



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – TUESDAY May 20, 2025

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:

Prices reported for Monday May 19th

A Grade Steers	\$495.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of June 2 nd
A Grade Heifers	\$494.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of June 2 nd

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Brussels Livestock: **100 fed cattle, 185 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Choice fed steers & heifers	295.00-310.00	325.00
Second cut cattle	275.00-290.00	
Aged & Medium fed cattle	265.00-290.00	
Holstein Steers & heifers	220.00-241.00	
Good Beef Cows	180.00-221.00	
Good Holsteins Cows	180.00-194.00	
Medium Holsteins Cows	170.00-179.00	
Bulls	228.00-301.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold strong at prices \$3.00-5.00 times higher. Cows sold strong at steady prices. Fed cows sold higher. **Stocker Sales every Fri @ 10:00 am.**

Today at Keady Livestock Market: Sale at time of reporting. Results will be posted.

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **453 veal, 110 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fed Cows	168.00-198.00	240.00
Good Beef Veal	295.00-341.00	355.00
Good Holstein Veal	276.00-307.00	310.00
Medium Holstein Veal	250.00-275.00	
Plain Holstein Veal	245.00-265.00	
Heavy Holstein Veal	262.50-290.00	

Veal sold on steady trade. Fed cows sold slightly easier. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

Ontario auction sales on **Friday, Saturday and Monday** saw weighted prices for:

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	321	158.84-207.97	176.38	290.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	8	223.00-283.75	244.36	332.50
Bulls over 1600 lbs	9	216.78-243.78	231.02	257.50
Veal 600 lbs and over	18	220.00-327.50	249.14	327.50
Veal calves under 125 lbs	446	1211.14-2085.58	1521.68	2270.00

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 sales at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **May 19, 2025 - 15 Stockers**

May 28th @1:00 pm – Special Spring Stocker Sale

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	358.75	344.96
Change (from yesterday's close):	+3.94	+0.85
Current Five Day Average:	351.33	339.20

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade saw the Canadian fed market establish new highs in Eastern and Western Canada. Fed prices have trended steady to higher for the past ten weeks, gaining \$33/cwt or around \$500/head. Last week, dressed sales were reported from \$495.00-500.00/cwt delivered. Larger cash volumes are traditionally seen in May, however, that has not necessarily been the case this year. Many producers have indicated a larger percentage of their May cattle are contracted due to uncertainty with US tariffs. Over the past couple of weeks, butcher cows have been averaging on either side of \$230/cwt, prices are \$42/cwt higher than last year.

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	495.00-500.00
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	495.00-500.00

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade last week saw dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska ranged from \$350-360/cwt (mostly \$358/cwt), \$2/cwt higher than the previous week. Live sales in the North were at \$229/cwt, \$1-4/cwt higher while sales in Texas and Kansas were from \$218-220/cwt, fully steady. Over the past three weeks, pork production has averaged 529 million pounds, 2.5% larger than last year. For the month of May, pork production is record large. Despite the larger production, pork cutout values have advanced, trading right-inline with a year ago

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	218.00-229.00
	Rail	350.00-360.00

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder			Corn		
	US \$ cwt			US \$ cwt			US \$/bu	
Jun	213.17	+0.20	May	296.00	+0.32	Jul	4.544	+7.0
Aug	207.85	-0.07	Aug	297.50	+0.02	Sep	4.352	+7.0
Oct	205.30	+0.22	Sep	296.20	-0.12	Dec	4.484	+6.6
Dec	205.67	+0.42	Oct	294.05	N/C	Mar	4.630	+6.4
Feb	205.85	+0.62	Nov	291.57	+0.25	May	4.712	+6.2
Apr	205.67	+0.65	Jan	286.52	+0.42	Jul	4.754	+6.0
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
Jul	10.530	+2.2	Jul	5.460	+17.0	Spot	71.78	+0.17
Aug	10.502	+2.4	Sep	5.596	+16.6	Jun	71.91	+0.16
Sep	10.340	+3.4	Dec	5.802	+15.6	Sep	72.25	+0.13
Nov	10.410	+4.0	Mar	5.990	+15.0	Dec	72.55	+0.11
Jan	10.530	+4.0	May	6.096	+14.2	Mar	72.83	+0.09
Mar	10.604	+4.0	Jul	6.164	+13.4	Jun	73.06	+0.07

ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

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
June 25	12:00 pm	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
June 25	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale