



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday November 17, 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	161.00-165.00	158.00-163.00
A grade heifers	160.00-163.00	156.00-161.00

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	92.72-99.76	96.57	106.75	94.28
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.09-98.75	94.39	107.75	91.79
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	91.84-99.92	96.12	107.75	94.18
Large Frame Heifers +1000	88.33-99.91	95.12	113.25	95.23
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	73.83-96.37	88.14	107.00	86.46
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	85.06-100.29	94.08	113.25	93.26
Cows-all weights	16.69-32.00	24.30	130.00	25.38
Bulls-all weights	29.22-46.31	36.34	82.00	37.31

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	101.00-120.75	111.89	130.00
900-999	116.77-125.31	121.76	130.00
800-899	101.24-117.00	110.79	130.00
700-799	101.85-120.96	113.34	128.00
600-699	98.56-126.70	115.30	145.50
500-599	106.24-135.96	122.66	149.50
400-499	107.28-139.95	124.24	170.00
-399	96.34-133.68	118.52	390.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	84.65-106.10	95.78	116.50
800-899	93.30-111.30	104.34	115.50
700-799	92.37-111.24	103.36	122.75
600-699	91.95-116.23	105.24	135.25
500-599	91.81-119.03	106.94	133.00
400-499	94.15-122.98	109.39	140.00
300-399	87.63-122.37	104.32	143.00
-299	78.80-109.44	94.81	160.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday November 12, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-98.00	116.50
Good & choice heifers	82.00-98.00	113.50
Good cows	20.00-32.00	41.00

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, November 11, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	97.25-120.00	120.00	900+	90.25-112.50	112.50
900-999	101.00-116.50	116.50	800-899	89.50-112.00	114.00
800-899	103.00-115.50	115.50	700-799	88.00-107.50	110.50
700-799	104.50-123.50	123.50	600-699	92.00-120.00	120.00
600-699	98.00-125.00	136.50	500-599	82.00-125.00	128.00
500-599	107.00-138.25	142.00	400-499	110.50-127.00	127.00
400-499	112.00-137.00	142.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, November 11, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	111.98-130.00	130.00	+900	102.00-103.00	113.50
900-999	125.75-130.00	130.00	800-899	112.25-115.25	115.25
800-899	127.50-130.00	130.00	700-799	91.00-99.50	99.50
700-799	120.00-121.00	126.00			

Stocker Sale: Leo's Livestock, November 11, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	106.00-116.00	116.00	600-699	95.00-113.00	113.00
600-699	103.00-124.00	128.00	500-599	97.00-114.00	118.00
500-599	108.00-131.00	140.00	400-499	89.00-114.50	124.00
400-499	94.00-128.00	138.00			

Stocker sale: Brussels Livestock – November 14, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	110.00-122.50	122.50	600-699	87.00-108.50	108.50
600-699	111.00-123.25	123.25	500-599	88.00-107.00	111.00
500-599	107.00-121.00	128.00	400-499	101.00-119.00	119.00
400-499	120.00-132.00	132.00	300-399	104.00-127.00	127.00

Stocker sale: Tri-County Livestock – November 14, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	111.50-120.75	125.50	600-699	113.00-135.25	135.25
600-699	115.50-140.50	145.50	500-599	112.00-130.25	130.25
500-599	118.00-148.25	148.25	400-499	108.00-129.50	140.00
400-499	121.00-161.00	170.00	300-399	125.00-140.00	143.00

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards, November 15, 2005

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STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	95.00-115.00	115.00	+900	98.00-116.50	116.50
900-999	100.50-118.50	118.50	800-899	105.00-114.50	114.50
800-899	104.00-120.00	121.00	700-799	108.00-119.00	119.00
700-799	110.00-120.50	120.50	600-699	102.50-116.50	116.50
600-699	99.00-119.50	119.50			
500-599	105.00-127.00	127.00			

Stocker Sale: **D.H. Hickson, November 15, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	61.00-123.00	123.00	600-699	72.00-112.00	112.00
600-699	62.00-127.00	127.00	500-599	62.50-115.00	128.00
500-599	70.00-132.00	132.00	400-499	65.00-116.50	116.50
400-499	69.50-133.00	133.00			

Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock, November 15, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	91.00-120.25	120.25	+900	88.50-102.50	102.50
800-899	99.00-105.00	105.00	800-899	89.50-111.00	111.00
700-799	101.00-125.50	125.50	700-799	93.00-110.10	110.10
600-699	104.00-133.00	140.00	600-699	87.00-114.50	127.25
500-599	113.00-140.00	149.50	500-599	110.00-129.00	129.00
400-499	135.00-156.00	156.50	400-499	108.50-128.00	133.00

Sale: **Denfield Livestock – November 15, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-103.00
Good steers	95.00-100.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	100.00-103.25
Good heifers	95.00-100.00
Good cows	30.00-40.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 cows	22.00-26.00
Good bulls	34.00-38.50
The market traded at \$2-3 higher on all classes of fed cattle due to the high demand for American orders. Cows traded steady.	

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, November 16, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	103.50-116.25	117.25	+900	95.00-107.75	107.75
900-999	110.00-123.25	123.25	800-899	105.50-115.50	115.50
800-899	94.75-125.00	125.00	700-799	104.00-122.75	122.75
700-799	101.50-125.00	125.00	600-699	108.00-116.50	116.50

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Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes, November 16, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	83.00-128.00	128.00	700-799	84.00-113.00	113.00
600-699	90.00-137.50	137.50	600-699	90.00-119.00	119.00
500-599	110.00-148.00	148.00	500-599	78.00-126.00	126.00
400-499	91.00-154.00	154.00		80.00-127.50	127.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday November 17, 2005**

Steers	Live	92.55-94.00	Flat rail	153.00-155.75
Heifers	Live	91.85-94.35	Flat rail	153.00-155.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

	AAA	AA
November 12, 2005	1.7169	1.6098
November 5, 2005	1.7050	1.6223
October 29, 2005	1.6408	1.5592

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
November 12, 2005	855	795
November 13, 2004	836	785

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End Nov. 12/05	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	61,750	3,205,610	100%
Alberta Slaughter	37,657	2,133,512	95%
Ontario Slaughter	13,228	565,980	103%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Nov 19, 2005	Nov. 12, 2005	Year Ago
Grand Total	589,000	592,000	603,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	150.23	138.94

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday November 17, 2005**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	89.00-90.00
	Rail	142.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico

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	Jan 2 – Nov 12	Jan 1 – Sept 24
Total	302,690 tonnes	41,967 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Nov 5	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	87,239 tonnes	68,724 tonnes	+26.9

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Sept 30		Jan 1 – Nov 12
Pure bred	679	Slaughter steers & heifers	207,244
Non pure bred	17,798	Feeder steers & heifers	152,036

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Nov 12	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	996,429 tonnes	1,043,325 tonnes	-4.5%
Non-fed	150,516 tonnes	116,841 tonnes	+28.8%

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						
Dec	91.02	-0.20	Jan	113.60	-0.25	Dec	1.912	-1.0	Jan	5.696	-9.4	Spot	84.01	-0.31
Feb	93.75	-0.35	Mar	111.75	-0.40	Mar	2.052	-1.2	Mar	5.772	-9.4	Dec	84.04	-0.31
Apr	91.02	-0.25	Apr	110.35	-0.20	May	2.132	-1.6	May	5.826	-9.2	Mar	84.25	-0.31
Jun	85.27	-0.32	May	110.00	-0.35	July	2.212	-0.6	Jul	5.882	-9.2	Jun	84.48	-0.31



Comments for the week ending November 17, 2005

The finished cattle market continued to sell strong. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,163. The average fed steer price was \$96.12 up \$1.94 and the average heifer price was \$94.08 up \$0.82 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices \$1-3 higher.

Slaughter cows took a drop after last week's slight increase. There were 2,860 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$24.30 down \$1.08 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices barely steady.

Replacement cattle showed another strong week of trade. Total stockers sold was 12,276 up 16.1% from last week and 7% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good selection of replacement cattle sold actively at fully steady prices. Yearlings sold much stronger than the calves.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$2.50-3.00 higher. Steers sold at \$161.00-165.00 and heifers were \$160.00-163.00 dressed.

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In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady to \$1.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$92.55-94.00 live and \$153.00-155.75 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$91.85-94.35 live and \$153.00-155.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderately active with live prices \$1.00-2.00 lower and dressed prices \$3.00 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$89.00-90.00 live and \$142.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was a little slower this week with U.S. orders filled for next week's holiday. Ribs and tenderloins are still strong with middle cuts such as striploins not moving as well.