

**Week Ending Thursday December 23, 2010**

***Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy  
Holiday Season!***

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**            165.00-168.00  
**A grade heifers**        164.00-167.00

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

<b>FED CATTLE</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	86.50-104.29	95.87	111.75	98.71
Medium Frame Steers +1250	77.46-99.95	90.58	110.50	92.00
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	83.06-105.03	94.98	111.75	97.92
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	88.95-99.21	95.35	107.00	94.77
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	86.65-97.86	94.11	102.25	87.90
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	85.78-99.66	94.97	107.00	91.71
Cows- All Weights	39.97-55.27	47.64	85.00	45.93
Bulls- All Weights	50.03-64.03	56.85	90.00	59.14

### **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>	374	99.90-116.01	109.67	118.00	111.39
<b>900-999</b>	170	107.72-119.11	116.58	121.25	115.52
<b>800-899</b>	102	78.34-109.71	96.48	123.00	104.69
<b>700-799</b>	169	102.68-120.98	110.82	129.25	115.19
<b>600-699</b>	313	106.35-128.41	118.94	139.50	125.24
<b>500-599</b>	297	109.60-135.74	122.64	147.50	132.85
<b>400-499</b>	253	115.19-145.58	131.43	157.00	141.49
<b>-399</b>	60	102.42-137.39	118.50	160.00	141.72

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	444	93.65-108.78	103.92	110.25	101.53
<b>800-899</b>	149	96.21-108.96	105.35	114.25	97.52
<b>700-799</b>	106	81.96-105.09	95.79	117.75	104.12
<b>600-699</b>	244	98.21-118.58	111.00	125.00	114.83
<b>500-599</b>	270	99.83-121.74	113.30	137.50	119.55
<b>400-499</b>	263	102.04-130.19	120.69	147.00	127.83
<b>300-399</b>	50	114.96-128.50	123.90	140.00	136.78
<b>299-</b>	17	93.71-130.88	110.98	152.00	124.42

At **Talbotville Livestock: Saturday December 18, 2010**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	94.50-101.00	105.25
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	94.00-98.00	103.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	44.50-52.00	58.50
<b>Good Heavy Bologna Bulls</b>	55.00-60.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: December 18, 2010**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	35.00-58.00	49.69	58.00
Bulls (all weights)	59.50-73.50	66.50	77.00

**At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – December 21, 2010**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	97.00-101.00	Choice heifers	100.00-105.00
Good steers	94.00-97.00	Good heifers	96.00-100.00
Good beef cows	48.00-58.00	Good Hol veal	95.00-101.00
Good Hol cows	46.00-46.50	Heavy Hol veal	88.00-95.00
D1 & D2 cows	40.00-45.00	Choice drop calves	130.00-155.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Good drop calves	90.00-130.00
		Plain & Newborns	30.00-70.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, December 17 2010– 2,134 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	93.75-118.00	108.46	118.00	900+	95.00-110.25	105.35	110.25
900+999	102.00-119.35	116.23	119.35	800-899	99.00-112.00	108.64	114.25
800-899	72.00-117.00	97.89	123.00	700-799	95.00-116.00	106.51	117.75
700-799	110.25-127.00	117.27	129.25	600-699	106.50-123.50	116.49	125.00
600-699	113.50-131.00	122.62	139.50	500-599	110.50-123.00	116.30	125.00
500-599	113.50-139.50	124.64	147.50	400-499	104.50-130.50	121.20	147.00
400-499	126.00-149.00	136.99	157.00	300-399	128.00-137.00	133.89	137.00
399-	110.00-160.00	139.89	160.00	299-	135.00	135.00	135.00

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, December 18, 2010 – 116 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	75.00-124.00	111.28	124.00	500-599	68.00-119.00	106.87	119.00
500-599	108.00-130.00	120.76	130.00	400-499	82.00-132.00	123.94	132.00
400-499	127.00-147.00	134.25	147.00				

Stockers sold on a steady market.

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock and Auctions Center, December 20, 2010 – 105 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	94.50-122.50	109.00	122.50	600-699	84.00-114.00	107.75	114.00
500-599	90.00-127.00	117.44	127.00	500-599	78.00-117.50	111.09	117.50
400-499	114.00-137.50	123.08	137.50	400-499	91.00-111.00	101.41	111.00
399-	116.00-143.00	132.42	143.00				

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, December 20, 2010 – 109 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	75.00-99.50	82.61	105.50	500-599	94.50-116.50	108.58	137.50
600-699	109.00-120.00	113.58	120.50				
500-599	107.00-126.00	119.60	135.50				
400-499	65.00-138.50	111.25	138.50				

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, December 20, 2010 – 113 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	74.00-118.00	93.87	118.00	700-799	51.00-97.00	77.53	97.00
600-699	70.00-123.00	96.29	123.00	600-699	69.00-116.00	100.60	116.00
500-599	77.00-110.00	92.25	110.00				
400-499	71.00-137.00	88.57	137.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), December 21, 2010- 190 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	105.00-122.00	117.78	122.00	700-799	71.00-110.50	103.44	110.50
600-699	101.00-135.00	122.54	135.00	600-699	81.50-107.50	99.34	107.50
500-599	80.00-142.50	122.23	142.50	500-599	71.00-126.50	105.22	126.50
400-499	87.00-150.00	130.95	153.00	400-499	82.50-142.50	126.30	142.50

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – December 22, 2010 – 268 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	109.50-117.00	114.02	117.00	900+	104.00-109.75	108.31	109.75
900-999	119.25-121.25	120.06	121.25				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 23, 2010 – 159 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	98.00-116.00	107.32	119.50	900+	73.00-105.50	96.50	105.50
700-799	113.50-118.00	115.05	118.50	600-699	96.00-114.00	106.31	114.00
500-599	127.00-129.00	127.83	129.00				
400-499	108.00-131.00	124.46	131.00				

### ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

**Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, December 18- 119 Bred cows**

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	N/T	\$1000-\$1200
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$1000	\$800-\$1000

A good offering of bred cows and heifers sold on a good demand at steady prices.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 23, 2010**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	95.00-98.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	161.50-162.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	98.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	161.50-163.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 23, 2010**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	102.00-104.00
	<b>Rail</b>	163.00-165.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 23, 2010**

	Price
<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	167.25-168.75

### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 10, 2010	1.5809	1.5377
Dec 3, 2010	1.5708	1.5474
Nov 26, 2010	1.5672	1.5383

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
Current 5 day average:	N/A	N/A

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending Dec 18, 2010</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Grand Total	659,000	674,000	628,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
Dec 18, 2010	863	787
Dec 19, 2009	855	804

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending Dec 18, 2010</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
Grand Total	60,479	3,116,670	102%
Alberta Slaughter	44,894	2,368,349	103%
Ontario Slaughter	11,131	561,215	105%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Dec 4,10</b>	<b>Week ending Nov 27,10</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	4,364	4,049	149,167
Steers & Heifers	1,8022	1,610	85,825
Cows	2,257	2,064	54,821
Bulls	305	375	8,521

**BEEF EXPORTS-**

	<b>United States Jan 1– Dec 11</b>	<b>Mexico Jan 1- Oct 31</b>
Total	268,552 tonnes	35,830 tonnes

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

	<b>IMPORTS Jan 1- Oct 31</b>	<b>EXPORTS Jan 1- Dec 11</b>
Pure bred	2,158	Slaughter steers & heifers 592,069
Non-pure bred	37,877	Feeder steers & heifers 189,761
		Cows & Bulls 214,262

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	<b>Jan 1– Dec 18</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Fed	949,463 tonnes	916,980 tonnes	+3.5%
Non-fed	181,472 tonnes	185,918 tonnes	-2.4%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	<b>Jan 1– Dec 11</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
United States	115,725 tonnes	112,684 tonnes	+2.7%
Non-NAFTA	35,991 tonnes	50,258 tonnes	-28.4%
Total	155,267 tonnes	164,811 tonnes	-5.8%

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE- Closed Dec 24th- Thursday's closing numbers are:**

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>Dec</b>	104.00	-0.12	<b>Jan</b>	121.45	-0.22	<b>Mar</b>	6.140	+5.0	<b>Jan</b>	13.494	+20.6	<b>Spot</b>	99.02	+0.35
<b>Feb</b>	107.57	+0.02	<b>Mar</b>	123.67	+0.05	<b>May</b>	6.222	+5.0	<b>Mar</b>	13.600	+20.2	<b>Mar</b>	99.00	+0.52
<b>Apr</b>	111.40	+0.45	<b>Apr</b>	124.27	+0.17	<b>Jul</b>	6.256	+4.4	<b>May</b>	13.670	+20.2	<b>Jun</b>	98.76	+0.52
<b>Jun</b>	108.57	+0.30	<b>May</b>	124.62	+0.12	<b>Sep</b>	5.784	+5.2	<b>Jul</b>	13.692	+20.2	<b>Sep</b>	98.49	+0.52
<b>Aug</b>	109.10	+0.20	<b>Aug</b>	125.00	+0.27	<b>Dec</b>	5.512	+1.2	<b>Aug</b>	13.426	+19.2	<b>Dec</b>	98.24	+0.52
<b>Oct</b>	110.95	+0.15	<b>Sep</b>	123.90	+0.20	<b>Mar</b>	5.590	+1.0	<b>Sep</b>	13.034	+18.4	<b>Mar</b>	97.95	+0.52

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**2010 Special Fall Stocker and Bred Cow Sales**

Jan 19/11 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria Cnty Cattlemen's Sale- 100% Vaccinated.
Jan 28/11 11 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc- All vacc & catalogued.

**Weekly Cattle Comments**

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**Comments for the week ending December 23, 2010**

Light receipts are noted in most categories this week due to the holiday season.

There were 429 fed cattle sold through auction markets this week which is 307 less than last week and 286 more than the same time last year. Steers traded from \$83.06-\$105.03 averaged \$94.98 down \$2.94 from last week and \$11.62 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$85.78-\$99.66 averaging \$94.97 up \$3.26 from last week and \$14.29 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as strong and active with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher by the end of the week. It is important to keep in mind that live averages can be affected by the number of OTM cattle that showed up to market.

Slaughter cows saw a stronger market this week with 2,626 slaughter cows sold through auction markets which 537 less than last week and 1422 more than this time last year. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.97-\$55.27 averaging \$47.64 up \$1.71 from last week and \$12.66 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices steady to stronger with one report of up to \$3.00-\$4.00 higher than last week.

There were 3,281 replacement cattle sold through auction markets this week, down 47.7% from last week and 17% more than the same time last year. Auction markets reported prices as steady.

Ontario railgrade prices started the reporting week with \$3.00 added to the bottom end of the range with steers reported at \$165.00-\$168.00 dressed and heifers \$164.00-\$167.00 dressed. Prices held steady throughout the week with this week's average price up \$1.00 from last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was stronger this week with average prices up \$2.00-\$4.00 over last week. Steers sold from \$95.00-98.00 live and \$161.50-\$162.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$98.00 live and \$161.50-\$163.85 flat rail.

The U.S. cash cattle trade was very strong this week with southern trade up \$2.00-\$3.00 over last week at \$102.00-\$104.00 live. Northern sales were \$4.00-\$6.00 higher from \$163.00-\$165.00 dressed (most at \$165.00).