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Thursday August 4, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 159.00-162.00
A grade heifers 158.00-160.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange - 250 fed cattle, 400 cows, 250 stockers**

	Price Range	Top Price
Top quality fed steers	93.25-107.00	113.50
Top quality fed heifers	91.00-100.00	110.00
Cows	27.00-45.00	54.00
Stocker steers +800	89.00-104.50	
Lightweight steers	103.00-117.00	
Stocker heifers +700	84.00-95.50	
Lightweight heifers	87.00-110.00	
Holstein steers	62.00-82.00	

Fed cattle traded stronger. Cows and stockers were steady.

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 294 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-1000	101.00-118.00	120.00	700+	100.00-116.00	117.00
700-799	110.00-120.00	124.50	600-699	105.00-119.00	120.00
500-699	110.00-133.00	139.00	300-599	105.00-124.00	127.00
300-499	118.00-139.00	142.00			

All classes of replacement cattle sold actively with prices at least \$5 higher.

Ontario Auction Sales on Wednesday saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	87.00-97.75	92.50	108.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	86.00-99.00	92.28	104.50
Cows	24.94-46.23	37.84	68.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 3, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.75-103.25	107.00	+900	70.00-97.50	97.50
900-999	98.00-109.75	113.25	800-899	84.00-93.25	93.25

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices \$2-3 stronger.

Steers	Live	83.50-88.65	Flat rail	142.50-145.00
Heifers	Live	83.00-87.65	Flat rail	143.00-145.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade remains at a standstill this afternoon following yesterday's active trade. Business is likely finished for the week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T (Wednesday: \$82.00)
	Rail	N/T (Wednesday: \$130.00)

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	129.40	122.09
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.94	+0.88
Current 5 day average:	126.02	119.28

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						
Aug	80.62	-1.67	Aug	109.42	-0.60	Sep	2.244	-2.4	Aug	6.712	+1.2	Spot	82.37	+0.11
Oct	81.72	-1.65	Sep	107.85	-1.00	Dec	2.374	-2.4	Sep	6.754	+0.2	Sep	82.47	+0.11
Dec	84.42	-1.27	Oct	107.25	-1.10	Mar	2.462	-1.4	Nov	6.824	+1.0	Dec	82.70	+0.11
Feb	86.90	-0.55	Nov	105.30	-0.95	May	2.520	-1.0	Jan	6.874	+1.4	Mar	82.93	+0.11

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