



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday January 15, 2009**

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** 167.00-176.00  
**A grade heifers** 166.00-175.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	94.97-103.16	99.43	110.50	103.92
Medium Frame Steers +1250	93.08-102.22	98.69	106.00	101.95
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	94.45-102.99	99.11	110.50	103.30
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.24-101.36	97.69	108.50	100.69
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	94.60-100.56	98.48	106.75	98.76
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	93.77-101.29	98.09	108.50	99.81
Cows- All Weights	38.43-56.76	47.80	90.00	42.82
Bulls- All Weights	52.63-66.11	59.16	97.00	56.63

## **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	498	98.46-107.60	103.04	109.75	105.81
<b>900-999</b>	226	99.21-107.41	104.33	110.50	105.79
<b>800-899</b>	140	82.08-103.47	93.87	108.00	101.86
<b>700-799</b>	151	89.46-107.28	102.18	109.00	100.94
<b>600-699</b>	298	96.64-112.66	106.56	117.00	98.53
<b>500-599</b>	286	100.27-119.60	111.65	127.00	103.59
<b>400-499</b>	181	102.33-121.37	112.85	146.00	106.10
<b>-399</b>	86	79.48-115.01	95.97	146.00	60.56

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	271	91.07-98.98	96.56	102.75	84.68
<b>800-899</b>	120	81.15-95.85	91.52	100.75	84.51
<b>700-799</b>	131	82.42-96.29	91.33	104.00	97.19
<b>600-699</b>	228	79.42-100.11	93.90	107.25	90.81
<b>500-599</b>	277	86.50-102.56	94.62	127.00	98.67
<b>400-499</b>	161	87.18-107.44	99.03	141.00	99.14
<b>300-399</b>	76	87.89-120.09	107.66	142.00	93.36
<b>299-</b>	16	58.31-98.19	79.09	126.00	64.04

## **At Talbotville Livestock: Jan 10, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	94.50-102.25	No tops
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	95.0-103.25	No tops
<b>Export Cows</b>	38.50-54.00	72.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	37.00-47.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>		61.50
<b>Good veal calves</b>	75.00-89.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Jan 10, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	27.00-54.00	42.28	66.00
<b>Bulls under 1600 lbs</b>	58.00-97.00	76.66	97.00
<b>Bulls over 1600 lbs</b>	47.50-57.00	54.20	57.00

**At Denfield Livestock – Jan 13, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice steers</b>	94.00-103.50	<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	90.00-103.00
<b>Plain steer</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	48.00-58.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	50.00-60.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	42.00-50.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	50.00-58.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	35.00-40.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$60.00-\$140.00
<b>Shells</b>	20.00-30.00	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	\$10.00-\$60.00
<b>Stocker steers 550-700</b>	102.00-110.00	<b>Stocker heifers 550-700</b>	102.00-110.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 9, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	98.75-106.50	104.84	106.75	<b>900+</b>	92.00-100.25	98.26	100.25
<b>900-999</b>	101.50-108.75	106.41	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-98.50	95.19	98.50
<b>800-899</b>	82.50-104.75	92.89	108.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-103.00	98.68	104.00
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-109.00	104.38	109.00	<b>600-699</b>	92.00-105.50	99.64	107.25
<b>600-699</b>	102.50-117.00	109.97	117.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-107.00	97.42	127.00
<b>500-599</b>	109.50-122.75	117.02	127.00	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-104.50	96.75	104.50
<b>400-499</b>	114.00-122.00	117.79	138.00	<b>300-399</b>	81.00-142.00	125.58	142.00
<b>399-</b>	71.00-126.50	90.00	128.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Jan 10, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	84.00-107.50	98.45	107.50	<b>600-699</b>	85.00-91.00	89.27	91.00
<b>500-599</b>	91.00-117.50	107.33	117.50	<b>500-599</b>	57.50-90.50	88.96	90.50
<b>400-499</b>	100.00-118.00	110.75	118.00	<b>400-499</b>	82.50-92.00	87.33	92.00

Stocker sale: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center – Jan 12, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	80.00-105.00	101.57	105.00	<b>700-799</b>	79.00-91.50	86.68	91.50
<b>500-599</b>	80.00-111.00	100.30	111.00	<b>600-699</b>	63.50-95.00	91.66	95.00
<b>400-499</b>	85.00-125.00	109.14	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	76.00-101.50	89.34	101.50
<b>399-</b>	70.00-118.00	102.16	118.00	<b>400-499</b>	75.00-104.50	100.79	104.50

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales- Jan 12, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>500-599</b>	101.50-106.00	105.25	106.00	<b>300-399</b>	90.50-110.00	104.40	110.00
<b>400-499</b>	84.50-107.50	93.45	107.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd – Jan 13, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	61.50-108.50	95.66	108.50	<b>700-799</b>	79.50-91.00	87.89	91.00
<b>600-699</b>	78.00-115.50	99.01	115.50	<b>600-699</b>	65.50-91.50	83.59	91.50
<b>500-599</b>	71.00-118.00	99.14	118.00	<b>500-599</b>	78.50-94.00	88.63	94.00
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-123.00	109.71	123.00	<b>400-499</b>	60.00-94.50	82.06	94.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Jan 14, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	101.00-109.00	104.37	109.75	900+	97.75-100.50	99.56	102.75
900-999	101.00-109.25	105.89	110.50	800-899	88.50-100.75	99.49	100.75
800-899	100.00-104.50	100.69	104.50	600-699	70.00-97.00	91.60	97.00
700-799	87.50-100.00	90.63	100.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 15, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	85.50-92.50	88.94	98.50	900+	70.00-89.00	80.40	99.00
600-699	89.00-103.00	96.55	103.00	600-699	89.50-103.00	100.54	103.00
500-599	93.00-103.00	99.13	108.00	500-599	97.00-102.50	99.36	102.50
400-1499	89.00-115.00	103.33	129.00	400-499	80.00-+112.00	100.60	112.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Jan 15, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	69.00-99.00	88.41	99.00	900+	50.00-95.50	81.69	95.50
900-999	85.00-101.50	97.75	101.50	800-899	68.00-98.00	88.78	98.00
800-899	81.00-105.25	94.64	106.50	700-799	80.00-97.50	91.50	101.50
700-799	99.00-107.50	105.49	107.50	600-699	82.00-104.75	94.58	105.00
600-699	106.00-114.00	110.60	114.00	500-599	85.50-104.75	97.25	109.50
500-599	112.00-125.00	120.08	125.00	400-499	92.50-112.00	103.06	112.00
400-499	121.50-127.00	124.41	133.00	300-399	111.00-115.00	113.80	115.00
399-	124.00-130.00	127.81	130.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Jan 15, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	101.00-121.00	111.40	121.00	500-599	83.00-110.00	96.44	110.00
400-499	101.00-124.00	114.95	129.00	400-499	92.00-110.00	103.82	114.00
399-	97.00-128.00	112.09	130.00	300-399	80.00-114.00	99.60	114.00
				299-	40.00-98.00	70.22	102.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday January 15, 2009**

Steers	Live	86.30-88.25	Flat rail	146.50-146.85
Heifers	Live	85.50-87.15	Flat rail	146.50-146.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday Jan 15, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	83.50
	Rail	135.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday January 15, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	167.25-171.50
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 26, 2008	1.7534	1.6877
Dec 19, 2008	1.7526	1.6990
Dec 12, 2008	1.7476	1.7033

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	148.60	141.12

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	Jan 17, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	608,000	601,000	653,000

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Dec 27, 08 &amp; Jan 3, 2009 included</b>	<b>Week ending Dec 20, 08</b>	<b>Year to Date 2008</b>
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>219,873</b>
Steers & Heifers	5,457	3,743	191,490
Cows	415	641	26,280
Bulls	0	4	2,103

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Jan 10, 2009</b>	826	787
<b>Jan 5, 2008</b>	877	817

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	Jan 10, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	60,427	60,427	136%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	41,908	41,908	134%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,015	10,015	130%

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – Nov 30, 08		Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	1,119	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	10,047
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	43,286	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	2,868
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	3,180

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	<b>United States</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
	Jan 1– Jan 10, 09	
<b>Total</b>	5,366 tonnes	N/A

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	<b>Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Fed</b>	16,341 tonnes	12,371 tonnes	+32.1%
<b>Non-fed</b>	5,028 tonnes	4,053 tonnes	+24.1%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	<b>Jan 1 – Dec 27/08</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>United States</b>	117,142 tonnes	113,018 tonnes	+3.6%

<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	29,831 tonnes	60,171 tonnes	-50.4%
<b>Total</b>	149,070 tonnes	177,413 tonnes	-16.0%

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>			<b>Soybeans</b>			<b>Canadian \$</b>					
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu		\$/bu US		¢/bu					
<b>Feb</b>	84.52	+0.17	<b>Jan</b>	95.00	+0.00	<b>Mar</b>	3.910	+25.6	<b>Mar</b>	10.200	+25.4	<b>Spot</b>	80.12	+0.15			
<b>Apr</b>	87.67	+0.37	<b>Mar</b>	94.37	+0.07	<b>May</b>	4.016	+25.4	<b>May</b>	10.290	+25.6	<b>Mar</b>	79.83	-0.09			
<b>Jun</b>	86.20	+0.50	<b>Apr</b>	95.95	+0.40	<b>Jul</b>	4.124	+26.0	<b>Jul</b>	10.384	+25.2	<b>Jun</b>	79.86	-0.13			
<b>Aug</b>	86.62	+0.25	<b>May</b>	97.40	+0.10	<b>Sep</b>	4.232	+26.2	<b>Aug</b>	10.320	+22.4	<b>Sep</b>	79.97	-0.11			
<b>Oct</b>	90.05	+0.40	<b>Aug</b>	98.90	-0.05	<b>Dec</b>	4.366	+25.6	<b>Sep</b>	10.030	+18.0	<b>Dec</b>	80.04	-0.12			
<b>Dec</b>	91.75	+0.25	<b>Sep</b>	98.95	+0.15	<b>Mar</b>	4.486	+25.4	<b>Nov</b>	9.720	+11.4	<b>Mar</b>	80.14	-0.16			

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### Changes to the OBCFPP Licenced Dealers List

Effective Immediately:  
 New Licence: Abattoir  
 Rudy's Meat Market, RR 6, Woodstock, On, N4S 7W1

### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Jan 17, 09	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings
Jan 20, 09	10:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Sales resume- 800-1000 calves & yearlings expected-mostly Vacc.
Jan 21, 09	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria County
Jan 30, 09	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Cattlemen's Sale 100% Vaccinated
Jan 31, 09	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Quinte Cattlemen's Association 100% Vaccinated.
Jan 31, 09	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee 100% Vaccinated.
Feb 14, 09	11:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings

### **Comments for the week ending January 15, 2009**

The fed cattle market was lighter in volume with lower prices. There were 1,253 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 300 from last week and 918 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$94.45-\$102.99 with a weekly average of \$99.11, down \$4.19 from last week and \$19.56 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$93.77-\$101.29 averaging \$98.09 down \$1.72 from last week and \$17.19 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trading with prices \$1.00-\$3.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw a strong week of trade. There were 2,448 slaughter cows sold through auction markets, down 937 from last week and 239 less than the same time last year. Cows traded from \$38.43-\$56.76 averaging \$47.80 up \$4.98 over last week and \$12.01 stronger

than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with prices form \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

There were 3,146 replacements sold through auction markets up 108% from last week and 27% more than same time last year. Auction markets all reported active trading. Steer calves were reported as steady to \$5.00-\$10.00 higher with heifer calves steady to stronger. Short keep and yearlings were reported as steady to \$2.00 stronger. All categories of steers are averaging \$5.00-\$15.00 higher than last year at this time while heifers average \$10.00-\$22.00 stronger.

Ontario railgrade prices this week declined slightly as the week progressed. Steers were reported at \$167-\$176 last Friday to \$167-\$173 by Wednesday. Heifers followed the same trend starting off at \$166-\$175 the previous Friday declining to \$166-\$172 by Wednesday. This week's average price was \$1.50 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was moderate to active with live prices \$2.00-\$2.82 higher and rail prices \$3.50-\$4.89 higher. Steers sold from \$86.30-\$88.25 live and \$146.50-146.85 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$85.50-\$87.15 live and \$146.50-\$146.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Thursday with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher with most sales at \$135.00 dressed. Some clean up trade developed in the north Friday at steady money however the south remains quiet. Active trade is expected at any time with asking prices at \$86.00-\$87.00 live and bids currently at \$83.00 live. Sellers are holding for more money so we will have to wait and see which side gives in.