



Daily Market Information Report



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Monday December 19, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 169.00-172.00
A grade heifers 169.00-172.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the Ontario Stockyards: 65 veal calves

	Price Range	Top
Veal calves +600	91.00-117.00	139.50
Veal calves 451-600	76.00-114.00	115.00

Good calves sold steady to stronger while plainer types sold barely steady.

At Talbotville Livestock: December 17, 2005 – 614 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	92.00-108.00	112.75
Good & choice heifers	93.00-106.00	110.00
Cows	22.00-33.00	
Bulls	30.00-41.50	

Fancy fed cattle sold stronger, plainer types, cows and bulls sold strong.

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, December 16, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.50-124.75	124.75	900+	94.00-106.75	112.00
900-999	113.75-127.00	127.00	800-899	101.00-116.50	116.50
800-899	94.00-126.50	128.50	700-799	90.00-115.00	120.75
700-799	106.00-129.00	129.00	600-699	95.00-125.50	125.50
600-699	114.00-131.50	136.50	500-599	96.00-120.00	121.00
500-599	108.00-142.50	144.00	400-499	90.00-122.00	122.00
400-499	95.00-143.00	143.00	300-399	75.00-133.00	133.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
December 10, 2005	853	791
December 11, 2004	831	773

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 10, 2005		
Grand Total	69,877	3,482,566	100%
Alberta Slaughter	44,326	2,302,265	94%
Ontario Slaughter	12,806	623,950	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Dec 17, 2005		
Grand Total	637,000	610,000	618,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	160.84	148.68
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.97	+1.59
Current 5 day average:	158.28	146.33

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

U.S. market is quiet with trade not expected until Wednesday or Thursday. Trade volume is expected to be smaller this week. Early asking prices are \$97 live and \$156 dressed.

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			
Dec	95.77	+0.25	Jan	114.57	+0.25	Mar	2.086	+1.2	Jan	6.084	+16.2	Spot	85.63	-0.77	
Feb	96.80	-0.27	Mar	114.07	+0.22	May	2.176	+1.4	Mar	6.204	+18.0	Dec	85.62	-0.72	
Apr	94.62	-0.07	Apr	113.57	+0.30	July	2.266	+1.4	May	6.282	+17.6	Mar	85.83	-0.73	
Jun	86.85	-0.12	May	112.90	+0.10	Sep	2.350	+1.0	Jul	6.344	+16.4	May	86.04	-0.73	

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