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Tuesday January 6, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

Prices reported for Monday January 5, 2009

A grade steers 170.00-176.00
A grade heifers 169.00-175.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock** – 465 fed cattle, 350 cows.

	Price Range	Top
Choice steers & heifers	102.00-107.00	109.00
Second cut cattle	99.00-102.00	
Good Cows	50.00-56.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold \$2.00 higher on a strong active trade. Cows traded on a steady market.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange**: 260 Veal, 300 Cows

	Price Range	Top Price
Cows	42.00-54.00	83.00
Good Beef	130.00-142.00	
Good Hol	98.00-116.00	
Med Hol	90.00-98.00	
Heavy Hol	94.00-104.00	

Veal sold on a good active trade at steady prices. Cows traded steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Cows	29.74-49.38	38.73	75.00
Bulls (all weights)	51.85-62.37	58.22	74.00
Veal calves 600+	95.32-118.71	107.86	135.00
Veal calves -125	46.58-111.24	85.98	310.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center – Jan 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	88.00-101.00	94.25	101.00	400-499	80.50-90.00	81.69	90.00
500-599	67.00-103.00	95.92	103.00				

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

US cash cattle trade was quiet with little business expected before the second half of the week. Early asking prices are at \$88.00-\$90.00 live and \$140.00 plus dressed but odds are they will be higher tomorrow following today's strength in the live cattle futures.

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

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 20, 2008	832	787
Dec 22, 2007	862	806

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 27, 2008	827	786
Dec 29, 2007	859	795

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 20, 2008		
Grand Total	66,847	3,164,504	100%
Alberta Slaughter	47,759	2,201,812	103%
Ontario Slaughter	10,606	554,516	93%

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 27, 2008		
Grand Total	35,193	3,199,697	100%
Alberta Slaughter	26,006	2,227,817	103%
Ontario Slaughter	5,224	559,740	93%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 20, 08	Week ending Dec 13, 08	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	4,388	4,895	214,001
Steers & Heifers	3,743	4,342	186,033
Cows	641	547	25,865
Bulls	4	6	2,103

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	145.80	136.36
Change: (from Friday's close)	+0.83	+0.72
Current 5 day average:	143.79	135.57

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures for today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$						
	\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US		¢/bu							
Feb	88.55	+1.00	Jan	96.12	-0.87	Mar	4.274	+16.2	Jan	10.142	+30.4	Spot	84.77	+0.67
Apr	91.32	+0.92	Mar	95.97	-0.75	May	4.380	+16.4	Mar	10.160	+29.0	Mar	84.74	+0.67
Jun	88.20	+0.27	Apr	97.00	-0.45	Jul	4.480	+16.4	May	10.272	+29.0	Jun	84.84	+0.66
Aug	88.60	+0.77	May	98.27	-0.72	Sep	4.576	+16.2	Jul	10.382	+29.0	Sep	85.01	+0.66
Oct	92.30	+0.90	Aug	99.90	-0.65	Dec	4.712	+16.0	Aug	10.404	+29.0	Dec	85.10	+0.66
Dec	93.50	+0.85	Sep	100.85	-0.05	Mar	4.824	+15.4	Sep	10.374	+26.0	Mar	85.18	+0.66

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Changes to the OBCFPP Licenced Dealers List

Effective Immediately:

Now Licenced: Abbatoir

Ralph Bos Meats Ltd. RR 5, 3742 Egremont Drive, Strathroy, On N7G 3H6

Forage Variety Trials – A New Look

The Forage Variety Trial Brochure is now available for the first time at its own web site www.goforages.ca. This will take you directly to the brochure and to some forage information. If you are looking for further detail about forages please visit the site www.ontarioforagecouncil.com for links to technical information. The brochure will be distributed through the farm press but you can access the information anytime by this web site.

In the past alfalfa varieties have been reported as a per cent of the yield of Saranac. Starting this year, varieties will be compared to the average of the tests they were in to determine their yield index. This change has been made to give the best comparison of yields and to keep the tests as efficient as possible. The absolute index of a particular variety may be slightly different than last year but the rankings of varieties stayed the same in comparison to their contemporaries when computer analysis was done. This system is now similar to how other species are tested. It allows for future indexing without constantly referring to a fixed variety that is no longer available to the public or for testing.
