



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday January 25, 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 155.00-160.00
A grade heifers 154.00-159.00

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	84.86-93.39	89.22	101.50	90.08
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.78-94.12	90.64	97.50	90.73
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.52-94.17	89.78	101.50	90.27
Large Frame Heifers +1000	83.33-92.90	89.10	96.75	90.68
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.57-91.37	87.57	96.50	87.74
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.07-92.45	88.39	96.75	90.09
Cows-all weights	25.79-39.76	32.93	76.00	31.91
Bulls-all weights	36.19-49.33	41.99	70.00	43.55

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	89.30-97.05	93.65	102.25	96.17
900-999	92.52-101.46	97.30	105.00	101.25
800-899	89.93-102.74	98.25	109.00	100.57
700-799	91.53-104.53	99.48	109.75	102.51
600-699	87.90-109.45	101.57	117.00	107.15
500-599	94.91-122.19	109.50	132.75	114.12
400-499	92.90-124.54	111.50	136.00	119.13
-399	99.92-129.10	113.72	169.00	109.93

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	78.00-89.96	85.13	97.25	96.17
800-899	78.14-91.59	85.44	100.75	101.25
700-799	77.08-95.05	90.46	103.50	100.57
600-699	77.20-99.36	89.84	106.00	102.51
500-599	79.07-99.78	93.20	115.25	107.15
400-499	87.55-108.32	98.35	118.00	114.12
300-399	90.57-110.54	102.05	120.00	119.13
-299	67.62-102.38	91.46	135.00	109.93

At Talbotville Livestock: January 20, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-95.25	No fancies on offer
Good & choice heifers	85.00-95.00	99.75
Cows	30.00-43.50	62.50
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	39.00-46.50	
Veal	N/T	

Denfield Livestock – Jan 23, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	90.00-94.00 top 98.00	Good & Choice Heifers	88.00-97.00
Bulls	35.00-40.00 top 62.50	Good Cows	35.00-40.00
Holstein Bull Calves	\$75.00-\$150.00	Med Cows	30.00-35.00
		Shells	10.00-20.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 19, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	85.25-95.75	100.00	900+	85.75-94.25	97.25
900-999	91.75-101.00	101.00	800-899	90.50-100.75	100.75
800-899	88.50-96.50	98.00	700-799	88.50-96.75	99.25
700-799	93.75-104.00	104.50	600-699	90.00-106.00	106.00
600-699	91.50-106.75	114.00	500-599	85.00-96.50	111.50
500-599	96.00-114.00	124.00	400-499	89.50-107.00	107.00
400-499	114.00-18.00	132.00	300-399	108.50-110.00	110.00
300-399	122.00-131.50	131.50			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock, Jan 23, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.50	98.50	800-899	94.25-96.00	96.00
900-999	97.00-101.00	101.00	700-799	82.50-102.50	102.50
800-899	89.00-103.25	106.00	600-699	83.50-85.00	85.00
700-799	81.00-97.25	97.25	500-599	94.00-108.00	108.00
600-699	105.00-117.00	117.00	400-499	94.00-113.50	113.50
500-599	111.00-127.00	127.00	300-399	105.00-117.00	117.00
400-499	101.00-124.00	124.00			
399-	106.00-129.00	136.00			

Stocker sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd, Jan 23, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	85.00-98.50	600-699	49.00-88.50
600-699	71.50-100.00	500-599	71.50-99.00
500-599	69.00-118.00	400-499	85.00-110.00
400-499	88.50-130.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 24, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	93.00-100.00	102.25	+900	82.50-93.00	95.25
900-999	94.25-105.00	105.00	600-699	94.00-103.00	103.00
800-899	102.50-109.00	109.00	500-599	95.50-101.00	101.00
700-799	101.50-109.75	109.75			
600-699	93.50-107.50	108.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Jan 25, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	64.00-71.00	78.50	900+	54.00-83.75	88.50
900-999	76.00-89.50	91.25	800-899	85.00-92.00	92.00
800-899	93.50-100.50	102.75	700-799	82.50-92.50	92.50
700-799	100.00-106.50	107.00	600-699	86.00-98.50	99.00
600-699	93.25-113.75	115.00	500-599	85.00-101.25	112.50
500-599	93.50-122.50	124.50	400-499	90.00-110.00	118.00
400-499	100.00-120.00	129.25	300-399	80.00-113.50	113.50
399-	110.00-118.00	118.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange– Jan 25, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	80.00-87.00	87.00	700-799	88.00-95.00	95.00
700-799	91.00-104.50	104.50	600-699	82.00-100.00	100.00
600-699	95.00-108.00	108.00	500-599	99.00-109.00	109.00
500-599	110.00-122.00	122.00	400-499	100.00-112.00	115.00
399-	91.00-104.00	157.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange– Jan 25, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	84.00-111.00	111.00	600-699	78.00-88.00	91.00
500-599	88.00-114.00	114.00	500-599	71.00-92.00	96.00
400-499	46.00-117.00	117.00	400-499	79.00-94.00	94.00
399-	93.00-169.00				

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co.– Jan 25, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	83.50-95.75	95.75	900+	87.00-93.85	93.85
900-999	85.00-103.00	103.00	800-899	84.00-96.00	96.00
800-899	94.75-103.00	103.00	700-799	94.00-103.50	103.50
			400-499	110.00-114.75	114.75

SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards) - Jan 19, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	74.50-91.00	91.00	800-899	73.50-90.00	90.00
800-899	79.50-100.50	100.50	700-799	67.00-94.00	94.00
700-799	81.00-102.50	102.50	600-699	71.50-105.00	105.00
600-699	80.00-108.50	108.50	500-599	60.00-100.50	100.50
500-599	80.00-128.50	128.50	400-499	83.00-115.00	115.00
400-499	86.50-136.00	136.00	300-399	75.00-114.00	114.00
300-399	99.00-140.00	140.00			

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock Sales- Jan 20, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	94.50-100.25	100.25	900+	85.00-94.00	94.00
800-899	86.00-102.00	102.00	800-899	88.00-90.50	90.50
700-799	84.00-103.00	103.00	700-799	72.00-96.50	96.50
600-699	82.00-113.00	113.00	600-699	71.00-101.75	101.75
500-599	89.00-132.75	132.75	500-599	81.00-115.25	115.25
400-499	75.00-133.00	133.00	400-499	70.00-115.00	115.00
300-399	95.00-116.00	116.00	300-399	75.00-120.00	120.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Jan 25, 2007**

Steers	Live	84.60-87.00	Flat rail	144.85-146.10
Heifers	Live	86.00-86.85	Flat rail	146.00

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

Week Ending Jan 25, 2007	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	153.00-154.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending [Thursday Jan 25, 2007](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:

Live	85.50-86.50
Rail	137.00-138.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	150.71	139.15

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Jan 20, 2007	857	798
Jan 21, 2006	860	795

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Jan 20, 2007		
Grand Total	68,003	184,515	103%
Alberta Slaughter	44,423	118,607	108%
Ontario Slaughter	13,248	37,468	100%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Jan 27, 2007		
Grand Total	632,000	610,000	608,000

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Dec 2006	Dec 2005
Steers	3,522	4,127
Heifers	2,090	3,043
Cows	1,938	2,708
Bulls	603	771

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Jan 20	Jan 1 – Dec 30
Total	14,420 tonnes	37,142 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	51,760 tonnes	50,048 tonnes	+3.4%
Non-fed	15,227 tonnes	14,940 tonnes	+1.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 13	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	2,025 tonnes	2,106 tonnes	-3.8%
Non-NAFTA	289 tonnes	2,748 tonnes	-89.5%
Total	2,314 tonnes	5,077 tonnes	-54.4%

IMPORTS		<u>LIVE CATTLE-CANADA</u>		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 –Nov 30/06				Jan 1 – Jan 20	
Pure bred	471	Slaughter steers & heifers		42,735	
Non-pure bred	32,726	Feeder steers & heifers		14,896	

<u>LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO</u>			
	Week ending Jan 13, 07	Week ending Jan 6, 07	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	90.22 +0.10	Mar	94.10 -0.20	Mar	4.054 -1.4	Mar	7.104 -2.6	Spot	84.71 +0.06
Apr	93.57 +0.60	Apr	96.45 +0.50	May	4.174 -0.4	May	7.262 -2.2	Mar	84.83 +0.06
Jun	89.70 +0.27	May	97.32 +0.30	Jul	4.240 +0.0	Jul	7.396 -2.2	Jun	85.06 +0.06
Aug	88.02 +0.37	Aug	99.40 -0.05	Sep	4.074 -0.2	Aug	7.464 -1.4	Sep	85.30 +0.06

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Comments for the week ending January 25, 2007

The finished cattle market was slightly lower this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,962, 474 lower last week. The average fed steer price was \$89.78 down \$0.49 and the average heifer price was \$88.39 down \$1.70 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices barely steady to steady.

The slaughter cow market was higher in volume and prices this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,302, up 138 from last week. The average price was \$32.93 up \$1.02 from last week and \$6.68 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a strong demand with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

All weights and classes of replacement cattle were under pressure with prices declining again this week. There were 6,065 replacements sold through auction markets this week, up 362 over last week and 474 more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that cattle sold actively on a good demand with prices steady to \$5.00 lower with medium and plainer types further discounted. Heavier replacements were \$2.00-\$9.00 lower as steers 900+ averaged \$95.52 down \$2.03 and heifers 800 + averaged \$85.30 down \$8.80 from last week. Steers 500-600 lbs averaged \$109.50 down \$4.62 while heifers 500-600 lbs averaged \$93.20 down \$9.21 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported last Friday for steers were \$157-\$160 which were down to \$155-\$158 by Wednesday with the weekly average \$1.50 lower than last week. Heifers were \$156-\$159 last Friday and \$154-\$157 by Wednesday, averaging \$1.00 lower than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices softer than last week. Steers traded \$84.60-\$87.00 live and \$144.85-\$146.10 dressed. Heifers sold \$86.00-\$86.85 live and \$146.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a few scattered sales on Tuesday and Wednesday in Nebraska at prices \$138.00 dressed. Light trade in the north on Thursday saw prices \$2.00 lower than last week at \$85.50-\$86.50 live and \$136.00-\$138.00 dressed. Business on Friday had not yet developed at time of reporting, and could quite possibly be delayed until after the US Cattle on Feed Report is released later in the afternoon.

Local beef trade reported that beef movement is holding steady with the exception of middle cuts which are moving well. Prices are reported as remaining firm.