



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday June 22, 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** 166.00-168.00  
**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	92.13-101.61	97.01	113.00	95.79
Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.83-100.70	95.10	102.25	94.93
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.91-101.32	96.43	113.00	95.60
Large Frame Heifers +1000	88.55-100.45	95.08	108.25	94.71
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.02-98.64	91.21	110.00	87.92
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.62-98.89	93.99	110.00	93.63
Cows-all weights	29.01-46.54	37.32	89.50	36.38
Bulls-all weights	45.02-58.02	52.22	95.50	51.45

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

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	100.58-105.30	103.48	108.25
<b>900-999</b>	105.30-111.33	108.16	116.25
<b>800-899</b>	107.85-118.81	114.99	122.75
<b>700-799</b>	108.72-124.16	117.65	131.00
<b>600-699</b>	116.17-132.27	125.02	139.75
<b>500-599</b>	120.01-145.77	135.82	153.50
<b>400-499</b>	112.18-141.24	128.61	155.00
<b>-399</b>	114.11-173.69	146.21	305.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900+</b>	93.20-104.39	99.29	112.00
<b>800-899</b>	102.89-111.21	108.04	114.25
<b>700-799</b>	106.61-119.38	115.25	122.25
<b>600-699</b>	102.78-122.33	115.11	127.50
<b>500-599</b>	104.55-128.24	117.32	134.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.26-132.63	123.79	144.50
<b>300-399</b>	115.88-125.48	122.57	141.00

At Talbotville Livestock: June 17, 2006- 431 head.

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	90.00-99.50	104.00
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	89.00-98.00	104.00
<b>Cows</b>	35.00-48.50	59.50
<b>Bulls</b>	42.00-57.00	

**Denfield Livestock – June 20, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	95.00-100.00 sales to 104.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	90.00-95.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	75.00-85.00
<b>Choice Exotic Cross Heifers</b>	95.000-100.00
<b>Good Heifers</b>	90.00-94.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	75.00-85.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	40.00-50.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-38.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Shells</b>	10.00-20.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	45.00-60.00
<b>Good Holstein Bulls</b>	35.00-43.00
<b>Steer Calves 500-600 lbs</b>	120.00-130.00
<b>Stocker Steers 750-850 lbs</b>	110.00-120.00
<b>Good Holstein Bull Calves</b>	200.00-330.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, June 16, 2006. - 676 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	101.75-105.25	108.00	<b>900+</b>	96.50-105.50	112.00
<b>900-1000</b>	101.50-108.50	110.25	<b>800-900</b>	105.75-112.00	114.25
<b>800-900</b>	107.00-120.50	120.50	<b>700-800</b>	113.00-122.25	122.25
<b>700-800</b>	115.00-130.00	130.00	<b>600-700</b>	118.25-126.00	126.00
<b>600-700</b>	121.50-133.50	133.50	<b>500-600</b>	116.50-132.00	132.00
<b>500-600</b>	130.00-147.75	152.50	<b>400-500</b>	125.00-134.00	135.50
<b>400-500</b>	132.00-149.00	149.00	<b>300-399</b>	123.00-130.00	137.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- June 20, 2006 – 360stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	108.50-115.00	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-115.00
<b>800-899</b>	112.00-119.00	<b>500-599</b>	114.00-133.50
<b>700-799</b>	110.50-131.00	<b>400-499</b>	109.00-136.00
<b>600-699</b>	127.50-133.00		
<b>500-599</b>	129.00-148.00		
<b>400-499</b>	121.00-128.00		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. June 20, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	73.00-124.50	<b>800-899</b>	92.00-106.00
<b>600-699</b>	112.00-138.50	<b>600-699</b>	79.50-125.50
<b>500-599</b>	94.00-141.50	<b>500-599</b>	95.50-127.00
<b>400-499</b>	69.00-151.00	<b>400-499</b>	87.00-144.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, June 21, 2006- 469 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	99.00-105.00	108.00	<b>+900</b>	100.50-108.00	108.00
<b>900-999</b>	102.00-108.25	108.25	<b>800-899</b>	104.25-107.50	110.50
<b>800-899</b>	108.75-112.50	120.00	<b>700-799</b>	110.00-117.00	117.00
<b>700-799</b>	116.00-118.50	123.75			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – June 22, 2006- 450 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>900-999</b>	106.00-116.25	<b>800-899</b>	102.00-112.50
<b>800-899</b>	115.00-122.75	<b>700-799</b>	105.50-122.25
<b>700-799</b>	114.00-129.00	<b>600-699</b>	125.75-127.50
<b>600-699</b>	128.00-139.75	<b>500-599</b>	117.00-133.50
<b>500-599</b>	126.00-153.50	<b>400-499</b>	116.00-139.00
<b>400-499</b>	134.00-155.00		
<b>399-</b>	122.50-130.00		

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –June 22, 2006- 223 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>1000+</b>	107.10-107.75	<b>900+</b>	109.00-109.85
<b>900-999</b>	109.75-110.25	<b>800-899</b>	109.00-113.00

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

<b>Week Ending June 22, 2006</b>	<b><u>Price Range</u></b>
<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	163.00-164.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday June 22, 2006**

<b>Steers Live</b>	85.50-87.60	<b>Flat rail</b>	143.50-145.85
<b>Heifers Live</b>	86.00-87.60	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.00-144.00

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

Week ending **Thursday June 22, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	<b>N/T</b>
	<b>Rail</b>	128.00-129.00

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>June 10, 2006</b>	1.7476	1.6179
<b>June 3, 2006</b>	1.7320	1.6278

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	152.16	129.57

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>June 17, 2006</b>	806	746
<b>June 18, 2005</b>	802	747

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week End</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	71,013	1,558,754	88%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	46,051	967,197	81%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	13,494	317,603	104%

## USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending		
	June 24, 2006	June 17, 2006	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	708,000	704,000	644,000

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – June 17	Jan 1 – May 27
<b>Total</b>	126,184 tonnes	15,090 tonnes

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – June 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	55,363 tonnes	51,953 tonnes	+6.6%

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – June 17	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	443,417 tonnes	557,302 tonnes	-20.4%
<b>Non-fed</b>	110,533 tonnes	76,027 tonnes	+45.4%

## 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>	82.87	+0.25	<b>Aug</b>	115.15	+0.30	<b>July</b>	2.282	-2.2	<b>Jul</b>	5.810	-2.0	<b>Spot</b>	89.05	-0.36
<b>Aug</b>	84.65	+0.07	<b>Sep</b>	114.92	+0.35	<b>Sep</b>	2.396	-2.0	<b>Aug</b>	5.870	-2.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.23	-0.41
<b>Oct</b>	88.15	+0.27	<b>Oct</b>	113.45	-0.05	<b>Dec</b>	2.546	-2.2	<b>Sep</b>	5.940	-1.0	<b>Sep</b>	89.47	-0.41
<b>Dec</b>	88.15	+0.10	<b>Nov</b>	112.75	+0.32	<b>Mar</b>	2.670	-2.0	<b>Nov</b>	6.070	-1.6	<b>Dec</b>	89.71	-0.41

### **Comments for the week ending June 22, 2006**

The finished cattle market saw a slight improvement this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,545, up 296 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$96.43 up \$0.83 and the average heifer price was \$93.99 up \$0.36 from last week. Auction markets reported that fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices firm to stronger.

Slaughter cows saw another strong week of trade. There were 1,960 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$37.32 up \$0.94 from last week and \$12.25 over last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold on a strong active trade with prices ranging from steady to \$3.00 higher.

Replacement cattle continued to sell strong again this week. The total number of stockers sold was 2,805 down 3.4% from last week and 3% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that all replacement cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices steady to \$5.00 higher. Steers 900 lbs+ averaged \$105.79 up \$3.50 over last week and heifers 800 lbs+ averaged \$103.10 up \$6.59 over last week.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$166.00-168.00 for steers which was on average up \$2.50 over last week. No report on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices fully steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. Steers sold 85.50-87.60 live and 143.50-145.85 dressed and heifers sold 86.00-87.60 live and 142.00-144.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill until late Thursday afternoon where scattered trade in the north saw sales \$3.00 to \$4.00 higher than last week as steers and heifers sold \$128.00-\$129.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reports no change from last week. Beef is moving very well, especially the middle cuts with prices remaining strong. End cut movement is average with prices continuing to be lower.