



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday January 11, 2007



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 154.00-160.00
A grade heifers 153.00-157.00

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	87.42-95.31	91.26	103.50	89.51
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.28-95.54	91.13	99.50	90.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.73-94.13	90.58	103.50	89.95
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.65-94.98	91.29	104.00	89.84
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.09-92.45	89.01	105.25	84.92
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	85.61-94.77	90.73	105.25	89.31
Cows-all weights	24.04-37.58	30.71	62.80	31.43
Bulls-all weights	33.33-44.06	38.35	76.00	51.50

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	96.53-103.58	100.61	109.50	99.45
900-999	101.61-107.77	105.74	110.75	94.40
800-899	95.38-108.44	103.10	111.50	96.13
700-799	97.52-110.93	105.71	116.50	102.57
600-699	106.35-120.10	114.18	125.00	106.46
500-599	108.13-127.00	118.52	136.50	110.02
400-499	112.26-130.75	122.76	141.00	119.25
-399	101.01-140.46	121.29	217.00	111.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	90.06-98.90	95.51	105.50	82.02
800-899	93.82-101.71	98.61	105.00	95.54
700-799	90.69-102.69	96.66	108.75	96.30
600-699	89.97-107.62	100.50	118.50	98.51
500-599	91.82-113.71	104.35	119.50	103.88
400-499	97.33-118.40	109.28	125.00	107.72
300-399	103.66-122.55	112.19	140.00	111.01
-299	116.20-139.10	132.15	195.00	109.00

At Talbotville Livestock: January 8, 2007- 613 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-94.50	102.00
Good & choice heifers	85.00-95.25	
Cows	31.00-38.50	64.00
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	35.00-52.00	
Veal	85.00-95.00	

Denfield Livestock – Jan 9, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	88.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	87.00-95.00
Bulls	40.00-48.00	Med Heifers	84.00-87.00
Good Hol bull calves	125.00-225.00	Good Fed Cows	42.00-47.00
		Med Cows	32.00-37.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Jan 5, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.75-97.75	101.25	900+	93.00-99.50	100.25
900-999	97.25-103.00	103.00	800-899	91.00-102.00	105.00
800-899	100.00-111.25	111.50	700-799	96.00-105.00	107.75
700-799	96.00-110.00	112.00	600-699	96.00-112.50	118.50
600-699	102.00-119.00	119.00	500-599	97.00-117.00	117.00
500-599	107.50-125.00	131.00	400-499	112.00-123.00	123.00
400-499	113.00-131.00	132.00	300-399	117.00-140.00	140.00
300-399	118.00-134.00	134.00			

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock, Jan 9, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	105.50-109.00	109.50	900+	80.00-95.00	95.00
900-999	102.25-108.75	108.75	700-799	101.75-108.75	108.75
800-899	97.00-104.50	104.50	600-699	107.00-111.00	111.00
700-799	100.50-109.50	109.50	500-599	103.0-119.50	119.50
600-699	105.00-111.00	111.00	400-499	103.00-115.00	121.00
500-599	120.00-136.50	136.50	300-399	94.00-122.00	122.00
400-499	124.00-140.00	140.00			

Stocker sale at: D.H. Hickson Ltd, Jan 9, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	62.50-114.50	700-799	72.00-96.00
500-599	78.00-122.50	600-699	64.00-100.50
400-499	66.00-125.00	500-599	58.00-108.00
399-	121.50-125.50	400-499	76.00-110.50

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 10, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.50-107.25	107.25	+900	91.25-99.50	102.75
900-999	104.50-110.75	110.75	800-899	99.00-104.75	104.75
800-899	95.25-109.25	110.50	700-799	96.00-104.75	106.50
700-799	103.75-113.75	113.75			
600-699	107.50-116.25	116.25			

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – Jan 11, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	82.75-98.00	98.00	900+	89.00-92.50	95.50
900-999	96.50-97.25	101.00	800-899	87.00-95.00	95.00
800-899	99.00-108.00	108.00	700-799	88.00-102.25	102.25
700-799	101.00-112.50	116.50	600-699	95.00-110.50	113.50
600-699	113.50-125.00	125.00	500-599	88.00-112.75	119.00
500-599	117.00-132.00	133.50	400-499	94.00-120.00	120.00
400-499	120.00-130.00	135.00	300-399	97.00-120.00	128.00
399-	105.00-129.00	147.50	299-	115.00-130.00	130.00

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) – Jan 11, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	98.00-109.00	109.00	600-699	45.00-100.00	100.00
600-699	105.00-115.00	115.00	500-599	109.00-112.00	112.00
500-599	99.00-119.00	125.00	299-	105.00-195.00	195.00
400-499	100.00-128.00	129.00			
399-	45.00-217.00	217.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co – Jan 11, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	100.25-103.25	900+	101.00-105.50
600-699	120.75	800-899	100.50
500-599	118.25-124.75		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Jan 11, 2007**

Steers	Live	85.90-88.50	Flat rail	146.00-149.00
Heifers	Live	85.65-88.50	Flat rail	147.00-147.75

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

Week Ending Jan 11, 2007	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	155.50-157.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Jan 11, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	87.00-87.50
	Rail	140.00-142.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	151.00	136.98

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Jan 6, 2007	865	800
Jan 5, 2006	853	791

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Jan 6, 2007		
Grand Total	51,562	51,562	100%
Alberta Slaughter	33,524	33,524	104%
Ontario Slaughter	10,754	10,754	99%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Jan 13, 2007		
Grand Total	594,000	520,000	606,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – Jan 6	Mexico Jan 1 – Dec 16
Total	4,299 tonnes	33,617 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	14,720 tonnes	14,155 tonnes	+4.0%
Non-fed	4,011 tonnes	4,512 tonnes	-11.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 30/06	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	81,590 tonnes	45,071 tonnes	+81.0%
Non-NAFTA	39,104 tonnes	57,174 tonnes	-31.6%
Total	121,841 tonnes	105,514 tonnes	+15.5%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – Nov 30/06		Jan 1 – Jan 6/07	
Pure bred	471	Slaughter steers & heifers	8,572
Non-pure bred	32,726	Feeder steers & heifers	3,531

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 30, 06	Week ending Dec 23,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	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		
Feb	91.80	Jan	94.57	Mar	3.964	Jan	7.060	Spot	85.41	+0.41
Apr	93.87	Mar	92.95	May	4.074	Mar	7.164	Mar	85.68	+0.52
Jun	89.80	Apr	94.70	Jul	4.144	May	7.314	Jun	85.91	+0.52
Aug	88.22	May	95.62	Sep	4.024	Jul	7.430	Sep	86.15	+0.52

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Special Fall Sales

Sat, Jan 13, 2007	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange(Leo's)	Stockers and Yearlings
Wed, Jan 17, 2007	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt -Peterborough/Victoria County Sale	Calves/Yearlings 100 % Vacc
Fri, Jan 19, 2007	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards)	100% Vaccinated

Comments for the week ending January 11, 2007

The finished cattle market was a little stronger this week in both volume and prices. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,326, 732 higher than last week. The average fed steer price was \$90.58 up \$0.63 and the average heifer price was \$90.73 up \$1.42 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good active trade with prices firm to \$3.00 higher. American types were reported as selling strong.

The slaughter cow market was off a touch this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,391, up 581 from last week. The average price was \$30.71 down \$0.72 from last week and \$1.08 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good demand at steady prices.

Replacement cattle also were up in both pricing and volume this week. There were 3,529 replacements sold through auction markets this week, up 2,046 over last week and 786 head short of last year of this time. All weight classes of steers and heifers were stronger with steers 900lbs+ averaging 102.25 up \$3.95 and heifers 800lbs+ averaging \$96.53 up \$11.49 from last week. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$122.76 up \$3.51 and heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$109.28 up \$1.56 over last week. Auction markets report a good active trade with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$154.00-\$160.00 for steers and \$153.00-\$157.00 for heifers, averaging \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to active with prices steady to firmer. Steers traded \$85.90-\$88.50 live and \$146.00-\$149.00 dressed. Heifers sold \$85.65-\$88.50 live and \$147.00-\$147.75 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a few scattered sales on Wednesday and Thursday in Nebraska at prices \$140.00-\$142.00 dressed which is steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. Although packers appeared to be short bought this week, significant trade still had not developed at time of reporting. Asking prices remained firm at \$92.00-\$93.00 live and \$143.00-\$145.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a good week overall. All beef cuts are moving well which is partially due to the unseasonable temperatures, making BBQ's seem more attractive. Prices are up as reflected in the live cattle market.