



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Sept 7, 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 156.00-161.00
A grade heifers 155.00-160.00

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	87.91-95.74	92.75	106.75	91.74
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.54-95.99	93.86	99.00	90.73
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.02-96.29	93.39	106.75	91.64
Large Frame Heifers +1000	83.86-95.18	91.66	101.00	83.61
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81.74-92.57	88.49	100.00	85.81
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.87-95.37	90.95	101.00	86.12
Cows-all weights	26.80-45.75	35.87	73.50	37.19
Bulls-all weights	43.54-56.45	50.45	95.00	51.52

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	102.88-112.31	107.89	119.00
900-999	108.07-115.86	113.10	120.25
800-899	110.84-120.84	116.56	125.00
700-799	114.18-129.03	122.41	135.25
600-699	114.27-133.17	123.69	140.50
500-599	120.76-146.32	135.52	159.00
400-499	132.92-160.24	147.95	169.00
-399	105.41-170.86	146.13	227.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	88.66-104.46	99.26	108.75
800-899	104.59-113.22	109.66	117.00
700-799	105.47-118.44	113.34	134.00
600-699	106.81-123.43	117.00	130.50
500-599	104.22-128.94	118.61	140.00
400-499	116.51-132.97	125.98	153.50
300-399	120.80-140.88	132.78	166.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Sept 2, 2006- 230 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.00-96.50	102.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-96.00	
Cows	32.00-42.00	63.00
Bulls	45.00-55.00	

Denfield Livestock – Sept 5, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	88.00-96.00	Good & Choice Heifers	88.00-96.00
Plain Steers	80.00-85.00	Plain Heifers	75.00-85.00
Good Beef Bulls	50.00-60.00	Good Beef Cows	45.00-55.00
Good Hol Bulls	40.00-50.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
		D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-40.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Sept 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	92.75-107.25	110.50	900+	91.00-108.75	108.75
900-1000	103.00-114.25	120.00	800-900	109.25-115.75	115.75
800-900	108.50-120.00	125.00	700-800	101.00-117.50	134.00
700-800	117.00-130.50	130.50	600-700	111.75-126.50	126.50
600-700	119.00-134.00	138.00	500-600	112.0-133.00	134.50
500-600	131.00-147.00	148.00	400-500	114.50-119	119.00
400-500	145.00-138.50	168.50	300-400	132.00-166.00	166.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Sept 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	105.35-119.00	900+	96.00-102.50
900-999	117.25-120.25	800-899	104.50-113.00
800-899	110.00-119.75	700-799	116.50-122.50
700-799	123.75-135.25	600-699	111.50-130.50
600-699	121.00-140.50	500-599	100.00-128.50
500-599	117.00-142.00	400-499	70.00-100.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. Sept 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	77.00-112.50	800-899	112.50
700-799	82.00-118.00	700-799	77.00-118.00
600-699	109.00-130.50	600-699	109.00-130.50
500-599	106.00-151.50	500-599	106.00-151.50
400-499	97.00-165.00	400-499	97.00-165.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Sept 6, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	105.75-112.25	113.25	+900	96.00-108.50	108.50
900-999	110.50-117.50	117.50	800-899	91.50-109.50	109.50
800-899	117.50-125.00	125.00	700-799	110.25-116.50	116.50
700-799	118.25-130.50	130.50			
600-699	118.00-129.00	129.00			
500-599	103.50-141.50	141.50			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Sept 7, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	102.50-111.75	111.75	900+	94.00-104.00	105.00
900-999	107.75-113.00	115.00	800-899	99.25-114.50	114.50
800-899	111.75-123.00	123.00	700-799	102.00-118.75	123.00
700-799	104.00-123.00	129.00	600-699	104.00-120.00	120.00
600-699	116.50-136.00	139.50	500-599	101.00-120.00	128.50
500-599	123.00-152.00	159.00	400-499	108.00-130.00	130.00
400-499	149.50-165.00	167.00	300-399	108.00-140.00	150.00
-400	150.00-176.00	176.00	-299	125.00-165.00	165.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **Grey Bruce Livestock Cooperative/ Wiarton, Sept 7, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	103.50-118.25	900+	106.50-116.00
900-999	106.00-122.00	800-899	100.00-117.00
800-899	108.50-125.00	700-799	112.75-117.25
700-799		600-699	116.00-116.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Sept 7, 2006**

Steers	Live	86.00-89.20	Flat rail	143.50-147.30
Heifers	Live	86.86-88.30	Flat rail	143.50-147.00

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

Week Ending Sept 7, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	158.00-158.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Sept 7, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	\$90.00-\$92.75
	Rail	852\$142.00-\$145.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Aug 19, 2006	1.7102	1.5997
Aug 12, 2006	1.6984	1.5847

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	149.10	138.14

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sept 2, 2006	852	787
Sept 3, 2005	837	774

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Sept 2, 2006		
Grand Total	64,743	2,248,359	88%
Alberta Slaughter	42,381	1,416,299	82%
Ontario Slaughter	13,761	459,525	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Sept 9, 2006		
Grand Total	591,000	680,000	578,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Sept 2	Jan 1 – Aug 12
Total	182,476 tonnes	23,491 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 2	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	654,286 tonnes	803,424 tonnes	-18.6%
Non-fed	147,989 tonnes	109,631 Tonnes	+35.0%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 26	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	81,614 tonnes	70,241 tonnes	+16.2%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – June 30		Jan 1 – Sept 2	
Pure bred	181	Slaughter steers & heifers	415,383
Non-pure bred	20,506	Feeder steers & heifers	204,582

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Aug 26, 06	Week ending Aug 19,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	273	259	6,964

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			
Oct	92.30 -1.45	Sep	118.57 -0.65	Sep	2.316 +1.0	Sep	5.370 -1.4	Spot	89.28 -0.83
Dec	92.17 -0.82	Oct	118.22 -0.65	Dec	2.460 +0.2	Nov	5.480 -2.0	Sept	89.28 -0.85
Feb	92.00 -0.52	Nov	118.25 -0.82	Mar	2.600 +0.2	Jan	5.616 -1.4	Dec	89.53 -0.85
Apr	91.55 -0.42	Jan	114.55 -0.85	May	2.682 +0.0	Mar	5.732 -1.6	Mar	89.80 -0.85

SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES

September 9th – 16th

Sept 9-	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock (Leo's)	Stockers & Yearlings
Sept 9-	9:00 am	Rainy River	Yearlings
Sept 11-	7:00 pm	Tri County	Exotic Yearlings
Sept 15-	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson	All Vaccinated Yearlings
Sept 15-	9:00 am	Keady	Yearlings (overnight stand)
Sept 16-	11:00 am	Selby	Yearlings 100% Vaccinated.

Comments for the week ending Sept 7, 2006

The fed cattle market regained last week's price decline. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,020, down 90 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.39 up \$1.75 and the average heifer price was \$90.95 up \$4.83 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold strong with prices ranging from steady to \$1.00 higher.

Slaughter cows sold easier this week. There were 1,833 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, 283 less than last week. The average price was \$35.87 down \$1.32 from last week and \$2.36 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold at prices barely steady to \$2.00 lower

Replacement cattle continue to sell on a good demand. The total number of stockers sold was 4,803 down 7.5% from last week and 26% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that stockers sold on a strong active trade with lightweight cattle selling steady to stronger while yearlings traded steady to \$3.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices this week were lower early in the week with prices slightly better by the end of the week. Steers sold from \$156.00-\$161.00 and heifers traded at \$155.00-\$160.00.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices \$1.00-\$1.50 higher than last week. Steers sold \$86.00-\$89.20 live and \$143.50-\$147.30 dressed. Heifers traded \$86.65-\$88.30 live and \$143.50-\$147.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade had not developed at the time of this report.(Friday noon) Business on the previous Friday saw prices up \$4.00-\$4.50 at \$90.00-\$92.75 live and \$142.00-\$145.00 dressed. Asking prices this week are firm at \$95.00 live and \$150.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported excellent movement over the long weekend. All cuts are moving extremely well with prices increasing to reflect the higher live cattle market. Inventory is light and kills are remaining steady.