



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday January 18, 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 157.00-161.00
A grade heifers 156.00-159.00

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	85.60-94.44	90.08	99.75	91.26
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.31-95.09	90.73	96.75	91.13
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.65-94.89	90.27	99.75	90.58
Large Frame Heifers +1000	87.80-93.48	90.68	98.00	91.29
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.89-91.75	87.74	95.25	89.01
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	86.16-93.34	90.09	98.00	90.73
Cows-all weights	24.57-39.17	31.91	76.00	30.71
Bulls-all weights	37.98-50.06	43.55	80.00	38.35

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	91.69-100.04	96.17	103.85	100.61
900-999	97.35-104.89	101.25	109.50	105.74
800-899	95.07-105.57	100.57	115.50	103.10
700-799	93.41-108.42	102.51	116.00	105.71
600-699	96.46-115.37	107.15	123.00	114.18
500-599	101.85-123.26	114.12	134.50	118.52
400-499	105.66-127.72	119.13	142.00	122.76
-399	89.65-121.81	109.93	162.00	121.29

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	87.92-97.27	93.45	99.50	95.51
800-899	88.45-100.21	95.28	115.00	98.61
700-799	81.75-101.21	94.79	120.00	96.66
600-699	89.00-107.41	99.36	116.00	100.50
500-599	89.71-111.72	102.41	118.00	104.35
400-499	92.79-114.94	104.42	130.00	109.28
300-399	92.42-116.47	107.17	150.00	112.19
-299	64.55-105.25	83.96	130.00	132.15

At Talbotville Livestock: January 13, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.50-94.50	102.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-94.75	
Cows	28.00-38.50	62.50
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	37.00-45.50	
Veal	75.00-88.00	102.00

Denfield Livestock – Jan 16, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	90.00-94.00 top 98.00	Good & Choice Heifers	90.00-94.00 top 97.00
Medium Steers	86.00-90.00	Med Heifers	82.00-86.00
Good Hol bull calves	150.00-235.00	Good Fed Cows	35.00-42.00 top 55.00
		Med Cows	27.00-35.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Jan 12, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.00-103.85	103.85	900+	91.75-99.35	99.35
900-999	96.25-101.00	106.50	800-899	94.00-105.00	115.00
800-899	101.50-115.50	115.50	700-799	98.00-109.50	120.00
700-799	102.00-112.50	116.00	600-699	93.00-110.00	116.00
600-699	95.50-116.50	123.00	500-599	99.00-114.00	117.00
500-599	112.00-127.00	127.50	400-499	105.00-120.50	129.00
400-499	116.00-126.50	129.00	300-399	100.00-125.50	125.50
300-399	106.00-137.00	137.00			

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock, Jan 16, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	89.75-98.50	98.50	700-799	75.50	88.50
900-999	102.00	102.00	600-699	95.50-100.00	100.00
700-799	98.00-102.00	105.00	500-599	104.00-112.00	112.00
600-699	113.50-119.00	119.00	400-499	103.00-121.00	121.00
500-599	119.00-130.00	130.00			
400-499	127.00-130.00	130.00			

Stocker sale at: D.H. Hickson Ltd, Jan 16, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	74.50-104.00	700-799	62.00-94.00
600-699	96.00-113.50	600-699	81.00-99.50
500-599	85.50-122.50	500-599	73.00-104.00
400-499	95.50-127.00	400-499	60.00-115.50

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 17, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.50-101.00	102.25	+900	93.50-99.50	99.50
900-999	99.25-108.25	109.50	800-899	90.50-96.75	96.75
800-899	95.00-103.25	106.50	600-699	96.50-103.00	103.00
700-799	94.00-105.00	105.00	500-599	109.50-113.00	113.00
600-699	101.00-112.00	112.00			

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – Jan 18, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	78.50-102.00	102.00	900+	73.00-94.75	94.75
900-999	96.50-102.50	102.50	800-899	85.00-99.00	105.00
800-899	90.50-106.75	106.75	700-799	81.50-99.00	99.00
700-799	94.25-112.00	112.00	600-699	88.00-109.00	111.00
600-699	98.00-118.00	118.50	500-599	88.00-112.50	116.75
500-599	99.75-125.25	129.50	400-499	86.50-110.00	118.50
400-499	106.00-127.00	133.00	300-399	73000-102.00	128.00
399-	93.00-122.0	123.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange– Jan 18, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	93.00-103.00	103.00	700-799	70.00-103.00	107.00
700-799	80.00-107.50	111.00	600-699	103.00-111.00	111.00
600-699	103.50-114.00	114.00	500-599	94.00-113.00	114.00
500-599	105.00-122.00	132.00	400-499	104.00-122.00	130.00
400-499	111.00-135.00	135.00	300-399	110.00-130.00	150.00

SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, (Leo's) Jan 13, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	83.00-91.50	95.00	900+	81.00-96.25	96.25
900-999	98.00-102.00	102.00	800-899	85.00-99.25	99.25
800-899	98.50-107.50	107.50	700-799	87.00-101.50	101.50
700-799	93.00-108.50	111.00	600-699	95.50-104.50	104.50
600-699	93.00-109.00	111.00	500-599	90.00-105.50	111.00
500-599	89.00-114.00	116.00	400-499	89.00-112.00	112.00
400-499	98.00-123.00	124.00	300-399	78.00-114.00	114.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt.- Peterborough/Victoria Cty - Jan 17, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	91.50-94.25	+900	79.00-90.50
900-999	71.00-95.50	700-799	78.00-104.00
800-899	98.00-99.00	600-699	75.00-111.00
700-799	89.00-106.25	500-599	83.00-118.00
600-699	90.00-120.00	400-499	87.00-121.00
500-599	111.00-134.50		
400-499	90.00-142.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Jan 18, 2007**

Steers	Live	86.40-88.45	Flat rail	145.00-149.00
Heifers	Live	87.25-88.80	Flat rail	146.00-147.80

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

Week Ending Jan 18, 2007	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	155.50-156.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Jan 18, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	86.50-87.00
	Rail	139.00-140.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Jan 6, 2007	1.6579	1.5526
Dec 30, 2006	1.5764	1.4781
Dec 23, 2006	1.5779	1.5249
Dec 16, 2006	1.5744	1.4929

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	155.04	141.32

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Jan 13, 2007	869	803
Jan 14, 2006	858	796

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Jan 13, 2007		
Grand Total	64,950	116,512	102%
Alberta Slaughter	40,660	74,184	107%
Ontario Slaughter	13,464	24,218	101%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Jan 20, 2007		
Grand Total	613,000	594,000	605,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Jan 13	Jan 1 – Dec 23
Total	9,128 tonnes	34,761 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 13	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	32,609 tonnes	31,313 tonnes	+4.1%
Non-fed	9,619 tonnes	9,803 tonnes	-1.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	1,002 tonnes	1,044 tonnes	-4.0%
Non-NAFTA	289 tonnes	1,417 tonnes	-79.6%
Total	1,291 tonnes	2,616 tonnes	-50.6%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – Nov 30/06	Jan 1 – Jan 13
Pure bred	471	Slaughter steers & heifers 23,708
Non-pure bred	32,726	Feeder steers & heifers 8,298

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Jan 6, 07	Week ending Dec 30,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	0

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	91.05	-1.35	Jan	95.00	-0.27	Mar	4.066	-5.4	Mar	7.176	+1.4	Spot	85.39	+0.10
Apr	93.07	-0.47	Mar	93.57	+0.02	May	4.180	-4.0	May	7.324	+1.2	Mar	85.52	+0.11
Jun	89.07	-0.77	Apr	95.57	+0.25	Jul	4.242	-3.6	Jul	7.464	+1.2	Jun	85.75	+0.11
Aug	87.72	-0.47	May	96.52	+0.20	Sep	4.040	-2.0	Aug	7.514	-1.4	Sep	85.99	+0.11

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Comments for the week ending January 18, 2007

The finished cattle market was basically steady to last week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,436, 110 higher than last week. The average fed steer price was \$90.27 down \$0.31 and the average heifer price was \$90.09 down \$0.64 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on an active trade with prices steady to \$1.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw a slight improvement this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,164, down 227 from last week. The average price was \$31.91 up \$1.20 from last week and \$3.62 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold strong with prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

Replacement cattle were under pressure this week, reacting to the increasing feed prices. There were 5,703 replacements sold through auction markets this week, up 2,174 over last week and 1,038 head less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with calves trading steady to \$5.00 lower while heavier cattle sold on a strong active trade very early in the week to barely steady to \$5.00 lower as the week progressed. Steers 900 lbs+ averaged \$97.55 down \$4.70 and heifers \$800 lbs+ averaged \$94.10 down \$2.43 from last week. Overall, feeder steers ranged from \$2.50-\$7.00 lower and heifers ranged from \$1.00-\$5.00 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$157.00-\$161.00 for steers and \$156.00-\$159.00 for heifers, averaging \$2.50-\$3.00 higher than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to active with prices remaining steady. Steers traded \$86.40-\$88.45 live and \$145.00-\$149.00 dressed. Heifers sold \$87.25-\$88.80 live and \$146.00-\$147.80 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a few scattered sales on Wednesday and Thursday in Nebraska at prices \$139.00-\$140.00 dressed. At time of reporting (Friday) moderate trade had developed in the north at prices \$86.50-\$87.00 live and \$139.00-\$140.00 dressed, which is steady to \$1.00 lower than last week. Trade still had not developed in the south.