



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday December 6, 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	137.00-140.00
A grade heifers	136.00-139.00

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	74.77-83.24	78.59	94.50	78.26
Medium Frame Steers +1250	74.77-82.84	79.22	86.00	79.70
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	74.89-83.09	78.76	94.50	78.74
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	75.71-85.42	80.05	93.00	79.87
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	74.22-82.76	78.88	87.75	78.29
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	74.05-84.04	79.66	93.00	79.85
Cows- All Weights	20.91-37.47	29.09	90.00	29.27
Bulls- All Weights	33.75-47.55	40.65	90.00	39.21

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	731	83.68-97.82	90.79	102.50	91.55
900-999	354	88.67-100.55	94.77	105.00	93.79
800-899	294	86.09-99.62	94.24	107.25	90.44
700-799	453	86.10-98.23	92.61	105.50	93.10
600-699	646	84.84-104.76	96.87	116.00	98.93
500-599	648	88.18-115.16	104.17	124.00	107.26
400-499	479	98.38-125.97	114.87	134.00	114.85
-399	281	86.39-123.78	107.65	180.00	111.21

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
900+	511	79.20-89.41	85.40	94.35	81.79
800-899	256	79.50-88.81	84.41	94.00	87.40
700-799	197	76.35-90.51	85.25	97.00	84.98
600-699	416	76.32-93.41	87.03	102.00	86.01
500-599	606	81.81-104.09	92.15	112.00	91.19
400-499	462	87.40-109.14	99.90	119.00	97.57
300-399	193	80.80-111.38	99.34	120.00	94.73
-299	43	65.02-106.05	84.12	142.00	77.58

At Talbotville Livestock: December 1, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	71.00-82.50	87.75
Good & choice heifers	73.00-83.00	85.75
Good Cows	26.00-33.50	41.00
Good heavy bulls	30.00-43.50	
Good & Choice Veal	65.00-82.00	

At Denfield Livestock – Dec 4, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice fed steers	75.00-85.00	Choice Exotic cross heifers	80.00-85.00
Plain Steers	70.00-75.00	Good heifers	75.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00	Plain heifers	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	32.00-36.00	Good beef bulls	45.00-55.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00	Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-45.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Nov 30, 2007-** 1,325 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.00-101.50	89.44	102.50	900+	78.00-88.25	84.09	89.25
900-999	83.00-96.50	90.77	104.00	800-899	82.00-91.00	87.06	93.85
800-899	83.00-102.75	94.53	102.75	700-799	80.50-92.50	87.95	92.50
700-799	86.00-104.00	94.46	104.75	600-699	78.00-98.00	91.41	98.00
600-699	84.00-108.00	99.82	114.00	500-599	90.00-107.00	97.03	107.00
500-599	89.00-115.00	105.67	123.00	400-499	80.00-104.00	95.88	115.00
400-499	98.00-127.00	115.82	130.00	300-399	93.00-117.00	109.06	117.00
399-	123.00-133.00	126.25	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock Sales- Dec 3, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	93.00-100.00	98.90	100.00	500-599	77.50-89.00	82.88	89.00
400-499	77.00-104.00	99.42	104.00	400-499	70.00-95.00	87.83	95.00
399 & less	76.00-16.00	102.57	116.00				

Stocker sale at **D. H. Hickson Ltd.(Hoards) – Dec 4, 2007-** 198 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	70.00-94.50	86.87	94.50	900+	50.00-79.50	61.87	79.50
600-699	59.00-100.50	92.39	100.50	600-699	59.00-95.50	85.31	95.50
500-599	60.00-123.00	99.48	123.00	500-599	65.50-105.50	86.14	105.50
400-499	88.00-134.00	109.75	134.00	400-499	64.50-108.50	91.95	108.50

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock – Dec 4, 2007 –** 396 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	103.10-105.00	103.72	105.00	900+	88.60-94.35	92.34	94.35
800-899	103.50-107.25	106.46	107.25	700-799	70.00-81.00	76.92	81.00
700-799	93.00-105.50	99.33	105.50	500-599	85.00-103.50	97.78	103.50
600-699	104.00-114.00	109.17	114.00	400-499	105.00-118.00	108.91	119.00
500-599	99.00-121.00	116.03	121.00				
400-499	124.50-133.00	129.82	133.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange Dec. 5, 07-** 984 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	87.75-99.75	93.63	99.75	+900	80.50-89.25	85.82	89.25
900-999	89.75-105.00	97.53	105.00	800-899	86.50-88.25	87.46	88.25
800-899	99.00-106.75	104.00	106.75	700-799	79.50-91.00	89.27	91.00
700-799	93.50-104.00	100.56	104.00	600-699	86.25-92.25	91.25	92.25
600-699	99.00-110.25	105.35	110.25	500-599	60.00-88.50	67.13	88.50
500-599	98.00-98.00	98.00	98.00				
400-499	119.00-127.00	122.29	127.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards** - Dec 6, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	46.00-83.00	70.77	85.00	900+	64.00-91.25	81.94	91.25
900-999	79.00-92.50	85.39	95.50	800-899	80.00-89.50	84.37	93.00
800-899	80.00-95.50	88.97	95.50	700-799	81.00-95.75	90.29	97.00
700-799	88.50-96.50	92.32	101.25	600-699	77.50-90.50	84.61	101.00
600-699	87.00-103.50	98.53	110.50	500-599	81.25-106.00	92.57	106.75
500-599	93.00-115.75	104.02	124.00	400-499	80.00-112.00	97.97	112.00
400-499	98.00-130.00	117.51	131.00	300-399	73.00-113.00	93.65	120.00
399-	63.00-135.00	106.98	135.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange**— Dec. 6, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	64.00-79.00	71.00	79.00	900+	64.00-82.00	69.50	82.00
900-999	85.00-91.50	88.14	94.00	800-899	79.50-87.00	81.64	87.00
800-899	86.50-94.00	88.33	94.00	700-799	46.00-90.00	73.30	90.00
700-799	80.00-94.50	87.18	104.00	600-699	42.00-88.00	72.35	98.00
600-699	71.00-101.50	83.20	108.00	500-599	66.50-98.00	83.53	105.00
500-599	79.00-115.00	100.97	115.00	400-499	76.00-94.00	83.64	117.00
400-499	67.00-122.50	108.28	122.50	300-399	73.00-85.00	82.11	85.00
399-	90.00-120.00	108.29	120.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange** – Dec 6, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	90.00-96.00	92.69	96.00	600-699	90.00-98.00	94.21	102.00
600-699	83.00-103.00	94.60	103.00	500-599	80.00-102.00	91.06	102.00
500-599	75.00-114.00	100.06	114.00	400-499	75.00-105.00	91.27	114.00
400-499	80.00-113.00	95.94	113.00	300-399	82.00-109.00	96.96	113.00
399-	54.00-140.00	95.79	180.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co.**— Dec 6, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	95.75-97.00	96.45	97.00	900+	88.25-91.25	90.04	91.25
900-999	87.50-97.00	92.23	97.00	800-899	75.00-82.25	79.07	82.25

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALE

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's)- Dec 1, 2007 – 627 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000 +	54.00-65.50	59.75	65.50	700-799	76.00-91.00	83.67	94.00
900-999	64.50-80.00	69.79	82.50	600-699	81.00-95.00	89.83	99.50
800-899	83.50-92.50	88.69	94.00	500-599	86.00-103.00	94.24	110.50
700-799	80.00-95.50	88.26	98.00	400-499	80.00-109.00	97.64	109.00
600-699	81.50-106.00	92.75	116.00	300-399	66.00-110.00	96.80	110.00
500-599	89.50-116.50	105.77	116.50	299-	56.00-95.00	76.80	114.00
400-499	101.00-124.00	112.98	124.00				
399-	81.00-124.00	109.24	124.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday December 6, 2007**

Steers	Live	84.00-85.50	Flat rail	141.00-144.65
Heifers	Live	82.75-86.25	Flat rail	141.00-144.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday Dec. 6, 2007** **Price Range**
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers **133.00-133.50**

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

Week Ending **Thursday December 6, 2007**
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers **Live** **N/T**
Rail **146.00-147.00**

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Nov 23, 2007	1.4461	1.4097
Nov 16, 2007	1.4105	1.3650

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	148.91	132.93

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 1, 2007	881	820
Dec 2, 2006	851	792

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 1, 2007		
Grand Total	64,244	2,978,440	97%
Alberta Slaughter	44,414	2,012,254	103%
Ontario Slaughter	11,066	561,875	90%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Dec 8, 2007		
Grand Total	663,000	669,000	643,000

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Nov 24, 07	Week ending Nov 17, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	5,053

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Nov 24, 07	Week ending Nov 17, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	4,684	4,119	95,407

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Dec 1	Jan 1 – July 21
Total	240,670 tonnes	21,784 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS

Jan 1 – Sept 30

EXPORTS

Jan 1 – Dec 1

Pure bred	10,728	Slaughter steers & heifers	743,397
Non pure bred	31,804	Feeder steers & heifers	457,254

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Dec 1	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	856,778 tonnes	898,840 tonnes	-4.7%
Non-fed	211,838 tonnes	207,889 tonnes	+1.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Nov 24	Last Year Same Time	% Change
U.S.	98,360 tonnes	73,759 tonnes	+33.4%
Non-NAFTA	44,276 tonnes	37,747 tonnes	+17.3%
Total	166,932 tonnes	112,682 tonnes	+48.1%

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			
Dec	94.02 +0.17	Jan	105.95 -0.40	Dec	3.994 +4.6	Jan	111.96 +21.0	Spot	99.60 +0.55
Feb	96.75 +0.57	Mar	107.45 -0.12	Mar	4.172 +5.2	Mar	113.86 +21.0	Dec	99.58 +0.53
Apr	98.10 +0.40	Apr	109.55 +0.00	May	4.276 +5.2	May	114.64 +20.6	Mar	99.64 +0.54
Jun	94.05 +0.37	May	110.80 -0.02	Jul	4.350 +4.2	Jul	114.94 +21.0	Jun	99.60 +0.52

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Special Fall Sales- Upcoming Week

Dec 8	10:30 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	200	Bred Cow Sale
Dec 12	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	500-600	Stockers, vacc & non vaccinated

Comments for the week ending December 6, 2007

The fed cattle prices held steady with last week with a bit of a lighter run of cattle. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,988 down 168 from last week. Prices were up just pennies as the average fed steer price was \$78.76 and the average heifer price was \$79.66. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady to a touch higher on the fancy types.

Slaughter cows mirrored the fed cattle market with prices holding steady and volume somewhat lower. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 2,079 down 258 from last week. The average price was \$29.09 down \$0.18 from last week and \$0.78 lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a fair demand with prices steady.

Replacement cattle traded on a good demand with most weight categories trading at steady money with the exception of lightweight heifer calves trading \$4.00 higher than last week. Volume was down as there were 6,570 replacements sold through auction markets, down 19.5% from last week and 3% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a strong demand with prices holding steady to a touch higher.

Ontario railgrade prices saw another increase following last week's jump. Prices were \$7.50-8.50 higher over last week. Steers sold at \$137-140 and heifers \$136-139 dressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light all week. Prices were off slightly compared to last week. Steers traded from \$84.00-85.50 live and \$141.00-\$144.65 flat rail while heifers sold \$82.75-86.25 live and \$141.00-144.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was light to moderate. A few sales were reported on Thursday but most trade was on Friday with prices \$1-4 lower. Steers and heifers sold at \$94.00 live and \$145.50-147.00 dressed.