



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday June 8, 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 163.00-165.00
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	92.09-100.48	96.45	114.00	95.56
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.37-98.77	94.94	101.00	93.79
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.81-101.12	96.16	114.00	95.28
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.04-99.63	94.99	105.50	94.24
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	75.17-98.02	89.66	101.25	90.46
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.95-100.00	93.70	105.50	93.28
Cows-all weights	25.79-42.78	34.28	70.50	31.78
Bulls-all weights	41.40-56.27	48.58	109.00	46.63

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	98.49-103.63	101.29	109.00
900-999	98.65-107.20	102.59	113.00
800-899	97.01-116.48	109.90	125.50
700-799	108.94-125.81	119.87	131.50
600-699	110.25-133.39	122.49	142.00
500-599	115.42-144.28	131.12	155.00
400-499	122.87-145.70	134.69	155.00
-399	112.07-179.30	142.21	245.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	97.38-105.70	101.23	111.00
800-899	97.53-109.26	103.86	114.50
700-799	100.52-118.26	110.70	125.00
600-699	98.59-121.57	112.53	130.00
500-599	102.62-128.68	117.91	145.00
400-499	109.27-129.87	120.04	144.00
300-399	111.77-132.94	122.31	145.00

At Talbotville Livestock: June 3, 2006- 383 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.00-98.00	104.00
Good & choice heifers	87.00-96.00	102.00
Cows	27.00-37.00	58.00
Bulls-good heavy bologna	40.00-50.00	
Bulls-medium	35.00-55.00	

Denfield Livestock – June 6, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 sales to 103.75
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	90.00-94.00
Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	24.00-29.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-57.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good Holstein Bull Calves	200.00-300.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStockers: **Brussels Livestock, June 2, 2006. - 1,392 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	97.00-105.60	109.00	900+	98.50-104.50	107.50
900-1000	98.00-108.50	108.50	800-900	100.50-111.00	114.50
800-900	100.00-125.50	125.50	700-800	106.00-120.50	120.50
700-800	114.00-124.75	125.50	600-700	111.00-122.50	123.00
600-700	121.00-136.00	142.00	500-600	108.00-130.75	135.00
500-600	123.00-145.00	151.00	400-500	124.00-136.00	136.00
400-500	136.00-151.00	155.00	300-400	120.00-144.00	144.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- June 6, 2006 – 548 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	105.35-106.50	900+	105.50-107.00
900-999	110.25-112.25	800-899	107.00-111.00
800-899	109.50-120.85	700-799	107.50-120.00
700-799	126.25-131.50	600-699	110.00-130.00
600-699	110.00-136.00	500-599	114.00-132.50
500-599	108.00-155.00	400-499	123.00-142.00
400-499	124.00-136.00	300-399	86.00-137.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. June 6, 2006 - 117 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	81.50-122.50	600-699	82.50-125.50
600-699	84.00-127.00	500-599	87.00-126.00
500-599	73.00-142.00	400-499	90.00-134.50
400-499	93.50-145.00		
-399	141.00-149.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, June7, 2006- 613 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	98.50-103.25	108.25	+900	98.75-105.00	107.50
900-999	99.00-107.75	113.00	800-899	95.75-106.25	106.25
800-899	100.50-106.00	114.75	700-799	112.50	
700-799	83.50-102.50	102.50			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – June 8, 2006- 775 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	100.50-105.00	111.25			
800-899	68.00-114.00	120.25	800-899	93.50-113.00	113.00
700-799	100.00-128.75	128.75	700-799	108.00-125.00	125.00
600-699	115.00-133.00	137.00	600-699	109.00-124.50	124.50
500-599	126.00-148.00	150.00	500-599	108.00-130.00	133.00
400-499	129.00-155.00	155.00	400-499	110.00-134.50	135.50

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –June 8, 2006- 379 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.75-102.00	106.50			
900-999	104.00-110.25	110.25	900+	106.35-111.00	111.00
800-899	105.75-112.75	112.75	800-899	103.25-106.75	106.75

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards Inc- Friday June 2, 2006- 129 cows, 49 cow/calf pairs, 9 bulls.

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$800.00-1000.00	\$750.00-950.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$600.00-800.00	\$400.00-750.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1200.00-1400.00	\$1000.00-1200.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$900.00-1150.00	\$750.00-900.00

Top quality cow/calf pairs sold strong. Good bred cows traded steady.

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

Week Ending June 8, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	164.00-166.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday June 8, 2006		
Steers	Live	83.50-87.00
Heifers	Live	83.50-87.00
	Flat rail	140.50-143.95
	Flat rail	140.50-141.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday June 8, 2006		
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:		
	Live	N/T
	Rail	128.00-129.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
May 27, 2006	1.6951	1.6063
May 20, 2006	1.6990	1.6106

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	153.99	131.29

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
June 3, 2006	810	735
June 4, 2005	807	738

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End June 3, 2006	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	70,057	1,414,975	87%
Alberta Slaughter	44,113	872,797	80%
Ontario Slaughter	13,646	290,633	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending June 10, 2006	June 3, 2006	Year Ago
Grand Total	707,000	609,000	658,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – June 3	Mexico Jan 1 – May 13
Total	115,039 tonnes	12,146 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 27	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	49,906 tonnes	48,045 tonnes	+3.9%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – June 3	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	400,777 tonnes	509,340 tonnes	-21.3%
Non-fed	102,874 tonnes	69,534 tonnes	+47.9%

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		
Jun	78.52 -1.35	Aug	108.60 -1.00	July	2.420 -3.4	Jul	5.856 -2.0	Spot	90.44 +1.33
Aug	78.85 -1.77	Sep	108.25 -0.97	Sep	2.536 -3.6	Aug	5.926 -2.2	Jun	90.45 +1.35
Oct	82.50 -1.60	Oct	107.30 -1.02	Dec	2.676 -3.2	Sep	5.994 -2.0	Sep	90.68 +1.35
Dec	84.35 -1.77	Nov	106.75 -0.65	Mar	2.790 -3.0	Nov	6.154 -1.0	Dec	90.92 +1.35

Comments for the week ending June 8, 2006

The finished cattle market saw higher prices and good demand. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,283, down 226 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$96.16 up \$0.88 and the average heifer price was \$93.70 up \$0.42 from last week. Auction markets reported that fed cattle sold on a good strong demand with prices firm to \$2.00 higher.

There were 1,801 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$34.28 up \$2.50 from last week. The gain over the last two weeks equals the loss for the two weeks prior which puts us steady with early May pricing. Auction markets reported cows sold strong with prices \$2.00-5.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on the same trend as the cows and finished cattle. Total stockers sold was 4,383 down 4.7% from last week and 32% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that all replacement cattle sold actively with prices steady to slightly higher. One auction saw replacement prices up to \$5.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$163.00-165.00 for steers which was steady with last week. No report on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices fully steady. Steers sold at \$83.50-87.00 live and \$140.50-143.95 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.50-87.00 live and \$140.50-141.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet until late Thursday when active trade was evident in the north as steers and heifers sold at \$128.00-129.00. It was expected to see more trade late on Friday afternoon.

Local beef trade is moving as expected for this time of year. Middle cuts are moving well with stronger prices and demand is increasing for end cuts.