



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday March 15, 2007

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.

A grade steers 168.00-183.00
A grade heifers 167.00-182.00

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	103.39-111.04	106.99	115.00	104.24
Medium Frame Steers +1250	102.43-109.50	106.77	112.00	103.72
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	102.58-110.82	106.90	115.00	103.81
Large Frame Heifers +1000	100.22-109.14	105.95	113.00	102.57
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	91.62-108.84	104.62	111.75	99.94
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	100.36-109.21	105.69	113.00	101.95
Cows-all weights	31.20-48.23	39.80	89.50	36.64
Bulls-all weights	41.69-58.53	50.29	102.75	48.02

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	99.23-106.76	103.24	116.50	100.21
900-999	104.89-110.21	107.99	112.75	104.79
800-899	95.29-108.36	102.38	115.25	106.35
700-799	102.42-115.93	110.01	125.00	108.84
600-699	107.42-124.53	117.04	133.50	113.71
500-599	110.95-134.14	123.24	138.50	121.22
400-499	114.69-136.34	128.70	143.00	127.24
-399	108.18-136.66	124.01	185.00	119.19

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	93.38-104.23	99.65	109.25	94.82
800-899	86.22-102.24	96.18	110.00	98.36
700-799	95.58-107.93	102.93	114.00	96.93
600-699	96.45-112.11	105.69	122.00	105.81
500-599	96.78-115.60	108.61	130.00	102.43
400-499	98.52-117.37	109.33	133.00	111.97
300-399	91.03-110.56	102.05	131.00	106.91
-299	95.47-117.71	105.72	165.00	121.25

At Talbotville Livestock: March 10, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	95.00-107.50	113.50
Good & choice heifers	97.50-106.00	107.25
Cows	33.00-44.50	64.00
Bulls	45.00-58.50	
Veal	70.00-82.50	

Denfield Livestock – March 13, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	100.00-110.00	Good & Choice Heifers	100.00-111.25
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain Heifers	80.00-85.00
Good Fed Cows	45.00-60.00	Good Hol Bulls	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	37.00-44.00	Good Beef Bulls	45.00-60.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-35.00	Good Hol Bull Calves	\$100.00-\$160.00
Shells	15.00-25.00	Beef Type Calves	\$125.00-\$200.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 9, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	99.00-106.00	106.00	900+	96.50-106.75	107.00
900-999	101.75-107.25	109.00	800-899	92.00-105.00	105.00
800-899	98.50-109.25	110.50	700-799	99.00-108.25	111.00
700-799	106.50-115.25	118.00	600-699	96.00-111.25	120.50
600-699	110.00-129.85	129.85	500-599	93.00-113.00	119.00
500-599	108.00-133.50	133.50	400-499	96.00-118.00	128.00
400-499	121.00-140.50	143.00	300-399	95.00-125.00	125.00
300-399	115.00-140.00	146.00			

Stocker sale: **D. H. Hickson Ltd, Mar 13, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	60.00-103.50	700-799	84.00-99.00
700-799	81.50-112.50	600-699	71.00-114.50
600-699	93.50-122.50	500-599	83.50-119.00
500-599	98.00-133.50	400-499	93.00-119.50
400-499	71.00-136.00		

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock, March 13, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	92.50-106.75	106.75	+900	63.00-91.00	91.00
900-999	108.00-108.50	108.50	800-899	70.00-100.50	100.50
800-899	109.75-115.25	115.25	700-799	93.25-111.00	114.00
700-799	112.00-125.00	125.00	600-699	107.00-119.25	119.25
600-699	116.00-126.50	133.50	500-599	105.00-120.00	126.00
500-599	125.00-134.00	134.00	400-499	110.00-122.00	128.00
400-499	122.00-130.00	130.00			

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 14, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.75-108.50	112.00	+900	101.25-108.25	109.25
900-999	106.00-112.25	112.75	700-799	104.00-110.00	110.00
800-899	97.50-109.00	111.75			
700-799	100.00-113.00	115.50			
600-699	117.00-126.00	126.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange– Mar 15, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	93.00-109.50	112.50	700-799	91.50-110.00	110.00
700-799	80.00-116.50	116.50	600-699	73.00-94.00	106.00
600-699	99.00-123.00	123.00	500-599	103.00-130.00	130.00
500-599	83.00-129.00	130.00	400-499	81.00-108.00	133.00
400-499	110.00-124.00	138.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards –Mar 15, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	82.00-93.00	103.00	900+	74.00-85.75	89.00
900-999	95.00-107.25	107.25	800-899	85.00-96.00	96.00
800-899	93.00-106.50	109.25	700-799	89.00-108.75	108.75
700-799	103.50-114.50	115.00	600-699	96.00-110.75	116.25
600-699	109.00-121.50	124.00	500-599	102.00-116.50	127.50
500-599	117.00-138.50	138.50	400-499	102.00-119.00	120.00
400-499	123.00-139.50	139.50	300-399	87.00-95.00	120.00
399-	115.00-137.00	137.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) –Mar 15, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	97.00-112.00	114.00	700-799	89.00-102.00	102.00
600-699	93.00-118.00	123.00	600-699	96.00-109.00	109.00
500-599	104.00-135.00	135.00	500-599	98.00-109.00	111.00
400-499	104.00-138.00	138.00	400-499	98.00-122.00	128.00
399-	91.00-135.00	185.00	300-399	79.00-112.00	128.00
			299-	81.00-118.00	125.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co – Mar 15, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	113.00-116.50	1000+	116.50
900-999	112.50	800-899	107.00
800-899	106.00-113.00		
700-799	112.00-116.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Mar 15, 2007**

Steers	Live	96.00-103.25	Flat rail	159.50-166.65
Heifers	Live	95.50-102.90	Flat rail	159.50-166.50

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending Mar 15, 2007	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	180.00-185.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Mar 15, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	97.00-98.00
	Rail	158.00-160.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 3, 2007	1.7446	1.6996
Feb 24, 2007	1.7330	1.6847

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	164.64	156.09

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Mar 10, 2007	842	787
Mar 11, 2006	852	788

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Mar 10, 2007	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	65,450	648,710	103%
Alberta Slaughter	43,151	423,006	109%
Ontario Slaughter	12,544	129,040	98%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Mar 17, 2007	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	631,000	632,000	623,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – Mar 10	Mexico Jan 1 – Feb 17
Total	56,177 tonnes	4,674 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	182,054 tonnes	179,313 tonnes	+1.5%
Non-fed	52,108 tonnes	50,735 tonnes	+2.7%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	11,264 tonnes	11,2353 tonnes	+0.3%
Non-NAFTA	12,891 tonnes	9,413 tonnes	+36.9%
Total	24,385 tonnes	21,340 tonnes	+14.3%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS Jan 1 – Dec 31/06	EXPORTS Jan 1 – Mar 10/07	
Pure bred	1,941	Slaughter steers & heifers	183,941
Non-pure bred	36,020	Feeder steers & heifers	85,986

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 3, 07	Week ending Feb 24, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	0

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 3, 07	Week ending Feb 24, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,326	2,655	20,821

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							
Apr	97.10	-1.95	Mar	104.82	-1.05	May	3.994	+1.6	May	7.534	+3.0	Spot	85.08	+0.11
Jun	94.27	-1.47	Apr	106.05	-1.15	Jul	4.106	+1.6	Jul	7.690	+2.2	Mar	85.05	+0.07
Aug	91.70	-1.10	May	107.22	-1.12	Sep	4.036	+3.2	Aug	7.754	+4.0	Jun	85.27	+0.07
Oct	95.72	-0.72	Aug	108.07	-1.07	Dec	4.030	+5.4	Sep	7.810	+3.0	Sep	85.49	+0.07

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Special Spring Sales

Sat Mar 17, 07-	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auction Mkt	Stockers- Vacc & Non Vaccinated.
Tues Mar 20, 07-	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
Wed Mar 21, 07-	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stockers- Sponsored by Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemen's Assoc.

Comments for the week ending March 15, 2007

Ontario saw another strong week of cattle trade in both prices and volume. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,656 which was 1,098 more than last week. The average fed steer price was \$106.90 up \$3.09 from last week and \$15.09 higher than last year at this time. The average heifer price was \$105.69 up \$3.74 from last week and \$15.68 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported fed cattle as trading on a strong active trade with prices \$1.00-\$3.00 higher.

Slaughter cows continued to strengthen this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,142 up 567 from last week. The average price was \$39.80 up \$3.16 from last week and \$10.18 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good strong demand with prices \$2.00-\$4.00 higher.

Majority of replacements sold higher this week with just a couple of weight categories slightly under pressure. There were 5,050 replacements sold through auction markets, up 2,148 from last week. Auction markets reported a solid demand with prices steady to \$3.00 higher. Steers 900+ averaged \$106.12 up \$3.59 from last week yet steers 800-900 averaged \$102.38 down \$3.97 from last week. Lightweight heifers were off \$2.50-\$4.80 with all other weight categories stronger.

Ontario railgrade weekly price range for steers this week was \$168.00-\$183.00 and heifers sold \$167.00-\$182.00 with the largest increase occurring from the previous Friday to last Monday. The average price was \$175.50 for steers and \$174.50 for heifers.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices \$2.00-\$4.00 higher than last week. Steers sold \$97.00-\$103.25 live and \$159.50-\$166.65 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$96.50-\$102.90 live and \$159.50-\$166.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$3.00 higher on dressed cattle and steady on live cattle. The north is most likely done business for the week, however light trade could surface on Friday afternoon in the south. Steers and heifers sold \$98.00-\$99.00 live and \$158.00-\$160.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported the same scenario as last week, slow beef movement and high prices.