



Daily Market Information Report



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Monday October 31, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 157.00-160.00
A grade heifers 156.00-158.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the Ontario Stockyards: 150 veal calves sold steady.

| | Price Range | Top |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| Veal calves +600 | 76.00-122.00 | 133.00 |
| Veal calves 451-600 | 69.50-104.50 | 115.00 |

At Talbotville Livestock: October 29, 2005 – 454 head

| | Price Range | Top |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
| Good & choice steers | 82.00-96.50 | 105.00 |
| Good & choice heifers | 86.00-96.50 | |
| Cows | 18.00-32.00 | 41.00 |
| Bulls | 35.00-48.00 | |

Fed cattle sold good, steady and strong. Cows sold under pressure.

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, October 28, 2005

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|
| 1000+ | 82.50-101.00 | 111.50 | 900+ | 91.50-103.75 | 107.75 |
| 900-999 | 90.75-111.50 | 118.00 | 800-899 | 90.50-112.25 | 112.25 |
| 800-899 | 90.00-118.60 | 118.60 | 700-799 | 85.00-111.75 | 116.00 |
| 700-799 | 99.00-124.00 | 131.00 | 600-699 | 84.00-114.00 | 127.50 |
| 600-699 | 104.00-131.50 | 136.50 | 500-599 | 94.50-127.00 | 130.00 |
| 500-599 | 117.00-141.00 | 143.00 | 400-499 | 93.00-124.00 | 142.50 |
| 400-499 | 115.00-140.00 | 141.50 | | | |

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, October 29, 2005

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 700-799 | 129.75-134.35 | 134.35 | 700-799 | 108.75-111.50 | 113.50 |
| 600-699 | 134.35-150.00 | 150.00 | 600-699 | 111.50-128.00 | 137.00 |
| 500-599 | 147.00-157.50 | 174.00 | 500-599 | 132.00-144.25 | 144.25 |
| 400-499 | 165.00-178.00 | 184.00 | 400-499 | 139.00-144.25 | 144.25 |

Stocker Sale: D.H. Hickson, October 28, 2005

| STEERS | Price Range | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 900-999 | 90.00-119.25 | 119.25 | 800-899 | 74.00-111.00 | 111.00 |
| 800-899 | 84.00-118.50 | 118.50 | 700-799 | 70.00-117.00 | 117.00 |
| 700-799 | 88.00-125.25 | 125.25 | 600-699 | 107.00-130.00 | 130.00 |
| 600-699 | 93.00-136.50 | 136.50 | 500-599 | 74.00-121.00 | 121.00 |
| 500-599 | 95.00-141.00 | 141.00 | | | |
| 400-499 | 100.00-155.00 | 155.00 | | | |

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

| | Steers | Heifers |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| October 22, 2005 | 845 | 783 |
| October 23, 2004 | 851 | 781 |

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

| | Week Ending Oct. 22, 2005 | YTD | % of Yr. Ago |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Grand Total | 60,346 | 3,026,323 | 102% |
| Alberta Slaughter | 35,655 | 2,025,118 | 97% |
| Ontario Slaughter | 13,113 | 525,439 | 103% |

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

| | Week Ending Oct 29, 2005 | Last Week | Year Ago |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Grand Total | 635,000 | 621,000 | 644,000 |

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

| | Choice 600-900 | Select 600-900 |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cutout Values: (noon estimate) | 144.87 | 131.87 |
| Change: (from yesterday's close) | +0.07 | +0.56 |
| Current 5 day average: | 145.66 | 131.84 |

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

U.S. is a typical Monday with things very quiet. Early asking prices are \$91 live and \$142 dressed.

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| Choice and select steers and heifers: | Live | N/T |
| | Rail | N/T |

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were:

| Live Cattle | | Feeder Cattle | | Corn | | Soybeans | | Canadian \$ | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| \$/cwt US | | \$/cwt US | | \$/bu US ¢/bu | | \$/bu US ¢/bu | | | |
| Oct | 88.50 -0.50 | Nov | 115.85 +0.50 | Dec | 1.962 -0.6 | Nov | 5.646 -0.2 | Spot | 84.63 -0.27 |
| Dec | 90.92 -0.37 | Jan | 113.87 +0.35 | Mar | 2.102 -0.2 | Jan | 5.760 -1.4 | Dec | 84.69 -0.34 |
| Feb | 94.35 -0.02 | Mar | 110.60 +0.00 | May | 2.186 -0.4 | Mar | 5.842 -1.6 | Mar | 84.91 -0.34 |
| Apr | 91.07 -0.25 | Apr | 109.05 -0.10 | July | 2.256 -1.0 | May | 5.894 -3.0 | May | 85.14 -0.34 |

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