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Wednesday December 21, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 170.00-172.00
A grade heifers 170.00-172.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – Light offering of steers and heifers, 210 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	100.00-105.00	109.00
Fancy fed heifers	99.00-104.00	106.00
Cows	29.00-40.00	87.00
Bulls	32.00-42.00	

A light offering of steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$3-5 higher. Cows and bulls traded actively at steady to stronger prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 311 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers +800	113.00-123.75	125.00
Steers 600-800	112.00-124.50	127.00
Heifers +700	108.75-114.75	116.00
Cows	25.00-37.00	41.50

Stockers sold active with prices \$4-5 higher and cows sold strong at prices \$2-3 higher.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	100.25-107.25	103.93	111.50
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	95.50-108.75	102.42	109.00
Cows	18.50-34.06	26.10	68.00
Bulls	23.50-34.76	30.67	45.00

Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock, December 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	122.25-122.75	122.75	700-799	70.50-104.50	115.50
600-699	108.50-136.25	136.25	600-699	84.00-109.00	111.50
500-599	123.00-139.25	145.00	500-599	110.50-122.75	122.75
400-499	98.00-143.00	143.00	400-499	100.00-125.00	125.00

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	November 2005	November 2004
Steers	5,788	7,131
Heifers	3,813	3,766
Cows	2,622	2,444
Bulls	962	1,097

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was light to moderate in the south with prices \$1 higher than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	96.00-96.50
	Rail	N/T

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	162.96	148.42
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+1.01	+0.42
Current 5 day average:	160.26	147.38

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	95.50	-1.12	Jan	114.07	-0.97	Mar	2.100	+0.2	Jan	6.064	+1.2	Spot	85.64	+0.34
Feb	96.17	-1.10	Mar	113.95	-0.80	May	2.190	+0.2	Mar	6.190	+2.4	Dec	85.83	+0.38
Apr	94.32	-0.70	Apr	113.52	-0.90	July	2.276	+0.4	May	6.270	+1.0	Mar	86.04	+0.38
Jun	86.70	-0.45	May	112.60	-0.90	Sep	2.356	+0.0	Jul	6.334	+1.0	Jun	86.25	+0.38

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