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Thursday December 15, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 167.00-170.00
A grade heifers 167.00-170.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 2,000 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	111.00-119.75	119.75	800-899	105.00-111.00	111.00
700-799	118.25-129.75	129.75	700-799	109.00-115.00	116.50
600-699	122.00-133.50	133.50	600-699	106.50-121.00	122.50
500-599	125.00-143.50	147.00	500-599	105.50-125.50	125.50
400-499	117.50-140.00	145.00	400-499	98.00-120.00	120.00

Replacement cattle sold actively with steers trading \$2-5 higher and heifers traded steady to strong.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 800 fed cattle, 600 cows, 300 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	97.00-107.00	111.25
Good fed heifers	96.00-107.75	109.00
Cows	20.00-35.00	52.00
Holstein steers	71.00-83.25	
Stocker steers +700	102.00-118.00	
Stocker steers 500-700	108.00-131.00	
Lightweight steers	112.00-138.00	
Stocker heifers +700	93.00-112.00	
Stocker heifers 500-700	102.00-130.00	
Lightweight heifers	110.00-135.00	

Fed cattle sold strong to \$1 higher, cows sold \$2-3 higher and stockers sold on a good steady trade.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	85.00-101.00	94.98	107.25
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	85.50-101.00	96.34	107.00
Cows	19.70-35.25	26.67	35.50
Bulls	30.00-38.50	34.49	56.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 14, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	106.00-126.00	126.00	+900	98.75-105.00	105.00
900-999	111.50-122.50	124.25	800-899	95.00-108.50	114.00
800-899	115.50-129.50	129.50	700-799	100.00-115.50	118.50
700-799	114.50-129.00	130.00			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes, December 14, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	99.00-121.25	121.25	600-699	81.00-120.00	120.00
600-699	73.00-133.00	133.00	500-599	74.50-126.00	126.00
500-599	85.00-152.50	152.50	400-499	71.00-114.00	114.00
400-499	110.50-147.50	147.50			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was light with prices steady to \$1.50 higher.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	160.50
Heifers	Live	95.30-97.40	Flat rail	158.00-160.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a few cleanup sales in the south. Trade is finished for the week and next week is expected to be very light.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	95.00
	Rail	N/T

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	160.11	146.81
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.53	+0.46
Current 5 day average:	156.09	145.01

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	94.32	-0.27	Jan	113.82	-1.00	Mar	2.046	-2.4	Jan	5.872	-5.2	Spot	86.37	-0.48
Feb	96.20	-0.67	Mar	113.22	-0.97	May	2.140	-2.2	Mar	5.980	-5.4	Dec	86.37	-0.48
Apr	94.05	-0.60	Apr	112.40	-0.95	Jul	2.224	-2.2	May	6.062	-5.0	Mar	86.59	-0.48
Jun	86.65	-0.70	May	112.00	-0.70	Sep	2.314	-1.6	Jul	6.136	-3.6	May	86.80	-0.48

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