



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday May 7 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** 166.00-172.00  
**A grade heifers** 165.00-171.00

## 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	93.42-103.54	100.48	112.50	100.12
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.93-104.68	97.29	110.00	100.21
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	94.23-105.70	100.59	112.50	100.17
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	91.71-103.07	98.73	114.25	100.02
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	90.77-101.56	97.97	107.50	97.89
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.49-103.11	98.42	114.25	99.61
Cows- All Weights	42.16-59.40	51.23	81.00	52.25
Bulls- All Weights	58.63-70.54	65.07	87.00	66.55

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

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	470	94.33-102.69	98.88	108.50	105.28
900-999	1059	96.51-107.47	103.76	111.75	106.30
800-899	889	94.14-110.94	104.62	115.00	108.51
700-799	1335	98.53-117.40	109.86	133.50	110.80
600-699	1434	105.80-126.98	117.47	140.00	118.38
500-599	1038	105.10-130.67	120.86	144.50	122.45
400-499	435	107.40-138.71	124.80	150.00	124.46
-399	166	99.28-127.96	113.64	155.00	124.50

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	444	91.90-98.74	95.97	102.25	96.42
800-899	425	90.10-102.01	96.39	107.50	96.58
700-799	788	86.91-107.64	100.06	116.50	101.10
600-699	1025	91.18-114.96	105.82	135.00	107.12
500-599	910	91.34-117.74	108.21	124.50	110.55
400-499	466	95.35-121.24	109.49	132.00	112.26
300-399	122	97.59-114.00	105.56	140.00	114.02
299-	25	77.88-117.76	101.42	131.00	107.10

## **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 2, 2009**

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	93.50-98.00	110.00
Good & Choice Heifers	97.00-102.75	No tops
Good Cows	47.00-64.00	69.50
Export Cows	48.00-58.00	
Good heavy bulls	Sales to 70.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	75.00-88.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 2, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	33.00-67.00	51.95	71.50
Bulls- all weights	63.75-72.13	69.00	72.50

**At Denfield Livestock – May 5, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-107.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-101.00
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	95.00-99.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$225.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Beef crossed calves	\$200.00-\$300.00
Yearling steers	95.00-105.00	Yearling heifers	95.00-101.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	105.00-180.00	Cows D1 & D2	54.00-57.75
Bulls	N/A	Cows D3	48.00-54.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-47.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 1, 2009-** 2,018 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	80.00-100.75	94.00	104.50	900+	95.00-102.25	99.83	102.25
900-999	98.50-111.75	104.82	111.75	800-899	87.00-101.25	94.55	104.00
800-899	95.50-115.00	105.56	115.00	700-799	89.00-101.00	96.14	114.00
700-799	95.50-115.50	106.19	119.00	600-699	93.00-113.50	104.97	113.50
600-699	91.00-116.00	104.39	127.00	500-599	103.00-116.00	109.81	118.00
500-599	101.00-118.00	109.46	134.00	400-499	111.00-128.00	120.04	128.00
400-499	110.00-138.00	131.09	143.00	300-399	111.00-120.00	114.56	122.00
399-	102.00-131.00	118.50	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt, May 2, 2009-** 93 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	86.00-120.50	105.61	120.50	500-599	62.00-105.50	88.40	105.50
500-599	70.00-118.00	105.10	118.00	400-499	80.00-104.00	96.11	104.00
400-499	72.00-124.50	102.00	124.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 5, 2009 –** 159 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	67.00-115.50	90.68	115.50	500-599	83.50-115.50	102.66	115.50
500-599	75.00-128.50	106.85	128.50	400-499	70.00-113.00	98.62	113.00
400-499	70.00-130.50	110.85	130.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 5, 2009-** 1,527 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	98.50-108.00	106.47	108.00	900+	89.00-96.50	94.07	96.50
800-899	102.00-115.00	109.46	115.00	800-899	102.50-107.50	105.36	107.00
700-799	107.00-126.50	120.70	133.50	700-799	100.00-114.25	109.95	114.25
600-699	121.00-134.25	126.71	134.50	600-699	105.25-117.75	114.36	117.75
500-599	130.25-139.25	135.85	142.00	500-599	107.00-120.00	115.60	120.00
400-499	127.00-146.00	137.38	146.00	400-499	100.00-124.00	113.58	132.00
399-	71.00-116.00	89.33	119.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009-** 257 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	96.00-103.50	<b>900+</b>	79.00-89.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-112.50	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-94.50
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-118.50	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-106.00
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-133.00	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-107.50
<b>400-499</b>	125.00-132.00	<b>500-599</b>	101.00-112.00
		<b>400-499</b>	112.00-118.00
		<b>300-399</b>	112.00-117.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – May 6, 2009-** 2,027 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	102.00-105.75	103.28	108.50	<b>900+</b>	97.00-100.25	98.93	102.00
<b>900-999</b>	99.50-108.00	105.11	111.75	<b>800-899</b>	94.00-96.50	94.86	96.50
<b>800-899</b>	97.00-109.25	104.97	109.25	<b>700-799</b>	79.00-107.25	97.29	107.25
<b>700-799</b>	93.00-116.25	108.47	116.25	<b>600-699</b>	89.00-102.25	98.05	114.00
<b>600-699</b>	110.50-130.00	121.74	130.00	<b>500-599</b>	96.00-117.50	111.97	117.50
<b>500-599</b>	97.00-128.00	115.93	132.00	<b>400-499</b>	80.00-130.00	92.67	130.00
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-135.00	125.53	135.00	<b>300-399</b>	89.00-117.00	100.20	117.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 7, 2009 –** 281 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	76.00-88.00	82.32	97.00	<b>700-799</b>	74.00-105.00	87.09	116.50
<b>700-799</b>	80.00-100.00	90.20	110.50	<b>600-699</b>	84.50-103.50	92.75	108.00
<b>600-699</b>	90.00-111.00	99.77	116.50	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-111.50	106.50	111.50
<b>500-599</b>	100.00-114.00	105.72	114.00	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-122.00	108.11	122.00
<b>400-499</b>	100.50-120.00	107.91	120.00	<b>300-399</b>	94.00-105.00	97.78	110.00
<b>399-</b>	90.00-113.00	101.00	113.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 7, 2009-** 1,241 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	70.00-85.00	78.68	85.00	<b>800-899</b>	81.50-96.50	89.79	105.50
<b>900-999</b>	82.00-93.50	88.71	93.50	<b>700-799</b>	83.00-102.00	92.59	111.50
<b>800-899</b>	83.50-106.00	95.46	112.00	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-111.00	97.46	119.00
<b>700-799</b>	93.50-111.50	101.84	116.25	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-119.25	106.24	121.00
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-122.00	110.68	122.00	<b>400-499</b>	86.00-119.50	103.13	123.50
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-138.50	120.54	138.50	<b>300-399</b>	74.00-106.00	89.99	120.00
<b>400-499</b>	104.00-150.00	124.50	150.00				
<b>399-</b>	97.00-137.00	112.77	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 7, 2009-** 216 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	74.00-109.00	90.75	109.00	<b>700-799</b>	65.00-101.00	86.60	101.00
<b>600-699</b>	73.00-115.00	97.24	119.00	<b>600-699</b>	83.00-106.00	101.91	106.00
<b>500-599</b>	88.00-117.00	102.60	122.00	<b>500-599</b>	86.00-107.00	97.76	114.00
<b>400-499</b>	101.00-129.00	115.07	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-118.00	106.12	120.00
<b>300-399</b>	94.00-134.00	113.92	155.00	<b>300-399</b>	104.00-118.00	112.25	118.00
				<b>299-</b>	75.00-131.00	113.75	131.00

## ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd, May 1, 2009-** 1,091 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	84.00-97.00	91.28	97.00	<b>900+</b>	83.50-88.50	84.75	88.50
<b>900-999</b>	87.00-106.50	101.22	106.50	<b>800-899</b>	86.00-105.00	99.13	105.00
<b>800-899</b>	85.50-112.0	104.02	112.00	<b>700-799</b>	75.00-114.00	104.06	114.00
<b>700-799</b>	97.00-116.25	106.32	116.25	<b>600-699</b>	85.50-114.00	106.62	114.00
<b>600-699</b>	102.50-128.50	116.67	128.50	<b>500-599</b>	70.00-118.00	102.35	118.00
<b>500-599</b>	86.00-134.50	122.61	134.50	<b>400-499</b>	81.00-127.00	110.44	127.00
<b>400-499</b>	95.50-136.00	122.09	136.00	<b>300-399</b>	113.00-126.00	118.94	126.00
<b>399-</b>	108.00-134.00	125.23	134.00				

Quinte Cattlemen's Association Sale- Vaccinated and catalogued.

Stocker Sale: **Thessalon Sale, Algoma Coop Livestock Sales, May 2, 2009-** 100 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	150.50 one lot	<b>700-799</b>	98.00
<b>700-799</b>	112.00-114.00	<b>600-699</b>	112.00-119.50
<b>600-699</b>	112.00-119.00	<b>400-499</b>	120.00
<b>500-599</b>	117.00-129.00		
<b>400-499</b>	134.00 one lot		

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auction Center, May 4, 2009-** 163 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	77.50-85.00	80.50	85.00	<b>800-899</b>	81.00-85.25	84.18	85.25
<b>900-999</b>	102.50-104.25	103.06	104.25	<b>700-799</b>	88.00-98.00	93.850	98.00
<b>800-899</b>	95.50-112.75	107.00	112.75	<b>600-699</b>	82.00-107.00	99.30	107.00
<b>700-799</b>	87.00-118.00	108.75	118.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-113.75	107.45	113.75
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-118.00	113.16	118.00	<b>400-499</b>	90.00-106.00	98.28	106.00
<b>500-599</b>	88.00-125.00	112.83	125.00	<b>300-399</b>	100.00-102.00	101.00	102.00
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-132.00	119.25	132.00				

Lennox Addington Stocker Sale Committee- 100% Vaccinated sale.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 5, 2009-** 1,194 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	86.00-98.50	93.67	100.00	<b>900+</b>	70.00-90.50	81.17	90.50
<b>900-999</b>	95.00-104.00	100.13	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	95.00-105.50	98.89	107.50
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-112.50	107.86	112.50	<b>700-799</b>	91.00-108.00	100.53	113.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.50-121.50	117.87	128.00	<b>600-699</b>	100.00-119.25	112.06	135.00
<b>600-699</b>	113.00-128.25	121.57	131.00	<b>500-599</b>	105.50-118.50	112.84	118.50
<b>500-599</b>	116.00-131.00	123.00	139.25	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-111.00	104.73	111.00
<b>400-499</b>	104.00-140.00	115.98	145.00				

Vaccinated stocker sale. A good quality offering of replacements sold actively at steady prices.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market –May 6, 2009-** 765 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	92.50-102.00	96.87	102.00	<b>800-899</b>	80.25-101.00	93.21	101.00
<b>900-999</b>	91.50-107.00	104.12	107.00	<b>700-799</b>	81.50-113.25	101.86	113.25
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-113.00	109.83	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	87.00-132.00	108.54	132.00
<b>700-799</b>	98.50-125.50	117.35	125.50	<b>500-599</b>	72.50-124.50	113.52	124.50
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-140.00	127.96	140.00	<b>400-499</b>	110.00-128.00	115.40	128.00

<b>500-599</b>	90.00-144.50	133.76	144.50
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-137.50	132.76	137.50
<b>399-</b>	133.50-144.00	134.81	144.00

Victoria/Peterborough County Sale- 100% Vaccinated. Stockers and replacement cattle continue to sell actively at strong prices.

Stocker Sale: **Wiarion, Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op:** 641 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	93.00-111.25	<b>700-799</b>	101.00-108.00 top 110.00
<b>700-799</b>	109.00-131.00	<b>600-699</b>	97.00-111.00 top 115.75
<b>600-699</b>	107.00-133.00 top 141.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-111.50 top 129.00
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-134.00		
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-130.00 top 135.00		

A good sale with top quality grass cattle on offer.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	88.50-92.10	<b>Flat rail</b>	152.50-156.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	90.90-92.55	<b>Flat rail</b>	152.50-156.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	84.00
	<b>Rail</b>	134.00 few at 135.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	162.50-167.00
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### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
April 24, 2009	1.8809	1.8562
April 17, 2009	1.8504	1.8462
April 10, 2009	1.8065	1.8172

### 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>	146.82	144.18

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	May 9, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	652,000	665,000	710,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>May 2, 2009</b>	814	751
<b>April 26, 2008</b>	828	775

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	May 2, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	58,290	1,013,621	99%
<b>%Alberta Slaughter</b>	44,720	717,833	103%

<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,782	177,394	94%
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**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending April 18, 09	Week ending April 11, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>1,783</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>44,911</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,470	1,867	35,715
Cows	307	522	8,911
Bulls	6	29	285

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – Feb 28,09		Jan 1 – April 25, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	241	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	205,771
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	6,825	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	152,589
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	66,148

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 25, 09	Jan 1-Feb 28
<b>Total</b>	89,536 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – May 2, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	295,266 tonnes	286,505 tonnes	+3.1%
<b>Non-fed</b>	65,276 tonnes	83,274 tonnes	-21.6%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – April 25	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	32,244 tonnes	31,715 tonnes	+1.7%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	22,255 tonnes	12,109 tonnes	+83.8%
<b>Total</b>	54,758 tonnes	44,396 tonnes	+23.3%

**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>	82.97 +0.95	<b>May</b>	99.35 +1.15	<b>May</b>	4.140 +9.2	<b>May</b>	11.340 +15.0	<b>Spot</b>	86.87 +1.68
<b>Aug</b>	83.60 +1.07	<b>Aug</b>	100.70 +1.62	<b>Jul</b>	4.210 +9.0	<b>Jul</b>	11.114 +9.4	<b>Jun</b>	86.87 +1.68
<b>Oct</b>	87.97 +0.87	<b>Sep</b>	100.65 +1.42	<b>Sep</b>	4.294 +9.0	<b>Aug</b>	10.734 +10.4	<b>Sep</b>	86.94 +1.68
<b>Dec</b>	90.12 +0.92	<b>Oct</b>	100.75 +1.35	<b>Dec</b>	4.396 +8.6	<b>Sep</b>	10.214 +7.4	<b>Dec</b>	87.02 +1.68
<b>Feb</b>	91.60 +0.80	<b>Nov</b>	100.82 +1.32	<b>Mar</b>	4.504 +7.6	<b>Nov</b>	9.794 +7.4	<b>Mar</b>	87.08 +1.67
<b>Apr</b>	92.05 +0.72	<b>Jan</b>	99.60 +1.54	<b>May</b>	4.582 +7.4	<b>Jan</b>	9.824 +7.0	<b>Jun</b>	87.18 +1.67

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**Upcoming Special Stocker Sales**

May 9	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cow and Stocker Sale
May 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	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
May 22 7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
May 26 11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 27 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale

### **Comments for the week ending May 7, 2009**

The fed cattle market traded on a mixed demand this week. There were 1,126 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 94 from last week and 929 less than last year at this time. Steers sold from \$94.23-\$105.70 averaging \$100.59 up \$0.42 from last week and \$13.57 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.49-\$103.11 with an average price of \$98.42 down \$1.19 from last week and \$12.75 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets all reported strong trade with prices holding steady with fancy cattle bringing premium prices.

The slaughter cow market declined in both prices and volume this week. There were 1,994 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 571 from last week and 1,044 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$42.16-\$59.40 averaging \$51.23 down \$1.02 from last week but \$6.89 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady. One report stated that the rising CDN dollar has put pressure on the slaughter cow prices.

Replacement cattle prices were lower this week. There were 11,031 replacements sold through auction markets (including 6 special spring sales) down 8% from last week and 19% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a selective to solid demand with prices steady to barely steady. Plainer and fleshier types were easier. Vaccinated sales reported active trade with prices steady to strong. Actual average prices were lower on all weight classes with the exception of steers 400-500 lbs which averaged \$0.34 stronger. The hardest hit was steers over 800 lbs which averaged \$3.64-\$3.89 lower. Heifers over 800 lbs were only \$0.32 lower on average. All other classes were \$0.91-\$2.77 lower with the exception of heifers 300-400 lbs which were \$8.46 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices declined as the week progressed. Steers started off at \$167-\$172 dressed down to \$166-\$170 by mid week. Heifers followed the same trend starting at \$166-171 early week down to \$165-\$169 by mid week. The weekly average prices were \$0.75 lower for steers and \$1.00 lower on heifers.

Alberta's fed cattle market under some pressure this week. Light to moderate trade saw live cattle prices average \$6.00 lower and flat rail sales \$11.72-\$13.26 lower than last week. Steers traded for \$88.50-\$92.10 live and \$152.50-\$156.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$90.90-\$92.55 live and \$152.50-\$156.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$2.00 lower on live cattle and \$3.00-\$4.00 lower on dressed. Prices in the south were at \$84.00 live while northern trade was \$134.00 dressed. A few clean up sales today saw prices steady with Thursday.