



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday February 9, 2012

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 202.00-206.00
A grade heifers 201.00-205.00

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	116.86-127.64	122.76	137.75	120.05
Medium Frame Steers +1250	119.85-127.03	124.57	129.00	117.32
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	119.32-128.72	123.68	137.75	119.31
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	105.49-124.46	117.74	135.00	116.60
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	111.10-124.10	119.63	135.75	114.63
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	105.88-124.74	118.35	135.75	115.86
Cows- All Weights	58.70-76.38	67.44	110.00	66.05
Bulls- All Weights	74.33-91.27	82.65	115.75	80.31

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	573	139.25-146.83	143.71	148.50	135.35
900-999	299	142.02-147.28	145.38	151.75	139.57
800-899	119	130.80-143.54	138.16	152.50	138.63
700-799	248	127.76-155.26	142.93	165.25	150.84
600-699	392	134.16-164.41	151.08	175.00	157.80
500-599	480	150.76-185.39	170.60	199.00	168.63
400-499	245	144.09-192.01	170.65	201.00	175.18
-399	145	134.69-170.24	155.64	203.00	159.50

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	264	124.01-137.54	131.65	141.00	131.74
800-899	88	120.66-134.49	129.18	142.25	134.53
700-799	151	122.34-141.00	134.65	150.00	140.88
600-699	400	128.99-152.87	142.07	171.00	143.35
500-599	392	131.48-158.04	148.06	170.50	152.47
400-499	286	138.87-161.47	152.48	183.00	153.15
300-399	93	133.32-157.92	145.05	187.00	151.56
299-	20	153.45-163.10	157.40	223.00	144.91

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Saturday February 4, 2012

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	48.00-88.00	67.70	88.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	78.00-85.00	81.00	85.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	70.50-90.00	79.14	90.00

At [Talbotville Livestock: Saturday February 4, 2012](#)

	Price Range	Top
Good Steers	115.00-118.50	
Good Cows	65.50-72.00	
Medium Cows	53.00-63.50	
Good Heavy Bulls	83.00-104.50	
Good & Choice Veal	120.00-129.00	

At [Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – February 7, 2012](#)

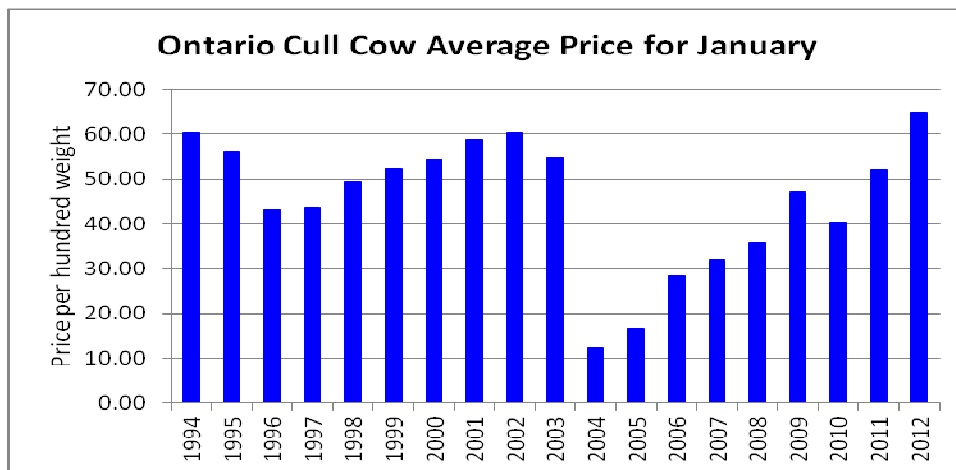
	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	122.00-126.00	Choice heifers	122.00-127.75
Good steers	118.00-121.00	Good heifers	117.00-121.00
Good beef cows	70.00-80.00 top 86.00	Good Hol veal	120.00-126.50
Good Hol cows	70.00-80.00 top 90.00	Plain & Heavy veal	110.00-120.00
D1 & D2 cows	65.00-70.00	Choice drop calves	\$180.00-\$240.00
D3 & D4 cows	60.00-65.00	Good drop calves	\$130.00-\$175.00
Good beef bulls	82.00-86.00	Plain & Newborns	\$75.00-\$125.00
Good Hol bulls	78.00-83.00		

At [Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– February 7, 2012](#)

	Price Range	Top
Replacement calves	\$70.00-\$115.00	\$125.00
Cows- D1 & D2	71.00-75.50	89.50
Cows- D3	61.00-71.00	
Cows- D4	55.00-61.00	
Bulls	80.00-89.00	105.00

At: [Aylmer Stockyards Inc – February 8, 2012](#)

	Price Range		Price Range
Good Cows	66.00-82.00 top 102.00	Good & choice veal	117.00-125.00
Med & plain cows	60.00-66.00	Plain & heavy veal	105.00-115.00
Bulls	82.00-84.00	Replacement calves	\$125.00-\$200.00



The average price for cull cows in January 2012 was the highest January average price at \$64.99, with January 2002 second at \$60.21 and 1994 third highest at \$60.20. The highest monthly average price overall for cull cows was \$71.88 in June 1993 second to \$71.86 in June 2001, third highest is Aug 1993 at \$71.34 and fourth highest is July 1993 at \$71.13.

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, February 3, 2012– 1,153** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	100.50-132.00	107.00	141.75	900+	129.00-141.00	136.45	141.00
900-999	130.00-147.00	141.51	147.00	800-899	123.00-139.00	133.56	142.25
800-899	139.00-149.50	146.77	149.50	700-799	136.50-143.00	139.61	146.00
700-799	135.00-163.50	147.80	163.50	600-699	138.00-157.00	147.15	157.00
600-699	139.50-164.00	150.57	170.00	500-599	139.00-159.50	150.11	167.00
500-599	153.00-185.50	171.20	185.50	400-499	145.00-163.00	156.14	175.00
400-499	147.00-201.00	173.25	201.00	300-399	135.00-171.00	152.29	171.00
399-	146.00-189.00	171.43	189.00				

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, February 4, 2012– 99** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	98.00-136.00	115.55	136.00	600-699	119.00-143.00	134.90	143.00
600-699	117.00-138.00	130.54	138.00	500-599	112.50-146.00	131.58	146.00
500-599	129.00-169.00	160.73	169.00	400-499	122.50-144.00	127.30	144.00
400-499	129.00-169.00	160.73	169.00	300-399	117.50-142.00	130.60	142.00

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Centre, February 6, 2012– 57** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	109.00-115.50	113.50	115.50	500-599	92.00-144.00	123.55	144.00
600-699	110.00-155.00	138.57	155.00	800-899			
500-599	106.00-186.00	147.59	186.00	600-699			
400-499	137.00-190.00	171.33	190.00	500-599			
399-	143.00-195.00	162.00	195.00				

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, February 6, 2012– 152** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	133.50-149.75	143.84	149.75	800-899	125.00-130.25	128.25	130.25
600-699	150.50-158.00	153.03	158.00	700-799	126.25-134.50	131.14	134.50
500-599	165.00-169.00	168.33	173.50	600-699	122.00-135.50	128.40	135.50
400-499	130.00-174.00	159.00	174.00	500-599	135.50-148.50	141.60	148.50
399-	100.00-109.00	104.38	140.00				

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, February 6, 2012– 64** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	156.00-194.00	169.05	194.00	500-599	123.00-161.00	150.15	161.00
400-499	146.00-194.00	164.12	194.00				

Stocker sale at: **Community Livestock Exchange – February 7, 2012– 168** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	95.00-152.50	127.38	152.50	600-699	86.00-143.50	123.26	143.50
600-699	114.50-167.00	146.55	167.00	500-599	119.50-170.50	152.67	170.50
500-599	119.00-191.00	159.28	191.00	400-499	138.00-168.00	158.27	168.00
400-499	100.00-198.00	162.58	198.00	300-399	128.00-154.50	146.92	154.50
399-	138.00-167.50	161.14	167.50				

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market February 7, 2012- 426** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	138.50-148.50	146.47	148.50	900+	132.75-135.25	134.16	135.25
900-999	150.25-151.75	150.94	151.75	800-899	123.00-137.25	133.14	137.25
700-799	135.00-165.25	161.89	165.25	700-799	140.00-143.50	142.29	149.00
600-699	146.00-150.00	148.00	150.00	600-699	149.50-157.00	151.63	157.00
500-599	185.00-196.00	193.06	199.00	500-599	140.00-162.00	151.47	164.00
400-499	156.00-196.00	179.50	196.00	400-499	140.00-158.00	151.84	165.00
399-	133.00-150.00	141.50	150.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock, February 7, 2012- 310** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	130.00-143.00	800-899	126.00-131.00
700-799	143.00-151.50	700-799	131.00-135.00
600-699	151.00-174.00	600-699	135.00-152.00
500-599	174.00-181.00	500-599	151.00-159.00
400-499	180.00-196.00	400-499	158.00-164.00
		300-399	160.00-170.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – February 8, 2012 - 548** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	141.50-148.00	145.23	148.00				
900-999	141.00-145.50	144.51	145.50				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, February 9, 2012 – 192** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	120.00-134.00	128.00	134.00	900+	113.00-124.50	119.94	124.50
700-799	112.00-137.00	126.82	139.00	700-799	100.00-142.00	123.94	142.00
600-699	127.00-145.00	140.76	145.00	600-699	140.00-143.00	140.50	143.00
500-599	55.00-162.00	117.38	170.00	500-599	126.00-153.00	143.25	153.00
400-499	60.00-167.00	122.25	187.00	400-499	136.50-157.00	147.19	172.00
				300-399	119.00-141.00	123.83	155.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, February 9, 2012 – 744** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	104.50-114.50	111.42	123.50	900+	100.50-133.50	113.20	133.50
900-999	141.00-146.00	143.66	147.50	800-899	116.00-140.00	128.62	140.00
800-899	127.50-147.50	135.39	152.50	700-799	133.00-150.00	141.87	150.00
700-799	133.00-160.50	151.15	160.50	600-699	127.00-161.50	146.34	171.00
600-699	152.00-175.00	159.65	175.00	500-599	143.00-160.50	155.24	165.00
500-599	156.00-186.50	173.07	186.50	400-499	140.00-160.00	152.34	172.50
400-499	173.00-200.00	188.26	200.00	300-399	112.00-143.00	125.49	170.00
399-	155.00-182.00	170.57	203.00	299-	145.00-155.00	148.13	155.00

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, February 9, 2012- 276** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	137.00-146.00	143.40	146.00	700-799	119.00-139.00	131.67	139.00
700-799	133.00-153.00	142.10	157.00	600-699	131.00-150.50	143.24	152.00
600-699	138.0-165.00	151.31	165.00	500-599	126.00-156.00	142.33	166.00
500-599	148.00-180.00	165.33	180.00	400-499	128.00-158.00	144.86	163.00
400-499	141.00-194.00	163.60	194.00	300-399	122.00-145.00	133.00	145.00
399-	104.00-147.00	126.38	177.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending [Thursday February 9, 2012](#)

Steers	Live	112.00-112.50	Flat rail	184.50-186.75
Heifers	Live	112.00	Flat rail	185.75-186.75

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

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

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

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A1, A2 Steers	Price	205.00-206.25
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
January 20, 2012	1.7894	1.7353
January 13, 2012	1.8056	1.7483
January 6, 2012	1.8304	1.7620

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	184.64	179.24

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	February 11, 2012		
Grand Total	602,000	592,000	639,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Feb 4, 2012	886	824
Feb 5, 2011	853	797

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL-

	Week Ending	YTD	% change
	Feb 4, 2012		of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	56,175	260,783	-7%
Western Slaughter	42,160	191,241	-9%
Eastern Slaughter	14,015	69,542	-3%

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER MONTHLY

	November 2011	November 2010
Steers	2,843	3,169
Heifers	2,489	2,817
Cows	801	1,062
Bulls	1,128	1,157

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER MONTHLY

	December 2011	December 2010
Steers	1,882	2,140
Heifers	1,788	2,026
Cows	746	787
Bulls	879	886

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Jan 21, 12	Week ending Jan 14, 12	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont ports to the US.	2,314	2,778	6,683
Steers & Heifers	1,061	911	2,518
Cows	1,009	1,421	3,265
Bulls	244	446	900

BEEF EXPORTS-CANADA

	United States Jan 1- Feb 4, 2012	Mexico Jan 1-Nov 30, 2011
Total	19,829 tonnes	27,496 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS Jan 1- Nov 30, 2011		EXPORTS Jan 1- Jan 28		Export % change from 2011 YTD
Pure bred	3,431	Slaughter steers & heifers	23,538	-41.1%
Non-pure bred	64,412	Feeder steers & heifers	7,692	+47.5%
		Cows & Bulls	12,678	-23.8%

BEEF PRODUCTION-CANADA

	Jan 1- Feb 4, 2012	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	80,098 tonnes	85,600 tonnes	-6.4%
Non-fed	17,186 tonnes	17,146 tonnes	+0.2%

BEEF IMPORTS-CANADA

	Jan 1- Feb 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	13,858 tonnes	14,498 tonnes	-4.4%
Non-NAFTA	4,633 tonnes	2,153 tonnes	+115.2%
Total	18,521 tonnes	16,886 tonnes	+9.7%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$	
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US ¢/bu		\$/bu US ¢/bu			
Feb	123.95 -1.22	Mar	153.62 -1.52	Mar	6.316 -5.2	Mar	12.290 +1.4	Spot	99.80 -0.77
Apr	126.80 -1.40	Apr	155.75 -1.50	May	6.354 -6.0	May	12.374 +1.4	Mar	99.69 -0.76
Jun	125.95 -1.20	May	157.30 -1.52	Jul	6.392 -6.4	Jul	12.470 +1.2	Jun	998.49 -0.75
Aug	128.02 -1.65	Aug	158.85 -1.25	Sep	5.844 -8.4	Aug	12.456 +1.6	Sep	99.27 -0.74
Oct	131.70 -1.35	Sep	158.35 -1.67	Dec	5.596 -8.2	Sep	12.412 +1.6	Dec	99.07 -0.74
Dec	132.37 -1.12	Oct	158.75 -1.15	Mar	5.712 -8.2	Nov	12.394 +1.0	Mar	98.85 -0.73

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Feb 20	1:00 pm	Selby Livestock & Auctions Centre	Herd dispersal- S. Misener- Simmentals- 23 cows Some with calves, 3-2 yr old open heifers-vacc,1 bull Cows are purebred, some with papers
Feb 25	1:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
Feb 25	1:00 pm	Selby Livestock & Auctions Centre	2 herd dispersals- A. Sedore-15 bred heifer (6 tan, 9 white) bred Red Angus, avg 1200 lbs. D. McDonald- 50 cross bred cows, bred Black Angus & Charolais
Feb 25	1:30 pm	Talbotville Livestock Exchange	Stocker Sale & Bred Cow sale
Feb 29	7:30 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Stocker Sale
Mar 13	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Vaccinated calf and yearling sale
Mar 17	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Stocker sale sponsored by Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc.
Mar 17	11:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Herd Dispersal- Ron Nickason, 105 cows, Herf and Crossbred. Bred Charolais, calving begins around April 7
Mar 21	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemen's stocker sale

Weekly Cattle Comments

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Comments for the week ending February 9, 2012

The live fed cattle market saw a good strong week of trade at higher prices. There were 456 fed cattle sold through auction markets this week down 11 from last week and 437 less than the same time last year. Steers traded from \$119.32-\$128.72 averaging \$123.68 up \$4.37 from last week and \$18.94 stronger than year ago prices. Heifers sold from \$105.88-\$124.74 up \$2.49 from last week and \$14.96 higher than last year at this time. Auction market reports at the beginning of this reporting period saw prices \$1.00 lower. As the week progressed, prices went to steady with some categories slightly lower and few choice heifers on offer. By the end of this reporting week the market was reported as active with prices at least \$1.00 higher.

Slaughter cows met a good demand this week. There were 3,070 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 31 from last week and 51 less than the same time last year. Cull cows traded from \$58.70-\$76.38 averaging \$67.44 up \$1.39 from last week and \$8.64 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices reported from steady to stronger, up to \$1.00 higher.

Replacements sold on a mixed demand this week. There were 4,195 replacements sold through auction markets this week, down 8% from last week and 7% less than this time last year. Auction markets reported a brisk demand with prices steady to strong. Actual average prices this week saw steers under 400 lbs average \$4.53 lower, 500-600 lbs up \$1.97, 600-700 lbs down \$6.72, 700-800 lbs down \$7.91, 800-900 lbs down \$0.47 and steers over 900 lbs up \$7.51 from last week's average price. Heifers under 400 lbs averaged \$6.51 lower, 400-500 lbs down \$0.67, 500-600 lbs down \$4.41, 600-700 lbs down \$1.28, 700-800 lbs down \$6.23 and heifers over 800 lbs averaged \$1.57 lower than last week's average prices.

Ontario railgrade prices started this reporting week at \$205.00-\$206.00 dressed for steers and \$204.00-\$205.00 dressed for heifers. On Monday prices were reported at \$202.00-\$206.00 dressed for steers and \$201.00-\$205.00 for heifers and held steady the remainder of the week. This week's average price is \$1.00 lower than last week and \$26.75 higher than this time last year.

Electronic railgrade prices reported for Quebec were from \$205.00-\$206.25 dressed (F.O.B.), up \$0.91 on average from the previous week.

Alberta direct trade this week was similar to Ontario in which live prices were steady to stronger while rail prices were easier. Steers sold at \$112.00-\$112.50 live while heifers traded at \$112.50 live. Rail prices for steers averaged \$2.34 lower from \$184.50-\$186.75 flat rail while heifers averaged \$1.77 lower from \$185.75-\$186.75.

U.S. cash cattle trade is light to moderate this afternoon with business in the south the lightest at prices steady to last week of \$123.00 live. However, many producers are passing the \$123.00 bid and holding out for \$124.00-\$125.00. We will wait and see who wins that battle. In the north, business is steady to \$1.00 lower with prices from \$197.00-\$198.00 dressed.