



## DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – TUESDAY December 30, 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 December 29th**

**A Grade Steers**

**\$520.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**A Grade Heifers**

**\$519.00/cwt delivered with delivery for the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: 137 veal, 171 cows

	Price Range	Top
<b>Fed Cows</b>	176.00-200.00	233.00
<b>Good Beef Veal</b>	410.00-445.00	
<b>Good Holstein Veal</b>	405.00-435.00	
<b>Medium Holstein Veal</b>	395.00-405.00	
<b>Plain Holstein Veal</b>	-	
<b>Heavy Holstein Veal</b>	375.00-395.00	

Lighter volumes of veal sold actively at stronger prices. Fed cows sold on a good demand at higher prices.

**Regular Thursday Sale Held on Friday - Beef, Fed Cows, Stockers, Dairy & Bob Calves. Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

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

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Fed Heifers, Dairy &amp; Dairy Cross +1000 lbs</b>	13	178.85-236.92	211.12	240.00
<b>Cows</b>	237	142.22-193.38	165.72	250.00
<b>Bulls under 1600 lbs</b>	3	248.67-265.33	257.00	270.00
<b>Bulls over 1600 lbs</b>	3	205.00-228.00	219.33	228.00
<b>Veal 600 lbs and over</b>	8	200.00-285.00	242.14	325.00
<b>Veal calves under 125 lbs</b>	431	1300.56-2253.69	1631.20	2490.00

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

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

	Choice	Select
600-900	600-900	
<b>Cutout Values (noon estimate):</b>	<b>348.20</b>	<b>343.16</b>
<b>Change (from yesterday's close):</b>	<b>-1.13</b>	<b>-2.46</b>
<b>Current Five Day Average:</b>	<b>354.76</b>	<b>347.09</b>

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

**Alberta direct trade** last week saw no new trade to report. With the holidays, both buying and selling interest was limited to non-existent. There were reports some cattle from Saskatchewan were being shipped into Eastern Canada for processing. Given colder temperatures over the past couple of weeks performance has been impacted especially on some of the longer fed cattle. In addition, we could also see carcass weights move lower as well. In ten out of the past twelve years Western Canadian steer carcass weights have declined from December to January. This week's showlist has been compiled with volumes smaller than the previous week. Packers have bought very few cattle over the past weeks, and lift times could start to tighten up. Canadian beef imports for the month of September were 24% larger than last year. Beef imports from Australia were the largest since January 2016.

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

**The U.S. cash cattle trade** saw no new trade to report. Packer interest remains light and significant trade is likely to be delayed until the second half of this week. Asking prices are not established but are anticipated to start out in the mid \$230's/cwt on a live basis. Showlist volumes have been reported larger in all four major feeding states. With historically low Select beef production and the Choice Select spread has narrowed considerably. Over the past week the Choice/Select spread has been \$6.00-8.00/cwt, the narrowest price spread seen this year. There have been reports the Sustainable plant in North Platte NE will add an additional 100 employees with plans on increasing its daily capacity by 300 head/day due to the closure of the Lexington NE plant.

<b>Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:</b>	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		
Dec	231.17	+2.27	Jan	349.55	+2.55	Mar	4.404
Feb	230.47	+1.50	Mar	344.57	+2.90	May	4.484
Apr	230.97	+1.45	Apr	343.42	+3.00	Jul	4.544
Jun	225.80	+1.62	May	341.22	+3.12	Sep	4.490
Aug	222.67	+1.72	Aug	340.97	+2.80	Dec	4.610
Oct	221.72	+1.77	Sep	338.92	+2.75	Mar	4.740
Soybeans		Soft Red Winter Wheat		Canadian \$			
	US \$/bu		US \$/bu				
Jan	10.462	-3.2	Mar	5.106	-2.2	Spot	73.01
Mar	10.622	-1.2	May	5.220	-2.6	Mar	73.29
May	10.744	-0.6	Jul	5.340	-3.2	Jun	73.51
Jul	10.860	-1.2	Sep	5.484	-3.0	Sep	73.71
Aug	10.830	-1.6	Dec	5.674	-2.6	Dec	73.87
Sep	10.694	-1.6	Mar	5.834	-2.6	Mar	73.99

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## ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER SPECIAL FALL SALES

Jan 16	5:00 PM	Keady Livestock Market	Cow Sale
Jan 23	11:00 AM	Hoards Station Sale Barn	Quinte Sale-100% Vaccinated, catalogued- Farm Fresh
Jan 24	11:00 AM	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Annual January Stocker Sale
Jan 28	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough Cattlemen/ Victoria Beef Producers
Mar TBD	11:00 AM	Hoards Station Sale Barn	Quinte Sale-Vaccinations preferred, catalogued- Farm Fresh
Apr 22	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	KLC Calf & Yearling Sale
May 2	10:00 AM	Algoma Co-op Livestock Sales-Thessalon	Stockers- Farm fresh, 50% vaccinated, sold in farmer lots
May 6	10:00 AM	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough Cattlemen/ Victoria Beef Producers
May 7	10:00 AM	Grey-Bruce Livestock Co-op-Wiarton	Stocker Sale - 90% vaccinated
May TBD	11:00 AM	Hoards Station Sale Barn	Quinte Sale-100% Vaccinated, catalogued- Farm Fresh