



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday March 12, 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	163.00-167.00
A grade heifers	162.00-166.00

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	94.46-102.73	99.58	110.75	97.61
Medium Frame Steers +1250	97.25-101.49	99.55	105.00	96.77
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	95.24-102.24	99.51	110.75	97.24
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.96-101.56	97.98	106.00	96.26
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	85.49-100.58	96.55	106.00	94.55
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	92.42-101.35	97.77	106.00	95.98
Cows- All Weights	39.93-57.70	49.19	86.00	48.53
Bulls- All Weights	54.40-71.06	63.36	85.00	62.42

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	265	93.17-104.62	101.46	107.75	104.12
900-999	255	101.68-106.51	104.27	109.25	104.86
800-899	227	96.57-106.34	101.14	110.00	101.35
700-799	317	96.76-108.36	104.69	115.00	102.38
600-699	430	98.75-117.70	109.71	129.00	109.93
500-599	453	105.76-126.56	116.32	135.00	114.64
400-499	218	98.10-130.28	115.76	136.00	112.69
-399	85	77.96-119.76	97.08	143.00	105.20

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	219	88.77-100.62	95.80	107.50	96.98
800-899	164	88.68-99.42	94.65	103.00	96.05
700-799	324	94.21-106.14	100.60	109.00	91.92
600-699	394	95.97-110.75	104.82	115.50	101.05
500-599	409	94.54-113.55	105.55	119.00	102.11
400-499	191	89.32-111.32	101.68	135.00	100.54
300-399	67	97.15-113.71	106.96	138.50	102.19
299-	16	81.44-105.81	95.66	122.00	100.87

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 7, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	91.00-100.00	No tops on offer
Good & Choice Heifers	92.00-100.00	No tops on offer
Good Cows	46.00-57.00	63.00
Export Cows	38.00-52.00	
Good heavy bulls	53.00-64.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 7, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	29.00-64.50	47.04	70.00
Bulls all weights	52.50-76.75	66.15	83.50

At Denfield Livestock – March 10, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	92.00-103.00	Good & Choice Exotic Cross heifers	92.00-104.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	75.00-85.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	55.00-60.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-45.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$150.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$65.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 10, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	N/A	Cows D1 & D2	48.00-53.00 top 55.50
Bulls	49.00-59.50	Cows D3	47.00-52.00 top 53.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	26.00-34.00 top 37.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 6, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	83.50-104.00	100.89	104.00	900+	90.50-102.25	97.52	102.25
900-999	100.25-106.00	102.88	106.00	800-899	89.50-103.00	97.47	103.00
800-899	98.25-108.25	101.93	108.50	700-799	99.50-109.00	104.32	109.00
700-799	95.50-110.75	105.61	111.00	600-699	98.00-114.00	107.53	115.50
600-699	96.50-120.50	108.97	121.50	500-599	99.00-119.00	109.40	119.00
500-599	102.00-124.00	114.43	124.00	400-499	92.00-123.00	107.78	135.00
400-499	105.00-134.00	119.31	134.00	300-399	107.00-124.00	114.63	124.00
399-	122.50-124.00	122.79	124.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, March 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	67.50-107.00	100.09	107.00	700-799	79.50-96.50	85.95	96.50
500-599	85.00-115.50	108.28	115.50	400-499	83.50-112.00	97.54	112.00

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 9, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	100.00-107.50	105.88	107.50	400-499	81.00-94.75	87.88	94.75
500-599	104.00-115.00	113.13	115.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 10, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	94.50-97.00	95.90	97.00	900+	90.50-96.00	92.98	100.00
800-899	104.00-106.00	105.53	109.00	800-899	101.50-102.00	101.72	102.00
700-799	109.50-113.00	111.72	115.00	700-799	96.00-104.00	101.68	104.00
600-699	117.0-122.85	119.25	122.85	600-699	99.50-108.00	103.50	110.00
500-599	118.50-125.00	120.84	132.00	500-599	108.00-112.00	111.20	112.00
400-499	106.00-136.00	121.25	136.00	400-499	110.00	110.00	110.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 10, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	92.50-121.00	102.57	121.00	500-599	60.00-108.0	97.28	108.00
400-499	74.00-129.50	111.90	129.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 10, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	88.00-93.00	600-699	96.00-101.50
800-899	94.00-101.00	500-599	96.00-113.50
700-799	92.00-99.00	400-499	107.00-112.50
600-699	101.00-119.00	300-399	111.00-123.00
500-599	110.00-116.50		
400-499	115.00-128.00		
399-	120.00-131.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 11, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	97.25-107.75	104.68	107.75	900+	92.50-107.50	100.28	107.50
900-999	106.75-109.25	108.28	109.25	700-799	86.50-105.50	102.50	105.50
800-899	95.75-110.00	103.07	110.00	600-699	93.00-105.50	103.47	105.50
700-799	101.50-104.75	104.04	104.75				
500-599	102.00-119.25	112.98	119.25				
400-499	112.50-124.00	113.94	124.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	89.00-101.00	95.97	105.50	900+	85.50-94.00	92.31	94.00
500-599	104.00-106.00	104.40	106.00	800-899	56.00-85.00	74.22	95.00
				700-799	83.50-92.50	90.67	92.50
				600-699	89.00-100.50	94.06	100.50
				500-599	81.00-101.00	93.33	111.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, March 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	87.00-97.00	90.83	100.00	900+	67.50-85.00	82.25	85.00
900-999	89.50-106.00	98.58	106.00	800-899	91.50-97.25	93.64	101.50
800-899	99.50-109.00	103.56	109.00	700-799	91.00-108.25	98.72	108.25
700-799	94.75-108.25	104.34	115.00	600-699	94.25-110.00	103.92	110.00
600-699	102.50-119.50	113.17	129.00	500-599	98.00-114.00	106.62	115.50
500-599	113.00-134.00	121.86	134.00	400-499	90.00-111.00	101.99	111.00
400-499	87.00-133.50	114.21	133.50	300-399	80.00-100.00	93.62	103.00
399-	85.50-110.00	97.96	117.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, March 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	104.00-120.00	114.25	120.00	600-699	100.00-108.00	104.59	108.00
500-599	97.00-127.00	113.33	127.00	500-599	86.50-108.00	100.38	116.00
400-499	103.00-127.00	117.67	127.00	400-499	91.00-110.00	104.12	128.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday March 12, 2009**

Steers	Live	90.50-93.00	Flat rail	156.00-156.85
Heifers	Live	90.50-92.80	Flat rail	154.00-156.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 12, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	81.00-82.00
	Rail	128.00-130.00 most 130.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 12, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	166.25-169.50
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Feb 27, 2009	1.7103	1.7111
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869
Feb 13, 2009	1.7219	1.6935

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	135.54	134.72

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	March 14, 2009		
Grand Total	623,000	603,000	638,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Feb 28, 09	Week ending Feb 21, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,110	3,722	27,171
Steers & Heifers	1,259	3,163	22,293
Cows	811	519	4,719
Bulls	40	40	159

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 7, 2009	841	786
March 1, 2008	855	802

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 7, 2008		
Grand Total	55,989	562,789	105%
Alberta Slaughter	37,731	395,971	108%
Ontario Slaughter	11,183	94,310	94%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Dec 31, 08		Jan 1 – Mar 7, 09	
Pure bred	1,399	Slaughter steers & heifers	112,573
Non-pure bred	47,717	Feeder steers & heifers	75,815
		Cows & Bulls	39,728

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 7, 09	
Total	49,662 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 7, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	158,904 tonnes	146,132 tonnes	+8.7%
Non-fed	41,345 tonnes	48,511 tonnes	-14.8%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Feb 28	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	14,980 tonnes	14,836 tonnes	+1.0%
Non-NAFTA	12,812 tonnes	8,104 tonnes	+58.1%
Total	28,218 tonnes	23,134 tonnes	+22.0%

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			
Apr	84.65 +0.75	Mar	91.95 +1.05	Mar	3.750 -1.6	Mar	8.824 -16.4	Spot	78.47 +0.26
Jun	82.10 +0.27	Apr	92.05 +0.85	May	3.884 +3.2	May	8.764 -5.4	Mar	78.45 +0.24
Aug	82.90 +0.05	May	94.02 +0.82	Jul	3.982 +2.6	Jul	8.752 -6.2	Jun	78.54 +0.24
Oct	86.55 -0.15	Aug	97.35 +0.85	Sep	4.064 +2.4	Aug	8.614 -9.4	Sep	78.70 +0.21
Dec	88.87 +0.05	Sep	98.32 +0.72	Dec	4.180 +2.2	Sep	8.356 -15.6	Dec	78.88 +0.19
Feb	89.97 +0.37	Jan	98.80 +1.00	Mar	4.292 +1.2	Nov	8.236 -17.6	Mar	79.00 +0.19

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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 12, 2009

The fed cattle market continues to see light receipts at auction markets with prices stronger this week. There were 1,194 fed cattle sold through auction markets this week down 45 from last week and 858 less than the same time last year. Steers ranged from \$95.24-\$102.24 averaging \$99.51 up \$2.27 from last week and \$15.39 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers traded from \$92.42-\$101.35 averaging \$97.77 up \$1.79 from last week and \$13.09 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported good strong active trading. Early week prices were reported as steady to fully steady. As the week progressed prices were reported from fully steady to \$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was slightly higher again this week. There were 2,402 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 29 from last week and 66 more than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.93-\$57.70 averaging \$49.19 up \$0.66 from last week and \$6.70 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher.

There were 4,034 replacements sold through auction markets down 13% from last week and 4% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with active trading with prices from steady to \$3.00 higher. Heifers 700-800 lbs saw the largest average price increase at \$100.60 up \$8.68 over last week. Heifers 800 lbs + were \$1.24 lower on average and steers 900 lbs + were \$1.69 lower on average. All other weight categories were steady to \$4.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week grew stronger at the week progressed. Steers started the week at \$163-\$166 with sales at \$166-\$167 by mid week. Heifers followed the same trend with early prices at \$162-\$165 to \$165-\$166 by mid week. The average price was \$1.00 higher than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market active with prices \$2.50 stronger than last week. Steers traded from \$90.50-\$93.00 live and \$156.00-\$156.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$90.50-\$92.80 live and \$154.00-\$156.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade on Thursday morning was moderate to active trade in the north with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower at \$128-\$129 dressed. Cattle futures rallied and afternoon trade was stronger with dressed sales at \$130, steady to last week. Southern trade Thursday morning was \$1.00 lower at \$81.00 live but business came to a standstill after the futures strengthened and sellers held out for better prices. Friday, at time of reporting, the cash cattle trade remains at a standstill. It appears that the north is finished for the week after good movement yesterday, however the south still has a fair amount of cattle to sell. Asking prices are at \$84.00 live.