



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Aug 3, 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 154.00-155.00
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	88.77-95.00	92.06	101.00	90.94
Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.33-94.24	89.61	101.00	89.07
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.63-95.04	91.62	101.00	90.88
Large Frame Heifers +1000	83.25-94.84	89.73	98.25	89.83
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	69.21-90.76	82.94	100.00	84.32
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	77.42-93.74	88.27	100.00	88.92
Cows-all weights	32.30-52.72	42.42	78.00	40.58
Bulls-all weights	46.88-58.09	52.48	85.00	54.30

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	95.47-106.52	101.31	114.85
900-999	101.36-109.50	106.74	113.75
800-899	101.34-113.80	109.12	116.00
700-799	110.02-120.33	115.22	124.25
600-699	105.01-127.74	118.74	136.00
500-599	111.29-139.10	129.24	147.00
400-499	108.62-142.67	125.87	155.00
-399	118.14-156.19	139.78	200.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	83.29-98.71	92.34	109.00
800-899	98.92-108.57	104.26	112.25
700-799	94.94-109.93	101.97	114.25
600-699	90.71-118.24	107.34	128.00
500-599	91.46-123.52	114.19	130.50
400-499	103.86-128.38	116.33	140.00
300-399	100.41-133.68	116.27	195.00

At Talbotville Livestock: July 29, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-94.00	98.75
Good & choice heifers	83.00-93.50	99.75
Cows	37.50-47.50	58.50
Bulls	45.00-60.00	

At Denfield Livestock – Aug 1, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	45.00-55.00	Good Fed Cows	45.00-54.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-42.00	D3 & D4 Cows	27.00-32.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 28, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	87.50-100.00	100.00	900+	91.00-101.75	107.00
900-1000	102.50-109.50	109.50	800-900	99.00-109.50	109.50
800-900	98.50-116.00	116.00	700-800	94.00-112.25	114.00
700-800	113.00-123.00	124.00	600-700	88.00-119.50	128.00
600-700	123.00-136.00	136.00	500-600	105.00-127.50	130.50
500-600	129.00-147.00	147.00	400-500	110.00-140.00	140.00
400-500	130.00-155.00	155.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Aug 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	105.75-114.85	800-899	88.25-110.25
900-999	109.75-113.75		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. Aug 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	100.00-119.50	600-699	106.00-122.00
600-699	94.00-130.50	500-599	91.00-130.00
500-599	93.00-130.00	400-499	97.00-136.50
400-499	109.00-142.00		

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Aug 3, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	97.00-109.50	800-899	100.25-112.25
800-899	108.25-116.00	700-799	111.50-114.25
700-799	118.75-124.25	600-699	100.00-120.00
600-699	97.00-126.00	500-599	91.00-127.00
500-599	103.00-135.50	400-499	89.00-125.00
400-499	105.00-152.00	300-399	112.50-130.00
-399	130.00-150.00	299-	125.00-170.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –Aug 3, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	102.50-105.75	900+	102.00
900-999	104.25-105.25	800-8990	104.00-109.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADEWeek ending **Thursday Aug 3, 2006**

Steers	Live	81.00-83.70	Flat rail	135.00-138.25
Heifers	Live	81.00-83.00	Flat rail	135.00-138.35

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)Week ending **Thursday Aug 3, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	80.00-82.00 (including Fri sales)
	Rail	126.00-131.00 (including Fri sales)

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	140.09	124.58

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
July 29, 2006	833	756
July 30, 2005	823	754

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	July 29, 2006		
Grand Total	58,919	1,932,915	88%
Alberta Slaughter	36,776	1,205,452	81%
Ontario Slaughter	13,905	395,373	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Aug 5, 2006		
Grand Total	623,000	656,000	623,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – July 29	Jan 1 – July 8
Total	156,715 tonnes	19,917 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 29	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	555,777 tonnes	692,114 tonnes	-19.7%
Non-fed	131,162 tonnes	92,251 tonnes	+42.2%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	69,948 tonnes	61,771 tonnes	+13.2%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – May 31	Jan 1 – July 29
Pure bred	117	Slaughter steers & heifers 361,821
Non-pure bred	13,856	Feeder steers & heifers 193,261

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending July 22,2006	Week ending July 15,2006
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	117	953

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						
Aug	84.82	+1.95	Aug	84.82	+1.95	Sep	2.450	+0.0	Aug	5.774	+1.4	Spot	88.65	-0.23
Oct	89.50	+1.55	Sep	89.50	+1.55	Dec	2.622	+0.2	Sep	5.820	+0.4	Sept	88.74	-0.26
Dec	89.70	+1.45	Oct	89.70	+1.45	Mar	2.762	+0.2	Nov	5.970	+1.4	Dec	89.02	-0.26
Feb	91.40	+1.25	Nov	91.40	+1.25	May	2.852	+0.0	Jan	6.094	+2.2	Mar	89.29	-0.26

Comments for the week ending Aug 3, 2006

Due to the extreme weather we experienced this week, it is no surprise that live cattle volumes were down. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 706, down 581 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$91.62 up \$0.74 and the average heifer price was \$88.27 down \$0.65 from last week. Auction markets reported light runs and active trade with prices ranging from barely steady to firm.

Slaughter cows on the other hand, saw steady volume and stronger pricing. There were 1,919 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, down 22 head from last week. The average price was \$42.42 up \$1.84 from last week and \$6.70 higher than last year at this time. Another strong week of trade saw this week's average the highest weekly average price since May 29, 2003. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a strong demand with prices steady to higher.

Replacement cattle volume was lighter this week also. The total number of stockers sold was 2,059 down 381 hd from last week and down 2,026 hd from last year at this time. Auction markets reported light runs with active trade and pricing from slightly lower to steady on medium and plainer type cattle with the balance trading from steady to fully steady. Steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$103.81 up \$5.31 from last week and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$99.33 up \$0.52 over last week. Steers 600-700 lbs averaged \$121.47 down \$2.73 and heifers 600-700 lbs averaged \$113.24 down \$5.90 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices for steers, reported by producers for Monday July 31st was \$154.00-155.00, which is on average \$1.50 lower than the previous week. There are no reports on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices ranging from barely steady to \$1.00 lower. Steers sold \$81.00-\$83.70 live and \$135.00-\$138.25 dressed and heifers sold \$81.00-\$83.00 live and \$135.00-\$138.35 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate with trade developing earlier in the week due to packers being short bought after last weeks light sales. Prices were reported as \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week as steers and heifers sold \$80.00-\$82.00 live and \$128.00-\$131.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported that all cuts of beef are moving well. The demand is lower presently, so kills have been cut back to keep inventory tight and help increase demand for boxed beef. With the Labor Day holiday fast approaching, boxed beef buyers must get orders in to assure they can be filled. Prices are remaining steady.