



## DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – THURSDAY May 1, 2025

### ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

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

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **212 Fed cattle, 330 Cow, 700 Stockers**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Good Fed Steers</b>	294.00-302.50	312.00
<b>Good Fed Heifers</b>	280.00-287.00	294.50
<b>Holstein Steers</b>	244.00-257.00	
<b>Good Cows</b>	175.00-215.00	247.00
<b>Stocker Steers 700 lb +</b>	371.00-450.00	460.00
<b>Lightweight Steers</b>	438.00-647.00	710.00
<b>Stocker Heifers 700 lb +</b>	339.00-380.00	
<b>Lightweight Heifers</b>	394.00-573.00	610.00

Fed cows continue at very strong prices on good demand. Fed steers and heifers sold \$3.00-\$4.00 higher.

Holstein steers sold strong. Stockers continue to sell slightly stronger. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

Today at Brussels Livestock: **150 Veal**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Beef Veal</b>	320.00-344.00	
<b>Good Holstein Veal</b>	275.00-287.00	
<b>Slightly Heavy Holstein Veal</b>	270.00-281.00	
<b>Heavy Holstein 800 lb +</b>	245.00-266.00	
<b>Medium Holstein Veal</b>	265.00-274.00	
<b>Plain Holsteins</b>	255.00-264.00	

Veal sold steady to last week's trade. Drop calves sold strong with prices ranging from \$700.00-\$2150.00 per head.

**Stocker Sales every Fri @10:00 am.**

Today at Ontario Stockyards Inc: **1,200 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>1000+</b>	364.00-379.00	370.87	445.00	<b>900+</b>	320.00-370.00	363.06	370.00
<b>900-999</b>	380.00-415.00	395.50	415.00	<b>800-899</b>	383.00-410.00	398.26	410.00
<b>800-899</b>	415.00-457.50	436.08	457.50	<b>700-799</b>	353.00-436.00	422.03	482.50
<b>700-799</b>	430.00-480.00	449.46	480.00	<b>600-699</b>	387.50-465.00	443.30	517.50
<b>600-699</b>	517.50-550.00	538.70	565.00	<b>500-599</b>	497.50-572.50	533.15	572.50
<b>500-599</b>	545.00-615.00	576.52	660.00	<b>400-499</b>	512.50-582.50	557.10	600.00
<b>400-499</b>	545.00-650.00	597.56	655.00	<b>300-399</b>	475.00-675.00	549.72	675.00
<b>&lt;399</b>	650.00-730.00	669.81	790.00				

Stockers are selling actively on a stronger market. **May 27<sup>th</sup> @11:00 am – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **Apr 30, 2025 – 54 Fed cattle, 127 Stockers, 148 Cows, 3 Bulls, 26 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	191.99-270.00	237.40	270.00
Cows	129.00-237.99	182.69	237.99
Veal 600 lbs and over	242.49-395.00	298.60	395.00

231 replacements calved sold between \$60.00- \$2225.00 for an average of 1445.56 per head. **Special stocker sales the last Wednesday of each month @ 12:30 pm! May 28<sup>th</sup> @12:00 pm – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	14	241.43-281.86	268.71	294.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	18	232.55-281.61	265.26	287.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	41	193.99-268.24	236.27	270.00
Cows	420	144.74-217.94	179.42	245.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	10	188.60-238.00	213.97	240.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	17	204.00-239.71	223.24	249.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	26	224.49-352.23	280.35	395.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	198	1000.00-2000.00	1455.65	2130.00

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

### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **Apr 30, 2025 – 738 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	361-388.5	378.71	388.50				
900-999	377-395	385.43	395.00				
800-899	402-430	418.69	430.00				

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

### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at Aylmer Stockyards Inc: **Apr 30, 2025 – 127 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
-	-	-	-	500-599	450.00-450.00	450.00	450.00
-	-	-	-	400-499	490.00-629.99	534.19	629.99
-	-	-	-				

**May 28<sup>th</sup> @12:00 pm – Special Spring Stocker Sale**

Stocker sale at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **Apr 30, 2025 – 271 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	380.00-450.00	403.74	450.00	800-899	340.00-392.50	361.01	392.50
700-799	405.00-465.00	423.17	465.00	700-799	327.50-440.00	370.56	440.00
600-699	422.50-563.00	475.81	563.00	600-699	415.00-480.00	441.41	480.00
500-599	467.50-590.00	520.68	590.00	500-599	400.00-540.00	455.13	540.00
400-499	440.00-620.00	535.48	620.00	400-499	472.50-525.00	490.25	525.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	343.17	324.28
Change (from yesterday's close):	-2.14	+2.26
Current Five Day Average:	341.31	321.48

## ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

**Alberta direct trade** on Wednesday saw light trade develop with dressed sales ranging from \$487.00-\$490.00/cwt delivered, \$4.00-\$7.00/cwt higher than the previous week. Buying interest has been noted from all three Western Canadian packers. In some instances, packers were wanting cattle for immediate delivery. For the time being, there does not seem to be any price difference between fed calves and yearlings.

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	487.00-490.00
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	487.00-490.00

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

**The U.S. cash cattle trade** saw active trade reported in all four major feeding states yesterday. Dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska were from \$340.00-350.00/cwt (mostly \$348.00-350.00/cwt), \$8.00-10.00/cwt higher. Live sales in Kansas were reported at \$218.00/cwt live, \$6.00/cwt stronger than the previous week. Today, light trade is reported in Nebraska at \$223.00/cwt live and \$352.00/cwt dressed. Over the past month, fed prices have rallied \$15/cwt. For the holiday short week, Mexican feeder cattle imports totaled 13,870 head, well below last year.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	218.00
	Rail	218.00

## CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder			Corn		
	US \$ cwt			US \$ cwt			US \$/bu	
Jun	209.65	+1.25	May	293.22	+0.65	May	4.642	-3.0
Aug	204.65	+0.60	Aug	294.45	-0.57	Jul	4.722	-3.2
Oct	202.22	+0.27	Sep	292.85	-0.95	Sep	4.372	+0.2
Dec	202.27	+0.20	Oct	290.60	-1.22	Dec	4.472	+1.0
Feb	202.90	-0.07	Nov	287.97	-1.32	Mar	4.616	+1.0
Apr	203.12	-0.32	Jan	282.80	-1.52	May	4.710	+1.0
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
May	10.402	+5.4	May	5.152	+2.2	Spot	72.21	-0.32
Jul	10.502	+5.6	Jul	5.310	+0.2	Jun	72.42	-0.29
Aug	10.442	+6.0	Sep	5.452	+0.2	Sep	72.73	-0.29
Sep	10.206	+5.6	Dec	5.680	0.0	Dec	72.99	-0.30
Nov	10.240	+5.6	Mar	5.880	-0.4	Mar	73.24	-0.28
Jan	10.356	+6.2	May	5.986	-1.2	Jun	73.44	-0.26

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## ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

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