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Thursday December 8, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 170.00
A grade heifers 169.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 1,775 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	112.00-118.00	118.00	800-899	112.00-118.00	118.00
700-799	111.00-122.75	127.50	700-799	102.50-118.00	118.00
600-699	112.00-130.00	132.00	600-699	99.00-114.00	118.00
500-599	129.00-142.00	145.00	500-599	102.50-127.75	127.75
400-499	131.00-146.00	146.00	400-499	114.00-121.00	121.00

At time of reporting replacement cattle are selling actively at strong prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 650 fed cattle, 400 cows, 300 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	98.00-104.75	112.75
Good fed heifers	97.00-103.00	104.75
Cows	20.00-31.00	46.00
Holstein steers	76.00-81.00	
Stocker steers +800	104.00-123.00	
Stocker steers 600-800	98.00-120.00	
Lightweight steers	105.00-125.00	
Stocker heifers +700	94.00-111.00	
Stocker heifers 500-700	94.00-122.00	
Lightweight heifers	102.00-107.00	

Fed cattle sold \$2-3 higher, cows sold \$1-2 higher and stockers sold strong

Ontario Auction Sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	88.00-103.50	97.49	103.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	91.55-102.02	97.46	103.75
Cows	17.64-31.06	24.25	68.00
Bulls	25.00-45.50	29.53	85.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 7, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	109.50-123.00	124.25	+900	105.50-114.75	116.75
900-999	114.50-127.50	128.25	800-899	109.25-117.25	117.25
700-799	99.00-129.50	129.50			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was moderately active with prices steady to slightly softer.

Steers	Live	91.75-94.25	Flat rail	157.00
Heifers	Live	93.25-95.35	Flat rail	155.00-157.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was light with prices \$1-2 lower than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers: **Live** 91.50-92.00
 Rail 146.00-147.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	154.91	143.47
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.30	+0.56
Current 5 day average:	152.33	141.50

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				
Dec	92.42	-0.32	Jan	114.77	-0.92	Dec	1.882	+1.2	Jan	5.666	+7.6	Spot	86.30	-0.07		
Feb	95.50	-0.47	Mar	114.10	-0.95	Mar	2.016	+0.6	Mar	5.754	+8.0	Dec	86.30	-0.11		
Apr	94.10	-0.32	Apr	113.05	-0.55	May	2.106	+1.2	May	5.796	+8.4	Mar	86.51	-0.11		
Jun	87.35	-0.30	May	112.35	-0.65	Jul	2.190	+0.6	Jul	5.864	+9.4	May	86.72	-0.11		

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