



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday May 18, 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** 159.00-160.00  
**A grade heifers** Not reported

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week avg.</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	90.43-98.20	94.44	106.25	92.66
Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.10-96.69	90.80	99.50	93.18
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.66-97.87	93.93	106.25	92.32
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.58-97.46	92.48	106.00	91.28
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.16-94.82	85.36	100.00	92.53
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.26-97.74	91.44	106.00	91.15
Cows-all weights	23.70-40.37	31.67	74.00	34.26
Bulls-all weights	39.71-55.67	47.04	106.00	47.04

### **STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	92.00-101.87	97.73	106.50
<b>900-999</b>	98.55-107.51	103.44	116.75
<b>800-899</b>	100.35-112.70	107.53	118.00
<b>700-799</b>	104.19-122.31	136.50	114.61
<b>600-699</b>	105.59-128.21	119.39	143.00
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-141.14	129.05	160.00
<b>400-499</b>	113.74-145.06	131.93	155.00
<b>-399</b>	117.68-167.08	137.00	340.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900+</b>	87.58-98.71	93.38	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	92.88-104.20	99.03	111.00
<b>700-799</b>	98.39-112.88	107.14	124.00
<b>600-699</b>	97.61-119.26	110.37	129.50
<b>500-599</b>	104.08-124.65	115.48	133.00
<b>400-499</b>	104.47-128.74	118.87	144.00
<b>300-399</b>	103.31-126.36	115.26	152.00

### **At Talbotville Livestock: May 13, 2006- 608 head.**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	85.00-98.00	103.25
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	84.00-96.00	97.50
<b>Cows</b>	32.50-45.00	58.50
<b>Bulls</b>	40.00-55.00	

**Denfield Livestock – May 16, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	93.00-97.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	88.00-93.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Choice Exotic Cross Heifers</b>	95.00-100.50
<b>Good Heifers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	40.00-50.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-40.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Shells</b>	10.00-20.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	40.00-50.00
<b>Good Holstein Bulls</b>	35.00-40.00
<b>Good Holstein Bull Calves</b>	200.00-300.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 12, 2006. - 1,626 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	93.25-100.75	104.50	<b>900+</b>	92.75-101.00	103.00
<b>900-1000</b>	96.25-106.50	116.75	<b>800-900</b>	94.00-104.00	104.00
<b>800-900</b>	104.00-113.50	113.50	<b>700-800</b>	100.00-115.00	124.00
<b>700-800</b>	107.00-120.00	129.75	<b>600-700</b>	103.50-124.00	125.00
<b>600-700</b>	112.00-131.00	134.00	<b>500-600</b>	110.00-129.00	129.00
<b>500-600</b>	119.00-136.00	140.00	<b>400-500</b>	115.50-134.00	144.00
<b>400-500</b>	127.00-145.00	148.00	<b>300-400</b>	101.00-134.00	152.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 16, 2006 – 1,661 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	101.75-106.50	<b>900+</b>	95.00-100.00
<b>900-999</b>	105.00-113.50	<b>800-899</b>	100.25-107.00
<b>800-899</b>	106.00-115.50	<b>700-799</b>	107.00-116.00
<b>700-799</b>	106.00-136.50	<b>600-699</b>	112.00-125.00
<b>600-699</b>	120.00-143.00	<b>500-599</b>	113.50-132.50
<b>500-599</b>	133.50-154.00	<b>400-499</b>	114.00-136.00
<b>400-499</b>	132.00-151.00	<b>300-399</b>	113.00-136.00
<b>Under 400</b>	135.00-151.00		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 16, 2006 - 342 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	80.00-112.50	<b>700-799</b>	85.00-112.50
<b>600-699</b>	70.00-130.50	<b>600-699</b>	66.50-121.00
<b>500-599</b>	76.00-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	78.00-126.50
<b>400-499</b>	73.00-145.00	<b>400-499</b>	87.00-129.00
<b>399 &amp; less</b>	95.00-146.00		

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 17, 2006- 654 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	93.25-102.75	103.50	<b>+900</b>	91.75-101.75	101.75
<b>900-999</b>	96.50-104.25	108.50	<b>800-899</b>	96.00-106.25	106.25
<b>800-899</b>	96.75-105.75	105.75	<b>700-799</b>	101.00-110.50	110.50
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-112.75	123.50	<b>600-699</b>	104.50-110.00	113.50
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-126.00	126.00	<b>500-599</b>	110.50-117.50	117.50
<b>500-599</b>	112.50-131.50	131.50			

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards – May 18, 2006- 1,405 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	62.00-90.00	96.75	<b>900+</b>	57.00-90.50	95.50
<b>900-999</b>	85.00-103.00	111.00	<b>800-899</b>	85.00-101.75	104.50
<b>800-899</b>	90.25-113.25	117.00	<b>700-799</b>	111.75-106.34	111.75
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-126.25	127.00	<b>600-699</b>	97.00-116.25	129.50
<b>600-699</b>	103.50-127.00	133.50	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-125.00	133.00
<b>500-599</b>	121.00-145.25	160.00	<b>400-499</b>	106.00-129.00	133.00
<b>400-499</b>	122.00-150.00	155.00	<b>300-399</b>	106.00-135.50	135.50
<b>399-</b>	129.00-158.00	162.00			

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-county Cattle –May 18, 2006- 411 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	100.50-105.00	105.00	<b>900+</b>	98.50-101.50	101.50
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-101.50	103.00	<b>800-899</b>	99.00-104.60	104.60
<b>800-899</b>	101.00-115.00	115.00	<b>700-799</b>	85.00-107.50	107.50
<b>700-799</b>	116.50-123.25	123.25	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-104.75	121.00
<b>600-699</b>	107.50-123.00	123.00	<b>500-599</b>	91.00-107.50	111.00
<b>500-599</b>	101.00-137.00	137.00	<b>400-499</b>	92.00-118.00	121.00
<b>400-499</b>	102.00-135.50	135.50	<b>300-399</b>	99.00-112.00	134.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.**

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards- 960 stockers- Vaccinated Sale**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	96.00-99.00	99.00	<b>900+</b>	90.50-94.50	94.50
<b>900-999</b>	101.50-108.75	110.50	<b>800-899</b>	95.00-103.25	111.00
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-114.50	114.50	<b>700-799</b>	105.00-116.00	121.50
<b>700-799</b>	111.50-123.00	126.75	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-119.50	129.00
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-120.00	139.00	<b>500-599</b>	116.25-126.00	132.50
<b>500-599</b>	122.00-141.00	149.00	<b>400-499</b>	114.00-139.50	139.50

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market- May 17, 06 - 401 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>900-999</b>	100.00-108.50	<b>800-899</b>	80.00-104.75
<b>800-899</b>	85.50-118.00	<b>700-799</b>	67.50-114.00
<b>700-799</b>	101.50-121.00	<b>600-699</b>	77.00-122.00
<b>600-699</b>	101.50-131.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-125.00
<b>500-599</b>	91.00-142.00	<b>400-499</b>	84.50-135.00
<b>400-499</b>	119.00-154.00	<b>300-399</b>	117.00-120.00
<b>399-</b>	130.00-150.00		

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

<b>Week Ending May 18, 2006</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	157.00-157.50

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday May 18, 2006**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	82.50-84.50	<b>Flat rail</b>	137.25-139.50
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	83.00-84.85	<b>Flat rail</b>	137.25-139.00

**U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)**

Week ending Thursday May 18, 2006

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:      **Live**      79.00-79.50  
    **Rail**      124.00-126.00

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	AAA	AA
May 6, 2006	1.6813	1.6130
April 29, 2006	1.6748	1.5999

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	145.82	125.12

**PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER**

	April 2006	April 2005
Steers	4,009	5,238
Heifers	2,870	3,408
Cows	2,200	2,902
Bulls	749	899

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
May 13, 2006	807	740
May 14, 2005	807	766

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
May 13, 2006		
<b>Grand Total</b>	70,001	1,219,309
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	44,229	750,486
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	13854	251,697

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

Week Ending	May 13, 2006	Year Ago
May 20, 2006		
<b>Grand Total</b>	698,000	708,000
		661,000

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
<b>Total</b>	Jan 1– May 13	Jan 1 – Apr 22
	99,430 tonnes	10,362 tonnes

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – May 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	39,803 tonnes	41,503 tonnes	-4.1%

**Fed**  
**Non-fed**

Jan 1 – May 13  
344,498 tonnes  
91,382 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

Last Year Same Time  
438,506 tonnes  
61,039 tonnes

% Change  
-21.4%  
+49.7%

**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			
<b>Jun</b>	77.22 -0.57	<b>May</b>	103.05 -0.45	<b>July</b>	2.526 -7.4	<b>Jul</b>	5.864 -11.4	<b>Spot</b>	89.21 +0.04
<b>Aug</b>	78.57 -0.52	<b>Aug</b>	106.22 -0.22	<b>Sep</b>	2.634 -7.6	<b>Aug</b>	5.930 -11.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.27 +0.04
<b>Oct</b>	82.25 -0.60	<b>Sep</b>	105.95 -0.17	<b>Dec</b>	2.770 -8.2	<b>Sep</b>	5.984 -12.0	<b>Sep</b>	89.52 +0.04
<b>Dec</b>	84.17 -0.57	<b>Oct</b>	104.87 -0.07	<b>Mar</b>	2.866 -7.4	<b>Nov</b>	6.104 -10.4	<b>Dec</b>	89.77 +0.04

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**Comments for the week ending May 18, 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 1,525, down 102 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.93 up \$1.61 and the average heifer price was \$91.44 up \$0.29 from last week. Last year at this time steers averaged \$85.62, \$8.31 lower and heifers averaged \$84.05, \$7.39 lower than the current prices. Auction markets reported that this week fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices remaining steady.

There were 2,402 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$31.67 down \$2.59 from last week and up \$5.86 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady to strong early in the week and barely steady to steady as the week progressed.

Replacement cattle saw active trade this week with slightly higher volume. Total stockers sold was 8,495 up 9.8% from last week and 10% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that stockers sold actively with prices remaining steady on most classes. Grass type and good quality stockers sold strong.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$159.00-\$160.00 for steers which was fully steady to last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices fully steady early in the week to \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower by Thursday. Steers sold at \$82.50-84.50 live and \$137.25-139.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.75-\$84.85 live and \$137.25-139.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was slow getting started this week. Scattered sales in the north on Thursday saw dressed cattle selling for \$126.00 which is \$2.00 higher than last week. Early Friday business saw prices of \$79.00 live and \$124.00-126.00 dressed, slightly higher than last week.