



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday October 4, 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	138.00-143.00
A grade heifers	137.00-142.00

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	77.32-87.88	82.47	93.00	83.80
Medium Frame Steers +1250	74.75-84.44	81.60	85.00	83.15
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	75.34-86.26	81.74	93.00	83.76
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	75.39-84.33	81.34	93.00	82.00
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	64.59-82.93	77.34	90.00	75.90
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	71.12-84.12	80.25	93.00	80.98
Cows- All Weights	23.94-40.33	32.28	68.50	33.23
Bulls- All Weights	37.53-56.92	47.18	83.00	44.65

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	977	90.94-99.55	96.05	114.00	96.98
900-999	1903	97.13-106.26	102.80	110.85	103.57
800-899	957	91.91-107.35	102.84	111.85	104.71
700-799	458	81.56-106.35	100.53	113.50	102.53
600-699	621	91.89-112.21	103.77	122.25	102.25
500-599	832	98.99-120.37	110.11	129.00	108.14
400-499	560	103.43-126.97	117.20	141.00	120.24
-399	239	95.73-137.01	119.52	145.00	127.44

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
900+	327	76.72-90.77	84.31	97.00	88.47
800-899	682	87.80-98.72	94.34	105.00	95.44
700-799	610	86.36-101.09	94.80	110.00	98.07
600-699	521	83.46-102.25	94.84	109.00	94.58
500-599	574	83.65-105.34	95.83	140.00	97.95
400-499	474	89.28-111.99	103.75	127.00	105.07
300-399	152	90.51-115.70	105.36	125.00	115.32
-299	41	95.02-120.88	106.84	142.00	118.04

At Talbotville Livestock: Sept 29, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	79.50-88.50	90.00
Good & choice heifers	78.50-85.00	
Good Cows	34.00-43.00	62.00
Good heavy bulls	39.00-45.50	
Good veal	63.00-73.50	

At Denfield Livestock – Oct 2, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	80.00-88.00	Good & Choice exotic cross heifers	80.00-90.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Good heifers	60.00-70.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00	Good beef bulls	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 cows	35.00-40.00	Good Holstein Bulls	38.00-43.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00	Good Holstein Bull Calves	\$75.00-\$165.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Sept 28, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	84.00-92.25	87.84	114.00	900+	82.50-93.00	86.43	93.00
900-999	87.50-99.00	94.16	99.00	800-899	814.00-94.50	86.68	95.50
800-899	81.00-95.00	89.00	100.00	700-799	78.00-97.50	88.02	110.00
700-799	96.00-107.50	103.67	107.50	600-699	89.00-107.25	98.50	107.25
600-699	98.00-115.00	106.12	122.25	500-599	88.00-112.75	100.89	140.00
500-599	108.00-125.75	115.23	127.00	400-499	91.00-120.00	111.80	127.00
400-499	116.00-137.50	127.51	137.50	300-399	107.0-120.00	112.67	120.0
399-	108.00-142.00	125.23	142.00				

Stocker Sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards) - Oct 2, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	57.00-98.50	86.91	98.50	700-799	75.00-88.50	81.61	88.50
600-699	84.00-106.00	94.25	106.00	600-699	52.50-97.00	81.19	97.00
500-599	64.00-117.00	103.21	117.00	500-599	80.00-107.00	94.83	107.00
400-499	75.00-130.00	114.23	130.00	400-499	82.00-109.50	102.91	109.50
				300-399	81.00-124.00	109.63	124.00

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock – Oct 2, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	97.50-99.50	98.61	99.50	900+	78.00-93.25	87.41	93.25
900-999	97.00-110.85	104.07	110.85	800-899	89.00-104.35	101.63	104.35
800-899	100.00-107.85	106.64	107.85	700-799	85.00-100.00	93.72	100.00
700-799	89.00-109.25	99.71	109.25	600-699	64.00-98.50	86.82	98.50
600-699	85.00-113.25	98.15	113.25	500-599	85.00-101.00	95.16	105.50
500-599	102.50-116.00	108.50	116.00	400-499	98.50-109.50	104.75	109.50
400-499	118.50-128.00	123.88	128.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Oct 3, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	89.25-98.75	94.15	99.75	+900	83.50-95.00	92.05	95.00
900-999	90.75-100.50	96.74	101.00	800-899	84.00-97.00	91.89	97.00
800-899	82.00-103.00	93.40	103.00				
700-799	92.50-111.25	105.46	111.25				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards - Oct 4, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	90.00-94.75	92.14	94.75	900+	59.75-85.50	75.45	90.00
800-899	77.75-103.00	92.79	105.25	800-899	91.75-102.00	97.66	102.00
700-799	89.00-103.25	96.43	108.50	700-799	95.00-101.25	99.02	102.25
600-699	94.00-116.00	106.56	116.00	600-699	86.00-103.75	98.24	109.00
500-599	104.00-124.00	114.59	124.00	500-599	88.00-102.50	95.91	109.00
400-499	115.00-129.00	122.66	132.00	400-499	92.00-115.00	108.93	124.00
399-	76.00-138.00	118.61	140.00	300-399	90.00-119.00	111.22	119.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange** – Oct 4, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	91.00-111.00	98.42	111.00	600-699	81.00-103.00	93.50	103.00
500-599	94.50-104.00	99.44	111.00				
400-499	110.00-120.50	113.72	120.50				
399-	113.50-130.00	119.40	130.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange** – Oct 4, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	47.00-87.50	67.85	87.50	500-599	60.00-85.00	74.85	90.00
600-699	70.00-91.00	81.38	91.00	400-499	71.00-97.00	85.12	97.00
500-599	71.00-94.00	82.48	102.00				
400-499	76.00-105.00	91.44	108.00				
399-	80.00-130.00	114.27	130.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co.** – Oct 4, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	96.85-102.25	99.86	102.25	900+	84.00-89.25	86.81	89.25
900-999	96.00-98.50	97.88	98.50	800-899	96.50-105.00	100.28	105.00
800-899	98.25-105.50	100.70	107.75	700-799	88.00-99.10	93.24	99.75
700-799	93.75-113.50	110.21	113.50	600-699	87.50-99.50	96.20	99.50
600-699	101.00-109.50	103.75	109.50	500-599	98.00-99.25	98.63	99.25

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALE

Stocker Sale at: **South River, Parry Sound District Livestock Coop Assoc. Sept 27, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-800	85.00-92.00	95.50	600-800	79.50-88.00	103.00
400-600	116.00-124.50	128.00	400-600	110.00-115.00	120.00
400-	108.00-120.00	129.00			

Stocker Sale at: **Keady Livestock, Sept 28, 2007-** yearlings- overnight stand

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	98.25-103.85	101.70	104.85	900+	99.00-100.20	99.63	103.25
900-999	104.50-107.85	106.09	107.85	800-899	107.10	107.10	107.10
800-899	105.75-111.85	109.54	111.85				

Stockers sale at: **Denfield Livestock - Sept 29-2007**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	80.00-90.00	900+	80.00-90.00
900-999	90.00-96.00	800-899	85.00-96.00
800-899	90.00-105.00	700-799	90.00-100.00
700-799	95.00-108.00	600-699	90.00-105.00
600-699	95.00-110.00	500-599	95.00-110.00
500-599	100.00-120.00		

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Sept 29, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	96.00-105.50	102.31	105.50	700-799	81.50-95.50	86.22	95.50
600-699	92.00-110.00	103.56	116.00	600-699	85.00-101.00	94.22	105.00
500-599	97.00-123.00	111.24	129.00	500-599	85.00-106.00	98.05	108.00
400-499	99.00-120.00	112.91	130.00	400-499	87.00-109.00	98.47	112.00
399-	95.00-1453.0	120.13	145.00	300-399	85.00-121.00	102.65	125.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards – Oct 2, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	85.00-93.00	88.51	94.75	900+	75.00-97.00	87.48	97.00
900-999	86.25-99.00	93.41	103.00	800-899	87.00-100.00	94.05	100.00
800-899	93.00-103.00	96.61	103.50	700-799	80.00-101.75	90.76	106.75
700-799	90.50-110.00	104.20	111.00	600-699	92.50-102.50	95.82	104.00
600-699	105.00-112.00	109.80	112.00	500-599			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt- Oct 3, 2007- Peterborough/Victoria Cty Cattlemen's Sale**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	60.50-98.75	90.37	98.75	+900	83.50-95.00	92.40	95.00
900-999	68.00-105.00	98.70	105.00	800-899	75.50-98.00	93.44	98.00
800-899	79.00-109.75	103.30	109.75	700-799	79.75-104.25	97.21	104.25
700-799	68.00-110.00	105.62	110.00	600-699	92.50-106.25	101.62	106.25
600-699	73.00-117.00	109.19	117.00	500-599	75.50-105.00	93.47	105.00
500-599	104.50-120.00	113.51	120.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday October 4, 2007**

Steers	Live	78.75-80.50	Flat rail	133.85-135.65
Heifers	Live	79.00-82.25	Flat rail	133.85-134.50

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

Week Ending **Thursday October 4, 2007**

	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	134.00-136.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

Week Ending **Thursday October 4, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	N/T (Friday- 93.00)
	Rail	N/T (Friday- 142.00-143.00)

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	146.79	136.70

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sept 29, 2007	859	804
Sept 30, 2006	866	796

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Aug 2007	Aug 2006
Steers	4,227	3,997
Heifers	2,252	2,335
Cows	1,610	1,610
Bulls	845	592

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Sept 29, 2007		
Grand Total	65,947	2,433,137	97%
Alberta Slaughter	46,613	1,639,193	104%
Ontario Slaughter	11,516	462,654	91%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Oct 6, 2007		
Grand Total	672,000	650,000	635,000

IVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 22, 07	Week ending Sept 15, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	5,053

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 22, 07	Week ending Sept 15, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	1,067	1,175	66,747

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Sept 29	Jan 1 – July 21
Total	202,864	21,784

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS EXPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 31	Jan 1 – Sept 29
Pure bred	8,736	556,971
Non pure bred	27,327	308,027

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 29	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	699,795 tonnes	730,073 tonnes	-4.1%
Non-fed	169,918 tonnes	163,917 tonnes	+3.7%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
U.S.	70,075 tonnes	57,617 tonnes	+21.6%
Non-NAFTA	41,335 tonnes	33,323 tonnes	+24.0%
Total	115,359 tonnes	92,181 tonnes	+25.1%

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	93.67 -1.67	Oct	113.95 -1.05	Dec	3.422 +0.0	Nov	9.404 -13.6	Spot	101.94 +1.60
Dec	96.12 -1.72	Nov	113.50 -1.55	Mar	3.590 +0.0	Jan	9.600 -12.2	Dec	101.94 +1.54
Feb	98.20 -1.35	Jan	112.82 -1.32	May	3.694 -0.2	Mar	9.712 -13.0	Mar	101.98 +1.53
Apr	98.22 -1.25	Mar	111.77 -1.10	Jul	3.782 -0.4	May	9.760 -13.0	Jun	102.01 +1.53

Special Fall Sales- Upcoming Week

Oct 6	9:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemens Sale	2,000	Calves
Oct 10	11:00 am	Galetta Livestock Sales		Vaccinated Sale
Oct 11	2:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc		Leeds & Grenville Cty Sale in regular sale
Oct 12	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	1,000-1,500	Yearlings-Overnight stand.
Oct 13	10:00 am	Thessalon- Algoma Co-op Livestock Sale	600	Calves
Oct 13	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock		Bred Cows, Calves, Yearlings
Oct 14	1:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt		Purebred Sale: Charolais Autumn Fest-Back to the Basics!

Comments for the week ending Oct 4, 2007

The fed cattle market continued on its downward trend again this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,090, down 86 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$81.74 down \$2.02 from last week and \$10.43 lower than last year at this time. Heifers averaged \$80.25 down \$0.73 from last week and \$9.66 lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a dull demand with prices steady.

The slaughter cow market was lower in both volume and prices this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 1,618 down 141 from last week. The average price was \$32.28 down \$0.95 from last week and \$1.27 lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that cows traded actively with prices reported from steady to barely steady to \$1.00 lower.

The replacement cattle market was mixed this week although most categories were under pressure. There were 9,928 replacements sold through auction markets, up 1,648 from last week and 884 less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported moderate to active demand with prices varied. Calves were reported as mostly steady to \$5.00 lower while yearling and shortkeeps sold mostly steady to \$2.00 higher. Steers in the 500-700 lbs range saw average prices \$2.00 higher with all other categories averaging steady to \$3.00 lower. In comparison to the same time last year steers average prices are \$10.00-\$24.00 lower and heifers are \$12.50-\$30.00 lower with lighter cattle experiencing the greater average price decrease.

Ontario railgrade prices were fully steady to last week with steers trading from \$138.00-\$143.00 and heifers \$137.00-\$142.00 dressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was moderate on Wednesday with prices \$1.00-\$1.50 lower than last week. Trade on Thursday was light with prices steady to Wednesday. Steers traded from \$78.75-\$80.50 live and \$133.85-\$135.65 flat rail. Heifers sold \$79.00-\$82.25 live and \$133.85-\$134.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade late the previous Friday was \$2.00 higher in the south and \$3.00-\$4.00 higher in the north with sales at \$95.00-\$96.50 live and \$150.00-\$151.00 dressed. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, light to moderate trade in the north was \$7.00-\$8.00 lower at \$142.00-\$143.00 dressed. Business in the south was limited with prices \$3.00-\$3.50 lower at \$93.00 live. Many cattle are unsold at time of reporting as producers resist lower packer bids which are quite possibly influenced by today's sharply lower cattle futures.