



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday March 16, 2006

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

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	87.05-95.55	91.87	114.00	94.80
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.20-96.10	91.83	107.00	92.26
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.21-95.70	91.81	114.00	94.50
Large Frame Heifers +1000	81.23-95.39	90.89	99.00	93.56
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	73.35-93.79	86.36	97.75	88.55
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.54-95.24	90.01	99.00	93.30
Cows-all weights	22.77-37.56	29.62	74.00	29.91
Bulls-all weights	34.65-52.73	43.76	84.75	42.45

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	90.58-103.02	97.33	113.75
900-999	97.95-106.09	102.87	111.50
800-899	97.91-113.01	106.60	118.00
700-799	108.23-123.61	118.24	129.00
600-699	111.11-133.98	125.33	139.00
500-599	111.09-139.64	127.98	149.50
400-499	112.83-142.74	130.29	153.00
-399	106.85-146.35	125.25	317.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	86.43-96.51	92.68	104.00
800-899	98.03-104.04	101.20	109.00
700-799	97.24-114.06	107.72	122.00
600-699	102.52-120.07	112.93	127.00
500-599	107.34-121.98	116.89	129.50
400-499	104.58-124.55	116.09	133.00
300-399	99.86-120.50	110.38	135.00

Denfield Livestock – March 14, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 top 104.75
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	86.00-91.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	35.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-30.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Stocker Strs- 700-800 lb	100.00-120.00
Good Stocker Hfrs- 700-800 lb	100.00-115.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-295.00

Stockers sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 10, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	99.25-110.25	113.75	900+	95.25-101.50	104.00
900-1000	99.75-109.00	111.50	800-900	98.75-105.25	105.50
800-900	101.00-115.50	115.50	700-800	96.25-107.75	108.00
700-800	111.50-128.00	128.00	600-700	100.00-120.00	120.00
600-700	114.50-129.50	132.00	500-600	111.00-128.00	129.50
500-600	122.00-137.00	142.00	400-500	93.00-121.00	122.00
400-500	126.50-153.00	153.00	300-400	116.00-126.00	126.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- March 14, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	98.50-106.25	900+	85.50-100.75
800-899	99.50-113.25	800-899	104.00-105.00
700-799	114.50-127.00	700-799	103.00-111.00
600-699	127.00-136.00	600-699	118.00-125.00
500-599	129.50-146.00	500-599	118.00-129.00
400-499	129.00-151.00	400-499	123.00-133.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. March 14, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	60.00-99.50	700-799	73.00-105.50
700-799	92.50-97.00	600-699	84.50-110.50
600-699	85.50-125.50	500-599	70.00-114.50
500-599	86.00-129.00	400-499	102.00-131.50
400-499	91.00-132.00		

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards, March 14, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	105.25-107.75	900+	80.00-98.00
800-899	105.50-118.00	800-899	101.00-109.00
700-799	108.00-124.75	700-799	101.50-122.00
600-699	123.00-139.00	600-699	102.00-124.50
500-599	124.00-140.00	500-599	116.00-126.00
400-499	146.00	400-499	101.00-121.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 15 , 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	88.75-100.25	105.00	+900	90.75-95.23	103.75
900-999	97.25-106.00	107.25	800-899	95.75-102.00	102.75
800-899	99.25-113.50	113.50	700-799	96.75-104.25	104.22
700-799	92.00-99.50	110.00	600-699	106.50-117.50	120.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market – March 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	85.00-115.50	115.50	800-899	102.50-104.00	104.00
700-799	91.50-126.50	126.50	700-799	93.50-115.50	115.50
600-699	95.00-136.50	136.50	600-699	99.50-122.00	122.00
500-599	106.00-149.50	149.50	500-599	111.50-123.50	123.50
400-499	120.00-152.50	152.50	400-499	104.50-127.00	127.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – March 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	45.00-91.00	94.00	900+	55.0-76.00	80.00
900-999	99.00-106.00	106.00	800-899	93.50-99.50	101.50
800-899	90.50-109.75	115.00	700-799	90.00-108.50	112.00
700-799	111.25-124.00	124.00	600-699	98.00-121.50	127.00
600-699	115.00-136.75	136.75	500-599	108.00-124.50	124.50
500-599	109.25-145.50	147.00	400-499	110.00-130.00	130.00
400-499	115.00-148.00	149.50	300-399	116.50-127.00	127.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –March 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	96.50-103.00	900+	95.75-98.50
900-999	96.00-100.50	800-899	95.50-101.50
800-899	102.00-110.00	700-799	95.50-102.00
700-799	114.50-129.00	600-699	107.75-116.50
600-699	117.50-125.00	500-599	105.50-117.50
500-599	118.00-125.50		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday March 16, 2006**

Steers	Live	85.00-87.00	Flat rail	142.00-145.00
Heifers	Live	84.00-87.35	Flat rail	144.00-145.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 11, 2006	852	788
March 12, 2005	837	793

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of
	Mar 11, 2006		Yr. Ago
Grand Total	68,039	634,574	91%
Alberta Slaughter	42,431	388,815	84%
Ontario Slaughter	13,657	131,582	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Mar 11, 2006	Year Ago
	Mar 18, 2006		
Grand Total	623,000	619,000	592,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	146.06	134.56

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday March 16, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	85.50-86.50
	Rail	136.00-137.50

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 11	Jan 1 – 21
Total	52,620	1,565

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	19,364	22,430	-13.7%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	179,313 tonnes	217,936 tonnes	-17.7%
Non-fed	50,735 tonnes	32,753 tonnes	+54.9%

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			
Apr	83.02	-0.40	Mar	104.47 -0.32	May	2.214 -3.0	May	5.764 +0.2	Spot	86.29 -0.48
Jun	77.87 -0.67	Apr	105.65 -0.10	July	2.322 -2.6	Jul	5.890 +0.6	Jun	86.52 -0.46	
Aug	79.90 -0.32	May	106.20 -0.10	Sep	2.414 -2.6	Aug	5.932 -0.6	Sep	86.76 -0.46	
Oct	84.10 +0.02	Aug	107.75 -0.02	Dec	2.532 -2.4	Sep	5.964 +0.4	Dec	87.00 -0.46	

Comments for the week ending March 16, 2006

The finished cattle market sold under pressure this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,040. The average fed steer price was \$91.81 down \$2.69 and the average heifer price was \$90.01 down \$3.29 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand this week. There were 2,197 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$29.62 down \$0.29 from last week and up \$6.79 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices steady at the beginning of the week to \$2.00 higher later in the week.

Replacement cattle sold on mixed demand. Total stockers sold was 6,927 up 40.6% from last week and 56% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported stockers sold on a strong active trade with the calves selling steady across the board and the yearlings trading slightly easier to under pressure.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with prices \$1.25 to \$2.00 lower. Steers sold at \$85.00- 87.00 live and \$142.00-145.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$84.00-87.35 live and \$144.00-145.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw business in the north develop on Thursday with prices steady to last week. Trade in the south did not develop until midday Friday with prices remaining steady. Steers and heifers sold at \$85.50-\$86.00 live and \$136.00-\$137.50 dressed.

Local beef trade reports that the market is quiet, due to march break. Prices on end cuts are lower but medium cuts and loins are doing well. Kill numbers remain steady.

