



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – WEDNESDAY Apr 30, 2025

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts for Apr 30, 2025:

A Grade Steers	\$480.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of May 26th
A Grade Heifers	\$479.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of May 26th

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **738 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Top
1000+	361.00-388.50				
800-1000	377.00-402.00	430.00			

Feeder cattle sold actively at stronger prices. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wednesday @ 1:00 pm.**

Today at Ontario Stockyards Inc: **30 Steers & Heifers, 154 Cows & Bulls**

	Price Range	Top
Good Beef Cows	185.00-215.00	245.00
Good Dairy Cows	170.00-200.00	212.00
Plain/Medium Cows	165.00-170.00	
Fancy Steers & Heifers	275.00-290.00	294.00
Choice Steers & Heifers	-	-
Bulls	204.00-235.00	238.00

Cows sold stronger. Fats sold steady. **1,000 stockers are expected for Thursday's sale. Stocker sales every Thursday @ 11:00 am.**

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Apr 29, 2025 – 204 Fed Cattle, 70 Cows, 7 Bulls, 14 Veals**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	282.50-296.50	290.94	319.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	286.75-300.00	293.16	310.00
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250 lbs	285.50-290.50	288.96	290.50
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	219.00-290.00	257.94	290.00
Cows	160.00-234.00	191.39	250.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	175.00-239.00	216.00	239.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	198.00-235.00	219.00	235.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	249.00-265.00	257.08	270.00

Fed cattle sold strong and steady to last week's good trade. Beef cow sold higher while dairy cows held steady on the market. Drop calves traded steady at high prices. **May 3rd @11:00 am – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

At Hoard's Station Sale Barn: **Apr 29, 2025 – 183 Stockers, 90 Cows, 2 Bulls, 200 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	133.00-200.99	172.19	295.19
Veal 125 lbs and under	800.00-1680.00	1283.79	1680.00

Bob calves slightly easier. Cows sold stronger. Stockers sold steady to stronger. **May 2nd @11:00 am – Quinte Cattlemen's Special Stocker Sale**

Ontario auction sales on **Tuesday** saw weighted prices (cwt) for:

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	52	266.64-296.17	281.26	319.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	181	279.97-302.67	292.62	313.50
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250 lbs	15	281.40-286.07	284.63	290.50
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	32	204.89-248.11	227.14	290.00
Cows	538	146.58-209.73	177.29	295.19
Bulls under 1600 lbs	14	171.28-241.21	215.93	247.99
Bulls over 1600 lbs	43	184.58-233.18	214.71	241.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	433	239.97-297.77	267.79	357.50
Veal 125 lbs and under	157	827.92-1639.59	1269.34	1900.00

To check out individual auction market results on the BFO website go to <https://www.ontariobeef.com/market-info/auction-reports/individual-auction-market-reports/>

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Hoard's Station Sale Barn: Apr 29, 2025: 183 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	212.99-425.00	332.79	425.00	900+	160.00-224.00	188.70	314.99
600-699	304.99-475.00	419.59	475.00	700-799	360.00-402.50	374.90	402.50
500-599	395.00-577.50	486.89	577.50	600-699	329.99-484.99	402.40	484.99
400-499	502.50-645.00	557.69	645.00	500-599	329.99-515.00	435.50	515.00
				400-499	310.00-559.99	493.40	559.99

Stockers sold steady to stronger. **May 2nd @11:00 am – Quinte Cattlemen's Special Stocker Sale**

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market: Apr 29, 2025: 1,049 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	350.00-380.00	372.14	380.00	900+	310.00-350.00	334.87	350.00
900-999	400.00-409.00	404.26	409.00	800-899	360.00-400.00	378.89	415.00
800-899	428.00-482.50	459.31	482.50	700-799	430.00-470.00	449.51	490.00
700-799	450.00-507.50	478.21	507.50	600-699	430.00-527.50	481.53	555.00
600-699	520.00-610.00	565.54	610.00	500-599	472.50-545.00	509.03	545.00
500-599	570.00-660.00	622.02	660.00	400-499	490.00-582.50	545.38	582.50
400-499	617.5-677.50	630.60	677.50	300-399	495.00-610.00	560.88	610.00

All classes of stockers and feeder cattle sold sharply higher. **May 2nd @9:00 am – Special Spring Grass Cattle & Yearling sale**

Stocker sale at **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: Apr 29, 2025: 225 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	345.00-445.00	391.10	445.00	600-699	279.99-507.50	422.20	507.50
700-799	337.50-487.00	443.79	487.00	500-599	354.99-540.00	486.50	540.00
600-699	429.99-532.50	486.89	532.50	400-499	360.00-600.00	502.40	600.00
500-599	422.49-634.99	528.30	634.99	300-399	515.00-650.00	563.60	650.00
400-499	490.00-654.99	594.89	654.99				

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	345.31	322.02
Change (from yesterday's close):	-2.95	-1.80
Current Five Day Average:	338.64	319.98

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report. Over the past few weeks there has been sizable decline in fed cattle shipments to the US. Strengthening basis levels and greener fed calves could be weighing on US demand. As more fed calves start to come forward quality grade percent is expected to decline. With the high cost of bunk replacements, the argument is being made the best inventory is in the feedlot. Butcher cow market remains very strong, there have been reports cows from Manitoba are coming into Alberta for feeding. For the short holiday week ending April 19th Western Canadian fed processing totaled just over 29,000 head, 11% lower compared to the Easter week in 2024.

U.S. TRADE (U.S. FUNDS)

The U.S. cash cattle trade saw couple hundred head of cattle traded in Iowa yesterday with dressed sales at \$350.00/cwt, stronger than last week. Sales were likely to a regional packer on some high grading cattle and does not set a market trend. Today, live bids in Nebraska range from \$218.00-\$220.00/cwt, while dressed bids are reported at \$345.00/cwt. Live bids in Kansas are reported at \$216.00/cwt, bids are at the top ends of last week's trading range.

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			Corn		
	US \$ cwt			US \$ cwt			US \$/bu	
Apr	215.75	-0.60	May	292.57	-1.45	May	4.672	+6.6
Jun	208.40	-1.80	Aug	295.02	-1.87	Jul	4.754	+5.2
Aug	204.05	-1.62	Sep	293.80	-1.80	Sep	4.370	+2.2
Oct	201.95	-1.32	Oct	291.82	-1.70	Dec	4.462	+1.6
Dec	202.07	-1.00	Nov	289.30	-1.55	Mar	4.606	+1.2
Feb	202.97	-0.65	Jan	284.32	-1.40	May	4.700	+1.2
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
May	10.346	-6.2	May	5.130	+7.2	Spot	72.53	+0.28
Jul	10.444	-8.2	Jul	5.306	+5.2	Jun	72.72	+0.32
Aug	10.382	-8.0	Sep	5.450	+4.4	Sep	73.03	+0.32
Sep	10.150	-8.0	Dec	5.682	+4.2	Dec	73.34	+0.36
Nov	10.182	-7.0	Mar	5.884	+4.2	Mar	73.55	+0.34
Jan	10.294	-7.6	May	6.000	+3.6	Jun	73.70	+0.32

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ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

May 1	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 2	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Grass & Yearling Cattle Sale
May 3	10:00 am	Thessalon-Algoma Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 7	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Special Stocker Sale
May 23	1:00 pm	Maple Hill Auction Ltd	Bred Cows, Cow/Calf Pairs, & Bull Sale
May 27	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 28	12:00 pm	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 28	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale