



Daily Market Information Report – Thursday December 23, 2021

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:

A Grade Steers	280.00- bids. No trade reported today.
A Grade Heifers	279.00-280.00 -bids. No trade reported today.

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Ontario Livestock Exchange:** 290 Cows, 191 Stockers

	Price Range	Top
Good Cows	59.00-77.00	122.00
Stocker steers 700+	155.00-201.50	
Lightweight steers	170.00-201.00	
Stocker heifers 700+	N/T	
Lightweight heifers	143.00-185.00	

Due to the Christmas holiday a light offering of fed cattle saw too few to establish a market. Fed cows sold on a good demand at firm prices. Stockers sold on a steady market with quality considered. *Most sales over the holiday season will go as regularly scheduled. Closed Dec 24-26th, open Dec 27th @ 3:00 pm for receiving. Closed Dec 31-Jan 2nd, open Jan 3, 2022 after 3:00 pm for receiving.*

Today at **Brussels Livestock:** 110 Veal

	Price Range	Top
Good Beef veal	193.00-196.00	
Good Holsteins	187.00-205.00	208.00
Slightly Heavy Holsteins	160.00-183.00	
Heavy Holsteins 800 lbs +	130.00-165.00	
Medium Holsteins	130.00-150.00	

Veal sold on a strong active trade at stronger prices. *All sales over the holiday season will go as usual!*

Today at **Ontario Stockyards- 96** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	166.00-177.50	174.44	187.00	700-799	150.00-179.00	165.82	179.00
600-699	167.00-212.50	187.79	212.50	600-699	162.50-187.50	179.45	187.50
500-599	102.50-213.00	154.89	213.00	500-599	150.00-190.00	167.75	190.00
400-499	177.50-215.00	204.75	215.00	400-499	155.00-191.00	175.50	191.00
399-	185.00-232.0	200.67	232.00				

No Sale December 27th- On December 29th at 9:00 am- Veal, Lambs, goats and sheep. 12:00 pm- Cows, bulls and fat cattle! December 30th – Regular Sale.

At **Aylmer Stockyards Inc.:** December 22, 2021 – 29 veal, 210 Cows, 79 fed cattle, 14 stockers, 6 bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	82.99-148.99	115.19	148.99
Cows	40.00-82.99	58.89	126.49
Veal over 600 lbs	100.00-167.99	134.20	167.99

192 replacement calves sold between \$5.00 - \$460.00 for an average of \$156.56 per head. *All sales over the holiday season will go as usual!*

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	4	Not enough to	report	
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	18	150.11-161.33	157.20	172.00
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000 lbs +	87	80.92-141.87	109.15	148.99
Cows	405	43.39-77.93	58.03	126.49
Bulls under 1600 lbs	8	68.69-123.44	100.44	135.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	8	75.24-89.94	83.81	94.00
Veal 600+ lbs	15	102.67-153.86	128.35	167.99
Veal -125 lbs	217	85.00-420.00	161.65	450.00

To check out individual auction market results on the Ontario Beef website go to <http://www.ontariobeef.com/markets/marketreports.aspx>

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 22, 2021 – 211** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	185.00-209.50	196.38	209.50	900+	159.00-171.50	167.33	171.50
900-999	179.00-213.50	200.53	213.50				
800-899	200.00-215.50	209.82	215.50				

A light offering of feeder cattle sold on a steady market.

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	263.07	252.89
Change (from yesterday's close):	+1.21	+2.06
Current Five Day Average:	262.32	249.56

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending Dec 18, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	58,308	-3,245	3,162,771	-5%	+8%
Western Slaughter	45,061	-2,995	2,501,128	-6%	+8%
Eastern Slaughter	13,247	-250	661,643	-2%	+6%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 18, 2021	939	846
Dec 11, 2021	941	843
Dec 12, 2020	942	855

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade saw light trade on Wednesday with prices steady to last week at \$276.00-\$278.00 delivered on a dressed basis with delivery in three to five weeks notes Canfax. Light business is expected to continue today. Canfax reports: "Over the past couple of weeks there has been a couple instances where packers have been limiting the amount of cattle they are buying from each producer. Heading into January packers likely have a few more contract cattle compared to December. Fed cattle supplies are going to stay ample over the next couple of months."

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail -delivered	276.00-278.00
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail -delivered	276.00-278.00

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

The US cash cattle trade on Tuesday was light with live sales mainly at \$135.00 down \$2.00 cwt in both the north and the south with a few dressed deals from \$215.00-\$217.00. Wednesday trade in the south held at the \$135.00 price, down \$2.00 from last week while deals in the north ranged from \$135.00-\$140.00 live, steady to \$2.00 easier with dressed trade from \$216.00-\$218.00 which is steady to \$2.00 below last week. Today the market was quiet with just a few bids noted in the north at \$135.00 live and \$217.00 dressed, but no selling interest was reported. Business for the week is completed.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 135.00-140.00
Rail 216.00-218.00

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures **today** were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
Dec	137.05	+1.30	Jan	163.45	+1.67	Mar	6.056	+3.2	Jan	13.320	+3.2	Spot	78.05	+0.19
Feb	139.62	+2.25	Mar	163.75	+1.82	May	6.072	+3.2	Mar	13.406	+5.6	Mar	78.09	+0.23
Apr	143.92	+1.80	Apr	167.37	+1.82	Jul	6.060	+3.4	May	13.482	+7.2	Jun	78.04	+0.22
Jun	138.25	+1.25	May	169.90	+1.62	Sep	5.722	+1.4	Jul	13.520	+6.6	Sep	77.95	+0.22
Aug	137.25	+1.15	Aug	178.95	+0.85	Dec	5.534	+2.0	Aug	13.354	+5.4	Dec	77.85	+0.23
Oct	140.17	+1.00	Sep	179.77	+0.77	Mar	5.604	+1.6	Sep	12.962	+3.2	Mar	77.75	+0.23

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Merry Christmas!

The next report will be on Wed Dec 29, 2021.