



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday August 4, 2005



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

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the **week** of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

	Price Range	Last Week
A grade steers	155.00-162.00	157.00-161.00
A grade heifers	154.00-160.00	156.00-160.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this **week** saw weighted average price ranges for **FED CATTLE**

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
Large Frame Steers +1250	86.99-96.89	92.36	113.50	91.55
Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.64-96.47	90.60	101.75	90.69
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.69-97.35	92.35	113.50	91.51
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.22-94.61	91.04	110.00	88.87
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	71.78-90.22	83.77	101.00	84.23
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.49-95.88	89.95	110.00	87.08
Cows-all weights	24.40-46.37	35.72	84.00	38.34
Bulls-all weights	38.82-56.06	47.20	86.50	46.66

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	87.99-104.53	97.55	114.00
900-999	97.61-110.71	106.12	118.35
800-899	94.73-117.84	111.17	122.75
700-799	98.02-117.93	109.73	124.50
600-699	97.91-125.59	113.09	133.00
500-599	91.00-132.16	115.88	145.00
400-499	100.47-133.32	116.43	142.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	79.66-96.94	90.07	105.25
800-899	93.64-107.48	102.13	114.00
700-799	93.80-110.36	102.59	121.50
600-699	94.34-115.44	105.76	120.00
500-599	89.79-120.63	105.72	135.00
400-499	87.34-114.94	104.36	124.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday July 30, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.50-98.00	106.75
Good & choice heifers	85.00-97.00	103.75
Cows	33.00-46.00	58.00
Bulls	38.00-55.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, July 29, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	85.00-106.10	106.10	900+	88.50-96.00	101.00
900-999	96.00-107.50	107.50	800-899	93.00-108.00	113.75
800-899	73.00-109.00	111.75	700-799	91.50-102.00	103.00
700-799	97.00-119.00	119.00	600-699	98.50-118.25	118.25
600-699	105.00-126.00	126.00	500-599	106.00-120.50	120.50
500-599	103.00-128.50	137.00	400-499	96.00-119.00	120.00

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, August 2, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	109.50-116.00	116.00	900+	90.00-105.25	105.25
800-899	98.00-122.75	122.75	800-899	92.00-109.60	109.60
700-799	101.00-119.50	119.50	700-799	100.00-118.75	121.50

Denfield Livestock – August 2, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Choice steers	95.00-100.00	
Good steers	87.00-93.00	
Plain steers	70.00-80.00	
Choice exotic cross heifers	93.00-98.00	
Good heifers	85.00-90.00	
Plain aged heifers	65.00-75.00	
Good cows	45.00-55.00	
D1 & D2 cows	32.00-40.00	
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00	
Bulls	40.00-55.00	

Sales traded on a good demand at fully steady to stronger prices on all classes of fed cattle. A good offering of cows sold very active at prices \$5-10 higher. A light offering of stockers traded strong.

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 3, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.75-103.25	107.00	+900	70.00-97.50	97.50
900-999	98.00-109.75	113.25	800-899	84.00-93.25	93.25

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – August 4, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	96.00-109.00	109.00	800-899	107.00-112.50	114.00
800-899	116.25-120.00	120.00	700-799	108.00-116.00	117.00

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700-799	109.50-120.00	124.50	600-699	104.00-119.50	120.00
600-699	116.00-128.00	128.00	500-599	105.00-124.50	124.50

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – August 4, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top			
1000+	109.35-114.00	114.00			
900-999	107.25-118.35	118.35			
800-899	119.00-120.50	120.50			

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
July 23, 2005	820	743
July 24, 2004	823	751

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending July 23, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	67,283	2,135,300	105%
Alberta Slaughter	43,976	1,438,431	100%
Ontario Slaughter	12,230	363,519	107%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending July 30, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	644,000	653,000	633,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday August 4, 2005**

Steers	Live	83.50-88.65	Flat rail	142.50-145.00
Heifers	Live	83.00-87.65	Flat rail	143.00-145.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending – July 29, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	N/A	N/A
Last week	1.7039	1.5984

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	126.99	120.05

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	\$82.00-82.50
	Rail	\$130.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– July 30	Mexico Jan 1 – June 11
Total	205,809 tonnes	28,195 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	58,702 tonnes	45,277 tonnes	+29.7

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	692,114 tonnes	688,734 tonnes	+0.5%
Non-fed	92,251 tonnes	76,551 tonnes	+20.5%

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			
Aug	80.57	-0.05	Aug	110.40	+0.97	Sep	2.204	-4.0	Aug	6.584	-12.6	Spot	82.24	-0.13
Oct	81.92	+0.20	Sep	108.57	+0.72	Dec	2.344	-3.0	Sep	6.616	-13.6	Sep	82.33	-0.14
Dec	84.55	+0.12	Oct	108.02	+0.77	Mar	2.434	-2.6	Nov	6.690	-13.4	Dec	82.56	-0.14
Feb	86.87	-0.02	Nov	106.17	+0.87	May	2.482	-3.6	Jan	6.740	-13.4	Mar	82.79	-0.14

