



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday January 26, 2006



The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the **week** of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

	Price Range	Last Week
A grade steers	172.00-176.00	172.00-176.00
A grade heifers	172.00-176.00	172.00-176.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this **week** saw weighted average price ranges for

FED CATTLE

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
Large Frame Steers +1250	97.00-105.36	101.83	111.25	102.66
Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.98-105.09	100.80	112.00	100.49
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	96.62-105.72	101.86	112.00	102.20
Large Frame Heifers +1000	97.36-104.85	102.01	114.50	101.07
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.65-102.42	96.07	107.75	96.93
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	95.31-104.77	101.28	114.50	99.55
Cows-all weights	20.40-32.95	26.25	81.00	28.29
Bulls-all weights	32.53-49.84	41.14	92.50	39.20

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	90.54-112.72	104.29	120.00
900-999	111.04-120.74	116.61	125.25
800-899	98.25-121.84	114.27	130.00
700-799	109.53-127.52	120.08	135.75
600-699	108.59-134.14	126.00	140.00
500-599	110.54-143.42	130.75	151.50
400-499	108.66-138.86	125.49	157.00
-399	86.96-132.61	102.58	250.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	77.16-102.26	93.19	113.00
800-899	94.25-111.79	108.51	117.00
700-799	93.56-118.80	109.49	130.00
600-699	99.60-125.05	116.08	133.00
500-599	99.48-128.49	117.49	142.00
400-499	108.49-129.38	118.17	139.00
300-399	99.24-127.80	111.56	137.00

At Talbotville Livestock: January 21, 2006 – 626 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	93.00-107.00	113.00
Good & choice heifers	90.00-105.00	110.00
Cows	25.00-38.00	55.00
Bulls	30.00-41.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussels Livestock, January 20, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.25-114.50	116.75	900+	80.00-107.00	113.00
900-999	98.50-118.00	118.00	800-899	103.50-108.50	108.50
800-899	106.50-124.00	124.00	700-799	102.00-113.00	123.50
700-799	111.00-129.25	129.25	600-699	100.00-116.25	122.00
600-699	118.00-129.75	129.75	500-599	105.00-122.50	126.00
500-599	127.00-145.00	145.00	400-499	112.00-129.00	129.00
400-499	129.00-145.50	153.00	300-399	120.00-133.00	137.00

Stocker Sale: D.H. Hickson Ltd, January 20, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	110.50-119.00	900+	104.00-106.50
800-899	80.00-123.00	800-899	92.50-117.00
700-799	115.00-132.00	700-799	90.00-130.00
600-699	95.50-138.50	600-699	100.00-133.00
500-599	80.00-151.50	500-599	85.50-142.00
400-499	110.00-157.00	400-499	109.00-135.50
399 & less	106.00-142.00	300-399	74.00-125.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- January 24, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	113.00-120.50	120.50	600-699	109.00-125.50	127.00
600-699	123.50-137.50	140.00	500-599	120.00-133.00	133.00
500-599	130.75-142.00	146.00			

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. January 24, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	90.00-130.50	130.50	600-699	72.00-124.50	124.50
500-599	92.00-140.50	140.50	500-599	84.00-126.00	126.00
400-499	86.00-146.50	146.50	400-499	102.00-128.00	128.00

Denfield Livestock – January 24, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	105.00-110.00
Good Steers	95.00-100.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00
Choice American Type	103.00-105.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	105.00-110.00
Good Heifers	95.00-100.00
Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	28.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	35.00-50.00

The market traded on a strong demand at fully steady prices on all classes of fed cattle with American orders strong. A large offering of cows sold active at steady to stronger prices. Stockers sold strong.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, January 25, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	106.00-120.00	120.00	+900	95.00-107.75	107.75
900-999	112.00-125.25	125.25	700-799	106.50-115.00	115.00
700-799	114.00-130.00	135.75	600-699	118.50-122.00	122.00
500-599	136.50-145.50	145.50	400-499	119.50-139.00	139.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – January 26, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	90.25-123.00	123.00	+900	84.00-102.50	102.50
700-799	104.00-128.00	131.00	700-799	99.00-116.25	116.25
600-699	115.00-137.00	137.00	600-699	104.00-125.50	125.50
500-599	124.00-143.00	147.00	500-599	106.00-123.00	128.00
400-499	99.50-135.50	145.00	400-499	107.00-129.00	135.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle – January 26, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.75-111.50	114.00	+900	93.00-99.00	99.00
700-799	118.00-125.35	123.35	800-899	102.00-111.50	111.50
600-699	132.00	132.00	700-799	110.50-111.50	111.50

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending January 19, 2006 **Price Range**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 170.00-174.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday January 26, 2006**

Steers	Live	93.45	Flat rail	156.00-157.20
Heifers	Live	93.80-94.30	Flat rail	156.00-157.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
January 21, 2006	860	795
January 22, 2005	829	767

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	65,813	179,622	88%
Alberta Slaughter	40,432	109,860	82%
Ontario Slaughter	13,287	37,349	102%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Jan 21, 2006	Year Ago
Grand Total	Jan. 28, 2006	603,000	591,000
	608,000		

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

Choice	Select
600-900	600-900

Current 5 day average:

156.50

143.67

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday January 26, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:

Live 94.00-95.50

Rail 149.00-150.00

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$	
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US	¢/bu	\$/bu US	¢/bu		
Feb	93.90 -1.05	Mar	110.62 -0.85	Mar	2.186 +1.6	Mar	5.892 +16.2	Spot	86.99 +0.03
Apr	91.77 -1.30	Apr	111.47 -0.70	May	2.284 +1.6	May	5.996 +15.2	Mar	87.08 +0.02
Jun	85.47 -1.10	May	111.97 -0.67	July	2.374 +1.6	Jul	6.094 +14.6	Jun	87.31 +0.02
Aug	84.47 -1.07	Aug	112.37 -0.57	Sep	2.444 +1.2	Aug	6.124 +15.4	Sep	87.51 +0.02

Comments for the week ending January 26, 2006

The finished cattle market had a strong active week of trade. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,120. The average fed steer price was \$101.21 down \$0.99 and the average heifer price was \$101.11 up \$1.56 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a strong active trade at prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

Slaughter cows sold on a mixed demand. There were 2,638 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$26.25 down \$2.04 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices barely steady to strong.

Replacement cattle continued to sell strong. Total stockers sold was 5,591 down 17.1% from last week. Auction markets reported stockers sold actively on a strong demand with prices steady to stronger.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were steady to last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$172.00-176.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady. Steers sold at \$93.45 live and \$156.00-157.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$93.80-94.30 live and \$156.00-157.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident until Friday morning when trade turned active with prices \$2-3 lower on dressed cattle. Steers and heifers sold at \$94.00-95.50 live and \$149.00-150.00 dressed.

Local beef trade saw strong movement on all cuts with prices holding firm.