



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday January 22, 2009

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 167.00-175.00
A grade heifers 166.00-174.00

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	92.79-104.69	98.64	116.25	99.43
Medium Frame Steers +1250	91.23-103.29	99.00	105.50	98.69
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	91.44-103.20	98.33	116.25	99.11
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.55-104.10	99.76	107.50	97.69
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.57-100.12	96.40	107.00	98.48
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.84-102.87	98.61	107.50	98.09
Cows- All Weights	41.14-59.34	50.66	95.00	47.80
Bulls- All Weights	56.68-67.43	61.86	86.00	59.16

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	417	98.65-104.62	102.26	109.00	103.04
900-999	314	102.54-108.38	105.50	110.00	104.33
800-899	190	90.37-104.53	98.38	110.00	93.87
700-799	361	95.22-111.45	106.58	116.25	102.18
600-699	445	96.84-115.61	108.97	123.50	106.56
500-599	434	107.01-122.90	115.21	132.50	111.65
400-499	260	106.23-124.98	116.77	140.00	112.85
-399	153	96.32-124.08	110.74	138.00	95.97

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	266	89.75-98.85	96.13	101.75	96.56
800-899	249	85.51-100.68	95.95	105.00	91.52
700-799	231	86.30-103.38	96.76	107.50	91.33
600-699	362	91.08-104.41	99.01	119.00	93.90
500-599	552	93.09-109.72	104.19	121.00	94.62
400-499	333	93.46-109.01	102.28	116.00	99.03
300-399	108	93.83-107.25	100.71	124.00	107.66
299-	20	78.85-105.05	97.24	109.00	79.09

At Talbotville Livestock: Jan 17, 2009- 140 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	96.00-104.50	No tops
Good & choice heifers	96.00-101.75	No tops
Export Cows	46.00-56.00	62.00
Good Cows	35.00-51.00	
Good heavy bulls	50.00-62.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Jan 17, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	25.50-57.50	43.63	57.50
Bulls all weights	50.73-68.91	62.41	79.00

At Denfield Livestock – Jan 21, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	95.00-105.75	Good Heifers	95.00-100.00
Plain steer	80.00-90.00	Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-60.00	Good beef bulls	55.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	50.00-60.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-45.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$140.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 16, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	96.25-105.75	102.54	105.75	900+	89.50-101.75	98.27	101.75
900-999	100.00-110.00	104.98	110.00	800-899	91.00-103.00	99.99	104.00
800-899	102.00-110.00	107.41	110.00	700-799	91.50-97.00	93.08	97.00
700-799	93.00-112.50	106.55	112.50	600-699	92.00-107.00	100.51	115.00
600-699	103.00-111.25	107.76	113.50	500-599	95.50-108.50	102.59	110.00
500-599	112.00-120.50	115.62	123.50	400-499	99.00-115.00	106.60	115.00
400-499	102.00-120.50	113.78	129.50	300-399	104.00-114.00	107.13	119.00
399-	109.00-127.00	114.58	131.00	299-	91.00-105.00	99.70	105.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd – Jan 20, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	77.50-111.50	98.96	111.50	600-699	85.50-119.00	94.78	119.00
600-699	104.50-123.50	110.14	123.50	500-599	89.00-98.00	94.93	98.00
500-599	76.00-127.50	108.26	127.50	400-499	83.50-99.00	89.82	99.00
400-499	97.50-127.00	108.09	127.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Jan 20, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	103.50-103.85	103.78	103.85	900+	97.25-99.00	98.13	101.00
900-999	103.75-109.75	106.57	109.75	800-899	92.50-100.50	95.82	100.50
800-899	90.50-107.50	99.45	110.00	700-799	88.00-105.75	100.03	105.75
700-799	110.00-116.25	114.64	116.25	600-699	100.25-108.50	106.30	108.50
600-699	98.00-119.25	112.33	119.25	500-599	105.00-117.50	112.96	117.50
500-599	115.00-128.00	123.19	130.00	400-499	110.00-115.00	113.58	115.50
400-499	130.00-140.00	134.11	140.00	300-399	102.00-105.00	102.83	105.00
399-	106.00-119.00	112.50	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 22, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	100.00-127.00	114.38	127.00	400-499	78.00-103.00	103.00	115.00
400-499	70.00-120.00	100.43	120.00	300-399	93.00-105.00	101.86	124.00
399-	104.00-122.00	110.25	131.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Jan 21, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	102.50-107.25	104.91	109.00	900+	95.00-100.75	99.44	100.75
900-999	104.75-108.75	107.09	108.75	600-699	102.00-102.50	102.26	102.50
800-899	75.50-97.00	82.34	97.00	500-599	99.00-106.75	104.29	106.75

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Jan 22, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	79.00-94.25	91.12	94.25	900+	80.00-99.00	93.64	99.00
900-999	92.00-97.00	94.80	97.00	800-899	67.00-100.25	90.81	100.25
800-899	95.75-107.25	103.22	107.25	700-799	87.00-107.50	98.40	107.50
700-799	92.00-107.25	101.90	108.50	600-699	87.50-98.00	92.21	102.50
600-699	104.00-118.00	110.67	119.50	500-599	92.00-109.00	101.53	111.50
500-599	115.00-130.00	120.62	130.00	400-499	102.00-111.50	106.30	111.50
400-499	114.00-132.00	125.15	133.00	300-399	94.00-107.00	101.22	108.00
399-	111.00-133.50	119.43	133.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Jan 22, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	79.00-113.00	102.14	113.00	600-699	72.00-104.00	91.45	104.00
500-599	92.00-114.00	105.78	116.00	500-599	90.00-105.00	98.08	121.00
399-	77.00-124.00	103.48	138.00	400-499	91.00-110.00	103.95	110.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL STOCKER SALES

Special Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Jan 17, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	88.00-107.00	102.59	107.00	700-799	81.00-100.00	92.73	100.00
600-699	100.00-112.00	106.71	112.00	600-699	87.00-102.00	97.08	102.00
500-599	98.00-113.00	105.90	116.00	500-599	86.00-101.00	93.26	110.00
400-499	93.00-118.00	107.57	120.00	400-499	84.00-107.00	100.21	108.00
399-	91.00-117.00	108.44	117.00	300-399	100.00-121.00	107.00	121.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market – Jan 21, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	97.50-99.75	98.06	99.75	900+	87.50-98.00	94.74	98.00
900-999	98.25-102.25	99.58	102.25	800-899	80.50-96.00	93.94	96.00
800-899	99.00-106.00	101.00	106.00	700-799	83.00-99.25	95.06	99.25
700-799	74.00-114.25	105.70	114.25	600-699	85.0-105.50	101.75	105.50
600-699	74.00-118.25	112.66	118.25	500-599	65.00-109.50	105.50	109.50
500-599	110.50-132.50	123.35	132.50	400-499	80.00-108.50	98.10	108.50
400-499	130.50-135.50	132.73	135.50	300-399	64.00-105.00	94.20	105.00
399-	112.50-136.00	120.33	136.00				

Vaccinated calves and yearlings sponsored by Peterborough/Victoria County Cattlemen's Associations. Light receipts traded actively.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending Thursday January 22, 2009

Steers	Live	85.75-86.25	Flat rail	148.00-150.00
Heifers	Live	87.50-88.75	Flat rail	148.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

Week Ending **Thursday Jan 22, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	\$82.00
	Rail	\$127.00-134.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday January 22, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	\$170.75 – 173.25
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Jan 9, 2009	1.7039	1.6898
Jan 2, 2009	1.7201	1.6968
Dec 26, 2008	1.7534	1.6877

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	151.59	144.56

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Jan 24, 2009		
Grand Total	632,000	608,000	636,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 27, 08 & Jan 3, 2009 included	Week ending Dec 20, 08	Year to Date 2008
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	5,872	4,388	219,873
Steers & Heifers	5,457	3,743	191,490
Cows	415	641	26,280
Bulls	0	4	2,103

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Jan 17, 2009	832	779
Jan 12, 2008	862	815

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Jan 17, 2008		
Grand Total	66,633	127,060	118%
Alberta Slaughter	49,151	91,059	123%
Ontario Slaughter	9,588	19,603	102%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Nov 30, 08		Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09	
Pure bred	1,119	Slaughter steers & heifers	10,047
Non-pure bred	43,286	Feeder steers & heifers	2,868
		Cows & Bulls	3,180

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Jan 10, 09	
Total	5,366 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	16,341 tonnes	12,371 tonnes	+32.1%
Non-fed	5,028 tonnes	4,053 tonnes	+24.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 27/08	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	117,142 tonnes	113,018 tonnes	+3.6%
Non-NAFTA	29,831 tonnes	60,171 tonnes	-50.4%
Total	149,070 tonnes	177,413 tonnes	-16.0%

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							
Feb	82.67	+0.40	Jan	93.65	+0.17	Mar	3.904	+3.0	Mar	10.090	-3.0	Spot	81.05	+1.24
Apr	85.80	+0.40	Mar	92.75	+0.45	May	4.014	+3.0	May	10.162	-3.2	Mar	81.00	+1.23
Jun	84.17	+0.00	Apr	93.52	+0.12	Jul	4.120	+3.0	Jul	10.232	-4.2	Jun	81.05	+1.23
Aug	84.87	-0.07	May	95.65	+0.20	Sep	4.222	+2.4	Aug	10.140	-4.4	Sep	81.11	+1.25
Oct	88.80	+0.05	Aug	97.40	+0.20	Dec	4.360	+2.4	Sep	9.810	-6.0	Dec	81.14	+1.25
Dec	90.40	-0.05	Sep	97.40	+0.10	Mar	4.490	+2.0	Nov	9.432	-14.2	Mar	81.19	+1.25

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Jan 24, 09	2:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Bred Cow sale- 4 herds, dispersals
Jan 30, 09	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Quinte Cattlemen's Association 100% Vaccinated.
Jan 31, 09	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee 100% Vaccinated.
Feb 14, 09	11:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings

Comments for the week ending January 22, 2009

The fed cattle market saw another week of light trade volume. There were 975 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 278 from last week and 1,720 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$90.65-102.81 with a weekly average of \$97.79, down \$1.32 from last week and \$19.84 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.59-102.65 averaging \$98.36 up \$0.27 from last week and \$18.82 higher than a year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trading with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger.

The slaughter cow market saw another strong week of trade. There were 2,852 slaughter cows sold through auction markets, up 404 from last week and 329 more than the same time last year. Cows traded from \$41.14-59.34 averaging \$50.66 up \$2.86 over last week and \$16.77 stronger than a year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with prices \$2.00-\$5.00 higher.

There were 4,695 replacements sold through auction markets up 49.2% from last week but 15% less than same time last year. Auction markets reported active trading with light weights selling about \$3.00 higher and short keeps steady. On average over all weight categories steer calves were \$2.50-4.50 higher than last week and heifers were \$5.00-9.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices this week held about steady with last week. The top end price was \$1.00 lower. Steers were reported at \$167-\$175. Heifers were \$166-\$174.

Alberta's fed cattle market was moderate with prices steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. Steers sold from \$85.75-86.25 live and \$148.00-150.00 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$87.45-88.75 live and \$148.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north with prices \$3.00 lower as steers and heifers sold at \$127.00-134.00 dressed. Live cattle trade was active as well with prices \$1.00-2.00 lower as steers and heifers traded at \$82.00 live.