



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday March 26, 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 167.00-172.00
A grade heifers 166.00-171.00

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	93.23-101.08	97.78	110.00	101.82
Medium Frame Steers +1250	95.98-101.67	99.55	104.00	100.91
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	93.11-100.71	98.07	110.00	101.73
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	94.41-103.66	98.85	107.00	100.74
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	86.05-100.42	94.93	106.25	98.09
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	92.22-102.21	97.93	107.00	100.43
Cows- All Weights	39.73-56.25	48.04	83.50	48.39
Bulls- All Weights	55.02-68.11	61.47	99.00	62.03

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	719	103.90-108.48	106.59	109.50	104.56
900-999	697	103.55-109.32	107.41	112.50	106.36
800-899	483	96.89-110.24	106.05	114.00	105.08
700-799	485	101.40-114.22	109.17	120.50	108.63
600-699	670	110.46-127.86	119.47	132.25	113.82
500-599	644	111.97-130.41	123.43	141.50	118.93
400-499	244	105.45-130.08	120.58	144.00	120.84
-399	101	91.73-129.72	115.11	144.00	112.00

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	257	89.50-100.39	95.39	105.50	94.54
800-899	318	91.40-104.88	100.50	107.50	96.82
700-799	399	94.79-107.55	101.90	113.25	96.04
600-699	541	98.54-114.09	108.01	124.00	103.63
500-599	553	97.10-116.82	109.23	120.50	106.83
400-499	251	95.01-118.37	108.20	126.00	107.17
300-399	78	99.15-119.09	109.39	136.00	102.78
299-	17	67.18-110.00	85.53	120.00	95.57

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 21, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	96.00-102.50	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	95.00-102.00	105.75
Good Cows	46.00-57.50	89.00
Export Cows	44.00-55.00	
Good heavy bologna bulls	59.00-65.50	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	80.00-95.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 21, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-60.50	47.46	60.50
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	57.00-69.00	63.60	69.00

At Denfield Livestock – March 24, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-105.25	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-109.50
Good steers	94.00-99.00	Good heifers	95.00-99.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-75.00
US eligible cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	55.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-54.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$170.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-45.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00
Shells	20.00-30.00		

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 24, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	\$79.00-\$215.00	Cows D1 & D2	46.50-61.25 top 72.00
Bulls	52.00-60.50	Cows D3	38.00-45.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-39.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 20, 2009-** 1,094 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	102.00-104.75	103.53	104.75	900+	91.25-105.50	100.06	105.50
900-999	99.75-106.50	103.77	108.00	800-899	92.50-107.50	103.35	107.50
800-899	100.00-111.25	106.34	111.25	700-799	98.00-108.00	104.79	108.00
700-799	104.00-115.00	109.79	115.00	600-699	102.75-111.00	107.92	111.00
600-699	103.50-124.00	113.96	125.00	500-599	103.00-117.50	110.88	117.50
500-599	108.00-128.00	116.52	139.00	400-499	101.00-121.50	112.85	121.50
400-499	113.00-130.50	124.20	130.50	300-399	112.00-136.00	118.00	136.00
399-	116.00-138.00	127.65	138.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, March 21, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	104.50-123.50	111.25	123.50	600-699	99.50-108.00	104.96	108.00
500-599	90.00-124.50	112.66	124.50	500-599	97.00-115.00	109.00	115.00
400-499	74.00-122.50	117.35	122.50	400-499	100.00-125.00	117.09	125.00
300-399	77.00-125.00	107.12	125.00				

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 23, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	85.50-106.50	97.20	110.50	500-599	97.00-103.00	101.29	103.00
400-499	103.50-111.50	108.94	114.50	400-499	88.00-106.50	100.06	106.50

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 24, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	79.00-113.50	101.46	113.50	600-699	93.50-111.00	100.04	111.00
600-699	80.50-129.50	109.05	129.50	500-599	78.00-112.50	100.81	112.50
500-599	104.00-141.50	128.26	141.50	400-499	73.00-122.50	107.69	122.50
400-499	85.00-133.00	110.50	133.00				
300-399	92.00-131.50	114.87	131.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 24, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	90.00-108.00	800-899	93.00-100.00
800-899	95.00-110.00	700-799	95.00-107.25
700-799	105.0-114.50	600-699	94.00-112.50
600-699	109.00-123.00	500-599	100.00-114.00
500-599	110.00-128.00	400-499	102.00-117.00
400-499	112.00-129.00	300-399	108.00-120.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 25, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	103.25-109.25	106.85	109.50	900+	98.00-103.75	100.39	103.75
900-999	107.00-110.00	108.74	112.50	800-899	93.00-100.00	95.80	100.00
800-899	104.00-110.25	109.48	110.25	600-699	85.00-100.50	95.33	100.50
700-799	102.00-108.00	104.40	108.00	500-599	88.00-105.00	96.33	105.00
600-699	125.00-132.25	128.38	132.25				
500-599	129.25-132.50	131.36	132.50				

Stocker sale: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange – March 25, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	101.00-114.00	106.78	114.00	700-799	85.00-110.00	101.51	110.00
700-799	110.00-118.00	114.00	118.00	600-699	105.00-116.00	109.57	124.00
600-699	110.00-130.00	119.92	130.00	500-599	100.00-118.00	107.85	119.00
500-599	115.00-135.00	122.76	135.00	400-499	112.00-126.00	117.07	126.00
400-499	127.00-139.00	131.90	139.00	300-399	117.00-124.00	121.20	124.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 26, 2009-** 109 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
400-499	121.00-137.00	126.15	137.00	400-499	113.00-122.00	117.79	122.00
399-	91.00-139.00	122.17	139.00	300-399	104.00-126.00	116.23	126.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 26, 2009 – 152 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	98.00-114.00	109.35	114.00	700-799	85.00-107.00	99.20	107.00
500-599	112.50-121.50	118.03	121.50	500-599	49.00-115.00	94.55	115.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, March 26, 2009-** 1,270 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	88.50-100.00	93.48	100.00	900+	65.00-89.00	80.80	96.50
900-999	94.50-103.25	100.67	103.25	800-899	85.50-99.50	91.92	99.50
800-899	93.00-109.25	102.49	111.00	700-799	91.00-106.50	98.55	107.75
700-799	103.00-115.75	110.50	119.25	600-699	102.00-116.75	107.99	116.75
600-699	109.25-125.50	117.74	127.00	500-599	105.50-120.50	114.20	120.50
500-599	114.00-130.00	124.67	139.50	400-499	102.00-119.00	111.85	123.00
400-499	110.00-130.00	121.16	135.50	300-399	106.00-117.00	113.16	122.00
399-	95.00-137.00	124.77	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, March 26, 2009-** 102 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	85.00-115.00	102.86	115.00	600-699	88.00-115.00	105.11	115.00
600-699	90.00-126.00	113.10	126.00	500-599	80.00-111.00	96.29	115.00
500-599	81.00-129.00	116.86	129.00				
400-499	90.00-138.00	115.29	144.00				
300-399	78.00-144.00	120.50	144.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Special Spring Stocker Sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd, March 20, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	100.00-105.75	103.62	105.75	900+	85.50-102.00	89.16	102.00
800-899	87.00-111.00	106.54	111.00	800-899	94.50-105.90	103.36	105.90
700-799	102.00-114.50	109.82	114.50	700-799	90.00-113.25	105.47	113.25
600-699	107.00-130.50	121.47	130.50	600-699	87.50-116.00	112.98	116.00
500-599	106.00-137.00	126.89	137.00	500-599	80.00-116.50	106.36	116.50
400-499	137.50-140.00	138.33	140.00	400-499	116.00-125.50	121.11	125.50

Sponsored by the Quinte Cattlemen's Association. Vaccinated cattle preferred at this sale.

Special Spring Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auction Center**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	69.00-109.50	102.23	109.50	700-799	82.00-111.00	94.74	111.00
600-699	85.00-118.00	105.04	118.00	600-699	81.00-116.00	101.53	116.00
500-599	83.00-134.00	120.96	134.00	500-599	85.00-111.00	102.34	111.00
400-499	84.00-118.00	100.55	118.00	400-499	88.00-107.00	96.80	107.00
399-	88.0-120.00	105.27	120.00				

Lennox Addington Stocker Sale Committee- 100% Vaccinated Sale.

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 24, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	108.10-109.10	108.75	109.10	900+	95.50-100.25	99.31	100.25
900-999	100.00-112.35	109.24	112.35	800-899	95.25-106.00	101.26	106.00
800-899	106.00-109.50	108.19	110.50	700-799	104.50-107.75	105.98	107.75
700-799	111.50-120.50	117.44	120.50	600-699	105.00-113.50	109.56	113.50
600-699	116.00-130.00	121.01	131.50	500-599	106.00-118.00	113.64	119.00
500-599	120.00-133.75	127.91	136.00	400-499	78.00-121.00	109.42	121.00
400-499	115.00-137.00	128.82	137.00	300-399	109.00-119.00	116.14	119.00
399-	114.00-132.00	119.00	132.00				

Today's sale included the Grey County Vaccinated sale which saw light grass types sell at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger with heavier replacements selling \$1.00-\$2.00 higher.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday March 26, 2009**

Steers	Live	93.25-96.00	Flat rail	158.75-161.85
Heifers	Live	91.35-95.45	Flat rail	158.75-161.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 26, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	83.00
	Rail	133.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 26, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	166.25-168.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 6, 2009	1.7598	1.7426
Feb 27, 2009	1.7103	1.7111
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.65	134.04

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	March 28, 2009		
Grand Total	600,000	615,000	617,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 21, 2009	838	782
March 15, 2008	849	806

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 21, 2008		
Grand Total	60,407	80,398	102%
%Alberta Slaughter	42,478	477,585	105%
Ontario Slaughter	10,933	116,450	94%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Jan 31,09		Jan 1 – Mar 7, 09	
Pure bred	90	Slaughter steers & heifers	112,573
Non-pure bred	3,173	Feeder steers & heifers	75,815
		Cows & Bulls	39,728

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 21, 09	Jan 1-31
Total	60,684 tonnes	3,494

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 21, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	195,261 tonnes	182,641 tonnes	+6.9%
Non-fed	47,168 tonnes	59,067 tonnes	-20.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 14	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	18,599 tonnes	19,524 tonnes	-4.7%
Non-NAFTA	15,543 tonnes	9,380 tonnes	+65.7%
Total	34,379 tonnes	29,153 tonnes	+17.9%

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	84.32 +0.05	Apr	93.12 -0.30	May	3.870 -3.6	May	9.170 -27.0	Spot	80.83 -0.46
Jun	81.57 -0.27	May	94.30 -0.65	Jul	3.974 -3.6	Jul	9.152 -25.2	Jun	80.91 -0.45
Aug	82.52 -0.15	Aug	96.90 -0.55	Sep	4.070 -3.4	Aug	9.006 -23.2	Sep	81.05 -0.44
Oct	86.17 -0.12	Sep	97.72 -0.62	Dec	4.192 -3.4	Sep	8.716 -21.2	Dec	81.19 -0.45
Dec	88.72 -0.22	Oct	97.82 -0.55	Mar	4.320 -3.4	Nov	8.606 -19.6	Mar	81.29 -0.46
Feb	89.70 -0.50	Nov	98.20 -0.75	May	4.394 -2.4	Jan	8.714 -19.0	Jun	81.39 -0.47

Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Mar 28	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers.
Mar 31		Renfrew Pontiac Ltd	Stocker
April 6	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves & yearlings
Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers.			
April 8	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
April 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Stocker sale in lieu of Good Friday
April 11	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers

Comments for the week ending March 26, 2009

Please note that when comparing volumes to last year at this time, we are comparing to a 6 day week due to the Easter Holiday.

The fed cattle market saw easier prices this week. There were 1,172 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 58 from last week and 399 more than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$93.11-\$100.71 averaging \$98.07 down \$3.66 from last week and \$16.92 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$92.22-\$102.21 averaging \$97.93 down \$2.50 from last week and \$16.26 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a moderate to strong demand with prices from steady to \$2.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw very little change this week. There were 2,405 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 125 from last week and 1,074 more than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.73-\$56.25 averaging \$48.04 down \$0.35 from last week and \$7.43 higher than last year at this time. Auction market reports saw prices steady to \$1.00 easier early in the week to steady to \$2.00 higher as the week progressed.

Replacement cattle saw a good strong week of trade. There were 6,457 replacements sold through auction markets up 24% from last week and 134% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good active trading with light grass types steady to \$3.00 stronger and heavier replacements steady to \$2.00 higher. All weights and classes saw actual average prices from \$1.00-\$6.00 higher. Average prices are also \$17.00-\$25.00 higher than last year at this time.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week declined as the week progressed. Steers started the week off at \$169-\$172 down to \$167-172.00 by mid week. Heifers started out at \$168-\$171 down to \$166-\$171 by mid week. Actual average prices were steady to last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was steady to last week. Steers traded from \$93.25-\$96.00 live and \$158.75-\$161.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$91.35-\$95.45 live and \$158.75-\$161.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade late last Friday was \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger than the previous week with sales at \$83.00 live and \$133.00 dressed. This week has remained untested until Friday. Southern trade was very limited today due to a late winter snow storm which has caused the closure of 3 major packers for the day. Moderate to active trade in the north along with the few southern sales were steady to last week at \$83.00 live and \$133.00 dressed.