



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday March 19, 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.

<b>A grade steers</b>	166.00-172.00
<b>A grade heifers</b>	165.00-171.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

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

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	97.92-105.29	101.82	112.25	99.58
Medium Frame Steers +1250	96.91-104.43	100.91	108.00	99.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	97.25-105.42	101.73	112.25	99.51
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	95.48-104.01	100.74	106.25	97.98
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	89.10-104.55	98.09	106.50	96.55
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	94.02-104.78	100.43	106.50	97.77
Cows- All Weights	39.90-57.18	48.39	90.00	49.19
Bulls- All Weights	57.07-67.05	62.03	87.00	63.36

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	512	99.07-108.21	104.56	110.75	101.46
<b>900-999</b>	425	101.72-109.46	106.36	112.50	104.27
<b>800-899</b>	274	97.58-110.89	105.08	115.00	101.14
<b>700-799</b>	468	97.67-114.47	108.63	118.50	104.69
<b>600-699</b>	592	103.78-122.55	113.82	128.00	109.71
<b>500-599</b>	462	106.04-127.14	118.93	138.00	116.32
<b>400-499</b>	197	101.76-130.96	120.84	144.50	115.76
<b>-399</b>	72	95.99-124.64	112.00	134.50	97.08

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	263	89.45-99.00	94.54	105.00	95.80
<b>800-899</b>	215	90.94-102.41	96.82	108.50	94.65
<b>700-799</b>	379	89.03-105.23	96.04	115.50	100.60
<b>600-699</b>	529	95.78-110.53	103.63	114.50	104.82
<b>500-599</b>	450	91.93-114.04	106.83	122.00	105.55
<b>400-499</b>	260	97.34-115.80	107.17	120.50	101.68
<b>300-399</b>	68	86.66-116.34	102.78	139.00	106.96
<b>299-</b>	7	78.43-111.14	95.57	128.00	95.66

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 14, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	96.00-101.50	104.00
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	96.50-101.00	103.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	44.00-58.50	64.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	39.00-54.50	
<b>Good heavy bologna bulls</b>	Sales to 66.50	
<b>Good veal calves (no choice on offer)</b>	76.00-95.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 14, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	34.50-67.00	49.68	67.00
<b>Bulls 1600 lbs &amp; over</b>	52.50-68.50	61.28	68.50

**At Denfield Livestock – March 17 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	100.00-105.00	<b>Choice Exotic Cross heifers</b>	100.00-105.75
<b>Good steers</b>	95.00-99.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	94.00-98.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	85.00-90.00	<b>Plain heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	60.00-70.00 top 80.50	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	60.00-80.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	48.00-58.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	60.00-70.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-45.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$75.00-\$150.00
<b>Shells</b>	30.00-40.00	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	\$10.00-\$70.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Replacement calves</b>	50.00-82.00	<b>Cows D1 &amp; D2</b>	48.00-56.00 top 66.00
<b>Bulls</b>	42.00-59.00 top 75.00	<b>Cows D3</b>	44.00-49.00
<b>Bred cows-good x bred</b>	N/T	<b>Cows D4</b>	20.00-45.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 13, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	82.00-99.50	93.89	106.75	<b>900+</b>	82.00-100.00	92.15	100.00
<b>900-999</b>	98.50-107.50	104.38	108.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-104.75	94.66	104.75
<b>800-899</b>	96.00-112.75	105.52	112.75	<b>700-799</b>	86.50-103.25	92.97	107.00
<b>700-799</b>	88.00-113.00	104.89	113.75	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-109.50	99.62	110.50
<b>600-699</b>	103.00-121.00	111.44	123.00	<b>500-599</b>	94.00-113.00	105.54	118.00
<b>500-599</b>	103.00-127.00	115.83	127.00	<b>400-499</b>	104.00-116.00	109.66	116.00
<b>400-499</b>	116.00-125.00	120.52	130.50	<b>300-399</b>	107.00-127.00	120.33	127.00
<b>399-</b>	98.00-131.00	113.75	131.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, March 14, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>500-599</b>	95.00-105.00	98.83	105.00	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-105.00	103.20	105.00
<b>400-499</b>	102.50-115.00	109.31	115.00	<b>400-499</b>	80.00-120.00	96.20	120.00
<b>300-399</b>	80.00-125.00	97.50	125.00	<b>300-399</b>	80.00-112.00	108.00	112.00

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 9, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	82.25-97.00	90.64	97.50	<b>600-699</b>	76.00-86.50	80.50	92.50
<b>600-699</b>	90.25-107.25	99.42	107.50	<b>500-599</b>	89.50-102.50	97.00	102.50
<b>500-599</b>	94.50-104.00	101.50	115.50	<b>400-499</b>	81.00-99.00	91.36	101.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 17, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-113.50	104.65	113.50	<b>600-699</b>	104.50-112.00	109.00	112.00
<b>700-799</b>	105.00-118.00	114.30	118.00	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-117.00	112.15	117.00
<b>600-699</b>	114.50-126.50	121.79	126.50	<b>400-499</b>	91.0-119.00	107.67	119.50
<b>500-599</b>	118.00-127.50	125.78	127.50				
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-133.50	129.94	133.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 17, 2009** - 159 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	75.00-127.50	96.91	127.50	<b>700-799</b>	75.00-101.50	88.85	101.50
<b>500-599</b>	70.00-136.00	113.25	136.00	<b>600-699</b>	76.00-107.50	93.29	107.50
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-130.00	115.73	130.00	<b>500-599</b>	63.00-116.00	97.87	116.00
				<b>400-499</b>	82.50-117.50	99.91	117.50

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	88.00-94.00	<b>900+</b>	88.00-93.00
<b>900-999</b>	95.00-101.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-96.00
<b>800-899</b>	95.00-106.50	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-102.00
<b>700-799</b>	96.00-113.00	<b>600-699</b>	94.00-107.00
<b>600-699</b>	109.00-117.50	<b>500-599</b>	104.00-113.50
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-124.00	<b>400-499</b>	110.00-121.00
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-133.00	<b>300-399</b>	110.00-119.50
<b>399-</b>	115.00-128.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 11, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	102.00-110.75	107.04	110.75	<b>900+</b>	102.75-104.25	103.55	105.00
<b>900-999</b>	104.25-111.50	108.70	111.50	<b>800-899</b>	97.00-102.00	100.20	102.00
<b>800-899</b>	95.00-112.00	104.00	115.00	<b>600-699</b>	95.00-105.00	101.00	105.00
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-114.00	109.40	114.00	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-107.00	105.96	107.00
<b>600-699</b>	106.50-116.50	113.08	116.50	<b>400-499</b>	108.00-110.00	108.67	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.50-118.50	116.94	118.50				
<b>400-499</b>	108.50-119.00	114.04	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 19, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	86.50-106.00	97.00	106.00	<b>900+</b>	86.00-95.00	90.71	95.00
<b>700-799</b>	99.00-109.00	105.50	114.00	<b>800-899</b>	85.50-96.00	90.85	96.00
<b>500-599</b>	82.00-110.00	100.00	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	84.50-96.00	90.00	103.50
				<b>600-699</b>	84.00-104.00	94.59	104.00
				<b>400-499</b>	89.00-110.00	99.33	110.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, March 19, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	87.00-105.25	96.36	106.00	<b>900+</b>	95.00-98.25	95.97	98.50
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-110.00	107.42	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.50-103.25	97.49	103.25
<b>700-799</b>	103.00-115.25	108.73	117.75	<b>700-799</b>	95.00-108.00	101.59	111.00
<b>600-699</b>	109.00-126.50	117.54	128.00	<b>600-699</b>	101.50-112.00	106.71	113.00
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-128.50	122.57	138.00	<b>500-599</b>	104.00-122.00	112.72	122.00
<b>400-499</b>	93.00-136.00	123.53	136.00	<b>400-499</b>	104.00-118.50	112.57	120.50
<b>399-</b>	119.00-134.50	126.22	134.50	<b>300-399</b>	95.00-121.00	107.82	121.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, March 19, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	56.00-110.00	87.54	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	75.00-108.00	95.78	110.00
<b>600-699</b>	76.00-114.00	97.83	121.00	<b>500-599</b>	70.00-109.00	95.90	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	100.00-125.00	114.59	130.00	<b>400-499</b>	84.00-117.00	106.88	117.00
<b>400-499</b>	83.00-130.50	111.73	130.50	<b>300-399</b>	104.00-121.00	115.40	121.00
<b>300-399</b>	83.00-133.00	111.75	133.00				

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES**

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: Vaccinated Sale, March 17, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	94.50-105.00	102.88	105.50	<b>900+</b>	88.50-95.00	90.30	95.00
<b>900-999</b>	102.50-106.00	103.64	106.00	<b>800-899</b>	97.75-104.00	102.61	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	105.00-110.00	107.89	112.50	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-105.75	98.48	109.00
<b>700-799</b>	109.00-117.00	112.94	118.50	<b>600-699</b>	103.50-112.00	107.57	112.50
<b>600-699</b>	116.75-124.50	120.52	124.50	<b>500-599</b>	110.50-116.50	114.24	116.50
<b>500-599</b>	118.00-127.75	124.65	134.00	<b>400-499</b>	107.00-116.00	111.80	116.00
<b>400-499</b>	124.00-137.00	132.68	137.00				

A better quality offering of replacement cattle sold at fully steady to stronger prices.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 18, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	99.00-112.50	108.94	112.50	<b>800-899</b>	92.00-108.50	100.88	108.50
<b>800-899</b>	89.00-114.75	1004.79	114.75	<b>700-799</b>	92.00-115.50	99.75	115.50
<b>700-799</b>	86.00-115.75	111.42	115.75	<b>600-699</b>	92.50-114.50	107.27	114.50
<b>600-699</b>	91.50-126.50	116.98	126.50	<b>500-599</b>	71.50-117.25	112.52	117.25
<b>500-599</b>	117.00-135.50	124.66	135.50	<b>400-499</b>	107.0-118.00	113.73	118.00
<b>400-499</b>	100.00-136.00	124.77	136.00				
<b>399-</b>	101.00-107.50	104.25	107.50				

Peterborough/Victoria County Sale- Vaccinated. All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold actively from \$5.00-\$10.00 cwt higher.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	93.50-96.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	159.50-161.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	92.65-96.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	159.50-161.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	N/T
	<b>Rail</b>	132.00-133.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	168.50-170.00
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
March 6, 2009	1.7598	1.7426
Feb 27, 2009	1.7103	1.7111
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	134.88	134.44

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	March 21, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	615,000	623,000	644,000

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending Mar 7, 09	Week ending Feb 28, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,337</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>29,58</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,661	1,259	23,954
Cows	684	811	5,403
Bulls	32	40	191

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
<b>March 14, 2009</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>789</b>
<b>March 8, 2008</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>800</b>

**PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER**

	February 2009	February 2008
<b>Steers</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>4,004</b>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,232</b>
<b>Cows</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>1,234</b>
<b>Bulls</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>453</b>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 14, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>57,202</b>	<b>619,991</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	<b>39,136</b>	<b>435,107</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>105,517</b>	<b>94%</b>

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
	Jan 1 – Jan 31,09		Jan 1 – Mar 7, 09
<b>Pure bred</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>112,573</b>
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>75,815</b>
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	<b>39,728</b>

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 14, 09	Jan 1-31
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,358 tonnes</b>	<b>3,494</b>

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Mar 14, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	<b>176,627 tonnes</b>	<b>163,838 tonnes</b>	<b>+7.8%</b>
<b>Non-fed</b>	<b>44,191 tonnes</b>	<b>54,176 tonnes</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Mar 7	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	<b>16,217 tonnes</b>	<b>17,361 tonnes</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>

<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	12,852 tonnes	8,786 tonnes	+46.3%
<b>Total</b>	29,495 tonnes	26,349 tonnes	+11.9%

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>				
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US    ¢/bu		\$/bu US    ¢/bu						
<b>Apr</b>	85.20	+0.45	<b>Mar</b>	93.67	-0.57	<b>May</b>	3.964	+0.0	<b>May</b>	9.520	-11.4	<b>Spot</b>	80.68	-0.10
<b>Jun</b>	82.85	-0.27	<b>Apr</b>	93.77	-0.52	<b>Jul</b>	4.070	+0.0	<b>Jul</b>	9.490	+9.0	<b>Jun</b>	80.73	-0.12
<b>Aug</b>	84.07	-0.15	<b>May</b>	95.37	-0.35	<b>Sep</b>	4.160	-0.2	<b>Aug</b>	9.324	+5.2	<b>Sep</b>	80.86	-0.10
<b>Oct</b>	87.72	-0.25	<b>Aug</b>	98.22	-0.67	<b>Dec</b>	4.280	-0.2	<b>Sep</b>	9.054	+2.6	<b>Dec</b>	81.01	-0.10
<b>Dec</b>	90.05	-0.40	<b>Sep</b>	99.32	-0.27	<b>Mar</b>	4.392	+0.0	<b>Nov</b>	8.930	+0.4	<b>Mar</b>	81.12	-0.10
<b>Feb</b>	91.30	-0.30	<b>Oct</b>	99.40	-0.50	<b>May</b>	4.452	+0.4	<b>Jan</b>	9.030	+1.4	<b>Jun</b>	81.23	-0.10

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Mar 23	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Stockers 100% Vaccinated
			Sponsored by Lennox Addington Stocker sale Committee.
Mar 24	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grey County Calves- Vaccinated
Mar 28	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers.
April 6	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves & yearlings
			Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers.
April 8	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
April 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Stocker sale in lieu of Good Friday
April 11	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers

### **Comments for the week ending March 19, 2009**

The fed cattle market saw another strong week of trade. There were 1,230 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 36 from last week and 788 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$97.25-\$105.42 averaging \$101.73 up \$2.22 from last week and \$20.01 stronger than last year at this time. Heifer sold from \$94.02-\$104.78 averaging \$100.43 up \$2.66 from last week and \$17.98 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with active trading and prices \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was slightly easier this week. There were 2,280 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 122 from last week and fully steady to last year at this time. Slaughter cows sold from \$39.90-\$57.18 averaging \$48.39 down \$0.80 from last week and \$5.96 higher than last year at this time. At the beginning of the week auctions reported prices from steady to \$3.00 stronger with prices strong to easier as the week progressed.

Replacement steers sold very strong this week with heifers selling on a mixed demand. There were 5,173 replacements sold through auction markets up 28% from last week and 9% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good strong active trade with prices form steady to \$3.00 higher. Two vaccinated sales this week reported prices from fully steady to strong with some up to \$10.00 higher. Actual average prices for all weights and categories of steers were \$2.50-\$5.00 stronger. Heifers 400-600 lbs averaged \$1.25-\$5.50 higher while heifers 600-800 lbs averaged \$1.00-\$4.50 lower. Heifers 800+ averaged \$0.26 higher than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week continued to trend higher. Steers were reported at \$166-\$172 early week to \$170-\$172 by Wednesday. Heifers sold from \$165-\$171 early week improving to \$169-\$171 by Wednesday. This week's average prices were \$4.50 higher than last week's average.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw another very strong week of trade with prices \$2.50 higher on average. Steers traded from \$93.50-\$96.00 live and \$159.50-\$161.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$92.65-\$96.00 live and \$159.50-\$161.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade on Thursday was light in the north with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than last week at \$132.00-\$133.00 dressed. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, light to moderate trade was reported at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher at \$83.00 live and \$133.00 dressed. Many sellers are still holding out for higher prices.