



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday February 5, 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	165.00-173.00
A grade heifers	164.00-172.00

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	93.46-104.43	98.65	108.75	100.41
Medium Frame Steers +1250	91.21-99.10	96.45	104.00	100.75
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	92.14-103.55	97.92	108.75	100.56
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	91.54-101.51	96.54	112.00	96.81
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	86.39-100.78	93.30	107.00	99.16
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	89.57-101.14	95.55	112.00	98.62
Cows- All Weights	38.13-56.11	47.44	85.00	48.53
Bulls- All Weights	52.56-69.81	61.86	107.50	62.19

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	271	90.77-104.65	97.99	108.75	102.69
900-999	318	89.93-105.97	100.57	110.00	104.21
800-899	191	91.47-102.88	98.48	108.00	99.31
700-799	318	91.15-106.93	101.85	110.00	99.92
600-699	522	95.01-112.49	105.20	119.00	105.45
500-599	511	97.63-121.16	110.78	133.50	112.83
400-499	217	103.15-125.85	115.90	136.00	116.70
-399	99	94.78-120.62	109.62	133.00	97.14

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	241	85.05-96.91	91.98	100.75	95.31
800-899	181	82.73-98.92	94.58	104.00	94.43
700-799	170	86.32-99.44	95.03	104.00	90.91
600-699	405	83.78-103.45	97.41	109.00	96.27
500-599	427	85.98-107.37	96.80	112.50	100.17
400-499	250	93.07-109.08	102.11	125.00	100.32
300-399	51	86.37-106.57	97.53	117.00	105.40
299-	9	89.44-98.56	94.00	110.00	83.01

At Talbotville Livestock: Jan 31, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Export Cows	40.00-54.00	63.00
Good Cows	35.00-54.00	
Good heavy bulls	50.00-74.00	

Due to strong winter conditions, there were not enough fed cattle on offer to establish a market. Cows and bulls both traded strong.

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Jan 31, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	38.00-60.00	45.41	84.50
Bulls under 1600 lbs	64.50-107.50	91.85	107.50
Bulls over 1600 lbs	40.00-66.50	54.80	66.50

At Denfield Livestock – Feb 3, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	92.00-101.00	Good & Choice Heifers	90.00-100.00
Plain steer	80.00-90.00	Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	50.00-60.00	Good beef bulls	50.00-60.00
D1 & D2 cows	43.00-50.00	Good Holstein bulls	50.00-55.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$180.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$90.00
Yearling steers	95.00-100.00	Steer calves	95.00-110.00
Yearling heifers	95.00-105.00	Heifer calves	90.00-105.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 30, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	85.50-100.00	90.37	101.00	900+	89.00-99.00	94.05	99.75
900-999	80.00-103.50	95.65	103.50	800-899	94.00-101.75	98.65	102.25
800-899	88.00-102.50	97.42	102.50	700-799	93.50-103.50	99.04	103.50
700-799	93.50-108.50	101.51	108.50	600-699	92.00-105.75	98.43	106.00
600-699	91.00-112.25	102.26	112.25	500-599	93.50-109.50	99.89	109.50
500-599	105.00-122.00	114.61	122.00	400-499	99.00-113.00	105.21	115.00
400-499	102.00-131.50	120.97	131.50	300-399	89.00-110.00	102.73	110.00
399-	106.00-114.00	110.89	125.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Jan 31, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	92.00-105.00	98.96	105.00	600-699	61.00-96.00	87.86	96.00
500-599	83.00-115.50	106.29	115.50	500-599	58.00-99.00	88.75	99.00
400-499	56.00-122.00	91.54	122.00				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd – Feb 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	58.50-91.50	84.12	90.50	600-699	65.00-94.00	85.80	94.00
600-699	55.00-95.00	86.75	95.00	500-599	76.50-104.50	92.70	104.50
500-599	70.00-117.50	96.46	117.50	400-499	78.00-101.00	93.33	101.00
400-499	100.00-120.00	109.00	120.00				
399-	81.50-110.00	87.20	110.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Feb 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	93.50-98.00	94.40	98.00	900+	99.50	99.50	99.50
800-899	95.00-105.00	102.33	105.00	700-799	97.00-98.00	97.40	98.00
700-799	108.00-108.50	108.31	108.50	600-699	99.00-99.50	99.40	99.50
600-699	96.00-119.00	113.38	119.00	500-599	102.00-111.00	107.34	111.00
500-599	120.00-122.000	121.06	122.00	400-499	110.00-111.00	110.50	111.00
400-499	125.00-133.00	129.67	133.00	300-399	103.50-105.00	104.10	105.00
399-	126.00-128.00	127.33	129.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Feb 4, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	95.00-108.75	102.23	108.75	900+	92.00-100.75	97.71	100.75
900-999	96.00-110.00	105.00	110.00				
800-899	100.00-105.00	100.94	105.00				
700-799	98.50-103.50	100.85	103.50				
600-699	85.00-106.00	104.38	106.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Feb 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	78.00-91.50	84.81	99.50	900+	51.00-84.50	65.42	90.00
700-799	66.00-99.00	86.28	99.00	800-899	48.00-92.50	76.15	92.50
600-699	89.00-92.00	90.50	104.50	700-799	69.00-89.00	82.55	89.00
500-599	65.00-105.50	94.69	115.00	600-699	86.50-104.00	91.38	104.00
400-499	104.00-108.00	106.18	108.00	500-599	69.00-108.00	92.56	108.00
399-	86.00-113.00	101.00	113.00	400-499	81.00-95.00	90.79	122.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Feb 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	84.50-95.00	89.18	95.00	900+	77.00-95.00	84.50	95.00
900-999	85.00-96.00	91.61	103.00	800-899	83.75-99.00	95.57	99.00
800-899	102.00-107.00	103.73	107.00	700-799	93.50-99.75	97.37	99.75
700-799	97.00-108.00	103.80	108.00	600-699	89.00-103.50	98.79	109.00
600-699	104.25-118.00	109.05	118.00	500-599	84.50-106.00	93.13	109.50
500-599	104.00-119.50	112.29	124.00	400-499	85.50-99.00	92.83	109.75
400-499	110.00-124.50	116.45	126.00	300-399	79.00-103.00	94.17	115.00
399-	115.50-128.00	122.78	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Feb 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	92.00-99.00	96.57	102.00	600-699	87.00-97.00	93.30	105.00
600-699	94.00-114.50	109.07	114.50	500-599	88.00-106.00	100.38	108.00
500-599	94.00-122.00	110.61	124.00	400-499	88.00-109.00	98.93	112.00
400-499	98.00-125.00	110.67	130.00	300-399	77.00-106.00	89.50	106.00
399-	60.00-128.00	101.50	128.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALE

Stocker Sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards), Jan 30, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	85.00-94.00	89.14	94.00	900+	83.00-96.00	88.35	96.00
900-999	82.50-102.75	95.42	102.75	800-899	82.00-104.00	100.20	104.00
800-899	85.00-105.50	100.47	105.50	700-799	81.00-104.00	97.48	104.00
700-799	83.00-110.00	105.00	110.00	600-699	74.00-107.50	101.93	107.50
600-699	99.50-111.50	107.52	111.50	500-599	87.00-112.50	101.91	112.50
500-599	99.00-133.50	114.92	133.50	400-499	90.00-125.00	109.70	125.00
400-499	107.00-136.00	128.24	136.00	300-399	100.00-115.00	112.00	115.00

Sponsored by Quinte Cattlemen's Association- Calf Sale-100% vaccinated.

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, Feb 2, 2009** 261 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	82.00-101.75	100.58	101.75	900+	79.00-94.75	94.06	94.75
800-899	87.00-108.00	98.16	108.00	600-699	79.00-97.50	93.35	97.50
700-799	75.00-97.00	87.16	97.00	500-599	82.00-101.00	90.78	101.00
600-699	82.00-112.00	104.18	112.00	400-499	83.50-103.75	96.60	103.75
500-599	77.00-115.00	100.27	115.00	300-399	73.00-117.00	90.00	117.00
400-499	92.00-117.00	106.25	117.00				
300-399	70.00-115.00	100.16	115.00				

Sponsored by Lennox Addington Stocker Sale Committee- 100% Vaccinated.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday February 5, 2009**

Steers	Live	86.00-87.00	Flat rail	145.00-145.35
Heifers	Live	85.25-85.70	Flat rail	145.00-145.33

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

Week Ending **Thursday February 5, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	82.00
	Rail	131.00-132.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday February 5, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	164.25-165.50
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Jan 23, 2009	1.7641	1.7675
Jan 16, 2009	1.7193	1.7153
Jan 9, 2009	1.7039	1.6898

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	140.71	137.34

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	February 7, 2009		
Grand Total	622,000	631,000	616,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Jan 24, 09	Week ending Jan 17, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	3,970	3,384	11,502
Steers & Heifers	3,402	2,869	9,677
Cows	557	514	1,813
Bulls	11	1	12

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Jan 31, 2009	835	780
Jan 26, 2008	868	799

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Jan 31, 2008	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	65,007	260,475	112%
Alberta Slaughter	45,444	186,050	118%
Ontario Slaughter	10,986	41,319	97%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Nov 30, 08		Jan 1 – Jan 31, 09	
Pure bred	1,119	Slaughter steers & heifers	49,203
Non-pure bred	43,286	Feeder steers & heifers	27,051
		Cows & Bulls	16,421

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Jan 31, 09	
Total	22,032 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Jan 31, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	71,646 tonnes	62,364 tonnes	+14.9%
Non-fed	20,659 tonnes	22,199 tonnes	-6.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 24	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	5,603 tonnes	5,867 tonnes	-4.5%
Non-NAFTA	3,744 tonnes	3,658 tonnes	+2.4%
Total	9,349 tonnes	9,613 tonnes	-2.7%

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	83.65 +0.02	Mar	94.35 +0.22	Mar	3.772 +6.0	Mar	10.010 +21.0	Spot	81.61 +0.17
Apr	86.70 +0.20	Apr	95.52 +0.50	May	3.874 +6.0	May	10.060 +22.6	Mar	81.54 +0.15
Jun	84.07 +0.02	May	97.25 +0.22	Jul	3.976 +6.2	Jul	10.120 +24.6	Jun	81.59 +0.15
Aug	85.07 +0.30	Aug	99.40 -0.02	Sep	4.084 +7.0	Aug	10.050 +26.4	Sep	81.71 +0.20
Oct	88.40 +0.25	Sep	99.70 +0.35	Dec	4.216 +6.4	Sep	9.760 +30.4	Dec	81.78 +0.19
Dec	90.55 +0.50	Jan	99.65 +0.40	Mar	4.354 +6.4	Nov	9.460 +31.4	Mar	81.80 +0.19

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Feb 14, 09	11:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings
Feb 20, 09	7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
Feb 24, 09	10:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grey County Calf Sale-vaccinated RFID reader on site.
Feb 24, 09	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	All Vaccinated Stocker Sale

Changes to the OBCFPP Licenced Dealers List

Effective Immediately:

The following licences are cancelled/withdrawn:

Abattoir:

Hoffman's Meet Packers Ltd, RR 1, Stayner L0M 1S0
Milton Scheel Packers, PO Box 25, Pakenham K0A 2X0

Country Dealer:

John Hodgson Livestock, RR 1, Bradford L3Z 2A4

The following is now licenced:

Abattoir:

Vanessa Meats & Deli Inc, 1971 Regional Rd 4, Vanessa N0E 1V0

Comments for the week ending February 5, 2009

The fed cattle market was under some pressure this week. There were only 972 slaughter cattle sold through auction markets, down 173 from last week and 848 less than the same time last year. Steers ranged from \$92.14-\$103.55 with an average of \$97.92 down \$2.64 from last week and \$19.91 higher than year ago prices. Heifers sold from \$89.57-\$101.14 averaging \$95.55 down \$3.07 from last week and \$16.17 higher than last year. Auction markets reported prices from \$1.00-\$3.00 lower with second cut and under finished cattle under pressure.

The slaughter cow market was slightly easier again this week. There were 2,514 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 369 from last week and 285 more than last year at this time. Cows sold from \$38.13-\$56.11 averaging \$47.44 down \$1.09 from last week and \$11.24 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices from steady and strong with one report of prices \$2.00-\$3.00 lower.

There were 4,181 replacements sold through auction markets which is fully steady with last week and last year at this time. Auction markets reported calves as trading on a solid demand with prices from steady to \$5.00 lower. Yearling and short keep cattle were reported as steady to \$2.00 lower. Actual averages saw steers 700-800 lbs up \$1.93 while heifers 700-800 lbs were up \$4.12. Steers over 900 lbs averaged \$3.87 lower with heifers over 800 lbs down \$2.00.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were easier as the week progressed. Steers traded from \$166-\$173 early in the week to \$165-\$172 by mid week. Heifers sold from \$165-\$172 early week to \$164-\$171 by mid week. Prices averaged \$2.00 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with steers and heifers steady to \$1.50 lower. Steers sold from \$86.00-\$87.60 live and \$145.00-\$145.35 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$85.25-\$85.65 live and \$145.00-\$145.33 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active late last Friday in Texas as sellers held out for steady prices, which paid off as cattle traded at \$82.00 live. On Thursday active trade developed in the north with dressed prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher at \$131.00-\$132.00. At time of reporting, the south remains at a standstill as sellers hold out once again for steady to better prices. There are also still some cattle left to sell in the north. Asking prices are \$85.00 live and \$135.00 dressed with active trade expected to surface at any time.