



## WEEKLY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – FOR THE WEEK ENDING THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2026

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:

A Grade Steers     N/A  
A Grade Heifers    N/A

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

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

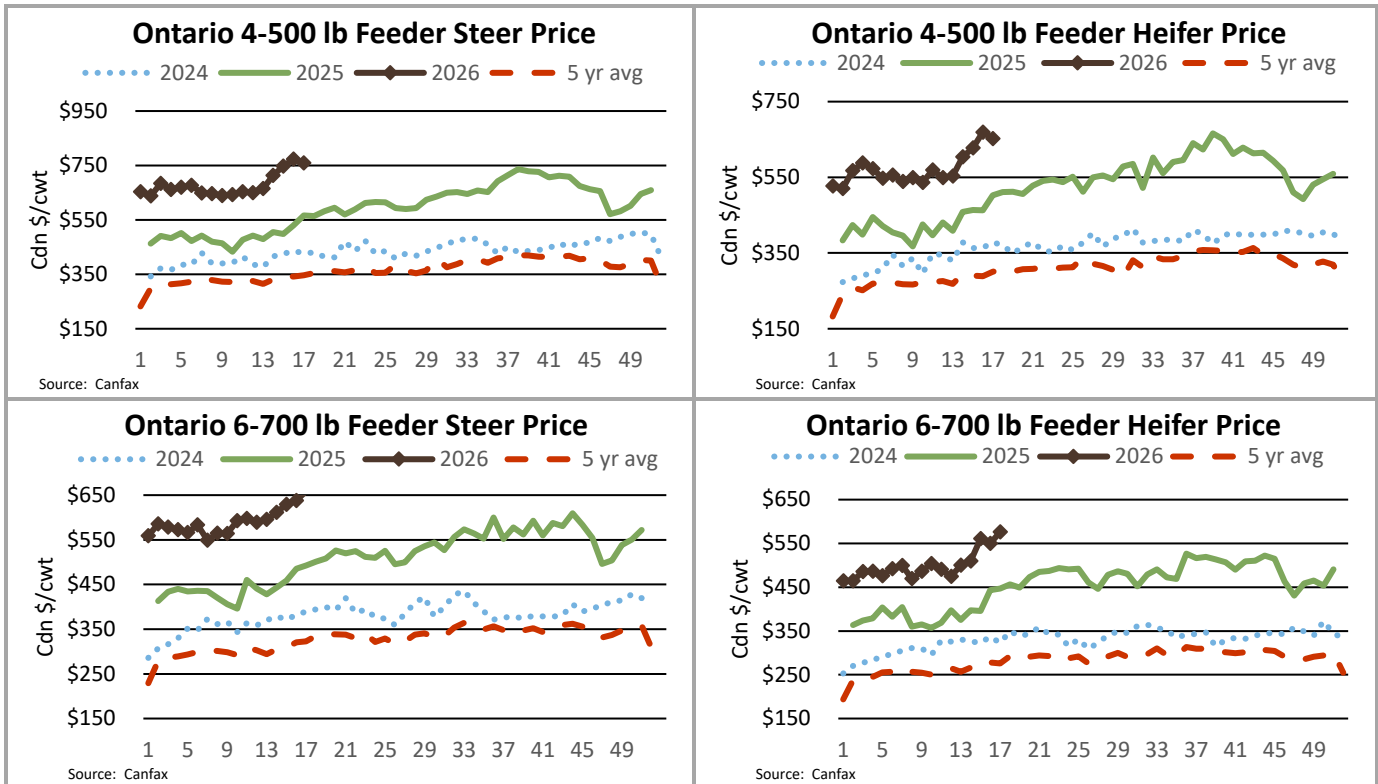
FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	95	314.32-333.15	326.55	361.00	326.82
Medium Frame Steers +1250	89	310.08-332.02	321.23	346.50	324.87
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	181	313.05-333.45	324.45	361.00	326.60
Large Frame Heifers +1000	152	321.88-337.35	329.35	415.00	328.13
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	186	310.62-333.35	324.05	405.00	324.80
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	338	313.54-336.41	326.61	415.00	326.90
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	66	241.81-289.20	266.23	315.00	296.12
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	131	205.17-286.17	257.37	331.00	257.13
Cows - All Weights	1561	176.01-253.11	210.32	331.00	207.91
Bulls - All Weights	118	238.14-329.31	265.14	430.33	323.67

#### STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	576	432.73-472.75	450.11	477.50	447.18
900-999	597	462.42-503.95	487.56	523.00	468.97
800-899	448	482.58-548.68	522.06	590.00	507.25
700-799	756	543.50-616.95	585.91	677.50	564.50
600-699	638	599.96-704.07	659.19	740.00	637.64
500-599	394	591.81-749.73	686.96	802.50	688.17
400-499	227	668.81-830.22	759.55	900.00	773.59
<399	109	611.97-943.07	775.21	1250.00	861.11

#### STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	194	349.94-425.68	394.07	455.00	403.55
800-899	216	407.61-483.09	454.37	536.30	429.37
700-799	396	477.71-550.33	517.91	597.65	489.83
600-699	540	514.97-618.42	576.01	650.00	549.99
500-599	436	540.02-673.49	602.98	720.00	614.39
400-499	215	564.16-706.52	652.37	765.00	669.44
300-399	112	538.21-790.94	670.01	925.00	704.41
<299	20	744.00-889.75	793.26	1050.00	783.13



At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: **April 25, 2026**– 134 cows, 4 fed, 22 stockers, 19 bulls, 61 veal

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
<b>Cows</b>	180.00-250.00	203.64	305.00
<b>Bulls under 1600 lbs</b>	244.00-541.66	276.44	541.66
<b>Veal over 600 lbs</b>	305.00-352.50	321.11	352.50
<b>Veal under 125 lbs</b>	1850.00-2385.00	2048.17	2600.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Apr 28, 2026** – 250 Fed Cattle, 71 Cows, 3 Bulls, 137 Drop calves

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs</b>	320.00-338.50	330.16	361.00
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs</b>	325.00-336.00	331.60	347.50
<b>Fed Steers, Dairy &amp; Dairy Cross +1250 lbs</b>	250.00-292.50	268.61	310.00
<b>Fed Heifers, Dairy &amp; Dairy Cross +1000 lbs</b>	217.50-272.00	251.00	331.00
<b>Cows</b>	197.00-253.00	217.88	289.00
<b>Bulls over 1600 lbs</b>	276.00-319.00	296.67	319.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **April 29, 2026** – 78 Fed cattle, 100 Stockers, 137 Cows, 3 Bulls, 12 Veal

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs</b>	306.99-329.99	315.79	329.99
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs</b>	270.00-347.99	314.29	347.99
<b>Fed Heifers, dairy &amp; dairy cross 1000+ lbs</b>	180.00-304.99	275.09	304.99
<b>Cows</b>	137.50-277.00	213.09	277.00
<b>Bulls over 1600 lbs</b>	270.00-300.00	286.60	300.00

### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: **April 24, 2026** – 1,156 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>1000+</b>	412.50-468.00	441.77	469.00				
<b>900-999</b>	453.00-498.00	481.48	519.00	<b>900+</b>	362.50-424.50	389.64	443.00
<b>800-899</b>	466.00-550.00	520.42	550.00	<b>800-899</b>	391.00-466.00	427.75	487.50
<b>700-799</b>	510.00-612.50	554.59	637.50	<b>700-799</b>	445.00-525.00	470.99	530.00
<b>600-699</b>	520.00-685.00	608.57	687.50	<b>600-699</b>	380.00-580.00	510.69	602.50
<b>500-599</b>	620.00-802.50	739.21	802.50	<b>500-599</b>	570.00-682.50	603.24	682.50
<b>400-499</b>	725.00-847.50	771.52	847.50	<b>400-499</b>	500.00-650.00	594.75	690.00
<b>&lt;399</b>	550.00-910.00	727.00	910.00	<b>300-399</b>	540.00-690.00	653.57	770.00

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: **April 24, 2026 – 1,042 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	450.00-450.00	450.00	450.00				
900-999	455.00-520.00	507.62	520.00				
800-899	560.00-590.00	568.86	590.00	800-899	425.00-501.00	469.91	501.00
700-799	611.00-637.50	625.56	655.00	700-799	527.50-555.00	546.14	555.00
600-699	664.00-737.00	704.31	737.00	600-699	602.00-650.00	637.95	650.00
500-599	725.00-755.00	744.04	755.00	500-599	580.00-670.00	634.00	670.00
400-499	800.00-820.00	811.43	820.00	400-499	585.00-585.00	585.00	585.00

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: **Apr 28, 2026: 479 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	485.00-523.00	511.86	523.00	900+	315.00-390.00	367.78	410.00
800-899	440.00-557.00	519.52	557.00	800-899	440.00-502.00	492.31	502.00
700-799	580.00-655.00	625.10	677.50	700-799	495.00-540.00	514.00	540.00
600-699	645.00-690.00	671.61	740.00	600-699	497.50-620.00	544.18	635.00
500-599	720.00-770.00	751.38	795.00	500-599	505.00-645.00	583.04	645.00
400-499	745.00-900.00	852.14	900.00	400-499	620.00-760.00	704.48	760.00

Stocker sale at Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: **Apr 28, 2026: 284 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	350.00-522.49	487.10	522.49	800-899	412.50-536.30	498.29	536.30
700-799	400.00-579.99	549.30	579.99				
600-699	484.99-675.00	614.49	675.00	600-699	425.00-604.99	531.29	604.99
500-599	509.99-729.99	662.69	729.99	500-599	470.00-684.99	609.99	684.99
400-499	609.99-809.99	765.29	809.99	400-499	570.00-710.09	685.59	710.09
<399	590.00-1150.00	851.60	1150.00	<299	850.00-875.00	853.70	875.00

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **April 29, 2026 – 675 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	447.00-477.50	457.65	477.50				
900-999	472.00-509.00	490.76	509.00				
800-899	531.00-531.00	531.00	531.00				

Stocker sale at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **Apr 29, 2026 – 313 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	435.00-540.00	485.36	540.00				
700-799	495.00-575.00	535.86	600.00	700-799	350.00-540.00	463.23	540.00
600-699	575.00-660.00	629.50	670.00	600-699	435.00-625.00	538.62	625.00
500-599	600.00-710.00	649.46	740.00	500-599	535.00-622.50	589.38	622.50
400-499	620.00-815.00	724.86	815.00	400-499	485.00-730.00	617.15	730.00
<399	785.00-1015.00	865.75	1015.00	300-399	585.00-890.00	728.37	890.00

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **April 30, 2026 – 765 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	359.00-437.50	400.11	437.50				
900-999	360.00-455.00	408.04	455.00	900+	350.00-440.00	410.85	455.00
800-899	380.00-475.00	439.00	520.00	800-899	370.00-480.00	450.26	480.00
700-799	460.00-605.00	546.57	630.00	700-799	390.00-522.50	462.55	565.00
600-699	530.00-690.00	609.07	690.00	600-699	440.00-590.00	513.03	590.00
500-599	550.00-735.00	656.52	735.00	500-599	555.00-700.00	602.91	700.00
400-499	600.00-840.00	719.19	840.00	400-499	580.00-700.00	656.58	700.00
<399	460.00-820.00	599.79	1000.00	300-399	430.00-860.00	656.00	925.00

Stocker sale at Ontario Stockyards Inc: **April 30, 2026 – 820 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	338.00-467.50	412.21	467.50				
900-999	470.00-480.00	479.18	480.00	900+	315.00-450.00	416.03	450.00
800-899	475.00-527.50	500.47	540.00	800-899	465.00-492.50	477.06	492.50
700-799	510.00-589.00	565.32	617.50	700-799	490.00-567.50	538.03	567.50
600-699	601.00-700.00	664.14	707.50	600-699	500.00-619.00	572.47	619.00
500-599	665.00-802.50	729.95	802.50	500-599	560.00-682.50	619.35	695.50
400-499	720.00-850.00	796.40	850.00	400-499	610.00-710.00	673.18	765.00
<399	360.00-825.00	756.50	825.00	300-399	610.00-740.00	679.12	840.00

**WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS - ONTARIO (USDA)**

	Week ending Apr 18, 2026	Previous Week	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported through Ontario ports to the U.S.	3,175	3,603	59,320
Steers & Heifers & Cows	3,093	3,464	57,574
Bulls	82	139	1,746

**LIVE CATTLE – CANADA (AAFC/USDA)**

IMPORTS	Import % change from 2025 YTD	EXPORTS	Export % change from 2025 YTD
Jan 1- Feb 28/2026		Jan 1- Apr 11/26	
Pure bred	1,842 598%	Processing steers, heifers & cows	138,617 -33%
Non-pure bred	74,167 -18%	Feeder cattle & calves	30,589 -57%
		Bulls	4,791 -12%
		Breeding/other	6,807 -9%
		Total	180,804 -38%

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING - Canfax/CBGA**

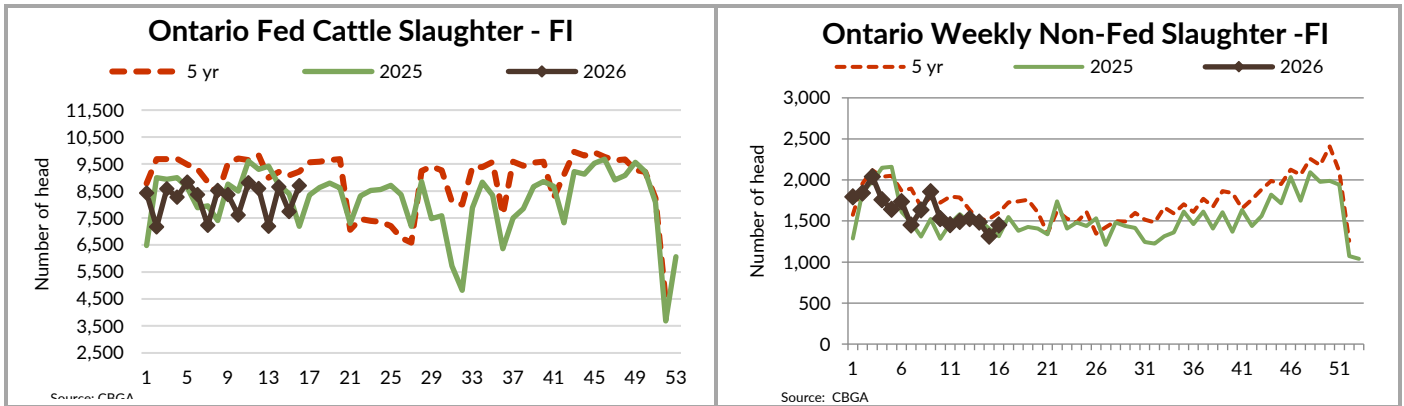
	Week Ending Apr 25, 2026	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
ONTARIO	10,147	1,089	157,062	12%	-2.2%
CANADA	51,350	-4,777	858,762	-9%	-2%
Western Processing	39,593	-5,879	675,999	-13%	-2%
Eastern Processing	11,757	1,102	182,763	10%	-1%

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – Canfax/CBGA**

Week ending	CANADA		ONTARIO	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
25-Apr-26	968	907	1,020	890
18-Apr-26	970	917	1,008	906
19-Apr-25	915	847	982	856

**DOMESTIC BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA (million pounds) (Canfax/CBGA)**

	April 25, 2026	Wk ago chg	YTD	YTD chg
Fed	41.4	-10%	688.4	3%
Non-Fed	6.4	-2%	107.7	-7%
Total	47.8	-9%	796.1	1%



### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending May 1, 2026	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	534,000	529,000	563,000

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

For the week ending April 30, 2026	Price	Change from Last Week
	549.00	N/A

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending April 30, 2026

Steers	Live- FOB	339.25-339.25	Rail- FOB	557.00-562.00
Heifers	Live- FOB	339.25-339.25	Rail- FOB	557.25-562.00

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending April 30, 2026

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	252.00-257.00
	Rail	400.00-405.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five-Day Average	388.61	387.57

### CANADIAN BEEF EXPORTS Jan 1 - Feb 28/2026 (AAFC)

	Tonnes	% chg	vol chg		Tonnes	% chg	vol chg
United States	55,130	-7%	-3,949	Mexico	7,626	26%	1,575
Japan	6,609	-11%	-827	South Korea	1,214	-61%	-1,886
Vietnam	2,871	137%	1,662	Total	77,531	-3%	-2,191

### BEEF IMPORTS - CANADA (AAFC)

	Jan 1 - Apr 18 2026	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	26,130	29,613	-12%
Australia	17,779	10,384	71%
New Zealand	15,428	10,194	51%
Uruguay	3,116	3,089	1%
Mexico	3,126	2,951	6%
Non-CUSMA	48,968	34,839	41%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	2,648	4,202	-37%
Total	117,195	95,272	23%

## CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures **today** were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>		
<b>Jun</b>	253.00	-1.00	<b>May</b>	371.40	-1.25	<b>May</b>	4.682	+3.4
<b>Aug</b>	247.83	-0.85	<b>Aug</b>	372.18	-1.35	<b>Jul</b>	4.802	+5.4
<b>Oct</b>	242.45	-1.03	<b>Sep</b>	370.70	-1.28	<b>Sep</b>	4.844	+4.6
<b>Dec</b>	241.85	-0.78	<b>Oct</b>	368.60	-1.15	<b>Dec</b>	4.986	+4.4
<b>Feb</b>	241.85	-0.83	<b>Nov</b>	365.83	-1.08	<b>Mar</b>	5.114	+4.2
<b>Apr</b>	241.35	-0.78	<b>Jan</b>	359.83	-0.95	<b>May</b>	5.186	+4.2
<b>Soybeans</b>			<b>Soft Red Winter Wheat</b>			<b>Canadian \$</b>		
	<i>US \$/bu</i>			<i>US \$/bu</i>				
<b>May</b>	11.876	+5.6	<b>May</b>	6.244	+0.6	<b>Spot</b>	73.61	+0.01
<b>Jul</b>	12.032	+7.6	<b>Jul</b>	6.376	+1.0	<b>Jun</b>	73.74	-0.02
<b>Aug</b>	11.972	+8.0	<b>Sep</b>	6.524	+0.6	<b>Sep</b>	74.01	n/c
<b>Sep</b>	11.770	+9.2	<b>Dec</b>	6.732	+0.2	<b>Dec</b>	74.23	+0.01
<b>Nov</b>	11.826	+9.6	<b>Mar</b>	6.902	n/c	<b>Mar</b>	74.43	+0.02
<b>Jan</b>	11.952	+10.4	<b>May</b>	6.980	+0.4	<b>Jun</b>	74.59	+0.03

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### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER SPECIAL SPRING SALES

02-May	10:00 AM	Thessalon-Algoma Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
02-May	11:00 AM	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale and Bred Cow & Cow Calf Pair Sale
06-May	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Special Stocker Sale
07-May	10:00 AM	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
13-May	7:00 PM	Cargill Auction Market	Special Spring Stocker Sale
16-May	12:00 PM	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
27-May	12:00 PM	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
27-May	1:00 PM	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale
27-May	7:00 PM	Cargill Auction Market	Special Spring Stocker Sale

**Please be advised that following are no longer licenced as a livestock dealer:**

Albarakah Halal Meat & Chicken Inc O/A London Quality Meat  
Abattoir  
519-661-8696  
8076 Longwood Road  
London ON N6P 1L4

Bilal Farms Inc  
Abattoir  
613-762-8604  
302 Dawnlight Street  
Ottawa ON K4A 5G3

### Comments for the week ending April 30, 2026

Fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets at 522 head, were down 125 head from the previous week and 92 head larger than the same time last year. Fed steers averaged \$324.45/cwt, down \$2.15/cwt from the previous week's trade and \$38.22/cwt above year ago prices. Fed heifers averaged \$326.61/cwt, down \$0.29/cwt from the previous week and \$39.53/cwt higher than last year. Auction markets reported that fed steers and heifers sold steady.

In Ontario, business has been quiet but US packer interest has been noted. For the week ending April 25, 2026, Eastern Canadian processing was 19.3% above a year ago and 3.7% lower than the five-year average. YTD processing is down 1% from a year ago, with steers down 3% and heifers up 4%, cows were down 1% and bulls were down 23%. For the week ending April 18, 2026, Eastern fed cattle and cow exports to the U.S. were 3,259 head, 20% above last year and 37% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern fed cattle and cow exports were down 6% from last year.

Cull cow receipts sold through auction markets were 1,561 head, 296 head smaller than the previous week and down 459 head from last year. Cows averaged \$210.32/cwt, up \$2.41/cwt from the previous week and up \$29.47/cwt from last year. Beef cow prices averaged \$227.26/cwt, down \$3.54/cwt from the previous week's trade and \$29.33/cwt above year ago prices. Auction markets reported that cull cows traded higher.

Total receipts were 9,827 head with receipts of 5,874 stocker and feeder cattle selling through Ontario auction markets, down 616 head from the previous week and 2,083 head less than the same week last year. Auction markets reported that all classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold fully steady. In the feeder market, steer prices were up \$7.58/cwt on average compared to last week with heifers up \$0.96/cwt. Actual average prices collected this week saw steers from 400-500 lbs trading \$14.04/cwt weaker than last week on average, 500-600 lbs down \$12.21/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$21.55/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$21.41/cwt, 800-900 lbs up \$14.81/cwt, steers 900-1000 lbs up \$18.59/cwt and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$2.93/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were down \$34.40/cwt from last week on average, 400-500 lbs down \$17.07/cwt, 500-600 lbs down \$11.41/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$26.02/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$28.08/cwt, 800-900 lbs up \$25.00/cwt and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$9.48/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. For the week ending April 18, 2026, Eastern feeder exports to the U.S. were 908 head, 3% higher than last year and 55% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern feeder exports are down 11% from last year.

The Quebec electronic market this week sold at \$549.00/cwt dressed on a picked-up basis.

Alberta direct trade last week saw dressed sales reported from \$550-556/cwt delivered with all Western Canadian packers buying cattle. Weighted average steer and heifer sales ranged from \$1/cwt softer to \$2/cwt stronger than the previous week. New record highs have been established for the past nine weeks. For the week ending April 25, 2026, Western Canadian fed processing was 33,817 head. YTD processing is 13.7% higher than last year. On April 29th, light trade developed with dressed sales ranging from \$560-565/cwt delivered, \$9-10/cwt higher than last week. Live sales have been reported in the upper \$330's/cwt FOB the feedlot.

The U.S. cash cattle trade last week saw live sales in both the North and South mostly at \$246/cwt, \$2/cwt softer than the previous week. Dressed sales in the Northern feeding states were at \$386/cwt, \$2/cwt lower than the previous week. Very light dressed trade in Kansas was also at \$386/cwt. Choice and Select cutouts closed the week \$1.90/cwt and \$4.10/cwt higher respectively. Both trims and grinds closed the week higher. 73% trim up slightly at 0.1%, and 50% trim were 2.5% higher.

On Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, light trade was reported in Texas and Kansas with live sales at \$256/cwt, \$1-4/cwt higher than prices seen on Tuesday and \$10/cwt higher than last week. Dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska were at \$400/cwt, \$14/cwt stronger. Wholesale beef prices have struggled to keep pace with rising cattle prices, and packer margins have gone from bad to worse.

USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins scheduled visit to the Douglas, AZ port on April 24<sup>th</sup> to assess the border crossing was cancelled. Though New World screwworm is currently only 60 miles from the Texas border, with the most recent case occurring in Nuevo León, it is over 800 miles from the Douglas port. Live cattle contracts have rebounded 400+ points over the past couple of days and are back to within 300 points of their contract highs.