



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday March 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** 163.00-166.00  
**A grade heifers** 162.00-165.00

## 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	93.38-101.26	97.61	107.00	97.57
Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.66-100.82	96.77	108.75	95.99
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	92.55-101.41	97.24	108.75	97.15
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.18-99.75	96.26	115.00	92.48
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	87.32-99.97	94.55	103.25	93.17
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.53-100.70	95.98	115.00	92.88
Cows- All Weights	39.43-55.98	48.53	85.00	45.90
Bulls- All Weights	55.25-67.78	62.42	82.00	59.32

### **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>	480	97.53-108.32	104.12	109.50	103.75
<b>900-999</b>	600	100.38-107.74	104.86	109.25	102.53
<b>800-899</b>	320	94.78-105.53	101.35	110.00	100.16
<b>700-799</b>	374	93.73-109.67	102.38	115.50	103.62
<b>600-699</b>	417	96.76-118.73	109.93	125.00	107.20
<b>500-599</b>	421	101.62-124.11	114.64	131.00	114.05
<b>400-499</b>	175	99.83-124.66	112.69	143.00	110.55
<b>-399</b>	80	88.65-121.99	105.20	152.00	107.16

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	310	93.98-100.76	96.98	105.75	94.05
<b>800-899</b>	265	88.62-99.53	96.05	105.00	89.77
<b>700-799</b>	289	83.32-98.25	91.92	108.00	95.56
<b>600-699</b>	304	90.57-106.21	101.05	109.50	101.58
<b>500-599</b>	312	92.41-108.71	102.11	115.00	102.65
<b>400-499</b>	184	91.16-108.22	100.54	118.00	99.98
<b>300-399</b>	73	86.25-117.34	102.19	158.00	94.76
<b>299-</b>	11	96.73-102.73	100.87	116.00	100.06

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Sat Feb 28, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	95.00-104.50	No tops on offer
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	95.00-101.50	No tops on offer
<b>Good Cows</b>	44.00-56.00	64.50
<b>Export Cows</b>	42.00-52.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	61.00-71.75	
<b>Good veal calves</b>	75.00-88.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Sat Feb 28, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-56.50	44.79	73.00
Bulls all weights	49.70-70.10	60.69	71.50

**At Denfield Livestock – March 3, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.25	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-103.75
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	93.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	75.00-160.00
Shells	20.00-30.00		

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	65.00	Cows D1 & D2	45.00-49.00 Top 53.00
Bulls	54.00-60.50 Top 63.00	Cows D3	42.00-45.00 Top 46.00
Bred cows-good x bred		Cows D4	26.00-38.50 Top 38.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Feb 27, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	96.75-104.00	100.56	104.00	900+	96.75-105.75	100.09	105.75
900-999	95.00-107.25	102.13	107.25	800-899	97.00-105.00	101.54	105.00
800-899	95.00-109.25	102.95	109.25	700-799	87.50-108.00	98.80	108.00
700-799	98.50-110.00	104.69	115.50	600-699	99.00-109.50	106.35	109.50
600-699	103.50-118.00	111.35	120.75	500-599	101.00-112.50	108.42	112.50
500-599	102.00-124.50	114.86	125.00	400-499	103.00-117.00	110.51	118.00
400-499	107.00-131.50	119.82	131.50	300-399	98.00-120.00	107.20	150.00
399-	105.00-129.00	119.89	129.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Feb 28, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	75.50-86.00	79.43	86.00	600-699	77.25-108.00	98.22	108.00
700-799	59.00-97.75	82.05	97.75	500-599	80.00-105.00	92.85	105.00
600-699	69.50-114.50	105.39	114.50	400-499	71.0-92.00	85.33	92.00
500-599	98.00-121.00	111.07	121.00				
400-499	76.00-117.50	105.59	117.50				
399-	62.50-110.00	82.85	110.00				

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 2, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	103.00-108.00	107.05	108.00	700-799	80.00-86.50	81.75	86.50
500-599	94.50-110.50	102.19	110.50	600-699	88.50-96.00	94.88	96.00
				500-599	86.00-96.50	91.94	96.50

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

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	87.50-100.00	94.65	100.00	700-799	76.50-96.50	90.07	96.50
600-699	88.00-109.50	101.73	109.50	600-699	79.00-105.00	94.80	105.00
500-599	95.00-130.00	111.92	130.00	500-599	75.00-113.00	99.71	113.00
400-499	104.00-125.00	114.65	125.00	400-499	99.00-111.00	104.20	111.00

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50	<b>800-899</b>	100.75-101.50	100.90	101.50
<b>700-799</b>	90.00-109.50	96.20	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	75.50-75.50	75.50	75.50
<b>600-699</b>	112.75-125.00	119.82	125.00	<b>600-699</b>	98.25-99.00	98.34	100.50
<b>500-599</b>	102.00-125.00	119.96	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	104.50-113.00	108.95	113.00
<b>400-499</b>	110.00-122.00	117.27	122.00	<b>400-499</b>	100.00-110.00	107.14	110.00
<b>800-899</b>	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	85.00-90.00	<b>900+</b>	82.00-86.50
<b>900-999</b>	91.00-99.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-98.75
<b>800-899</b>	92.00-101.00	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-108.50
<b>700-799</b>	97.00-107.50	<b>600-699</b>	96.00-107.00
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-117.00	<b>500-599</b>	98.00-116.00
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-125.00	<b>400-499</b>	99.00-116.50
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-124.00	<b>300-399</b>	82.00-114.00
<b>399-</b>			

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	101.00-109.50	105.61	109.50	<b>900+</b>	96.75-99.50	98.30	101.00
<b>900-999</b>	104.00-108.75	106.47	109.25	<b>800-899</b>	70.00-104.00	99.33	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	103.50-105.75	104.95	105.75	<b>700-799</b>	96.75-105.75	100.58	105.75
<b>700-799</b>	98.00-110.00	106.10	110.00				

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	81.00-109.50	105.34	109.50	<b>700-799</b>	86.50-91.50	88.86	91.50
<b>900-999</b>	92.00-108.75	108.42	108.75				
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-108.50	103.42	108.50				

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	65.00-98.00	87.88	98.00	<b>900+</b>	82.00-90.00	86.80	95.50
<b>900-999</b>	88.00-101.50	93.47	105.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.50-94.00	90.25	95.50
<b>800-899</b>	90.00-107.00	100.80	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	74.00-95.25	87.63	106.00
<b>700-799</b>	95.75-113.00	104.94	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	85.00-108.75	101.15	108.75
<b>600-699</b>	100.00-124.75	112.10	124.75	<b>500-599</b>	91.50-110.00	103.76	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-128.00	118.01	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	85.00-108.00	97.61	113.00
<b>400-499</b>	94.00-121.00	106.16	123.00	<b>300-399</b>	89.00-108.00	101.07	108.00
<b>399-</b>	87.00-113.00	107.27	113.00				

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	96.00-115.00	106.53	122.00	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-105.00	100.36	106.00
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-126.50	116.92	126.50	<b>500-599</b>	94.00-115.00	108.50	115.00
				<b>400-499</b>	105.00-117.00	109.75	117.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 5, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>500-599</b>	106.00-122.00	117.64	124.00	<b>400-499</b>	96.00-109.50	105.68	109.50
<b>400-499</b>	102.00-127.00	116.76	143.00	<b>300-399</b>	95.00-143.00	115.06	158.00
<b>399-</b>	111.0-146.00	124.67	152.00				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>89.00-90.00</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>151.00-153.20</b>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>88.85-90.35</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>151.00-152.83</b>

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	<b>82.00</b>
	<b>Rail</b>	<b>130.00 (a few at 131.00)</b>

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>161.25-163.00</b>
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869
Feb 13, 2009	1.7219	1.6935
Feb 6, 2009	1.6962	1.7021

**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>	<b>134.30</b>	<b>132.50</b>

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	<b>February 28, 2009</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>603,000</b>	<b>618,000</b>	<b>647,000</b>

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Feb 21, 09</b>	<b>Week ending Feb 14, 09</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>3,722</b>	<b>3,352</b>	<b>25,061</b>
Steers & Heifers	3,163	2,772	21,034
Cows	519	560	3,908
Bulls	40	20	119

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Feb 28, 2009</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>797</b>
<b>Feb 23, 2008</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>805</b>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	<b>Feb 28, 2008</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66,213</b>	<b>506,800</b>	<b>107%</b>
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	<b>47,738</b>	<b>358,240</b>	<b>112%</b>
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	<b>10,644</b>	<b>83,127</b>	<b>94%</b>

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
<b>Jan 1 – Dec 31, 08</b>		<b>Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09</b>	
<b>Pure bred</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>99,153</b>
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	<b>47,717</b>	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>63,727</b>
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	<b>35,574</b>

## BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09	
<b>Total</b>	43,619 tonnes	N/A

## BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	141,912 tonnes	128,439 tonnes	+10.5%
<b>Non-fed</b>	38,135 tonnes	43,061 tonnes	-11.4%

## BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Feb 21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	13,183 tonnes	13,009 tonnes	+1.3%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	8,689 tonnes	7,334 tonnes	+18.5%
<b>Total</b>	22,246 tonnes	20,505 tonnes	+8.5%

## 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>Apr</b>	82.45 -1.45	<b>Mar</b>	90.50 -1.70	<b>Mar</b>	3.526 +3.4	<b>Mar</b>	8.790 +16.4	<b>Spot</b>	77.60 +0.08
<b>Jun</b>	81.07 -1.27	<b>Apr</b>	90.62 -2.20	<b>May</b>	3.614 +3.0	<b>May</b>	8.670 +15.0	<b>Mar</b>	77.58 +0.08
<b>Aug</b>	82.20 -1.12	<b>May</b>	92.25 -1.62	<b>Jul</b>	3.710 +3.2	<b>Jul</b>	8.660 +14.6	<b>Jun</b>	77.70 +0.09
<b>Oct</b>	86.00 -0.95	<b>Aug</b>	95.95 -1.00	<b>Sep</b>	3.792 +3.0	<b>Aug</b>	8.530 +15.4	<b>Sep</b>	77.91 +0.08
<b>Dec</b>	88.00 -0.90	<b>Sep</b>	96.80 -0.70	<b>Dec</b>	3.906 +3.0	<b>Sep</b>	8.280 +16.0	<b>Dec</b>	78.08 +0.08
<b>Feb</b>	88.75 -1.17	<b>Jan</b>	96.70 -1.00	<b>Mar</b>	4.022 +3.0	<b>Nov</b>	8.150 +15.4	<b>Mar</b>	78.16 +0.08

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Mar 10		Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd	Stocker Sale
Mar 17	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
Mar 18	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker sale-100% vaccinated Sponsored by Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemen's Assoc.
Mar 20	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Stocker sale-Vacc preferred. Sponsored by Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc.
Mar 23	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Stockers 100% Vaccinated Sponsored by Lennox Addington Stocker sale Committee.
Mar 24	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grey County Calves- Vaccinated
Mar 28	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers.

### **Comments for the week ending March 5, 2009**

There were a few more fed cattle show up at auctions this week with prices holding steady to stronger. There were 1,239 slaughter cattle sold through auction markets up 432 from last week and 668 less than the same time last year. Steers traded steady from \$92.55-\$101.41 averaging \$97.24 up \$0.09 from last week and \$13.36 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold stronger ranging from \$91.53-\$100.70 averaging \$95.98 up \$3.10 from last week and \$12.52 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a good active trade with good demand and prices from steady to stronger. Good quality cattle traded strong.

The slaughter cow market saw a better week of trade. There were 2,431 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 184 from last week and 98 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.43-\$55.98 averaging \$48.53 up \$2.63 from last week and \$5.61 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trading with prices steady to \$5.00 higher. American types were reported as selling strong.

There were 4,615 replacements sold through auction markets up 6% from last week and 8% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good active trading on all classes and weights. Calves were reported as trading from steady to \$4.00 higher while yearlings and short keep cattle were reported as steady to fully steady on good demand. Actual average prices were \$1.00-\$3.00 higher in all categories with the exception of steers and heifers 700-800 lbs which averaged \$1.24 lower and \$3.64 lower respectively. Heifers averaging 500-700 lbs averaged \$0.54 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week were fully steady to last week. Steers traded from \$163.00-\$166.00 while heifers sold from \$162.00-\$165.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market was \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger again this week. Steers traded from \$89.00-\$90.00 live and \$151.00-\$153.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$88.85-\$90.35 live and \$151.00-\$152.80 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active Thursday in parts of Nebraska with prices mostly steady to last week at \$130.00-\$131.00 dressed. (most sales at \$130). Friday saw moderate to active trade in all area's with prices steady to last week at \$82.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.