



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday March 4, 2021

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by Beef Farmers of Ontario.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts. Weekly Range:

A Grade Steers 240.00-242.00

A Grade Heifers 239.00-241.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for:

FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	87	130.07-146.24	140.62	150.00	137.01
Medium Frame Steers +1250	112	133.50-145.22	139.96	176.00	136.72
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	199	130.69-146.24	140.10	176.00	136.79
Large Frame Heifers +1000	77	135.82-144.31	139.74	176.00	140.01
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	145	126.79-144.99	135.96	151.00	135.79
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	222	124.37-144.78	137.16	176.00	138.23
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	40	105.14-114.51	109.80	133.00	110.47
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	136	79.10-105.61	93.84	141.00	95.92
Cows - All Weights	2,946	57.34-81.27	68.46	132.00	72.19
Bulls - All Weights	68	86.82-102.05	94.31	137.50	91.45

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	625	161.08-177.01	168.51	179.00	171.52
900-999	235	161.34-185.14	172.84	191.00	174.87
800-899	204	172.38-187.07	181.95	196.25	182.13
700-799	321	174.45-197.23	186.80	207.25	196.58
600-699	435	184.73-226.13	212.10	233.99	212.20
500-599	285	192.49-239.71	220.32	262.00	230.57
400-499	121	192.56-258.80	230.71	270.00	235.05
-399	43	158.37-199.21	180.19	270.00	209.00

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	109	134.94-154.70	144.65	165.00	151.65
800-899	87	143.90-167.97	158.23	180.00	154.17
700-799	218	149.89-180.17	167.70	191.00	168.80
600-699	300	160.05-196.13	181.34	208.50	180.65
500-599	239	158.71-205.60	187.64	229.00	183.60
400-499	107	174.86-217.20	194.52	237.00	185.83
300-399	28	148.57-200.82	174.38	218.00	195.98
-299	5	N/T			N/T

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, February 27, 2021 – 205 cows, 5 bulls, 23 veal, 66 stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	67.00-90.00	75.32	96.50
Veal 125 lbs and under	10.00-160.00	69.75	160.00

Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., March 2, 2021: 204 Fed Cattle, 23 Veal, 117 Cows, 5 Bulls, 19 stockers.

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	140.00-150.00	144.51	176.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	141.25-147.25	144.43	176.00
Cows	53.00-75.50	65.49	100.50
Veal over 600 lbs	113.00-120.00	116.11	123.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: March 3, 2021 – 45 veal, 317 Cows, 54 fed cattle, 4 bull, 5 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000+ lbs	67.00-104.49	94.99	104.49
Cows	45.00-95.99	68.79	102.00
Veal over 600 lbs	86.99-119.99	112.70	119.99

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: February 26, 2021 – 1,080 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	161.50-177.00	168.75	179.00	900+	138.00-158.00	147.81	165.00
900-999	164.00-184.00	176.48	184.00	800-899	153.00-180.00	168.69	180.00
800-899	183.00-196.25	191.64	196.25	700-799	164.00-185.50	174.90	185.50
700-799	185.00-207.25	196.07	207.25	600-699	168.00-197.25	183.60	203.00
600-699	197.50-233.50	221.45	233.50	500-599	179.00-206.00	193.20	215.00
500-599	209.00-245.00	228.09	262.00	400-499	195.50-224.00	206.28	230.00
400-499	235.00-265.00	249.57	265.00				

Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: March 2, 2021 – 101 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	144.99-184.00	161.20	184.00	400-499	<i>Too few</i>		
600-699	163.99-224.00	192.30	224.00				
500-599	150.00-241.99	215.39	241.99				
400-499	119.99-264.99	218.59	264.99				

Stocker sale at: Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: March 2, 2021 – 238 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	180.00-200.99	197.10	200.99	700-799	107.49-179.00	153.00	179.00
600-699	160.00-233.99	223.89	233.99	600-699	131.00-192.99	176.80	192.99
500-599	151.00-249.00	230.50	249.00	500-599	144.99-215.49	191.59	215.49

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 3, 2021 – 667 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	163.50-178.50	170.14	178.50	900+	148.50-155.50	152.39	155.50
900-999	169.00-191.00	177.12	191.00				

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: March 4, 2021 – 269 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	120.00-152.00	144.25	152.00	800-899	132.50-155.00	144.54	169.00
700-799	144.00-198.00	175.22	198.00	700-799	151.00-162.50	155.08	162.50
600-699	135.00-227.50	195.24	227.50	600-699	142.50-165.00	157.62	177.50
500-599	157.50-200.00	182.64	225.00	500-599	130.00-205.00	176.16	205.00
400-499	187.50-255.00	226.39	255.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: March 4, 2021– 762** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	121.00-167.00	147.85	167.00	900+	130.00-157.00	142.20	157.00
900-999	124.00-168.00	154.50	171.00	800-899	135.00-157.50	152.75	157.50
800-899	149.00-167.00	162.84	181.00	700-799	155.00-186.00	174.46	191.00
700-799	172.00-189.00	180.27	193.00	600-699	170.00-208.50	192.22	208.50
600-699	196.00-222.00	210.73	231.00	500-599	170.00-205.00	191.97	221.00
500-599	210.00-251.00	229.51	258.00	400-499	175.00-231.00	200.16	237.00
400-499	200.00-260.00	231.79	270.00	300-399	148.00-215.00	174.88	218.00
399-	195.00-235.00	225.97	270.00				

Stocker sale at **Ottawa Livestock Exchange: March 4, 2021 – 44** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	<i>Too few</i>			600-699	166.00-184.00	170.20	188.00

CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Feb 13, 2021	Week ending Feb 6, 2021	Year to Date 2021
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	3,265	3,078	20,470
Steers & Heifers & Cows	3,085	2,990	19,543
Bulls	180	88	927

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

For the week ending March 4, 2021

Steers	Live FOB	150.00	Rail Del	254.00
Heifers	Live FOB	151.00	Rail Del	254.00

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

For the week ending March 4, 2021

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	113.00-114.00
	Rail	180.00

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. THE FEEDLOT)

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending March 3, 2021	243.00-245.25	-0.94

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending Feb 20, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	56,388	-6,565	428,718	-10%	+9%
Western Slaughter	44,792	-4,788	335,047	-10%	+9%
Eastern Slaughter	11,598	-1,777	93,671	-13%	+7%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Feb 20, 2021	906	862
Feb 13, 2021	929	860
Feb 6, 2021	930	863

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Mar 5, 2021	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	665,000	666,000	649,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	236.23	225.89

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

	United States <i>Jan 1- Jan 31/21</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	Mexico <i>Jan 1- Jan 31/21</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
Total	24,875 tonnes	+6% or – 1,298 tonnes	2,539 tonnes	+70% - 1,049 tonnes
	Japan <i>Jan 1- Jan 31/21</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	China <i>Jan 1- Jan 31/21</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
Total	4,314 tonnes	+3% or – 135 tonnes	1,198 tonnes	+46% - 380 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

	IMPORTS	<i>Import % change from 2020 YTD</i>		EXPORTS	<i>Export % change from 2020 YTD</i>
	<i>Jan 1- Jan 31/21</i>			<i>Jan 1- Feb 20/21</i>	
Pure bred	58	-48%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	70,522	+1%
Non-pure bred	27,142	+7%	Feeder cattle & calves	7,371	-26%
			Bulls	3,407	-12%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Feb 27/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fed	169,685 tonnes	143,437 tonnes	+18%
Non-fed	21,104 tonnes	24,687 tonnes	-10%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Feb 27/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	16,242 tonnes	18,029 tonnes	-10%
Non-CUSMA	7,164 tonnes	5,575 tonnes	+29%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	1,300 tonnes	2,102 tonnes	-38%
Total	25,930 tonnes	26,981 tonnes	-4%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$
Apr	119.02 +0.47	Mar	134.60 -0.50	Mar	5.620 +15.6	Mar	14.342 +19.0	Spot 78.92 -0.03
Jun	118.00 +1.02	Apr	139.02 +0.05	May	5.454 +13.0	May	14.300 +19.4	Mar 78.95 -0.03
Aug	117.07 +0.85	May	145.15 +2.50	Jul	5.340 +11.4	Jul	14.136 +18.6	Jun 78.96 -0.03
Oct	121.45 +0.52	Aug	153.72 +1.77	Sep	4.990 +7.2	Aug	13.710 +19.2	Sep 78.95 -0.02
Dec	124.47 +0.40	Sep	154.82 +1.65	Mar	4.890 +5.6	Sep	12.922 +18.4	Dec 78.94 -0.03
Feb	126.90 +0.37	Oct	155.37 +1.37	May	4.926 +5.2	Nov	12.470 +16.6	Mar 78.93 -0.03

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OBCFPP LICENCE CHANGES

Nothing to report this week.

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Mar 9	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	All Vaccinated Spring Stocker Sale
Mar 12	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Stocker Sale
Mar 17	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Special Stocker Sale
Mar 24	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market Inc	Spring Stocker Sale, all breeds, steers & heifers

Comments for the week ending March 4th

Total volume was slightly higher this week with 421 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets. This was up 29 head from last week and down by 107 head compared to the same time last year. Fed steers sold from \$130.69-\$146.24 averaging \$140.10 up \$3.31 from last week on average and \$3.74 easier than year ago prices. Fed heifers traded from \$124.37-\$144.78 averaging \$137.16 down \$1.07 from last week and \$5.62 below year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as active with steady prices with two reports of prices \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices this week were steady to last week with steers at \$240.00-\$242.00 dressed and heifers \$239.00-\$240.00. For steers this week's average prices were unchanged and for heifers the average price was down \$0.50 from last week on average. Compared to last year at this time steers were down \$6.75 and heifers were down \$7.25.

Slightly less receipts of 2,946 cull/fed cows sold through auction markets this week on an active trade with prices easier compared to last weeks trade. Volumes were down 90 head from last week and 23 more than this week last year. Cows sold from \$57.34-\$81.27 averaging \$68.46 down \$3.73 from last week but \$0.91 stronger than year ago prices.

3,362 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week, down 808 head from last week and 437 less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported trade as steady with heifers bringing premiums. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs down \$4.34 from last week, 500-600 lbs down \$10.25, 600-700 lbs down \$0.10, 700-800 lbs down \$9.98, 800-900 lbs down \$0.18 and steers 900lbs and over down \$3.16 from the week before. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were down \$21.60, 400-500 lbs up \$8.69, 500-600 lbs up \$4.04, 600-700 lbs up \$0.69, 700-800 lbs down \$0.90 and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$1.64 easier than last week's weighted average prices.

The Quebec electronic market for the week ending March 3rd was reported at \$243.50-\$245.25 dressed, down \$0.94 from last weeks average.

Alberta direct trade reported by Canfax for this week was light to moderate with dressed prices at \$254.00 delivered. Live prices were reported at \$150.00 for steers and \$151.00 for heifers.

The U.S. trade for this week saw live trade prices at \$113.00 - \$114.00 for steers and \$113.00 for heifers. Prices were steady to last week with active trade. Dressed prices were reported at \$180.00 delivered for both steers and heifers which were easier prices than the previous week final reports.

Amber McIntyre on behalf of Jamie Gamble - Beef Farmers of Ontario's market information report.