



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 30, 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 167.00-172.00  
 A grade heifers 166.00-171.00

## 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            | 93.41-105.42 | 100.12  | 112.00 | 99.41         |
| Medium Frame Steers +1250           | 94.43-103.25 | 100.21  | 106.75 | 100.29        |
| Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250  | 93.78-105.12 | 100.17  | 112.00 | 99.95         |
| Large Frame Heifers + 1000          | 94.63-103.41 | 100.02  | 107.00 | 98.98         |
| Medium Frame Heifers + 1000         | 91.59-101.99 | 97.89   | 108.75 | 97.19         |
| Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000 | 94.19-103.70 | 99.61   | 108.75 | 98.36         |
| Cows- All Weights                   | 43.42-61.01  | 52.25   | 98.50  | 51.98         |
| Bulls- All Weights                  | 60.25-72.25  | 66.55   | 92.00  | 67.26         |

### STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

| STEERS  | Volume | Price Range   | Average | Top    | Last week Avg |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| 1000+   | 583    | 100.65-108.04 | 105.28  | 111.00 | 104.38        |
| 900-999 | 928    | 101.81-109.30 | 106.30  | 112.25 | 105.16        |
| 800-899 | 1,027  | 98.95-113.80  | 108.51  | 118.10 | 106.08        |
| 700-799 | 1,332  | 95.74-117.09  | 110.80  | 132.00 | 111.13        |
| 600-699 | 1,556  | 100.93-132.21 | 118.38  | 150.75 | 123.00        |
| 500-599 | 1,139  | 105.74-134.48 | 122.45  | 145.00 | 122.66        |
| 400-499 | 445    | 104.87-139.64 | 124.46  | 150.50 | 131.00        |
| -399    | 163    | 108.23-134.80 | 124.50  | 154.00 | 127.78        |

| HEIFERS | Volume | Price Range   | Average | Top    | Last week Avg |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| +900    | 405    | 89.59-100.73  | 96.42   | 103.75 | 92.18         |
| 800-899 | 404    | 88.07-102.76  | 96.58   | 107.00 | 99.74         |
| 700-799 | 800    | 90.75-107.66  | 101.10  | 115.00 | 102.97        |
| 600-699 | 1,271  | 90.01-116.93  | 107.12  | 120.50 | 106.45        |
| 500-599 | 1,193  | 99.12-118.22  | 110.55  | 150.00 | 108.70        |
| 400-499 | 557    | 97.67-122.67  | 112.26  | 142.00 | 111.54        |
| 300-399 | 181    | 100.40-123.38 | 114.02  | 142.00 | 113.92        |
| 299-    | 25     | 102.32-113.12 | 107.10  | 139.00 | 105.74        |

### At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 25, 2009

|                                       | Price Range  | Top   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Good & Choice Steers                  | 96.00-103.00 |       |
| Good & Choice Heifers                 | 93.00-102.00 |       |
| Good Cows                             | 48.00-62.00  | 67.00 |
| Export Cows                           | 47.00-59.00  |       |
| Good heavy bulls                      | 62.00-70.00  |       |
| Good veal calves (no choice on offer) | 73.50-88.50  |       |

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 25, 2009**

|                       | Price Range | Average | Top   |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Cows                  | 40.00-74.00 | 55.43   | 74.00 |
| Bulls 1600 lbs & over | 65.00-72.00 | 68.87   | 72.00 |

**At Denfield Livestock – April 28, 2009**

|               | Price Range   |                             | Price Range      |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Choice steers | 100.00-104.25 | Choice Exotic Cross heifers | 99.00-103.00     |
| Good steers   | 95.00-100.00  | Good heifers                | 94.00-98.00      |
| Plain Steers  | 85.00-90.00   | Plain heifers               | 80.00-90.00      |
| Good fed cows | 60.00-70.00   | Good beef bulls             | 65.00-80.00      |
| Eligible cows | 52.00-62.00   | Good Holstein bulls         | 60.00-65.00      |
| D1 & D2 cows  | 50.00-60.00   | Good Holstein bull calves   | \$75.00-\$200.00 |
| D3 & D4 cows  | 45.00-50.00   | Yearling steers & heifers   | 95.00-105.00     |
| Steer calves  | 100.00-135.00 | Heifer calves               | 110.00-125.00    |

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 28, 2009**

|                       | Price Range   |              | Price Range           |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Replacement calves    | 100.00-116.00 | Cows D1 & D2 | 53.00-64.50 top 78.00 |
| Bulls                 | 61.00-65.00   | Cows D3      | 44.00-52.00           |
| Bred cows-good x bred | N/T           | Cows D4      | 41.00-49.00           |

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 24, 2009-** 1,976 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+   | 93.00-106.75  | 103.47 | 106.75 | 900+    | 92.50-103.75  | 99.33  | 103.75 |
| 900-999 | 96.50-108.50  | 105.87 | 110.50 | 800-899 | 85.00-105.25  | 97.25  | 106.50 |
| 800-899 | 94.00-112.50  | 103.75 | 112.50 | 700-799 | 82.00-107.00  | 96.63  | 111.50 |
| 700-799 | 95.00-117.00  | 108.38 | 117.00 | 600-699 | 99.00-118.50  | 109.25 | 120.00 |
| 600-699 | 95.00-123.50  | 112.55 | 132.00 | 500-599 | 105.00-119.50 | 113.32 | 123.00 |
| 500-599 | 109.00-134.00 | 123.31 | 136.50 | 400-499 | 108.00-124.50 | 118.46 | 142.00 |
| 400-499 | 114.00-141.50 | 126.87 | 143.00 | 300-399 | 100.00-127.00 | 119.04 | 127.00 |
| 399-    | 104.00-135.00 | 121.43 | 135.00 | 299-    | 101.00-130.00 | 111.75 | 130.00 |

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, April 27, 2009-** 81 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    |
|---------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 600-699 | 86.50-118.25 | 110.08 | 118.25 | 600-699 | 86.00-106.50 | 99.40  | 106.50 |
| 500-599 |              |        |        | 500-599 | 75.00-132.00 | 100.11 | 132.00 |

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 28, 2009-** 152 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 700-799 | 95.00-102.00  | 96.63  | 105.50 | 700-799 | 97.00-105.50  | 101.91 | 105.50 |
| 600-699 | 102.50-117.00 | 109.75 | 117.00 | 600-699 | 89.00-105.00  | 96.75  | 105.00 |
| 500-599 | 106.00-124.00 | 116.53 | 130.00 | 500-599 | 97.25-115.00  | 108.25 | 115.0  |
| 400-499 | 118.50-128.50 | 123.50 | 128.50 | 400-499 | 111.00-121.00 | 115.13 | 121.00 |
| 399-    | 104.00-130.00 | 121.20 | 130.00 | 300-399 | 99.00-104.50  | 102.13 | 104.50 |
|         |               |        |        | 299-    | 105.50-114.50 | 110.90 | 120.00 |

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 28, 2009 –** 239 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 700-799 | 87.50-109.00  | 97.34  | 109.00 | 800-899 | 85.00-90.00  | 87.75  | 90.00  |
| 600-699 | 69.00-110.00  | 101.09 | 110.00 | 700-799 | 75.50-100.00 | 87.15  | 100.00 |
| 500-599 | 68.50-132.50  | 103.38 | 132.50 | 600-699 | 74.50-103.00 | 92.34  | 103.00 |
| 400-499 | 99.00-137.50  | 123.32 | 137.50 | 500-599 | 87.00-113.50 | 100.05 | 113.50 |
| 399-    | 110.00-135.00 | 124.30 | 135.00 | 400-499 | 80.00-129.50 | 105.85 | 129.50 |

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 28, 2009-** 1,701 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 80.00-104.00  | 98.93  | 104.00 | <b>900+</b>    | 76.00-100.00  | 86.68  | 100.00 |
| <b>900-999</b> | 101.00-09.25  | 107.20 | 109.25 | <b>800-899</b> | 86.00-104.00  | 97.82  | 104.00 |
| <b>800-899</b> | 102.00-113.75 | 109.16 | 114.25 | <b>700-799</b> | 99.50-111.00  | 106.30 | 113.50 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 104.50-116.00 | 111.31 | 119.50 | <b>600-699</b> | 100.00-120.50 | 112.60 | 120.50 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 122.50-138.50 | 129.22 | 138.50 | <b>500-599</b> | 105.00-118.00 | 112.40 | 118.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 126.00-140.00 | 135.19 | 144.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 105.00-119.00 | 113.50 | 119.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 113.00-138.00 | 125.43 | 144.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 88.00-118.50  | 99.30  | 122.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 109.00-134.00 | 122.79 | 139.00 |                |               |        |        |

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 28, 2009-** 555 stockers.

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 90.00-98.00   | <b>900+</b>    | 90.00-93.00   |
| <b>900-999</b> | 92.00-102.00  | <b>800-899</b> | 92.00-97.00   |
| <b>800-899</b> | 99.00-108.00  | <b>700-799</b> | 92.00-99.00   |
| <b>700-799</b> | 110.00-116.50 | <b>600-699</b> | 101.00-112.00 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 114.00-128.50 | <b>500-599</b> | 110.00-118.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 122.00-139.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 115.00-122.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 127.00-134.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 115.00-121.00 |

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 29, 2009-** 1,634 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>+1000</b>   | 104.50-109.50 | 106.96 | 109.50 | <b>900+</b>    | 94.00-102.50  | 100.20 | 102.50 |
| <b>900-999</b> | 104.50-110.50 | 107.46 | 110.50 | <b>800-899</b> | 93.50-103.00  | 101.21 | 103.00 |
| <b>800-899</b> | 100.00-117.00 | 112.08 | 117.00 | <b>700-799</b> | 77.00-105.25  | 100.68 | 105.25 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 114.50-122.00 | 119.21 | 132.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 92.00-106.50  | 104.19 | 106.50 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 112.00-126.25 | 123.92 | 126.25 | <b>500-599</b> | 106.50-114.50 | 111.41 | 117.50 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 108.00-138.50 | 134.81 | 138.50 | <b>400-499</b> |               |        |        |
| <b>400-499</b> | 106.50-141.00 | 130.87 | 141.00 |                |               |        |        |

Stocker sale: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange – April 29, 2009-** 335 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| <b>900-999</b> | 83.00-95.00  | 90.25  | 95.00  | <b>800-899</b> | 75.00-96.00  | 82.98  | 96.00  |
| <b>800-899</b> | 85.00-103.00 | 91.06  | 103.00 | <b>700-799</b> | 72.00-101.00 | 83.75  | 101.00 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 70.00-109.00 | 93.07  | 113.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 77.00-105.00 | 92.78  | 105.00 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 78.00-117.00 | 101.10 | 117.00 | <b>500-599</b> | 85.00-109.00 | 95.04  | 109.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 88.00-123.00 | 108.00 | 126.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 87.00-133.00 | 105.32 | 133.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 94.00-134.00 | 111.78 | 134.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 89.00-118.00 | 105.32 | 118.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 88.00-131.00 | 116.67 | 131.00 |                |              |        |        |

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 30, 2009 –** 273 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>700-799</b> | 80.00-104.00  | 89.67  | 104.00 | <b>800-899</b> | 85.00-90.00   | 87.14  | 90.00  |
| <b>600-699</b> | 82.00-107.00  | 95.57  | 117.00 | <b>700-799</b> | 75.00-93.00   | 85.74  | 93.00  |
| <b>500-599</b> | 98.00-124.00  | 113.35 | 130.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 70.00-105.00  | 88.55  | 118.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 101.00-149.00 | 119.56 | 149.00 | <b>500-599</b> | 93.00-111.50  | 103.90 | 117.50 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 115.00-126.00 | 121.57 | 126.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 95.00-120.00  | 108.92 | 120.00 |
|                |               |        |        | <b>300-399</b> | 100.00-114.00 | 109.56 | 114.00 |

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 30, 2009-** 1,132 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 94.00-96.00   | 94.65  | 96.00  | <b>900+</b>    | 70.50-96.00  | 84.59  | 96.00  |
| <b>900-999</b> | 84.00-101.00  | 92.73  | 104.00 | <b>800-899</b> | 82.50-99.50  | 90.87  | 99.50  |
| <b>800-899</b> | 94.50-107.00  | 101.67 | 107.00 | <b>700-799</b> | 86.00-103.00 | 93.85  | 105.25 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 97.00-112.50  | 105.96 | 119.50 | <b>600-699</b> | 90.00-110.00 | 101.12 | 110.00 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 94.25-124.00  | 109.51 | 134.00 | <b>500-599</b> | 95.50-113.50 | 105.19 | 150.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 105.00-130.00 | 116.55 | 136.50 | <b>400-499</b> | 91.50-114.50 | 105.47 | 117.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 109.00-139.00 | 126.97 | 139.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 98.00-117.00 | 107.53 | 132.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 127.00-135.00 | 131.73 | 137.00 |                |              |        |        |

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 30, 2009-** 138 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>700-799</b> | 75.00-93.00   | 84.00  | 110.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 79.00-109.00  | 91.22  | 109.00 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 76.00-110.00  | 97.15  | 125.00 | <b>500-599</b> | 81.00-123.00  | 102.23 | 123.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 89.00-119.00  | 102.00 | 134.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 81.00-114.00  | 94.47  | 119.00 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 90.00-129.00  | 113.00 | 137.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 76.00-117.00  | 99.33  | 117.00 |
| <b>300-399</b> | 107.00-131.00 | 117.46 | 134.00 | <b>299-</b>    | 107.00-125.00 | 114.00 | 125.00 |

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

Stocker Sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, April 24, 2009-** 1,363 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 109.00-111.00 | 110.51 | 111.00 | <b>800-899</b> | 95.00-105.40  | 99.23  | 107.00 |
| <b>900-999</b> | 110.25-112.25 | 111.23 | 112.25 | <b>700-799</b> | 103.75-110.50 | 108.17 | 110.50 |
| <b>800-899</b> | 113.00-118.10 | 116.25 | 118.10 | <b>600-699</b> | 108.25-118.50 | 112.92 | 120.00 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 117.00-123.00 | 119.83 | 124.50 | <b>500-599</b> | 114.50-122.75 | 120.93 | 122.75 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 124.00-134.00 | 128.78 | 137.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 120.00-123.00 | 120.84 | 123.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 130.50-140.00 | 135.45 | 140.00 |                |               |        |        |
| <b>400-499</b> | 112.50-132.00 | 119.77 | 135.00 |                |               |        |        |

Vaccinated calf & yearling sale saw a strong demand at steady prices.

Stocker Sale at: **Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc, April 25, 2009-** 1,135 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range  | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 63.00-87.25   | 82.75  | 87.25  | <b>900+</b>    | 54.00-85.00  | 71.75  | 85.00  |
| <b>900-999</b> | 77.00-98.00   | 86.71  | 98.00  | <b>800-899</b> | 75.00-103.50 | 86.93  | 103.50 |
| <b>800-899</b> | 64.00-107.75  | 97.29  | 107.75 | <b>700-799</b> | 75.00-104.00 | 98.14  | 104.00 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 65.00-113.00  | 105.97 | 113.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 70.00-119.50 | 104.83 | 119.50 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 66.00-150.75  | 110.06 | 150.75 | <b>500-599</b> | 85.00-120.00 | 106.42 | 120.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 81.00-133.50  | 112.62 | 133.50 | <b>400-499</b> | 70.00-119.50 | 106.62 | 119.50 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 85.00-134.50  | 113.97 | 134.50 | <b>300-399</b> | 73.00-122.00 | 103.25 | 122.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 101.00-131.00 | 118.50 | 131.00 |                |              |        |        |

An excellent turn out with a good run of fall calves resulted in a good active trade with strong prices.

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 27, 2009 -** 907 stockers

| <b>STEERS</b>  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | <b>HEIFERS</b> | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| <b>1000+</b>   | 95.50-99.50   | 98.70  | 99.50  | <b>900+</b>    | 93.00-97.00   | 94.80  | 99.50  |
| <b>900-999</b> | 100.50-105.75 | 104.62 | 105.75 | <b>800-899</b> | 96.00-104.75  | 102.03 | 104.75 |
| <b>800-899</b> | 105.50-116.25 | 112.19 | 116.25 | <b>700-799</b> | 99.50-112.50  | 107.10 | 115.00 |
| <b>700-799</b> | 106.50-118.50 | 112.95 | 127.00 | <b>600-699</b> | 104.00-118.00 | 111.11 | 118.50 |
| <b>600-699</b> | 115.00-130.25 | 126.02 | 130.25 | <b>500-599</b> | 103.50-120.50 | 114.90 | 122.00 |
| <b>500-599</b> | 114.50-145.00 | 131.54 | 145.00 | <b>400-499</b> | 109.00-128.50 | 122.90 | 128.50 |
| <b>400-499</b> | 113.00-149.00 | 136.63 | 149.00 | <b>300-399</b> | 100.00-126.00 | 118.82 | 138.00 |
| <b>399-</b>    | 115.00-154.00 | 144.44 | 154.00 |                |               |        |        |

Huron County Beef Producers Vaccinated Calf & Yearling Sale. Calves traded \$3.00-\$5.00 higher while yearlings sold on a steady market.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market – April 29, 2009-** 700 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 800-899 | 101.50-115.00 | 106.31 | 115.00 | 800-899 | 82.00-99.25   | 87.78  | 99.25  |
| 700-799 | 74.00-124.00  | 113.97 | 124.00 | 700-799 | 94.50-110.00  | 104.70 | 110.00 |
| 600-699 | 105.00-135.75 | 124.73 | 135.75 | 600-699 | 83.50-116.00  | 108.07 | 116.00 |
| 500-599 | 110.00-140.50 | 129.28 | 140.50 | 500-599 | 92.00-120.50  | 112.51 | 120.50 |
| 400-499 | 90.00-150.50  | 129.03 | 150.50 | 400-499 | 95.00-131.00  | 117.50 | 131.00 |
| 399-    | 105.00-140.00 | 128.00 | 140.00 | 300-399 | 110.00-126.00 | 122.18 | 126.00 |

Stockers sold brisk at higher prices. May 6 @ 11:00 am- Victoria/Peterborough County Sale- 100% Vaccinated.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

|         |      |             |           |               |
|---------|------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Steers  | Live | 96.00-97.50 | Flat rail | 165.00-168.85 |
| Heifers | Live | 94.25       | Flat rail | 156.50-168.85 |

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

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

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

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

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

|                         | Price         |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| A1, A2 Steers & Heifers | 164.25-138.25 |

### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

| Week Ending    | AAA    | AA     |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| April 3, 2009  | 1.7891 | 1.7547 |
| March 27, 2009 | 1.7517 | 1.7574 |
| March 20, 2009 | 1.7463 | 1.7353 |

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

|                        | Choice  | Select  |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
|                        | 600-900 | 600-900 |
| Current 5 day average: | 151.69  | 148.93  |

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

| Week Ending | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|-------------|---------------|----------|
| May 2, 2009 |               |          |
| Grand Total | 665,000       | 701,000  |

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

|                | Steers | Heifers |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| April 25, 2009 | 810    | 770     |
| April 19, 2008 | 843    | 784     |

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

| Week Ending        | YTD    | % of Yr. Ago |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| April 25, 2008     |        |              |
| Grand Total        | 58,107 | 955,331      |
| %Alberta Slaughter | 2,465  | 673,113      |
| Ontario Slaughter  | 9,352  | 166,612      |

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

|   | Week ending April 11, 09 | Week ending April 4, 09 | Year to Date  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US. | <b>2,418</b>             | <b>2,304</b>            | <b>43,153</b> |
| Steers & Heifers  | 1,867                    | 1,520                   | 34,245        |
| Cows  | 522                      | 715                     | 8,604         |
| Bulls   | 29                       | 69                      | 304           |

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

| <u>IMPORTS</u>       |       | <u>EXPORTS</u>                        |         |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09   |       | Jan 1 – April 18, 09                  |         |
| <b>Pure bred</b>     | 241   | <b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b> | 194,685 |
| <b>Non-pure bred</b> | 6,825 | <b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>    | 145,403 |
|                      |       | <b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>               | 63,047  |

### BEEF EXPORTS

|              | United States<br>Jan 1 – April 25, 09 | Mexico<br>Jan 1-Feb 28 |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | 84,507 tonnes                         | 6,566 tonnes           |

### BEEF PRODUCTION

|                | Jan 1 – April 25, 09 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>Fed</b>     | 277,778 tonnes       | 266,746 tonnes      | +4.1%    |
| <b>Non-fed</b> | 662,186 tonnes       | 79,443 tonnes       | -21.7%   |

### BEEF IMPORTS

|                      | Jan 1 – April 18 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| <b>United States</b> | 30,421 tonnes    | 29,655 tonnes       | +2.6%    |
| <b>Non-NAFTA</b>     | 20,940 tonnes    | 11,820 tonnes       | +77.2%   |
| <b>Total</b>         | 51,603 tonnes    | 41,926 tonnes       | +23.1%   |

### 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>Jun</b>         | 82.10    -0.40 | <b>May</b>           | 97.45    -1.12 | <b>May</b>       | 4.062    +10.0 | <b>May</b>       | 11.020    +0.32 | <b>Spot</b>        | 84.50    +0.68 |
| <b>Aug</b>         | 82.02    -0.62 | <b>Aug</b>           | 98.45    -1.17 | <b>Jul</b>       | 4.136    +10.2 | <b>Jul</b>       | 10.910    +0.36 | <b>Jun</b>         | 84.51    +0.67 |
| <b>Oct</b>         | 86.42    +0.05 | <b>Sep</b>           | 98.72    -1.07 | <b>Sep</b>       | 4.224    +10.0 | <b>Aug</b>       | 10.590    +0.36 | <b>Sep</b>         | 84.59    +0.67 |
| <b>Dec</b>         | 88.85    +0.12 | <b>Oct</b>           | 98.77    -1.02 | <b>Dec</b>       | 4.332    +10.0 | <b>Sep</b>       | 10.110    +30.4 | <b>Dec</b>         | 84.68    +0.67 |
| <b>Feb</b>         | 90.22    +0.32 | <b>Nov</b>           | 98.80    -1.12 | <b>Mar</b>       | 4.450    +10.2 | <b>Nov</b>       | 9.710    +27.4  | <b>Mar</b>         | 84.80    +0.67 |
| <b>Apr</b>         | 90.60    -0.35 | <b>Jan</b>           | 98.20    -0.90 | <b>May</b>       | 4.534    +11.2 | <b>Jan</b>       | 9.736    +26.2  | <b>Jun</b>         | 84.95    +0.67 |

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

|       |          |                                   |  |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------------|--|
| May 2 | 10:00 am | Thessalon, Algoma Co-op Livestock | Stockers   |
| May 4 | 11:00 am | Selby Livestock & Auction Center  | Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee<br>Vaccinated Sale |
| May 5 | 11:00 am | Ontario Stockyards Inc            | Vaccinated Stocker Sale                                    |
| May 6 | 11:00 am | Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt   | Peterborough/Victoria County Sale- Vaccinated              |
| May 7 | 10:00 am | Wiarion-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop | Stocker Sale   |

May 9 11:00 am Denfield Livestock  
May 11 10:00 am Brussels Livestock

Bred Cow and Stocker Sale  
Vaccinated calves & yearlings – Sponsored  
by the Huron County Beef Producers

May 12 10:00 am South River

Parry Sound District Livestock Co-op Assoc  
Stocker Sale

May 13 11:00 am Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt

Stocker Sale

May 13 7:00 pm Talbotville Livestock

Bred Cows and Stocker Sale

May 20 6:00 pm Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt

Bred Cow Sale

### **Comments for the week ending April 30, 2009**

Despite the strengthening Canadian dollar this week the fed cattle market held steady. There were 1,220 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 53 from last week and 736 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$93.78-\$105.12 averaging \$100.17 up \$0.22 from last week and \$15.08 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$94.19-\$103.70 averaging \$99.61 up \$1.25 from last week and \$14.01 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trading with prices steady to fully steady. One auction reported American types as easier.

The slaughter cow market was also steady this week. There were 2,565 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 245 from last week and 161 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows sold from \$43.42-\$61.01 averaging \$52.25 up \$0.27 from last week and \$10.00 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets report a good demand with active trading. Prices were reported as steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand this week. There were 12,009 replacements sold through auction markets (including 5 special spring sales) up 51.6% from last week and 49% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trading with a good demand. Prices were reported as steady with one report of fleshier and plainer types under pressure. The special stocker sale reports saw strong demand with prices steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all classes of steers under 800 lbs from \$0.21-\$6.54 lower while steers 800+ averaged \$1.00-\$2.43 stronger. Heifers were the opposite with all classes under 700 lbs \$0.10-\$1.85 higher while heifers 700+ averaged \$0.28-\$1.87 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week for steers was \$167.00-\$172.00 dressed averaging \$1.25 lower than last week. Heifers traded from \$166.00-\$171.00 dressed down \$1.00 on average from last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with prices \$1.50-\$2.22 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$96.00-\$97.50 live and \$165.00-\$168.85 flat rail. Heifers traded at \$94.25 live and \$165.50-\$168.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill all week. At time of reporting on Friday afternoon light to moderate trade had developed with southern business \$2.00 lower at \$86.00 live and northern trade \$4.00 lower at \$138.00-\$139.00 dressed. Trade is expected to continue until late afternoon or early evening.