



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 12, 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 176.00-184.00
A grade heifers 175.00-183.00

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	103.51-111.33	107.57	117.00	104.54
Medium Frame Steers +1250	101.72-111.01	107.42	113.50	103.16
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	103.33-111.48	107.63	117.00	104.31
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	102.92-110.00	106.74	113.50	101.88
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	92.14-109.63	103.04	115.25	100.97
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	100.61-110.12	106.26	115.25	102.04
Cows- All Weights	28.13-45.69	37.89	79.00	34.19
Bulls- All Weights	39.17-53.09	46.01	100.00	44.96

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	100.66-108.60	104.85	114.50	102.42
900-999	107.76-112.33	110.76	114.60	107.81
800-899	103.60-113.47	110.09	117.50	107.74
700-799	104.55-119.22	112.96	128.50	114.28
600-699	110.94-128.46	121.31	138.50	121.23
500-599	114.89-134.11	124.96	143.00	123.33
400-499	113.88-134.87	126.19	149.00	120.86
-399	108.25-142.82	125.87	190.00	116.63

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
900+	92.84-104.66	99.08	110.00	98.34
800-899	95.82-106.75	101.65	108.50	101.54
700-799	96.80-111.83	104.51	116.50	104.58
600-699	98.52-116.14	109.04	123.50	109.08
500-599	105.45-121.66	113.87	129.00	110.79
400-499	105.04-122.21	114.72	132.00	110.61
300-399	102.01-121.78	113.79	128.50	101.54
-299	80.71-152.62	126.21	177.00	91.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 7, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	99.00-108.50	113.00
Good & choice heifers	99.00-107.00	110.00
Cows	31.00-43.50	
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	40.50-51.50	

Denfield Livestock – April 10, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	103.00-113.00	Good & Choice Heifers	102.00-117.25
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good Fed Cows	45.00-60.00	Good Hol Bulls	40.00-45.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-40.00	Good Beef Bulls	45.00-60.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00	Good Hol Bull Calves	\$150.00-\$245.00
Heifers 800-1000 lb	95.00-100.00	Steers 800-1000 lb	95.00-105.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Thurs April 5, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	90.00-103.00	100.50	103.00	700-799	77.00-106.00	90.83	106.00
700-799	87.00-106.50	98.33	117.00	600-699	79.00-108.00	98.92	108.00
600-699	91.00-117.50	108.71	117.50	500-599	100.00-112.00	106.09	116.00
500-599	89.00-122.50	105.50	126.00	400-499	106.00-123.00	116.72	123.00
400-499	90.00-132.50	117.13	132.50				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Thurs April 5**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	89.50-91.50	90.17	92.00	+900	86.50-90.00	88.89	90.00
900-999	101.00-105.00	103.64	105.00	800-899	85.00-107.25	95.82	107.25
800-899	101.00-114.00	110.05	114.00	700-799	95.50-116.25	106.13	116.25
700-799	106.00-115.50	111.59	118.25	600-699	97.00-115.50	107.24	120.00
600-699	114.00-129.00	120.19	130.00	500-599	113.00-127.00	119.21	127.75
500-599	123.50-136.75	129.90	136.75	400-499	115.00-132.00	125.39	132.00
400-499	116.75-140.00	129.24	144.00	300-399	100.00-128.50	118.11	128.50
399-	124.00-146.00	133.42	146.00				

Stocker sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 5, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	108.00-114.50	111.20	114.50	+900	101.50-104.00	103.00	104.00
900-999	106.00-109.50	108.82	109.50	800-899	101.00-108.00	104.18	108.00
800-899	110.00-117.00	115.60	117.00	700-799	107.00-107.50	107.30	107.50

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 7, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	100.25-106.00	103.00	106.00	900+	98.25-108.25	103.77	108.25
900-999	101.25-108.50	107.48	108.50	800-899	97.75-107.25	102.04	108.50
800-899	110.25-115.00	112.29	115.00	700-799	96.50-109.75	102.06	109.75
700-799	108.50-118.50	114.08	118.50	600-699	97.50-115.75	108.18	119.00
600-699	113.50-126.35	120.59	130.00	500-599	105.00-120.50	112.60	120.50
500-599	115.00-133.00	122.81	133.50	400-499	109.00-117.00	112.21	120.00
400-499	113.00-128.00	121.12	140.00				

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock – April 10, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	113.50-113.60	113.57	113.60	800-899	106.75-107.75	107.01	107.75
800-899	98.50-117.50	110.35	117.50	700-799	102.00-114.75	111.42	114.75
700-799	108.00-123.00	118.52	124.00	600-699	112.00-120.00	116.94	120.00
600-699	119.00-133.50	130.41	133.50	500-599	112.00-125.50	119.50	125.50
500-599	123.00-137.50	129.61	137.50	400-499	108.50-123.00	116.88	127.50
400-499	115.00-138.00	126.82	141.00	300-399	99.00-128.00	109.14	128.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 11, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	104.00-109.75	106.89	112.25	+900	102.00-107.50	105.84	110.00
900-999	108.25-112.75	111.03	114.25	800-899	105.75-107.50	106.71	108.50
800-899	109.50-114.75	112.41	114.75	700-799	107.00-111.25	109.14	111.25
700-799	104.00-122.00	113.41	128.50	600-699	108.50-114.75	112.55	114.75
600-699	118.25-137.50	127.61	138.50	500-599	112.50-118.00	113.63	118.00
500-599	116.50-142.00	129.50	143.00				
400-499	101.00-116.00	108.50	116.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 12, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	96.50-110.00	106.59	111.00	700-799	85.50-107.00	99.39	107.00
700-799	89.50-113.00	104.83	113.00	600-699	91.00-114.50	105.77	114.50
600-699	94.50-132.00	115.38	132.00	500-599	90.00-104.00	98.11	118.00
500-599	106.50-132.00	120.58	132.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 12, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	74.00-100.00	89.21	107.00	800-899	87.00-104.25	98.96	104.25
900-999	98.75-110.25	106.29	110.25	700-799	87.00-111.00	98.56	116.50
800-899	100.00-114.00	109.05	114.00	600-699	95.00-119.75	110.43	123.50
700-799	102.50-123.00	112.41	123.00	500-599	100.00-123.50	112.67	129.00
600-699	109.00-128.75	121.44	133.00	400-499	90.00-118.00	104.85	122.00
500-599	121.00-136.75	130.18	136.75	300-399	120.50-122.00	120.87	122.00
400-499	121.00-140.00	133.74	149.00				
399-	135.00-145.00	141.29	145.00				

Stocker sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 12, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	89.00-107.00	100.07	107.00	600-699	101.00-123.00	109.88	123.00
600-699	94.00-107.00	103.91	117.00	500-599	83.00-112.00	99.69	117.00
500-599	79.00-131.00	112.54	131.00	400-499	88.00-114.00	100.29	123.00
400-499	109.00-122.00	112.83	127.00	299-	84.00-157.00	132.71	157.00
399-	96.00-160.00	125.33	160.00				

Stocker sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 12, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	105.50-110.00	109.57	110.00	+900	92.50-96.00	93.42	101.50
900-999	110.25-114.60	113.54	114.60	800-899	95.00-108.50	103.83	108.50
800-899	106.50-113.00	111.44	115.00	700-799	107.00-111.50	109.23	111.50
700-799	112.00-124.50	119.09	124.50	600-699	114.50-119.50	116.14	119.50
600-699	126.00-134.00	130.80	137.00	500-599	114.50-119.00	116.43	119.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 12, 2007**

Steers	Live	100.00-104.70	Flat rail	169.00-171.80
Heifers	Live	101.25-104.30	Flat rail	168.75

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 12, 2007**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price Range	183.25-184.75
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U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

Week Ending **Thursday April 12, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	98.00-99.00
	Rail	158.00-159.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 31, 2007	1.8872	1.8178
March 24, 2007	1.9012	1.8116
March 17, 2007	1.8261	1.7910

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	171.66	156.23

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Apr 7, 2007	832	776
Apr 8, 2006	816	769

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Apr 7, 2007		
Grand Total	50,893	887,262	99%
Alberta Slaughter	32,133	574,640	105%
Ontario Slaughter	10,695	179,325	96%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 14, 2007		
Grand Total	615,000	606,000	611,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Apr 7	Jan 1 – Mar 17
Total	79,188 tonnes	7,335 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Apr 7	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	248,968 tonnes	253,395 tonnes	-1.7%
Non-fed	69,996 tonnes	69,797 tonnes	+0.3%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 31	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	16,125 tonnes	15,635 tonnes	+3.1%
Non-NAFTA	17,539 tonnes	12,531 tonnes	+40.0%
Total	34,020 tonnes	28,928 tonnes	+17.6%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Jan 31		Jan 1 – Apr 7	
Pure bred	1,084	Slaughter steers & heifers	269,457
Non-pure bred	3,468	Feeder steers & heifers	125,475

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 31, 07	Week ending Mar 24, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	0

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 31, 07	Week ending Mar 24, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	1,766	2,171	31,260

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			
Apr	97.05 -0.30	Apr	107.25 -0.60	May	3.690 +10.2	May	7.380 -0.2	Spot	87.98 -0.46
Jun	92.70 +0.22	May	107.72 -0.67	Jul	3.814 +10.0	Jul	7.550 -1.4	Jun	88.14 -0.16
Aug	91.05 +0.35	Aug	110.00 -0.35	Sep	3.862 +8.2	Aug	7.630 +0.4	Sep	88.36 -0.16
Oct	95.12 +0.20	Sep	109.10 +0.15	Dec	3.950 +7.6	Sep	7.700 +0.4	Dec	88.58 -0.16

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Special Spring Sales

April 14, 07- 11:00 am-	Denfield Livestock	Stocker Sale
April 14, 07- 11:00 am-	Selby Livestock & Auction Market	Stocker Sale
April 16, 07- 10:00 am-	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves/yearlings
		Sponsored by- Huron County Beef Producers
April 17, 07- 11:00 am-	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
April 20, 07- 9:00 am-	Keady Livestock	Calves and Yearlings
April 20, 07- 12:00 pm-	Temiskaming Livestock	Calves and Yearlings

Comments for the week ending April 12, 2007

This weeks report contains one extra day's data due to the Good Friday holiday last week, therefore the volumes will be slightly higher.

The fed cattle market was strong this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,139 which is 1,370 more than last week. The average fed steer price was \$107.63 up \$3.32 from last week. The average heifer price was \$106.26 up \$4.22 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a very good demand with prices stronger from \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

Slaughter cows also sold on an upward trend. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,080 up 1,028 from last week. The average price was \$37.89 up \$3.70 from last

week and \$6.72 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that cows sold on a strong active trade with prices \$1.00-\$5.00 higher than last week.

Replacement cattle were firm to stronger this week. There were 6,590 replacements sold through auction markets, up 67.5% from last week and 12% higher than last year. Auction markets reported continued strong demand with prices steady to \$7.00 higher on lighter grass types and steady to \$3.00 higher on shortkeep cattle. Lightweight cattle averages were steady to \$6.00 higher with the exception of heifers 300-400 lbs averaging \$113.79 up \$12.25 from last week. Shortkeep cattle averages were fully steady to \$3.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$2.50 higher on average over the previous week. Steers traded from \$176.00-\$179.00 early in the week to \$180.00-\$184.00 by mid to late week. Heifers sold \$175.00-\$178.00 early week increasing to \$179.00-\$183.00 later in the week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with stronger prices. Steers traded \$100.00-\$104.70 live and \$169.00-\$171.80 flat rail. Heifers sold \$101.25-\$104.30 live and \$168.75 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$1.00 lower in the south and steady to \$1.00 lower in the north, which was blamed on sharply lower cattle futures forcing feedlot managers to sell lower. Steers and heifers sold \$98.00-\$99.00 live and \$158.00-\$159.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported another good week with all cuts moving well. Cutout prices are strong but need to be stronger to keep up to the increasing live cattle prices. Kills have remained steady to last year keeping inventories very tight. Kills will be adjusted to meet demands when necessary.