



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – TUESDAY May 27, 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 26th

A Grade Steers	\$500.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of June 2 nd
A Grade Heifers	\$499.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of June 2 nd

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Brussels Livestock: **95 fed cattle, 185 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Choice fed steers & heifers	300.00-313.00	
Second cut cattle	280.00-295.00	
Aged & Medium fed cattle	265.00-290.00	
Holstein Steers & heifers	210.00-269.50	
Good Beef Cows	200.00-246.00	252.00
Good Holsteins Cows	190.00-216.00	
Medium Holsteins Cows	170.00-189.00	
Bulls	200.00-305.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold strong at prices. Cows sold actively at stronger prices. **Stocker Sales every Fri @ 10:00 am.**

Today at Keady Livestock Market: Stockers sold fully steady. Cows sold slightly easier.

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **386 veal, 119 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fed Cows	175.00-215.00	250.00
Good Beef Veal	320.00-345.00	355.00
Good Holstein Veal	295.00-315.00	
Medium Holstein Veal	270.00-290.00	
Plain Holstein Veal	260.00-270.00	
Heavy Holstein Veal	260.00-297.00	

Veal sold actively at steady to stronger prices. Fed cows sold at steady prices. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	279	156.68-204.66	174.17	263.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	8	199.56-261.44	237.44	289.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	7	217.86-255.71	234.45	260.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	35	270.80-293.11	285.94	295.00
Veal calves under 125 lbs	503	1161.27-2062.86	1494.74	2260.00

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 26, 2025 - 41 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	430.00-510.00	461.79	510.00				

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):	361.85	350.83
Change (from yesterday's close):	+0.30	-0.49
Current Five Day Average:	359.13	347.53

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Monday saw no new trade to report, showlist volumes are larger than the previous week. Last week's Alberta fed cash-to-futures basis was the strongest seen this year. Based on the five-year average, fed basis levels historically peak in early June. With historically small slaughter cattle exports to the US over the past few weeks, and reduced slaughter volumes in Western Canadian could start to back supplies up. Western Canadian lift times have started to stretch out. Asking prices have been reported at \$505+/cwt delivered.

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

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade significant trade will likely be delayed until the second half of this week. Asking prices are poorly defined but are expected to start out around \$225/cwt in the South and \$235/cwt in the North. A lot of eyes will be on the beef markets today as many try and get a gauge on how good retail and food service demand was over the holiday. Fill-in business should support the beef complex in the near term. Last Friday's cattle on feed report was viewed as neutral as placements and marketings were in line with expectations. Feedlot placements for the month of April were 3% below last year. Over the past fifteen years, this ranks as the fourth lowest April placement volume, the only years that were smaller in 2012, 2015 and 2020. Reduced imports of Mexican feeder cattle have had a significant impact on cattle on feed inventories in the South. Cattle on feed inventories between Texas and Kansas are down 190,000 head versus last year. For Texas, this is the smallest May 1st cattle on feed inventory since 2017.

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	
Jun	215.12	-0.67	Aug	298.15	-2.22	Jul	4.594	N/C
Aug	209.30	-1.15	Sep	297.25	-2.10	Sep	4.336	-4.0
Oct	207.07	-1.02	Oct	295.35	-2.00	Dec	4.464	-4.2
Dec	207.57	-1.12	Nov	292.97	-1.92	Mar	4.612	-4.4
Feb	207.57	-1.35	Jan	288.30	-1.60	May	4.702	-4.0
Apr	207.20	-1.40	Mar	285.90	-1.30	Jul	4.754	-3.4
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
Jul	10.624	+2.2	Jul	5.284	-14.0	Spot	72.56	-0.23
Aug	10.580	+2.0	Sep	5.442	-13.6	Jun	72.55	-0.41
Sep	10.420	+0.2	Dec	5.674	-13.2	Sep	72.89	-0.41
Nov	10.506	+0.2	Mar	5.886	-12.0	Dec	73.24	-0.39
Jan	10.642	+0.4	May	6.006	-11.2	Mar	73.54	-0.38
Mar			Jul			Jun		

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ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

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
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