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## Wednesday August 17, 2005

### ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

**A grade steers**      Unestablished  
**A grade heifers**    Unestablished

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 450 steers, 250 heifers and 300 cows**

	Price Range
<b>Fancy fed steers</b>	91.00-96.00
<b>Fancy fed heifers</b>	90.00-95.00
<b>Cows</b>	37.00-56.00
<b>Bulls</b>	40.00-50.00

Trading on all classes of steers and heifers was moderate with prices \$2 lower. Cows and bulls traded at barely steady prices to lower. Calves sold steady to last week's decline.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 480 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Stocker Steers +800 lbs</b>	98.00-110.00	115.00
<b>Stocker Heifers +700 lbs</b>	92.00-97.50	103.00
<b>Cows</b>	25.00-38.00	47.50

Stockers sold on a steady market while cows sold easier

Ontario auction sales on **Tuesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Fed Steers</b>	86.73-98.46	92.78	103.00
<b>Large Frame &amp; Medium Frame Heifers</b>	77.15-94.61	87.63	99.25
<b>Cows</b>	24.77-48.64	35.80	91.50

Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock Market, August 16, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS		
<b>900-999</b>	110.50-114.85	114.85	<b>800-899</b>	101.85-113.10	113.10
<b>800-899</b>	117.60-124.00	124.00	<b>700-799</b>	109.25-114.35	114.35
<b>700-799</b>	117.75-131.00	131.00	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-119.00	121.50
<b>600-699</b>	96.00-126.50	131.50	<b>500-599</b>	111.00-125.25	125.25
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-136.00	138.00			

All classes of replacement cattle sold on a sharp demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker Sale: **Thessalon, August 16, 2005 – very active bidding**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	
<b>900-999</b>	104.00-116.00	<b>800-899</b>	105.00-113.00
<b>800-899</b>	115.00-122.00	<b>700-799</b>	111.00-115.00
<b>700-799</b>	113.00-124.00	<b>600-699</b>	113.00-119.00
<b>600-699</b>	117.00-126.00	<b>400-599</b>	118.00-130.00
<b>500-599</b>	101.00-130.00		138.00

**Denfield Livestock – August 16, 2005**

	Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	95.00-100.00
<b>Good steers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Plain steers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Choice exotic cross heifers</b>	90.00-100.00
<b>Good heifers</b>	84.00-88.00
<b>Plain heifers</b>	70.00-75.00
<b>Good cows</b>	40.00-58.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	30.00-40.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Good fed bulls</b>	50.00-70.00

The market traded on a good demand at steady prices on the fancy cattle with the second cut cattle \$2-3 lower. A good offering of cows traded actively at strong prices. Stockers are still strong and holstein bull calves were steady.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was limited with prices steady to last week.

<b>Steers</b>	Live	82.25-84.00	Flat rail	N/T
<b>Heifers</b>	Live	82.25-82.75	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was extremely light with only a few sales reported.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	79.00-80.00
	Rail	125.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	134.85	127.81
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	+0.20	-0.34
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	134.77	127.79

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>		<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>					
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US		\$/bu US    ¢/bu		\$/bu US    ¢/bu							
<b>Aug</b>	79.15	+0.37	<b>Aug</b>	110.25	+0.32	<b>Sep</b>	2.130	+3.4	<b>Aug</b>	6.430	+2.0	<b>Spot</b>	82.49	-0.91
<b>Oct</b>	80.40	+0.50	<b>Sep</b>	107.62	+0.22	<b>Dec</b>	2.266	+4.4	<b>Sep</b>	6.144	-2.2	<b>Sep</b>	82.55	-0.91
<b>Dec</b>	83.27	+0.32	<b>Oct</b>	106.32	+0.02	<b>Mar</b>	2.364	+4.4	<b>Nov</b>	6.254	+0.4	<b>Dec</b>	82.78	-0.91
<b>Feb</b>	85.57	+0.17	<b>Nov</b>	104.95	+0.27	<b>May</b>	2.422	+4.0	<b>Jan</b>	6.310	+0.4	<b>Mar</b>	83.01	-0.91

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