



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday April 22, 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	245.00-248.00 (most 248.00)
A Grade Heifers	244.00-248.00 (most 247.00-248.00)

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	134	127.50-150.15	143.03	161.50	139.50
Medium Frame Steers +1250	95	138.36-150.33	146.11	169.50	145.49
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	229	133.53-151.00	145.51	169.50	142.75
Large Frame Heifers +1000	170	139.18-148.77	145.71	167.00	142.76
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	216	141.23-149.71	146.56	159.50	141.07
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	386	140.46-149.72	146.35	167.00	143.30
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	67	110.86-117.67	114.44	126.00	111.62
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	126	83.92-115.45	99.26	137.00	101.08
Cows - All Weights	2,227	63.91-89.36	75.37	125.00	73.68
Bulls - All Weights	116	83.72-112.21	97.45	140.00	95.39

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	816	161.18-176.24	166.46	181.50	165.55
900-999	909	169.70-186.80	177.56	192.00	174.85
800-899	628	176.79-198.62	188.13	206.00	190.03
700-799	591	185.72-215.68	202.55	222.00	207.01
600-699	474	188.41-235.32	216.66	248.50	220.29
500-599	333	188.33-252.20	226.03	269.00	232.46
400-499	116	197.53-253.61	228.58	275.00	247.72
-399	29	194.62-275.34	245.11	400.00	214.62

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	335	128.76-156.94	147.36	180.50	153.66
800-899	237	146.20-161.04	153.19	187.00	163.52
700-799	393	151.38-183.30	167.17	191.00	172.32
600-699	531	159.24-191.83	177.41	222.00	187.96
500-599	330	153.79-216.56	186.85	234.00	192.95
400-499	127	156.57-211.17	189.90	246.00	200.97
300-399	60	146.33-201.52	168.98	250.00	198.20
-299	7	N/T	N/T	N/T	171.39

At **Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, April 17, 2021** – 3 fed cattle, 212 cows, 5 bulls, 34 veal, 18 stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	70.50-92.00	79.85	118.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	106.00-120.00	113.40	120.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	106.00-113.00	109.90	113.00
Veal 600 lbs +	115.00-143.00	119.48	143.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	60.00-425.00	164.56	425.00

Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., April 20, 2021: 272 Fed Cattle, 38 Veal, 73 Cows, 2 Bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	142.50-153.00	149.49	169.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	147.75-153.25	150.60	167.00
Cows	63.00-85.00	73.76	97.50
Veal over 600 lbs	106.00-119.00	113.70	155.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: April 21, 2021 – 68 veal, 188 Cows, 61 fed cattle, 6 bulls, 7 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	78.00-125.00	101.49	125.00
Cows	52.00-107.00	76.30	125.00
Veal over 600 lbs	77.00-139.99	107.49	139.99

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: April 16, 2021 – 1,790 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	156.00-174.50	163.49	179.00	900+	127.00-159.00	148.47	180.50
900-999	161.50-192.00	176.03	192.00	800-899	144.00-165.50	154.20	187.00
800-899	172.00-206.00	188.63	206.00	700-799	158.00-191.00	171.85	191.00
700-799	181.00-220.25	204.44	220.25	600-699	164.00-193.50	181.85	210.00
600-699	182.00-235.75	216.98	235.75	500-599	174.00-215.00	189.41	220.00
500-599	190.00-248.00	223.08	253.00	400-499	160.00-227.00	201.61	227.00
400-499	221.00-263.00	244.93	273.00	300-399	131.00-175.00	135.81	200.00
399-	170.00-230.00	218.00	230.00				

Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: April 20, 2021 – 102 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	135.00-189.50	173.39	189.50	600-699	125.00-185.00	165.10	185.00
600-699	176.00-224.00	203.10	224.00	500-599	165.99-216.00	196.79	216.00
500-599	139.99-237.50	187.70	237.50				
400-499	218.00-247.50	233.40	247.50				
399-	249.00-400.00	310.80	400.00				

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock Market: April 20, 2021 – 1,039 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	175.00-188.50	181.23	188.50	800-899	155.00-161.00	157.56	167.50
800-899	187.00-201.00	193.46	204.50	700-799	168.50-185.75	175.63	186.50
700-799	204.75-219.00	210.73	222.00	600-699	178.00-204.00	193.65	204.00
600-699	211.00-248.50	234.13	248.50	500-599	180.00-230.00	210.67	230.00
500-599	205.00-261.00	244.40	261.00				
400-499	192.50-240.00	216.25	240.00				
399	216.00-235.00	225.50	235.00				

Stocker sale at: Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: April 20, 2021 – 295 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	158.00-193.99	183.00	193.99	700-799	135.00-182.49	168.99	182.49
700-799	153.00-222.00	202.89	222.00	600-699	151.00-222.00	182.00	222.00
600-699	143.99-245.99	216.80	245.99	500-599	117.50-220.99	186.49	220.99
500-599	137.50-256.99	210.80	256.99	400-499	114.99-220.00	191.30	220.00
400-499	119.99-250.00	187.59	250.00	300-399	175.00-229.99	208.80	229.99

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 21, 2021 – 662 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	162.00-181.50	167.29	181.50	900+	155.00-158.00	156.50	158.00
900-999	173.00-186.50	179.45	186.50				
800-899	179.00-194.00	190.47	194.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: April 15, 2021 – 386** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	122.50-147.00	136.95	164.00	900+	121.00-129.00	123.73	140.00
900-999	140.00-172.00	155.79	175.00	800-899	129.00-138.00	131.72	145.00
800-899	140.00-185.00	162.97	185.00	700-799	127.50-155.00	137.12	165.00
700-799	167.50-208.00	187.88	208.00	600-699	127.50-170.00	145.96	185.00
600-699	175.00-220.00	200.62	220.00	500-599	115.00-190.00	150.54	205.00
500-599	172.50-240.00	213.42	240.00	400-499	140.00-190.00	166.72	225.00
400-499	175.00-245.00	211.11	245.00	300-399	170.00-225.00	188.75	240.00
399-	125.00-285.00	247.00	285.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: April 22, 2021– 1,073** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	144.00-167.00	154.08	167.00	900+	105.00-136.00	124.50	148.00
900-999	149.00-165.00	159.18	175.50	800-899	147.00-159.00	151.75	160.00
800-899	160.00-191.00	178.33	191.00	700-799	140.00-177.00	158.01	177.00
700-799	183.00-210.50	196.68	216.00	600-699	160.00-189.00	176.77	209.00
600-699	202.00-234.00	216.84	239.50	500-599	158.00-225.00	192.53	234.00
500-599	210.00-259.50	239.90	269.00	400-499	175.00-207.50	191.12	246.00
400-499	210.00-257.00	238.00	275.00	300-399	130.00-217.50	183.41	250.00
399-	205.00-267.50	239.14	267.50				

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange: April 22, 2021– 100** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	178.00-210.00	189.75	224.00	800-899	86.00-112.00	103.67	112.00
500-599	176.00-240.00	215.56	240.00	700-799	108.00-154.0	138.67	172.00
400-499	202.00-250.00	229.60	250.00	600-699	142.00-172.00	154.12	172.00
				500-599	128.00-178.00	148.67	194.00
				400-499	112.00-200.00	171.50	200.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at **Maple Hill Auctions Ltd, April 19, 2021 – 521** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	168.00-174.50	171.82	174.50	900+	157.25-170.50	165.10	170.50
900-999	173.75-184.00	176.91	186.25	800-899	171.75-175.25	172.41	175.25
800-899	188.00-194.75	191.44	197.75				

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 22, 2021- 27 Bred cows, **18** Cow calf pairs (prices are per head & per pair)

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Good quality bred cows	\$1500-\$1750	\$1500-\$1750
Good quality cow/calf pairs	\$1700-\$2000	\$1700-\$2000

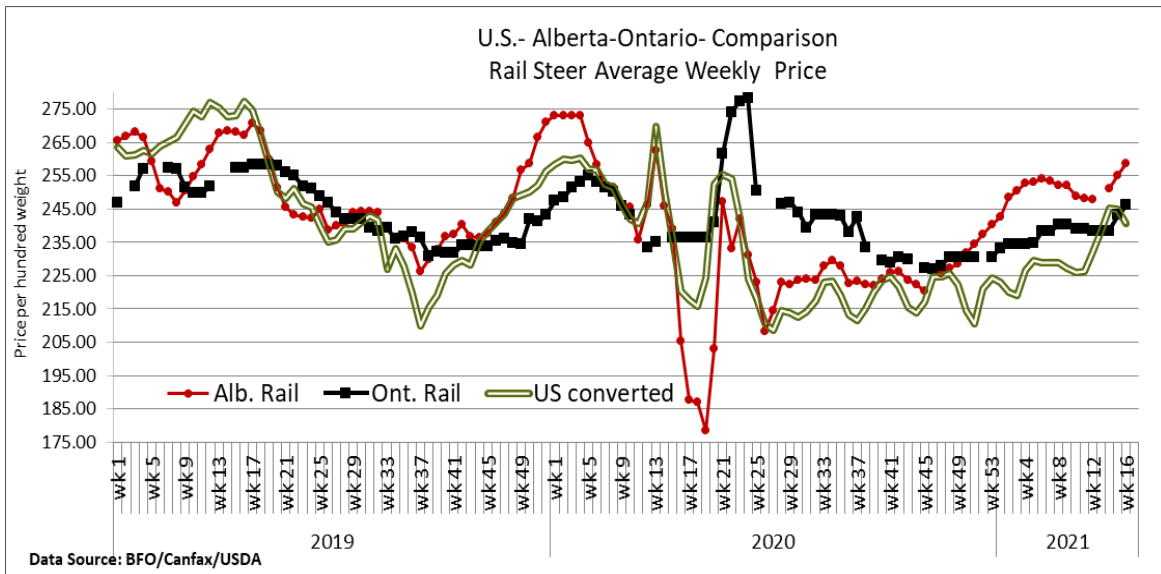
CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Apr 3, 2021	Week ending Mar 27, 2021	Year to Date 2021
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,436	2,829	40,511
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,329	2,734	38,661
Bulls	107	95	1,850

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

For the week ending April 22, 2021

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	257.00-260.50
Heifers	Live FOB	153.50	Rail FOB	257.00-260.50



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

For the week ending April 22, 2021

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 118.00-124.00
Rail 190.00-196.00

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

For the week ending April 22, 2021 Price 247.75-248.00 Change from Last Week +4.72

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending April 17, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	65,672	+1,074	919,143	+2%	+6%
Western Slaughter	51,216	+326	716,273	+1%	+5%
Eastern Slaughter	14,456	+748	202,870	+5%	+8%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 17, 2021	943	860
April 10, 2021	918	861
April 11, 2020	898	843

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending April 24, 2021	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	665,000	640,000	470,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	278.65	270.85

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

	United States	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	Mexico	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
	<i>Jan 1- Feb 28/21</i>		<i>Jan 1- Feb 28/21</i>	
Total	48,482 tonnes	+7% or +3,256 tonnes	4,158 tonnes	+39% or +1,168 tonnes
	Japan	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	China	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
	<i>Jan 1- Feb 28/21</i>		<i>Jan 1- Feb 28/21</i>	
Total	8,166 tonnes	+14% or +973 tonnes	2,451 tonnes	+84% or +1,120 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

IMPORTS		<i>Import % change from 2020 YTD</i>	EXPORTS		<i>Export % change from 2020 YTD</i>
<i>Jan 1- Feb 28/21</i>			<i>Jan 1- Apr 10/21</i>		
Pure bred	159	-44%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	135,809	-7%
Non-pure bred	57,243	+29%	Feeder cattle & calves	20,455	-49%
			Bulls	7,475	-14%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Apr 17/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fed	319,401 tonnes	286,499 tonnes	+11%
Non-fed	46,687 tonnes	53,205 tonnes	-12%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Apr 17/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	29,449 tonnes	33,880 tonnes	-13%
Non-CUSMA	14,368 tonnes	15,580 tonnes	-8%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	3,304 tonnes	3,944 tonnes	-16%
Total	49,747 tonnes	56,076 tonnes	-11%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$	
Apr	117.85 -0.47	Apr	133.85 +1.60	May	6.554 +5.0	May	15.396 +6.4	Spot	80.16 +0.15
Jun	115.72 -0.12	May	137.67 +0.65	Jul	6.324 +1.0	Jul	15.160 +1.6	Jun	80.17 +0.13
Aug	116.85 +0.12	Aug	149.90 +1.52	Sep	5.756 -1.4	Aug	14.674 +2.0	Sep	80.18 +0.14
Oct	122.05 +0.87	Sep	152.05 +1.65	Dec	5.506 -2.4	Sep	13.822 +2.0	Dec	80.18 +0.13
Dec	126.05 +0.60	Oct	153.65 +1.67	Mar	5.560 -2.2	Nov	13.414 +3.2	Mar	80.19 +0.13
Feb	129.37 +0.60	Nov	154.82 +1.62	May	5.592 -2.0	Jan	13.390 +3.4	Jun	80.18 +0.13

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Apr 24	8:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemens Sale	Stockers, Cows, Bulls, Protocol cattle at-1:00 pm
Apr 24	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
Apr 28	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Spring Stocker Sale
Apr 28	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market Inc	Stocker Sale-All Breeds
Apr 30	11:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	North Select Stocker Sale
May 1	10:00 am	Thessalon-Algoma Co-op Livestock Sale	Spring Stocker Sale
May 5	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Stocker Sale
May 6	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op	Spring Stocker Sale
May 7	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Stocker Sale
May 8	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 11	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special All Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 12		Brussels Livestock	Bred Cow Sale has been postponed
May 12	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Spring Stocker Sale
May 12	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Stocker Sale- All Breeds

Comments for the week ending April 22nd

615 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week up 97 head from last week and 157 more than the same time last year. Demand was reported as strong by auction markets with prices fully steady to \$3.00-\$4.00 cwt higher to start. By mid-week trade was reported as active at steady prices. Fed steers ranged from \$133.53-\$151.00 averaging \$145.51 up \$2.76 the previous week on average and \$6.44 above year ago prices. Fed heifers sold from \$140.46-\$149.72 averaging \$146.35 up \$3.05 from the previous week and \$9.60 higher than year ago prices.

The Ontario railgrade market started out this reporting period the previous Friday on very limited trade at \$245.00 dressed for steers and \$244.00-\$245.00 for heifers, which was holding steady. This week fairly active trade was noted at \$248.00 dressed for steers, with light trade for heifers from \$247.00-\$248.00 up \$3.00 on average. Delivery of the cattle sold at \$245.00 was for next week while the remainder of trade is for the week of May 3rd delivery. This week's average is \$8.50 stronger than last year at this time.

The boxed beef market overview reported by Kevin Grier notes: "The phenomenal demand driven surge continued again last week. The supplies are still very robust, yet prices scream higher. That means that it is all about demand. Unfortunately for Canadian buyers, the demand seems to be all or mostly in the United States. Canadian grocery demand is barely steady and of course most of the governments have shut down restaurants again so foodservice buyers are sidelined again. U.S. demand seems to be the filling the foodservice pipeline and

big retailers making sure they are well bought. Canadian packers are taking price increases in Canada or going south with the product. Both Canadian and U.S. packers are also adeptly moving product to Asia as well."

The cull/fed cow market saw prices increase this week with cows ranging from \$63.91-\$89.36 averaging \$75.37 cwt, up \$1.69 last week and \$13.27 stronger than year ago prices. Volumes sold were lighter at 2,227 head, down 186 from the previous week and 38 fewer than the same week last year. Auction markets reported trade as steady to slightly stronger to start this reporting period. As the week progressed, trade was slightly stronger to \$2.00-\$5.00 cwt higher on a strong demand. By mid-week trade was holding steady and ended the week barely steady.

Stocker and feeder cattle volumes were lighter this week with prices averaging easier than last week for all categories except for steers over 900 lbs. Total volumes sold through auction markets was 5,916 head, down 1,167 from last week but 860 more than the same week last year. Over the next few weeks there will be more special stocker sales which will boost weekly volumes. Auctions reported calves as active at steady to slightly higher prices, with quality considered. Grass types were noted as strong. Yearlings were steady to slightly higher also with quality considered. Actual average prices this week saw steers from 400-500 lbs average \$19.14 easier than last week, 500-600 lbs down \$6.43, 600-700 lbs down \$3.63, 700-800 lbs down \$4.46, 800-900 lbs down 1.90, 900-1000 lbs up \$2.71 and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$0.91 higher than last week's weighted average prices. Heifers 300-400 lbs were down by \$29.22, 400-500 lbs down \$11.07, 500-600 lbs down \$6.10, 600-700 lbs down \$10.55, 700-800 lbs down \$5.15, 800-900 lbs down \$10.33 and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$6.30 lower than last week's weighted average prices. All weights and classes continue to trade above year ago prices.

The Quebec electronic market on Wednesday sold from \$247.75-\$248.00 cwt dressed FOB, up \$4.72 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was light to active with sales reported by Canfax from \$260.00-\$261.00 delivered on a dressed basis, up \$2.00-\$4.00 cwt from last week's trade. Thursday, light trade was reported at \$261.00 delivered. Canfax reported trade on a picked-up basis from \$257.00-\$260.50 dressed with steers averaging \$258.89 up \$3.88 from the previous week, while heifers averaged \$259.38 up \$4.06. A light live trade was noted for heifers at \$153.50 averaging \$2.45 stronger than last week. Canfax notes: "Most of the cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for the first half of May delivery. With higher prices and stronger basis levels producers were motivated to market cattle. There might even be some follow up trade occur today."

The U.S. cash cattle trade for the week ending April 16th was active on Thursday with some clean up deals on Friday. Southern business ranged from \$119.00-\$121.00 live, mainly \$120.00-\$121.00 which is steady to slightly stronger than the previous week's southern trade. In the north trade continued at a premium to the south, ranging from \$123.00-\$126.00 live and \$193.00-\$196.00 dressed, also steady to slightly stronger than the week before. Overall business last week, reported by the USDA Mandatory Price Report saw live steers averaging \$122.03 up \$0.02 and heifers \$121.30 down \$0.80 from the previous week. On the rail steers averaged \$195.54 dressed up \$0.24, with heifers averaging \$195.84 up \$0.31.

This week the US cash market was fairly quiet until Wednesday with the exception of a string of cattle sold in the south at \$120.00 live Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning, at the Central Stockyards online auction there were 4,972 head on offer, in 30 lots with delivery in 1-16 days. Six lots sold at \$120.00 live with one lot selling at \$124.00, while bids from \$119.00-\$119.50 were passed by sellers. Several lots received no bids. Reserve prices were noted from \$120.00-\$125.00 live. On the cash market Wednesday afternoon, light to moderate trade developed in the south from \$119.00-\$120.00 live, steady to \$2.00 lower than last week's business. In the north live trade was noted from \$121.00-\$124.00 which is steady to \$3.00 below last week's northern sales on a live basis, with dressed deals were from \$190.00-\$195.00, mainly \$192.00 down \$3.00-\$4.00. Thursday, trade was light to moderate with northern deals mainly \$192.00 dressed, down \$3.00-\$4.00 from last week on average. A few sales in the south were noted from \$118.00-\$119.00 live, another \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than Wednesday. Some clean up trade is possible today however it appears the bulk of trade is completed. Sharply lower cattle futures and sharply higher feed prices this week were not price supportive for the cash market. Asking prices on the remaining cattle are at \$121.00 live in the south and \$194.00 dressed in the north.