



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday October 20, 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	157.00-160.00	157.00-160.00
A grade heifers	156.00-158.00	156.00-157.00

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	84.60-95.93	90.72	110.00	91.64
Medium Frame Steers +1250	76.33-93.74	86.70	97.50	90.90
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.19-96.20	90.40	110.00	91.70
Large Frame Heifers +1000	74.13-93.12	85.27	99.50	87.99
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	71.58-87.11	78.90	94.50	75.27
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.31-90.92	83.03	99.50	86.37
Cows-all weights	19.02-34.68	26.81	70.00	29.31
Bulls-all weights	33.19-50.79	40.96	82.00	44.04

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	103.67-117.25	112.75	126.00
900-999	113.26-122.77	119.34	130.00
800-899	109.25-122.07	116.91	130.00
700-799	103.45-125.25	115.92	134.00
600-699	107.54-135.65	124.96	144.00
500-599	113.74-145.51	133.29	156.00
400-499	109.10-153.26	135.76	174.00
-399	96.35-148.34	122.59	199.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	82.84-101.19	93.82	115.75
800-899	89.31-109.71	102.10	120.50
700-799	83.17-109.97	99.10	126.00
600-699	92.72-118.20	108.22	127.00
500-599	101.40-130.48	117.34	144.00
400-499	90.18-130.42	115.36	147.00

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300-399	86.51-129.40	112.22	152.00
-299	84.87-118.37	100.45	169.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday October 15, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	77.00-93.50	114.00
Good & choice heifers	78.00-91.50	97.75
Cows	23.00-34.00	
Bulls	35.00-45.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, October 14, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.00-111.25	111.25	900+	95.25-108.50	109.00
900-999	92.00-110.50	119.00	800-899	85.00-106.75	120.50
800-899	91.00-118.50	125.00	700-799	100.00-114.25	126.00
700-799	107.00-130.75	130.75	600-699	97.00-122.50	122.50
600-699	114.00-136.00	136.00	500-599	110.00-137.00	144.00
500-599	119.00-148.00	148.00	400-499	104.00-127.00	147.00
400-499	117.00-154.00	154.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, October 14, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	117.00-124.50	124.50	+900	100.50-115.75	115.75
900-999	120.00-126.25	129.50	800-899	110.50-112.75	112.75
800-899	125.75-129.50	129.35	700-799	108.00-115.25	115.25

Stocker Sale: Little Current, October 15, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	72.00	800-899	70.00-85.00
700-799	88.00-107.50	700-799	58.00-98.00
600-699	55.00-117.50	600-699	51.00-112.00
500-599	80.00-128.00	500-599	60.00-92.00
400-499	71.00-141.00	400-499	80.00-130.00
300-399	72.00-105.00	300-399	70.00-115.00
200-299	70.00-75.00	200-299	60.00-91.00

Stocker Sale: Thessalon, October 15, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	77.00-100.00	900+	71.00-83.50
900-999	80.00-95.00	800-899	83.50-107.00
800-899	99.50-110.00	700-799	91.00-113.00
700-799	103.00-112.00	600-699	90.00-109.00

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600-699	102.00-143.00	500-599	99.00-113.00
500-599	129.00-148.00	400-499	102.00-116.50
400-499	133.00-151.00	300-399	93.00-120.00
300-399	116.00-153.00		

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, October 17, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	97.00-107.00	109.50	900+	94.00-98.75	98.75
700-799	104.00-115.50	122.50	700-799	104.00-117.50	117.50
600-699	116.00-134.00	134.00	600-699	104.00-114.00	120.00
500-599	124.00-145.00	145.00	500-599	110.50-119.00	119.00
400-499	123.50-150.00	150.00	400-499	107.00-126.00	138.00

Stocker Sale: Tricounty Cattle, October 17, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	128.00-134.00	134.00	600-699	111.00-121.00	127.00
600-699	129.75-143.00	144.00	500-599	120.00-137.50	138.50
500-599	140.00-156.00	156.00	400-499	110.00-139.00	144.00
400-499	134.00-160.00	174.00	300-399	120.00-152.00	152.00

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, October 18, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	90.00-126.00	126.00			
900-999	107.00-123.50	123.50	+900	83.00-108.50	108.50
800-899	115.50-125.25	128.50	800-899	95.00-115.50	115.50
700-799	108.00-125.50	125.50	700-799	102.00-116.75	116.75
600-699	117.00-136.00	136.00	600-699	91.50-118.00	125.00
500-599	110.00-148.00	148.00	500-599	100.50-130.00	130.00

Stocker Sale: D.H. Hickson, October 18, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	74.00-138.00	138.00	600-699	81.00-112.00	112.00
500-599	80.00-148.00	148.00	500-599	71.50-133.50	133.50
400-499	79.00-166.00	166.00	400-499	68.50-128.50	128.50

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards, October 18, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	112.00-129.50	129.50	600-699	106.00-123.00	123.00
600-699	112.25-140.50	140.50	500-599	110.50-133.50	139.00
500-599	122.50-144.00	145.50	400-499	93.00-136.00	139.50
400-499	117.25-158.00	168.25	300-399	93.00-145.00	145.00
300-399	95.00-141.00	163.00			

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Sale: **Denfield Livestock – October 18, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	95.00-100.00
Good steers	86.00-92.00
Plain steers	70.00-80.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	92.00-98.00
Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good cows	40.00-45.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-25.00
Good bulls	40.00-45.00
The market traded on an uneven demand at barely steady prices. A good offering of cows sold steady. Stockers sold strong.	

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, October 19, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	98.25-113.00	116.75	+900	84.00-108.00	108.00
900-999	108.00-116.75	119.50	800-899	100.00-111.00	110.00
800-899	105.50-117.75	119.00			
600-699	83.50-121.25	121.25			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes, October 19, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	80.00-117.25	117.25	700-799	82.00-117.00	117.00
900-999	110.00-130.00	130.00	600-699	84.00-123.00	123.00
800-899	104.50-130.00	130.00	500-599	77.00-133.00	133.00
700-799	109.00-129.50	129.50	400-499	75.00-140.00	140.00
600-699	100.00-141.00	141.00	300-399	75.00-150.00	150.00
500-599	100.00-151.00	151.00			
400-499	87.00-160.00	160.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – October 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	71.00-85.00	88.50	800-899	60.00-111.50	113.00
900-999	77.00-120.00	120.00	700-799	52.00-102.00	113.00
800-899	100.00-113.50	113.50	600-699	89.00-124.00	124.00
700-799	98.00-126.00	127.00	500-599	105.00-133.00	137.00
600-699	107.00-134.50	135.50	400-499	75.00-132.00	143.00
500-599	115.00-139.50	143.50	300-399	73.00-134.00	137.00
400-499	122.00-164.50	169.00			
-399	113.00-157.00	157.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – October 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	119.50-123.75	123.75	800-899	107.00-114.00	114.00
900-999	119.00-122.75	122.75	700-799	90.50-110.50	110.50

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800-899	121.00-124.50	124.50			
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Stocker Sale: **Leo's Livestock – October 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	84.00-126.00	126.00	500-599	88.00-114.00	117.00
500-599	105.00-136.00	136.00	400-499	91.00-119.00	128.00
400-499	107.00-142.00	145.00	300-399	68.00-107.00	117.00
-399	75.00-150.00	199.00			

Stocker Sale: **Wiarnton – October 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
500-599	137.00-162.50	500-599	108.00-158.00
400-499	125.00-180.75	400-499	109.00-168.00
300-399	127.00-189.00	300-399	110.00-170.00
Strong sale with top quality calves			

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards: October 14, 2005

Volume: 285

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$500 – 700	\$400 – 500
Avg quality bred cows	\$400 – 550	\$300 - 450
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$800 – 900	
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$600 – 750	

PROVINCIALY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

SEPTEMBER	2005	2004
Steers	4,893	6,270
Heifers	2,901	2,836
Cows	2,227	2,076
Bulls	804	997

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
October 8, 2005	847	783
October 9, 2004	847	773

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Oct. 8, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	67,528	2,917,500	103%
Alberta Slaughter	43,091	1,961,208	99%

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Ontario Slaughter	13,124	501,406	104%
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USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Oct 15, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	611,000	625,000	633,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday October 20, 2005**

Steers	Live	84.00-87.60	Flat rail	142.00-144.50
Heifers	Live	83.20-86.50	Flat rail	142.00-143.50

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

	AAA	AA
Week ending October 8, 2005	1.6281	1.5189
Previous Week	1.6280	1.5195

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	145.78	131.64

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday October 20, 2005**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2- Oct 15	Mexico Jan 1 - Aug 27
Total	282,800 tonnes	37,497 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 - Oct 8	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	78,905 tonnes	61,219 tonnes	+28.9

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 - Aug 31		Jan 1 - Oct 15
Pure bred	655	Slaughter steers & heifers	130,940
Non pure bred	16,586	Feeder steers & heifers	108,874

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 - Oct 15	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	926,977 tonnes	943,579 tonnes	-1.8%
Non-fed	133,542 tonnes	104,867 tonnes	+27.3%

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			
Oct	88.57	-0.67	Oct	115.95	-0.90	Dec	2.014	-1.2	Nov	5.722	-12.6	Spot	84.30	-0.70
Dec	89.92	-0.62	Nov	114.42	-1.50	Mar	2.144	-1.0	Jan	5.844	-13.4	Dec	84.40	-0.73
Feb	92.87	-0.67	Jan	112.12	-1.27	May	2.226	-1.0	Mar	5.920	-14.2	Mar	84.64	-0.73
Apr	89.97	-0.50	Mar	108.30	-1.45	July	2.296	-1.0	May	5.972	-13.6	Jun	84.89	-0.73

Comments for the week ending October 20, 2005

The finished cattle market was lower this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,809. The average fed steer price was \$90.40 down \$1.30 and the average heifer price was \$83.03 down \$3.34 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a dull demand with prices \$1-2 lower.

Slaughter cows took another drop in prices this week. There were 2,520 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$26.81 down another \$2.50 from last week. Prices have been declining for the last five weeks. Auction markets reported cows sold under pressure with prices barely steady to \$2 lower.

Replacement cattle saw another strong week of trade. Total stockers sold was 13,479 up 36.2% from last week and even with last year at this time. Auction markets reported replacement cattle sold actively with a good solid demand at steady to strong prices.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were steady to \$0.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$157.00-160.00 and heifers were \$156.00-158.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with steady prices. Steers sold at \$84.00-87.60 live and \$142.00-144.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.20-86.50 live and \$142.00-143.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not tested all week. At the time of this report (Friday afternoon) trade was starting to build in all areas with prices \$1-2 lower than last week. Steers and heifers are selling at \$88 live and \$138 dressed.

Local beef trade was a bit more quiet this week which is typical for this time of year. Meat is still moving fairly well but there are no real big retail orders coming through.