



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday April 6, 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.

A grade steers 162.00-164.00
A grade heifers Not reported

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	86.57-97.98	92.46	106.00	92.99
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.73-96.92	92.76	103.75	91.16
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.69-98.01	92.70	106.00	92.85
Large Frame Heifers +1000	79.65-95.79	90.32	101.75	92.21
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	71.38-94.64	84.51	97.50	87.52
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	77.70-95.69	89.38	101.75	91.07
Cows-all weights	22.51-37.19	29.69	70.00	29.31
Bulls-all weights	37.03-55.01	44.07	104.50	40.59

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	91.30-99.89	96.56	108.25
900-999	94.38-106.51	102.60	110.00
800-899	99.17-111.85	106.15	121.75
700-799	105.52-124.03	116.65	130.25
600-699	109.06-134.24	123.90	140.00
500-599	110.92-141.79	130.99	150.50
400-499	112.30-142.03	129.33	152.00
-399	107.80-162.64	288.00	136.46

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	89.12-96.79	93.40	104.50
800-899	96.81-104.78	102.06	107.00
700-799	95.12-108.45	103.09	119.00
600-699	88.50-115.25	106.67	125.00
500-599	100.18-123.35	114.24	130.00
400-499	103.10-126.11	115.64	134.00
300-399	100.06-119.72	112.24	142.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 1, 2006- 483 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.50-97.00	105.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-94.00	97.50
Cows	27.00-35.50	48.50
Bulls	46.50	

Denfield Livestock – April 4, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00
Good Steers	88.00-94.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.50
Good Heifers	88.00-93.00
Plain Heifers	60.00-70.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-45.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	15.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good hol bull calves	150.00-285.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, March 31, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	91.95-103.00	103.00	900+	92.50-99.00	101.50
900-1000	91.25-103.00	108.00	800-900	99.75-106.35	107.00
800-900	101.75-109.50	116.00	700-800	96.00-110.50	112.50
700-800	103.00-121.00	128.00	600-700	99.00-119.00	119.00
600-700	102.00-140.00	140.00	500-600	111.50-126.00	130.00
500-600	117.00-140.50	150.50	400-500	119.00-130.00	130.00
400-500	116.00-137.00	146.00	300-400	124.00-132.00	142.00

Stockers: Denfield Livestock, April 1, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	90.00-100.00	900+	85.00-95.00
900-1000	90.00-100.00	800-900	85.00-98.00
800-900	95.00-115.00	700-800	90.00-110.00
700-800	105.00-116.00	600-700	95.00-115.00
600-700	105.00-120.00	500-600	100.00-120.00
500-600	105.00-120.00	400-500	100.00-130.00
400-500	110.00-130.00	300-400	

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- April 4, 2006- 1422 head

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	100.25-103.00	900+	93.25-100.25
900-999	100.50-110.00	800-899	101.00-106.00
800-899	104.00-117.35	700-799	103.10-112.50
700-799	112.00-130.25	600-699	100.75-122.00
600-699	125.00-138.50	500-599	102.00-126.00
500-599	130.00-145.66	400-499	115.00-131.00
400-499	122.00-149.00	300-399	97.00-128.00
Under 400	122.00-151.00		

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 4, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	81.00-106.00	700-799	87.00-108.00
700-799	67.00-117.00	600-699	62.00-116.50
600-699	79.00-129.00	500-599	77.00-124.00
500-599	86.00-145.00	400-499	85.00-134.00
400-499	92.00-139.00	300-399	79.00-120.00

tocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.50-103.50	108.25	+900	94.25-96.25	104.50
900-999	101.50-109.50	109.52	800-899	99.50-106.00	106.00
800-899	106.50-121.75	121.75	700-799	100.00-110.50	110.50
700-799	116.25-128.75	128.75	600-699	87.50-116.00	116.00
600-699	120.00-133.00	136.50			
500-599	132.50-137.00	137.00			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt, April 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	74.00-84.00	+900	83.00-91.50
900-999	88.00-104.50	800-899	85.00-96.00
800-899	95.00-110.75	700-799	79.00-103.00
700-799	66.00-123.75	600-699	74.00-115.00
600-699	106.00-134.00	500-599	99.00-127.00
500-599	90.00-148.00	400-499	107.50-128.00
400-499	127.00-152.00	300-399	95.00-114.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – April 6, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	59.00-85.00	92.50	900+	74.00-84.00	84.00
900-999	71.00-100.25	100.25	800-899	79.00-101.50	101.50
800-899	100.50-115.00	115.00	700-799	89.00-108.50	108.50
700-799	108.50-122.00	122.00	600-699	89.00-109.00	120.00
600-699	104.00-139.50	139.50	500-599	103.00-123.50	123.50
500-599	109.00-138.00	145.50	400-499	94.00-126.75	126.75
400-499	110.00-143.00	144.00	300-399	89.00-116.25	116.25

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –April 6, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	102.00-103.50	900+	98.00-104.00
900-999	80.50-104.50	800-899	98.50-103.75
800-899	86.00-102.00	700-799	108.50-119.00
700-799	121.25-125.25	600-699	120.50-122.75
600-699	130.25-134.75	500-599	99.00-122.00

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

Week Ending April 6, 2006

Price Range

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 157.75-158.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday April 6, 2006**

Steers	Live	82.00-85.15	Flat rail	137.75-142.40
Heifers	Live	83.75-85.75	Flat rail	139.00-142.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday April 6, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	80.00-80.50
	Rail	128.00-129.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 1, 2006	843	774
April 2, 2005	834	787

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of
	April 1, 2006		Yr. Ago
Grand Total	64,595	830,829	91%
Alberta Slaughter	38,862	509,238	83%
Ontario Slaughter	13,907	172,439	109%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	April 1, 2006	Year Ago
	April 8, 2006		
Grand Total	636,000	613,000	518,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 25, 2006	1.6831	1.6142
March 18, 2006	1.6961	1.6259
March 11, 2006	1.7286	1.6525

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	138.82	128.26

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 1	Jan 1 – Mar 11
Total	69,137	6,425

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 25	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	24,104	29,408	-18.0%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 1	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	235,166 tonnes	286,893 tonnes	-18.0%
Non-fed	65,140 tonnes	41,737 tonnes	+56.1%

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	81.22	+1.52	Apr	102.00	+1.45	May	2.430	+1.4	May	5.576	-6.2	Spot	87.20	+0.51
Jun	76.22	+1.62	May	102.17	+1.22	July	2.544	+1.6	Jul	5.722	-5.6	Jun	87.38	+0.51
Aug	77.80	+1.62	Aug	104.34	+1.22	Sep	2.632	+1.6	Aug	5.774	-6.2	Sep	87.60	+0.50
Oct	81.27	+1.30	Sep	103.95	+1.45	Dec	2.744	+1.6	Sep	5.812	-5.6	Dec	87.81	+0.47

Comments for the week ending April 7, 2006

The finished cattle market sold on an active trade this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,350, down 730 head from the week previous. The average fed steer price was \$92.70 down \$0.15 and the average heifer price was \$89.38 down \$1.69 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices ranging from steady to \$1.00 higher. Fancy cattle were reported as stronger.

There were 2,369 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$29.69 up \$0.33 from last week and up \$3.93 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices ranging from barely steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold actively this week. Total stockers sold was 6,716 up 34.9% from last week and 31% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that lightweight and grass type cattle sold on a steady market. Shortkeeps and heavier, fleshy replacements were reported as steady to under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were on average \$2.00 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$162.00 to \$164.00 and heifers were not reported.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices steady to under pressure. Steers sold at \$82.00 to 85.15 live and \$137.75-142.40 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.75-85.75 live and \$139.00-142.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate with prices \$4.00 - \$5.00 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold 80.00-80.50 live and 128.00-129.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a better week as the volume of movement is increasing, partially due to the upcoming holiday. Ribs and top butts are showing the most improvement. Prices are reported as remaining steady.