



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Oct 5, 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 153.00-155.00

A grade heifers 152.00-154.00

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	89.18-95.26	92.34	100.75	89.98
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.19-95.78	92.05	97.00	89.81
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.07-95.17	92.17	100.75	90.13
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.82-95.45	91.18	106.00	89.33
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	70.66-90.98	84.03	96.50	85.21
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81.46-94.93	89.91	106.00	88.28
Cows-all weights	25.49-41.46	33.55	64.50	34.18
Bulls-all weights	37.82-54.84	45.71	88.00	51.76

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	103.40-112.19	108.00	118.50
900-999	104.96-115.26	112.64	119.00
800-899	103.26-118.43	112.70	124.00
700-799	101.85-124.89	116.34	132.50
600-699	111.73-130.11	121.60	146.00
500-599	120.79-142.97	133.01	155.00
400-499	123.66-155.42	141.76	169.70
-399	124.34-161.95	146.71	201.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	96.00-107.01	100.79	113.25
800-899	97.39-113.12	106.53	118.50
700-799	102.70-114.82	110.85	120.25
600-699	102.25-120.17	113.04	130.50
500-599	107.70-129.09	120.23	135.00
400-499	114.92-139.29	128.35	152.20
300-399	124.91-141.88	134.47	153.00
-299	107.77-140.30	125.13	161.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Sept 30, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.00-94.50	101.25
Good & choice heifers	85.00-98.00	
Cows	33.00-42.00	67.50
Bulls	50.00-56.00	

Denfield Livestock – Oct 3, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	87.00-97.00 to 99.00	Good & Choice Heifers	87.00-100.00 to 102.50
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
Good Beef Bulls	50.00-60.00	D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-37.00
Good Hol Bulls	40.00-45.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Steers 950-1050	95.00-109.50	Heifers 900-1000	90.00-105.00
Steers 600-750	100.00-130.00	Heifers 600-750	105.00-120.00
Hol bull calves	121.00-215.00		

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Sept 29, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	90.00-101.75	106.50	900+	91.25-112.00	113.25
900-999	103.00-109.50	109.50	800-899	104.00-113.50	114.25
800-899	106.00-116.50	123.00	700-799	107.00-115.75	117.00
700-799	109.00-121.00	126.00	600-699	112.00-128.00	128.00
600-699	119.00-130.75	135.00	500-599	114.00-134.00	134.00
500-599	129.00-146.50	155.00	400-499	125.00-152.20	152.20
400-499	136.00-169.70	169.70	300-399	132.50-137.00	148.00
300-399	145.00-161.00	170.00			

Stocker sale at: Temiskaming Livestock- Oct 2, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	113.00-131.00	600-699	99.00-107.50
500-599	129.00-143.50	500-599	95.00-121.50
400-499	138.50-161.00	400-499	111.50-140.00
399-	115.00-159.00	300-399	108.00-134.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- Oct 3, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	109.50-115.60	118.50	900+	97.00-105.75	105.75
900-999	109.75-118.50	118.50	800-899	93.50-118.50	118.50
800-899	108.50-124.00	124.00	700-799	101.00-109.50	109.50
700-799	106.25-126.00	129.00	600-699	108.50-125.25	125.25
600-699	119.00-134.00	134.00	500-599	113.25-124.00	130.00
500-599	131.00-148.00	149.00	400-499	124.00-137.00	137.00
400-499	141.00-152.00	152.00			
-399	151.00-163.00	163.00			

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. (Hoards)- Oct 3, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	76.00-115.50	700-799	71.00-114.00
600-699	85.50-120.50	600-699	70.00-114.50
500-599	99.00-132.50	500-599	64.00-128.00
400-499	112.00-153.00	400-499	74.50-131.00
-399	110.00-152.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Oct 4, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.00-108.00	112.00	+900	94.50-100.00	100.00
900-999	104.00-112.00	115.75	800-899	84.00-112.25	112.25
800-899	105.00-120.00	120.00	700-799	108.00-113.75	113.75
700-799	108.50-132.50	132.50			
600-699	109.50-135.50	137.00			
500-599	115.00-135.50	135.50			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Oct 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	99.00-123.00	123.00	800-899	92.00-110.00	110.00
600-699	79.00-112.00	121.50	700-799	109.00-113.00	113.00
500-599	114.00-136.00	136.00	600-699	103.00-120.00	120.00
400-499	117.00-139.00	142.00	500-599	111.50-124.00	125.00
-400	102.00-156.00	201.00	400-499	109.00-135.00	135.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Oct 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	80.00-97.00	97.00	900+	70.00-89.00	96.50
900-999	93.50-115.25	115.25	800-899	97.00-105.00	105.00
800-899	107.50-120.75	122.50	700-799	101.50-114.75	117.50
700-799	103.25-127.75	127.75	600-699	102.00-116.50	126.00
600-699	110.00-131.50	134.50	500-599	105.50-130.25	130.25
500-599	114.50-137.00	144.00	400-499	110.00-134.00	144.00
400-499	114.00-144.00	165.50	300-399	84.00-132.00	144.00
-400	110.00-144.00	160.00	-299	127.50-140.00	140.00

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock – Oct 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	105.00-119.50	119.50	600-699	98.00-118.00	118.00
600-699	103.00-128.00	128.00	500-599	109.00-135.00	135.00
500-599	107.00-139.00	139.00	400-499	114.00-137.00	137.00
400-499	112.00-150.00	155.00	300-399	112.00-139.00	139.00
-400	127.00-151.00	155.00	-299	108.00-149.00	149.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co- Oct 5, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	112.00-116.10	900+	80.00-98.00
800-899	115.50-119.00	800-899	101.00-114.75
700-799	104.50-130.00	700-799	114.50-117.75
600-699	122.50-130.00	600-699	102.00-115.25

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **South River Sales- Sept 28/06**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-800	112.00-124.00 top 125.50	600-800	105.00-112.00 top 114.50
400-600	142.00-159.00 top 164.00	400-600	130.00-143.00 top 144.75
Under 400	121.00-137.00 top 141.50	Under 400	121.00-137.00 top 141.50

Stocker sale at: **Cargill Auction Market- Sept 29/06**

HEIFERS	Price Range
900+	100.00-115.00 top 116.35
800-899	110.00-120.00 top 121.00
700-799	115.00-122.00 top 122.25
600-699	115.00-130.00 top 130.50

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock : Sept 29, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	106.50-114.60	114.75	900+	107.25-111.00	111.50
900-1000	114.35-117.75	119.00	800-900	112.25-115.75	115.75
800-900	117.70-124.00	124.00			

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) - Sept 30, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	54.00-113.00	121.00	700-799	95.00-112.00	112.00
700-799	86.00-126.00	126.00	600-699	112.00-119.00	124.00
600-699	118.00-131.00	136.00	500-599	114.50-130.00	134.00
500-499	126.00-147.00	153.00	400-499	117.00-135.00	135.00
400-499	126.00-167.00	169.00	300-399	117.00-138.00	143.00
-399	127.00-171.00	171.00	-299	118.00-135.00	157.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards – Oct 3, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
999+	104.50-113.50	899+	103.25-110.25
900-999	107.00-115.00	800-899	106.00-117.25
800-899	114.00-119.75	700-799	116.00-120.25
700-799	112.00-122.50	600-699	110.50-120.00
600-699	115.00-128.00	500-599	111.00-121.00
500-599	110.00-120.00		

Stocker sale at: **Galetta Livestock Sales -Oct 4, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	92.00-124.00	700-799	83.00-103.00
600-699	112.00-139.00	600-699	100.00-121.50
500-599	80.00-140.00	500-599	81.00-140.00
400-499	80.00-162.00	400-499	80.00-134.50
-399	135.00-161.00	300-399	126.00-130.00

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt -Oct 4, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	95.50-107.25	800-899	91.50-115.00
900-999	81.00-113.75	700-799	96.00-115.50
800-899	98.00-119.00	600-699	89.00-118.50
700-799	102.00-130.00	500-599	109.00-118.00
600-699	97.50-128.75	400-499	118.00-128.00
500-599	117.00-145.00		
400-499	92.50-155.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Oct 5, 2006**

Steers	Live	83.50-86.50	Flat rail	142.00-142.90
Heifers	Live	83.25-86.75	Flat rail	142.00

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

Week Ending Oct 5, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	153.50-154.25

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday Oct 5, 2006		
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	90.00-92.50 (Fri Sept 29)
	Rail	137-142.00 (Fri Sept 29)

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Sept 16, 2006	1.6613	1.6158
Sept 9, 2006	1.6506	1.5796

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	142.34	134.02

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sept 30, 2006	866	796
Oct 1, 2005	839	777

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Sept 30, 2006		
Grand Total	65,808	2,497,987	88%
Alberta Slaughter	43,156	1,580,717	82%
Ontario Slaughter	13,357	510,346	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Oct 7, 2006		
Grand Total	635,000	639,000	622,000

BEEF EXPORTS (this week not available)

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Sept 23	Jan 1 – Sept 2
Total	199,427 tonnes	24,599 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION (this week not available)

	Jan 1 – Sept 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	710,079 tonnes	871,467 tonnes	-18.5%
Non-fed	159,454 tonnes	121,229 tonnes	+31.5%

BEEF IMPORTS (this week not available)

	Jan 1 – Sept 16	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	87,131 tonnes	74,097 tonnes	+17.6%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA (this week not available)

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 –July 31		Jan 1 – Sept 23	
Pure bred	219	Slaughter steers & heifers	462,169
Non-pure bred	24,971	Feeder steers & heifers	216,660

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 23, 06	Week ending Sept 16,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	78	7,335

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	90.87	-0.47	Oct	113.02	-0.42	Dec	2.710	-0.6	Nov	5.640	-1.4	Spot	88.74	-0.10
Dec	89.35	-0.75	Nov	111.25	-0.35	Mar	2.840	+0.6	Jan	5.776	-2.2	Dec	89.35	+0.03
Feb	90.82	-0.52	Jan	109.27	-0.52	May	2.904	-0.4	Mar	5.882	-1.4	Mar	89.40	+0.03
Apr	89.82	-0.50	Mar	106.67	-0.27	Jul	2.960	-2.2	May	5.954	-2.4	Jun	89.60	+0.03

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SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES

Oct 7th – 14th

Oct 7-	9:00 am	Rainy River	Calves
Oct 7-	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Yearlings/ Bred Cows
Oct 12-	2:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards	Leeds & Greenville Cty Calf Sale in regular sale.
Oct 13-	9:00 am	Keady Livestock	Yearlings (overnight stand)
Oct 13-	7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards	Bred Cow Sale

Comments for the week ending Oct 5, 2006

The fed cattle market saw some improvement this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,193 down 30 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$92.17 up \$2.04 and the average heifer price was \$89.91 up \$1.63 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively at prices steady to \$2.00 higher

There were 1,839 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week which is 321 lower than last week. The average price was \$33.55 down \$0.63 from last week and \$2.88 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on an active trade with prices steady to strong at the beginning of the week to steady to barely steady as the week progressed.

Replacement cattle saw a mixed trade this week. Steers sold lower with the exception of shortkeep steers and lightweight heifers were stronger with shortkeeps lower. The total number of stockers sold was 10,812 up 28.1% from last week and 9% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that calves sold barely steady to steady while yearlings traded steady. One report mentioned that vaccinated cattle were selling steady with others selling up to \$10.00 lower. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$141.76 down \$7.54 and heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$128.35 up \$1.16

over last week. Steers 900 lbs+ averaged \$109.67 up \$0.28 and heifers 800 lbs + averaged \$103.64 down \$0.83 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week for steers was \$153.00-\$155.00 which was on average \$1.50 lower than last week. Heifers were also \$1.50 lower on average at \$152.00-\$154.00.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices steady to \$1.00 higher. Steers sold \$83.50-86.50 live and \$142.00-\$142.90 dressed. Heifers traded \$83.25-\$86.75 live and \$142.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was untested at the time of reporting. Business is expected to develop late Friday afternoon, after the futures settle. Predictions are that business will be steady to last week. Asking prices are firm at \$94.00 live and \$148.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a good steady week, even with Thanksgiving weekend upon us. Strips have leveled off in movement as BBQ season winds down and end cuts are selling stronger.