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Wednesday March 18, 2009

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 169.00-171.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards-** 325 fed steers & heifers, 330 cows, 25 bulls, 20 veal

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	99.00-104.00	106.75
Fancy fed heifers	99.00-104.00	106.25
Export Cows	48.00-58.00	62.00
Good Cows	49.00-60.00	68.00
Bulls	58.00-68.00	70.50

Cows and bulls sold actively at strong prices. All steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher. Veal sold steady to Monday. 900 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange-** 830 stockers

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	105.00-110.75	
Steers 800-1000	103.00-111.50	
Steers 600-800	108.00-116.50	
Heifers +800	98.00-103.50	

Feeder cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher.

At Denfield Livestock – March 17 2009- 100 Cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-105.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-105.75
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00 top 80.50	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-58.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-45.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$150.00
Shells	30.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00

All classes of fed cattle traded on a strong demand at prices \$2.00-\$4.00 higher with fancy cattle bringing premium prices and American orders strong. Cows traded strong at fully steady prices with Montreal orders very active. Stockers sold steady and Holstein bull calves traded steady.

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009 12 replacement calves, 4 bulls, 73 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	50.00-82.00	Cows D1 & D2	48.00-56.00 top 66.00
Bulls	42.00-59.00 top 75.00	Cows D3	44.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-45.00

Cows traded at prices \$3.00 cwt higher.

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 17, 2009-** 327 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	94.00-113.50	104.65	113.50	600-699	104.50-112.00	109.00	112.00
700-799	105.00-118.00	114.30	118.00	500-599	105.00-117.00	112.15	117.00
600-699	114.50-126.50	121.79	126.50	400-499	91.0-119.00	107.67	119.50
500-599	118.00-127.50	125.78	127.50				
400-499	120.00-133.50	129.94	133.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 17, 2009 -** 159 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	75.00-127.50	96.91	127.50	700-799	75.00-101.50	88.85	101.50
500-599	70.00-136.00	113.25	136.00	600-699	76.00-107.50	93.29	107.50
400-499	91.00-130.00	115.73	130.00	500-599	63.00-116.00	97.87	116.00
				400-499	82.50-117.50	99.91	117.50

March 20- Quinte Cattlemen’s Association Stocker Sale- Vaccinations preferred.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009-** 165 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	88.00-94.00	900+	88.00-93.00
900-999	95.00-101.00	800-899	90.00-96.00
800-899	95.00-106.50	700-799	90.00-102.00
700-799	96.00-113.00	600-699	94.00-107.00
600-699	109.00-117.50	500-599	104.00-113.50
500-599	112.00-124.00	400-499	110.00-121.00
400-499	115.00-133.00	300-399	110.00-119.50
399-	115.00-128.00		

Stockers sold at prices \$3.00 cwt higher.

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: Vaccinated Sale, March 17, 2009-** 739 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	94.50-105.00	102.88	105.50	900+	88.50-95.00	90.30	95.00
900-999	102.50-106.00	103.64	106.00	800-899	97.75-104.00	102.61	104.00
800-899	105.00-110.00	107.89	112.50	700-799	94.00-105.75	98.48	109.00
700-799	109.00-117.00	112.94	118.50	600-699	103.50-112.00	107.57	112.50
600-699	116.75-124.50	120.52	124.50	500-599	110.50-116.50	114.24	116.50
500-599	118.00-127.75	124.65	134.00	400-499	107.00-116.00	111.80	116.00
400-499	124.00-137.00	132.68	137.00				

A better quality offering of replacement cattle sold at fully steady to stronger prices.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	99.00-105.25	102.16	105.25
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	96.50-105.00	101.12	105.00
Cows	41.07-58.07	50.52	90.00
Bulls all weights	63.21-66.82	64.46	87.00
Veal 600 lbs +	78.00-96.50	88.07	128.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	50.00-102.50	80.32	155.00

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	134.80	134.65
Change: (from yesterday’s close)	-0.81	+0.13
Current 5 day average:	135.68	134.98

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday was untested with business expected to develop today.

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 remained quiet again today with little business expected before Thursday. Asking prices are holding firm at \$84.00 live and \$133.00-\$135.00 dressed.

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

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						
Apr	83.55	-0.75	Mar	93.07	+0.47	Mar	3.882	-2.2	Mar	9.150	+2.0	Spot	80.03	+1.30
Jun	81.40	-0.52	Apr	92.92	+0.12	May	3.984	-2.2	May	9.116	+1.2	Mar	80.11	+1.31
Aug	82.82	-0.40	May	94.05	-0.27	Jul	4.072	-2.0	Jul	8.960	+0.0	Jun	80.24	+1.29
Oct	86.57	-0.07	Aug	97.77	-0.15	Sep	4.186	-2.0	Aug	8.680	-4.4	Sep	80.41	+1.27
Dec	89.15	-0.10	Sep	98.70	-0.02	Dec	4.296	-1.4	Sep	8.560	-5.0	Dec	80.53	+1.27
Feb	90.35	-0.15	Oct	98.80	-0.20	Mar	4.360	-2.0	Nov	8.654	-7.0	Mar	80.65	+1.27

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