting. Results will be posted tomorrow **May 16th@12:00 pm – Bred Cow Sale**

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **April 29, 2026 – 78 Fed cattle, 100 Stockers, 137 Cows, 3 Bulls, 12 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	306.99-329.99	315.79	329.99
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	270.00-347.99	314.29	347.99
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	180.00-304.99	275.09	304.99
Cows	137.50-277.00	213.09	277.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	270.00-300.00	286.60	300.00

255 Replacement calves sold between \$600.00- \$3,25.00 for an average of \$2,327.07 per head. **Special stocker sales the last Wednesday of each month @ 12:30 pm! May 27th@12:00 pm – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	14	310.50-329.00	318.54	329.99
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	29	268.28-342.44	308.90	367.50
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	70	188.69 301.60	267.71	304.99
Cows	459	169.04-259.34	211.05	287.50
Bulls under 1600 lbs	10	237.20-298.60	260.11	329.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	20	262.15-284.45	272.58	300.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	12	245.00-332.50	299.85	364.99
Veal 125 lbs and under	158	1850.00-2910.00	2216.65	3190.00

To check out individual auction market results on the BFO website go to <http://www.ontariobeef.com/markets/marketreports.aspx>

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **April 29, 2026 – 675 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	447.00-477.50	457.65	477.50	-			
900-999	472.00-509.00	490.76	509.00				
800-899	531.00-531.00	531.00	531.00				

Feeder cattle sold on steady basis. **Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00pm, Regular Stocker Sales every Thursday @ 11:00am.**

Stocker sale at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **Apr 29, 2026 – 313 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	435.00-540.00	485.36	540.00	700-799	350.00-540.00	463.23	540.00
700-799	495.00-575.00	535.86	600.00	600-699	435.00-625.00	538.62	625.00
600-699	575.00-660.00	629.50	670.00	500-599	535.00-622.50	589.38	622.50
500-599	600.00-710.00	649.46	740.00	400-499	485.00-730.00	617.15	730.00
400-499	620.00-815.00	724.86	815.00	300-399	585.00-890.00	728.37	890.00
<399	785.00-1015.00	865.75	1015.00				

May 27th@1:00 pm – Special Spring Stocker Sale

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	389.52	388.17
Change (from yesterday's close):	+1.47	+1.92
Current Five Day Average:	387.40	386.45

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw light trade develop with dressed sales at \$560.00/cwt delivered, \$4.00-5.00/cwt higher than the previous week. Buying interest has been noted from all Western Canadian packers. US packer interest has also been noted, and light volumes of Western Canadian fed cattle have been marketed South. These cattle will be priced off the five-area average. Most if not all the cattle marketed this week have been yearlings, some fed calves are expected to be sprinkled on the market over the next couple of weeks through.

Steers	Live	339.25 (FOB the Feedlot)	Rail - Del	560.00-565.00
Heifers	Live	339.25 (FOB the Feedlot)	Rail - Del	560.00-565.00

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade saw light trade reported in Texas and Kansas yesterday with live sales at \$256.00/cwt, \$1.00-5.00/cwt higher than prices seen on Tuesday and \$10.00/cwt higher than last week. Dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska were at \$400.00/cwt, \$14.00/cwt higher. Despite higher cash prices wholesale beef prices have struggled to keep pace. Packer margins have gone from bad to worse. From a seasonal perspective beef cutout values should move higher. Over the past three years the average increase from first half of the year lows to first half of the year highs stands at 25%. An historical increase would put Choice cutout values on tack to peak in the mid \$430's/cwt. Currently prices are well below that.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	256.00
	Rail	400.00

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Apr	258.47	+1.60	Apr	373.75	+1.47	May	4.646	-1.6
Jun	254.00	-1.25	May	372.65	+1.15	Jul	4.746	-3.0
Aug	248.67	-1.05	Aug	373.52	+1.00	Sep	4.796	-3.2
Oct	243.47	-0.45	Sep	371.97	+1.05	Dec	4.942	-3.4
Dec	242.62	-0.22	Oct	369.75	+1.00	Mar	5.072	-3.2
Feb	242.67	+0.02	Nov	366.90	+1.07	May	5.144	-3.0

Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	<i>US \$/bu</i>			<i>US \$/bu</i>				
May	11.820	-0.2	May	6.236	-18.4	Spot	73.60	+0.53
Jul	11.954	-1.4	Jul	6.366	-16.2	Jun	73.77	+0.56
Aug	11.892	-0.4	Sep	6.516	-15.0	Sep	74.02	+0.55
Sep	11.676	+1.6	Dec	6.730	-13.4	Dec	74.22	+0.55
Nov	11.730	+1.6	Mar	6.902	-11.6	Mar	74.41	+0.55
Jan	11.846	+1.6	May	6.974	-9.6	Jun	74.56	+0.56

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER SPECIAL SPRING SALES

01-May	9:00 AM	Keady Livestock Market	Spring Stocker & Feeder Sale
01-May	11:00 AM	Hoard Station Sale Barn	Quinte Cattlemens Special Stocker Sale
02-May	10:00 AM	Thessalon-Algoma Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
02-May	11:00 AM	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale and Bred Cow & Cow Calf Pair Sale
06-May	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Special Stocker Sale
07-May	10:00 AM	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
13-May	7:00 PM	Cargill Auction Market	Special Spring Stocker Sale
16-May	12:00 PM	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
27-May	12:00 PM	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
27-May	1:00 PM	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale
27-May	7:00 PM	Cargill Auction Market	Special Spring Stocker Sale