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Thursday December 22, 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 – 940 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	114.00-133.50	141.50	600-699	98.00-127.00	137.00
500-599	116.00-141.00	150.25	500-599	105.00-127.75	127.75
400-499	127.00-150.00	150.00	400-499	95.00-117.50	117.50

Replacement cattle sold actively at steady prices.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 280 fed cattle, 350 cows, 150 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	102.00-111.75	115.25
Good fed heifers	102.00-109.00	111.75
Cows	22.00-36.50	42.00
Holstein steers	76.00-83.00	
Stocker steers +800	105.00-115.00	
Lightweight steers	112.00-141.00	
Stocker heifers +700	94.00-107.00	
Lightweight heifers	107.00-124.00	
Veal calves	95.00-112.00	

Fed cattle and cows sold \$1-2 higher, stockers and holstein steers sold strong.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	100.00-109.00	104.24	109.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	93.14-99.94	97.47	106.00
Cows	17.58-32.36	25.80	87.00
Bulls	29.00-40.00	34.77	46.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 21, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	98.00-118.75	121.00	+900	108.75-114.75	114.75
900-999	116.25-123.75	125.00	800-899	96.00-116.00	116.00
800-899	108.50-116.50	120.75			
700-799	109.50-127.00	127.00			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was active with prices \$2-3 higher

Steers	Live	96.75-98.50	Flat rail	162.50-164.00
Heifers	Live	97.25-100.15	Flat rail	162.50-163.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was light to moderate with prices \$0.50-\$1.00 lower than yesterday.

Choice and select steers and heifers: **Live** 92.00-95.50
 Rail Very few \$152.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	158.21	147.67
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.53	-0.15
Current 5 day average:	160.29	147.67

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	94.77	-0.72	Jan	113.60	-0.47	Mar	2.126	+2.6	Jan	6.126	+6.2	Spot	85.86	+0.22			
Feb	95.55	-0.62	Mar	113.32	-0.62	May	2.214	+2.4	Mar	6.252	+6.2	Mar	86.05	+0.22			
Apr	93.80	-0.52	Apr	112.95	-0.57	Jul	2.296	+2.0	May	6.342	+7.2	Jun	86.26	+0.22			
Jun	86.35	-0.35	May	112.40	-0.20	Sep	2.374	+1.6	Jul	6.406	+7.2	Sep	86.47	+0.22			

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