



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday June 4, 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** 161.00-170.00  
**A grade heifers** 160.00-169.00

## 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	88.94-102.44	96.34	108.75	99.25
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.98-102.22	94.93	112.25	99.30
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	88.55-103.37	96.35	112.25	99.22
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.03-102.00	97.56	104.50	97.56
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.38-100.62	94.81	105.00	99.17
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.26-101.19	96.18	105.00	98.44
Cows- All Weights	36.99-54.50	45.60	91.50	49.23
Bulls- All Weights	51.17-64.86	58.02	100.00	63.37

### **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>	537	93.72-99.97	96.57	102.00	98.32
<b>900-999</b>	527	95.60-101.94	98.94	105.25	101.63
<b>800-899</b>	312	96.05-105.14	101.26	113.50	105.79
<b>700-799</b>	336	96.28-117.09	108.33	127.00	110.62
<b>600-699</b>	418	101.91-125.87	115.23	133.50	114.09
<b>500-599</b>	347	102.81-127.88	117.61	137.00	120.68
<b>400-499</b>	211	108.96-131.07	121.55	143.50	121.27
<b>-399</b>	79	96.50-132.00	115.84	160.00	105.84

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	338	88.67-96.82	93.13	99.25	94.66
<b>800-899</b>	409	89.86-100.98	96.27	104.00	99.62
<b>700-799</b>	382	93.79-108.02	100.74	111.00	101.85
<b>600-699</b>	392	95.98-115.21	106.17	120.00	109.15
<b>500-599</b>	416	101.34-119.27	110.21	128.00	115.30
<b>400-499</b>	264	102.62-123.56	111.97	134.00	115.17
<b>300-399</b>	61	95.26-116.98	108.16	140.00	110.48
<b>299-</b>	21	85.86-121.29	105.38	137.00	97.92

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 30, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	93.00-99.75	No tops
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	94.00-100.00	104.25
<b>Good Cows</b>	47.00-57.00	63.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	38.00-48.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	Sales to 60.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 30, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-56.00	45.55	56.00
Bulls- all weights	42.50-63.67	55.61	99.00

**At Denfield Livestock – June 2, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	98.00-103.75	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	97.00-101.00
Good steers	94.00-98.00	Good heifers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-67.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$200.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Steer calves 550-650 lbs	100.00-115.00
		Heifer calves 550-650 lbs	100.00-110.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– June 2, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	100.00-172.00 to 185.00	Cows D1 & D2	50.00-57.00 to 60.00
Bulls	51.00-66.00 to 70.00	Cows D3	41.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	33.00-39.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 29, 2009:** 1,536 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	91.75-99.00	96.30	101.75	900+	91.00-98.75	94.86	99.25
900-999	95.00-104.00	100.83	104.00	800-899	91.00-104.00	97.95	104.00
800-899	93.50-105.75	100.94	110.25	700-799	95.50-111.00	101.71	111.00
700-799	97.00-121.50	111.61	123.50	600-699	98.00-118.75	110.10	118.75
600-699	105.00-133.50	119.76	133.50	500-599	104.00-120.00	110.55	120.00
500-599	112.00-134.00	124.34	134.00	400-499	101.00-127.00	112.12	134.00
400-499	117.00-135.00	124.10	135.00				
399-	101.00-143.00	118.57	143.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, May 30, 2009-** 131 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	70.00-88.00	84.00	88.00	600-699	84.00-113.00	98.36	113.00
500-599	104.00-127.00	118.61	127.00	500-599	87.00-115.0	102.05	115.00
400-499	80.00-142.00	120.20	142.00	400-499	93.00-121.00	105.75	121.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– June 2, 2009 –** 206 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	88.50-105.50	102.20	105.50	900+	60.00-96.75	79.12	96.75
700-799	73.00-115.50	98.40	115.50	700-799	85.00-106.25	102.81	106.25
600-699	67.50-122.00	105.98	122.00	600-699	95.50-110.00	101.59	110.00
500-599	65.00-129.50	108.85	129.50	500-599	75.00-114.00	102.26	114.00
400-499	97.00-130.00	117.00	130.00	400-499	94.00-124.00	106.98	124.00
300-399	80.00-110.00	100.00	110.00	300-399	112.00-121.00	116.50	121.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – June 2, 2009-** 547 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	93.75	93.75	93.75	<b>900+</b>	98.75	98.75	98.75
<b>900-999</b>	103.10-105.25	104.74	105.25	<b>800-899</b>			
<b>800-899</b>	106.00-112.50	107.42	113.50	<b>700-799</b>			
<b>700-799</b>	112.50-127.00	119.89	127.00	<b>600-699</b>			
<b>600-699</b>	120.00-132.25	125.66	132.25	<b>500-599</b>			
<b>500-599</b>	126.00-137.00	134.19	137.00	<b>400-499</b>			
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-138.00	132.20	138.00	<b>300-399</b>			
<b>399-</b>	100.00-109.00	106.00	109.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– June 2, 2009-** 91 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	95.00-103.00	<b>700-799</b>	90.50-101.50
<b>700-799</b>	94.00-112.50	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-114.00
<b>600-699</b>	118.00-120.00	<b>500-599</b>	100.00-115.00
<b>500-599</b>	120.00-128.00	<b>400-499</b>	105.00-116.00
<b>400-499</b>	118.00-129.00	<b>300-399</b>	106.00-119.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – June 3, 2009-** 1,038 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	95.50-101.00	97.86	102.00	<b>900+</b>	89.50-96.75	94.22	96.75
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-101.25	98.79	101.25	<b>800-899</b>	78.00-98.25	93.52	98.25
<b>800-899</b>	102.50-103.75	103.08	103.75	<b>700-799</b>	82.50-98.50	90.50	98.50
<b>700-799</b>	101.50-106.50	104.12	106.50				
<b>600-699</b>	112.50-118.25	115.93	118.25				
<b>500-599</b>	97.50-111.00	105.73	117.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, June 4, 2009 –** 215 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	65.00-90.50	72.80	94.00	<b>800-899</b>	89.00-96.50	93.00	96.50
<b>700-799</b>	87.50-111.00	104.76	111.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.50-107.50	102.73	107.50
<b>600-699</b>	76.50-102.00	91.72	109.50	<b>600-699</b>	85.00-110.00	100.28	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	106.00-113.00	110.15	120.00	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-113.00	106.25	113.00
<b>400-499</b>	104.00-114.50	110.00	114.50	<b>400-499</b>	93.00-112.00	99.00	112.00
<b>399-</b>	109.00-123.00	115.70	123.00	<b>300-399</b>	79.00-121.00	110.40	121.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, June 4, 2009-** 1,070 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	62.00-90.00	78.80	90.00	<b>900+</b>	87.50-96.00	92.34	97.00
<b>900-999</b>	87.50-102.25	96.37	102.25	<b>800-899</b>	90.50-97.50	94.60	101.50
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-105.50	100.46	107.00	<b>700-799</b>	87.50-103.75	95.65	103.75
<b>700-799</b>	79.25-108.00	93.90	117.00	<b>600-699</b>	99.50-113.00	105.79	114.50
<b>600-699</b>	108.50-124.50	117.02	124.50	<b>500-599</b>	101.00-119.50	109.36	121.50
<b>500-599</b>	106.00-131.00	119.59	135.00	<b>400-499</b>	110.00-128.75	118.87	128.75
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-130.50	124.74	137.00	<b>300-399</b>	110.00-120.00	113.20	122.00
<b>399-</b>	116.00-135.00	125.93	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, June 4, 2009-** 132 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	67.00-93.00	82.67	93.00	<b>600-699</b>	69.00-103.00	86.78	103.00
<b>600-699</b>	88.00-117.00	102.54	123.00	<b>500-599</b>	83.00-111.00	100.00	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	92.00-118.00	107.08	118.00	<b>299-</b>	70.00-137.00	109.43	137.00
<b>400-499</b>	79.00-124.00	100.92	128.00				
<b>399-</b>	79.00-152.00	119.29	160.00				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday June 4, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.60-86.40	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.50-143.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.55-86.40	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.60-143.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday June 4, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	82.00
	<b>Rail</b>	130.00-132.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday June 4, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	161.50-163.50
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
May 22, 2009	1.8961	1.7667
May 15, 2009	1.8621	1.7721
May 9, 2009	1.8517	1.7839

**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>	142.49	136.67

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	June 6, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	670,000	625,000	692,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>May 30, 2009</b>	818	748
<b>May 24, 2008</b>	822	764

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	May 30, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	58,468	1,249,037	98%
<b>%Alberta Slaughter</b>	45,912	900,540	102%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	9,641	218,561	95%

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending May 16, 09	Week ending May 9, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>1,737</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>53,120</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,398	1,733	42,145
Cows	331	293	10,561
Bulls	8	15	414

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – March 31, 09		Jan 1 – May 23, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	346	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	235,534
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	11,301	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	171,970
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	79,240

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– May 30, 09	Jan 1-Mar 31
<b>Total</b>	107,857 tonnes	9,077 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 30, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	367,589 tonnes	360,679 tonnes	+1.9%
<b>Non-fed</b>	76,272 tonnes	97,941 tonnes	-22.1%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 23, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	42,754 tonnes	42,355 tonnes	+0.9%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	27,724 tonnes	14,004 tonnes	+98.0%
<b>Total</b>	71,116 tonnes	57,090 tonnes	+24.6%

### 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>	80.15	+0.12	<b>Aug</b>	96.62	+0.02	<b>Jul</b>	4.440	-4.4	<b>Jul</b>	12.254	-4.4	<b>Spot</b>	89.41	-1.76
<b>Aug</b>	81.15	+0.15	<b>Sep</b>	96.92	+0.10	<b>Sep</b>	4.540	-4.2	<b>Aug</b>	11.714	-6.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.42	-1.75
<b>Oct</b>	86.60	+0.10	<b>Oct</b>	98.57	+0.22	<b>Dec</b>	4.674	-4.0	<b>Sep</b>	11.010	-14.4	<b>Sep</b>	89.48	-1.74
<b>Dec</b>	88.92	+0.60	<b>Nov</b>	97.65	+0.15	<b>Mar</b>	4.782	-3.4	<b>Nov</b>	10.616	-19.6	<b>Dec</b>	89.58	-1.71
<b>Feb</b>	90.87	+0.57	<b>Jan</b>	96.15	+0.05	<b>May</b>	4.854	-3.6	<b>Jan</b>	10.672	-19.4	<b>Mar</b>	89.71	-1.64
<b>Apr</b>	92.80	+0.40	<b>Mar</b>	95.50	+0.05	<b>Jul</b>	4.924	-4.0	<b>Mar</b>	10.626	-18.6	<b>Jun</b>	89.85	-1.58

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### OBCFPP LICENCE CHANGES

**Licence Cancelled:**

Tri-County Cattle Company, Box 158, Hanover, On N4N 3C4

**Licence Withdrawn:**

Peter Scheepers, RR 2, 12920 County Road 3, Winchester, On K0X 2K0

### **Comments for the week ending June 4, 2009**

The fed cattle market sold on a mixed demand. There were 1,123 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 140 from last week and 617 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$88.55-\$103.37 averaging \$96.35 down \$2.87 from last week and \$7.54 higher than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.26-\$101.19 averaging \$96.18 down \$2.26 from last week and \$8.81 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a good demand on choice and fancy cattle with prices holding steady. All others traded under pressure with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw a tougher week of trade. There were 2,102 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 18 from last week and 1,152 less than last year at this time. Cows ranged from \$36.99-\$54.50 averaging \$45.60 down \$3.63 from last week and \$1.09 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices from steady to easier to \$1.00 lower with the Canadian dollar pressuring prices lower.

There were 5,050 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 28.8% from last week and 17% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported trade from selective to active. Grass type cattle were reported as continuing to trade strong. Heavier cattle were reported as steady to lower. Actual average prices were \$1.00-\$5.00 lower on all categories with the exception of steers 600-700 lbs which averaged \$1.14 higher and steers 400-500 lbs were steady.

Ontario railgrade prices declined as the week progressed. Steers started the week at \$164-\$170 down to \$161-\$168 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$163-\$169 early in the week down to \$160-\$167 as the week progressed. Prices averaged \$2.75 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw moderate trade with prices under pressure. Steers traded from \$84.60-\$86.40 live and \$142.50-\$143.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$84.55-\$86.40 live and \$142.60-\$143.85 flat rail. Live steers averaged \$3.71 lower while live heifers averaged \$3.65 lower than last week.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Tuesday and Wednesday with prices \$3.00-\$4.00 lower than last week at \$130.00-\$132.00 dressed. Active trade in the south on Thursday was \$2.00 lower at \$82.00 live.