



Daily Market Information Report – Monday, August 27, 2018

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by Beef Farmers of Ontario.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts, *regardless of delivery date.*

A Grade Steers	228.00-232.00
A Grade Heifers	227.00-232.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Ontario Stockyards Inc.:** **53** veal on offer

	Price Range	Top
Veal 600 lbs +	106.00-116.00	130.00

Good light weight calves sold barely steady with heavy calves trading lower by \$15.00 cwt. All others sold lower.
September 13th @ 11:00 am- Special Fall Yearling Sale- in conjunction with regular sale!

At **Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, August 25, 2018** – **78**cows, **4** bulls, **32** veal, **22** stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	51.00-87.00	64.71	100.00
Veal 600 lbs +	100.00-125.00	110.93	125.00
Veal 125 lbs and less	100.00-170.00	128.83	170.00

Veal sold strong, stockers sold very steady and cows and bulls sold on a steady market. *Wednesday September 19th @ 10:00 am- Special Stocker Sale.*

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Brussels Livestock: August 24, 2018** – **928** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	150.50-174.75	161.96	177.50	900+	137.00-163.50	149.03	163.50
900-999	170.50-186.50	180.59	186.50	800-899	153.50-178.50	166.56	180.25
800-899	179.00-205.00	195.51	205.00	700-799	145.00-177.50	160.68	183.00
700-799	179.00-212.50	197.14	212.50	600-699	159.00-183.00	171.84	192.00
600-699	181.00-222.00	202.13	235.00	500-599	169.00-210.00	193.47	210.00
500-599	187.00-248.00	216.51	267.00	400-499	195.00-218.00	207.89	235.00
400-499	205.00-247.00	229.57	260.00	300-399	188.00-240.00	205.57	245.00
399-	249.00-267.00	262.08	281.00				

Calves and yearlings sold on a strong active trade at steady prices.

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES

Stocker sale at **Rainy River Cattlemen's Sale-Stratton: August 25, 2018** – **763** Stockers, **132** cows, **32** bulls

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	138.99-167.99	157.00	167.99	800-899	147.99-175.00	172.39	175.00
900-999	141.99-178.00	171.30	178.00	700-799	148.99-187.00	179.20	187.00
800-899	166.99-193.99	188.59	193.88	600-699	119.99-194.99	182.47	194.99
700-799	116.99-202.99	184.60	202.99	500-599	126.00-200.99	185.69	200.99
600-699	122.99-225.99	198.39	225.99	400-499	155.00-180.00	167.79	180.00
500-599	130.00-242.49	212.40	242.49	Cows	56.00-100.49	79.40	151.00
400-499	119.99-235.00	209.39	235.00	Bulls 1600 lbs -	81.00-157.49	109.80	185.00
399-	130.00-231.00	183.80	231.00	Bulls 1600 lbs +	97.49-109.29	104.40	109.29

A good offering of stockers, with mainly yearlings on offer, sold on a strong demand. Cows sold actively at strong prices. *September 29th @ 8:30 am- Next Special Fall Stocker Sale!*

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO-(This report has been changed by USDA placing fed cattle and cows into one category)

	Week ending Aug 11, 2018	Week ending Aug 4, 2018	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,358	1,876	71,043
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,032	1,530	61,457
Bulls	326	346	9,586

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Aug 18, 2018	900	827
Aug 11, 2018	886	818
Aug 19, 2017	890	805

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING (week of Civic Holiday)

	Week Ending Aug 11, 2018	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	67,148	+14,468	1,873,066	+27%	+7%
Western Slaughter	53,620	+11,746	1,461,500	+28%	+8%
Eastern Slaughter	13,528	+2,722	411,566	+25%	+4%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending August 25, 2018	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	636,000	660,000	645,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	214.92	206.15
Change (from yesterday's close):	+1.60	+2.33
Current Five Day Average:	213.85	203.63

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade for last week, reported by the USDA Mandatory Price Report, listed live sales for the week from \$105.00-\$110.00 with steers averaging \$109.02 down \$0.89 from the previous week, while heifers averaged \$108.77 down \$1.22. On the rail prices ranged from \$168.00-\$174.00 dressed, with steers averaging \$172.78 down \$0.32 while heifers averaged \$172.94 down \$0.16 from the previous week on average. Today the market was quiet as both sides took inventory and new show lists were distributed. Asking prices are currently unestablished but trade is expected to develop by midweek in order to get it completed before the long weekend. This week's offering is mixed, with larger volumes in the south, steady in Colorado and fewer in Nebraska.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	105.00-110.00
	Rail	168.00-174.00

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			
Aug	108.20 +1.95	Aug	150.22 +1.02	Sep	3.466 -1.6	Sep	8.346 -7.2	Spot	77.13 +0.37
Oct	109.30 +2.60	Sep	150.67 +3.20	Dec	3.614 -1.2	Nov	8.482 -7.0	Sep	77.16 +0.37
Dec	113.65 +2.45	Oct	150.07 +3.35	Mar	3.740 -1.0	Jan	8.616 -6.2	Dec	77.28 +0.38
Feb	117.05 +2.45	Nov	150.57 +3.60	May	3.814 -0.6	Mar	8.750 -6.2	Mar	77.39 +0.38
Apr	118.00 +2.25	Jan	148.05 +2.60	Jul	3.872 -0.4	May	8.864 -6.0	Jun	77.48 +0.39
Jun	111.77 +2.17	Mar	147.60 +2.60	Sep	3.880 -0.6	Jul	8.962 -5.4	Sep	77.57 +0.39



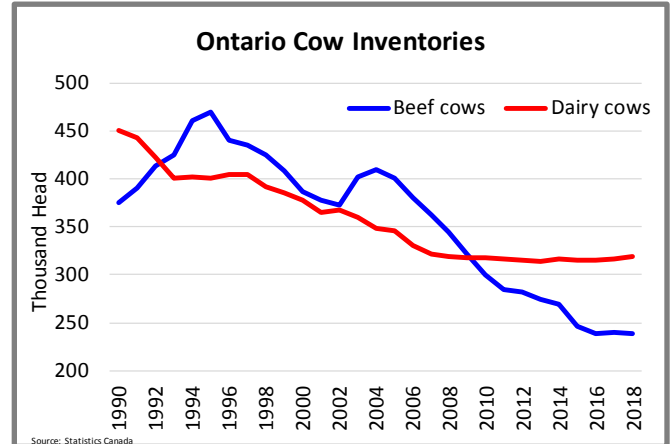
July 1st Cattle Inventories

The Ontario cattle inventories on July 1, 2018 were down 0.5% to 1.6 million head, the lowest since 1871. Provincial cattle numbers peaked in the 1960s and early 1970s but since then have been pressured lower with increased competition for land – from urban expansion and annual crops. After contracting from 1976 to 1993, inventories were relatively stable, fluctuating around 2.2 million head before contracting again starting in 2006.

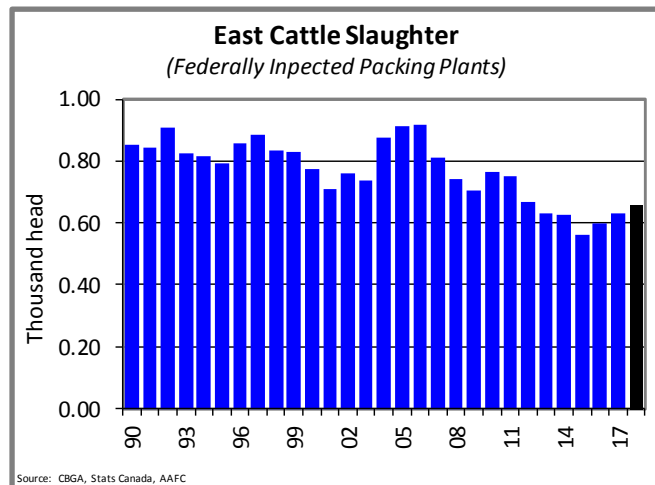
Beef cow inventories were down 0.5% while dairy cows were up 0.9%. Between 1992 and 2009, Ontario had more beef cows than dairy. But since 2007, dairy cow inventories have been stable around 320,000 head; while beef cow inventories have dropped to 239,100 head representing 43% of total cows. Beef cows have stabilized since 2016 leaving total cow inventories at 558,200 head.

After the slight increase in dairy cows last year and this year, the reduction in dairy heifers for breeding would point towards a stable herd going into 2019.

Beef breeding heifers were up 3.3% on July 1st while historically low at 46,500 head. This represents 19.4% of beef cow numbers, which is inline with the relationship seen since 2016 when inventories stabilized and is the highest since 2002. There is no indication that breeding heifer numbers are large enough to support expansion. As weather conditions impact hay supplies, beef cow numbers going into 2019 will be largely determined by culling rates this fall.



1,000 head	2017	2018	% change
Bulls	18.6	18.3	-1.6%
Beef cows	240.2	239.1	-0.5%
Dairy cows	316.3	319.1	0.9%
Dairy Heifers	155.1	151.6	-2.3%
Beef Heifers (breeding)	45.0	46.5	3.3%
Beef Heifers (slaughter)	121.6	124.1	2.1%
Steers (>1 yr)	315.2	311.4	-1.2%
Calves	410.5	403.7	-1.7%
Total	1,622.5	1,613.8	-0.5%



The 2018 calf crop at 403,700 head is down 1.7% or 6,800 head. The steady decline in the calf crop over the last decade has increased reliance on calves imported from other provinces. Consequently, the supply of steers and slaughter heifers is relatively stable and should leave fed cattle marketings in the second half of 2018 similar to last year's levels.

The smaller calf crop will ensure there is competition by feedlots to fill pens this fall. Eastern cattle slaughter has averaged 624,000 head since 2012 with a range of 561-667,000 head. In 2018, slaughter is projected to be up 4% to 657,000 head to be the highest since 2012. Stabilizing eastern slaughter levels depends upon bringing cattle into the region. - Brenna Grant

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