



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 2, 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	93.50-103.22	99.15	112.50	97.78
Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.45-101.05	98.19	105.50	99.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	93.19-102.62	98.88	112.50	98.07
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.84-100.88	97.83	104.75	98.85
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	88.63-100.56	96.24	105.00	94.93
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	93.87-101.25	97.86	105.00	97.93
Cows- All Weights	41.31-58.91	50.21	88.00	48.04
Bulls- All Weights	59.71-71.69	64.77	94.00	61.47

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	406	97.19-104.52	101.43	109.75	106.59
900-999	422	101.64-108.07	105.59	126.25	107.41
800-899	372	102.34-109.26	106.44	113.00	106.05
700-799	379	98.92-113.56	107.07	120.50	109.17
600-699	344	102.49-121.75	113.66	133.00	119.47
500-599	379	110.70-131.02	121.36	139.00	123.43
400-499	237	110.68-131.85	123.92	141.00	120.58
-399	88	109.05-130.63	121.28	143.00	115.11

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	185	93.19-100.10	97.08	104.25	95.39
800-899	118	90.12-97.85	94.14	105.00	100.50
700-799	287	98.09-108.63	104.48	114.00	101.90
600-699	399	94.34-110.47	103.98	116.50	108.01
500-599	438	96.25-118.02	108.27	128.50	109.23
400-499	282	101.52-118.84	112.64	129.00	108.20
300-399	70	108.05-119.25	113.66	137.00	109.39
299-	15	97.86-139.30	114.95	198.85	85.53

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 28, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	97.00-102.00	No fancies
Good & Choice Heifers	97.00-101.00	No fancies
Good Cows	47.00-61.00	67.00
Export Cows	46.00-55.00	
Good heavy bologna bulls	55.00-67.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	75.00-90.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 28, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	32.50-69.00	50.57	88.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	57.28-69.28	64.72	69.50

At Denfield Livestock – March 31, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-103.75	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-102.00
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-68.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$175.00
Shells	20.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 31, 2009 4 replacement calves, 4 bulls, 95 cows

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	50.00-145.00	Cows D1 & D2	49.00-63.00 top 70.00
Bulls	55.00-65.50	Cows D3	39.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-40.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

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

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	88.50-103.00	95.25	103.00	900+	97.50-104.25	101.76	104.25
900-999	96.50-107.50	104.01	107.50	800-899	89.50-98.00	93.98	102.75
800-899	103.50-110.50	107.74	110.50	700-799	95.00-109.00	104.78	109.00
700-799	104.00-116.50	108.57	118.75	600-699	99.00-116.00	107.83	116.00
600-699	108.00-120.50	115.59	125.50	500-599	107.00-123.00	114.79	128.50
500-599	106.50-132.25	120.65	132.25	400-499	112.00-124.50	117.78	129.00
400-499	109.00-130.50	124.31	138.00	300-399	124.00-125.00	124.27	125.00
399-	113.00-143.00	132.13	143.00	299-	112.00-126.00	116.67	126.00

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

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	79.00-107.50	94.75	107.50	600-699	78.00-104.50	96.41	104.50
600-699	84.50-112.50	101.70	112.50	500-599	78.00-117.00	104.21	117.00
500-599	98.00-126.00	112.61	126.00	400-499	95.00-110.00	104.12	110.00
400-499	104.00-118.50	115.88	118.50	300-399	107.50-113.00	109.33	113.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 31, 2009 – 236 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	70.00-106.00	95.20	106.00	700-799	83.00-108.50	101.44	108.50
700-799	63.00-110.00	100.18	110.00	600-699	68.00-108.50	100.03	108.50
600-699	79.00-121.50	109.66	121.50	500-599	82.00-125.00	108.89	125.00
500-599	71.00-126.00	114.93	136.00	400-499	72.00-121.00	108.53	121.00
400-499	93.00-137.00	123.18	137.00	300-399	95.50-120.50	106.10	120.50
300-399	75.00-127.00	109.75	127.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 31, 2009- 524 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	104.00-109.10	107.20	109.10	900+	96.00-102.50	98.90	102.50
800-899	109.25-113.00	111.17	113.00	800-899	98.00-103.50	100.31	103.50
700-799	107.00-116.00	113.61	120.50	700-799	103.25-107.00	105.90	107.75
600-699	119.00-133.00	126.86	133.00	600-699	101.00-113.50	108.72	116.50
500-599	113.00-137.00	124.75	137.00	500-599	108.00-113.00	111.00	118.50
400-499	123.00-133.00	126.50	133.00	400-499	94.00-123.00	113.75	123.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 1, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	100.25-106.25	103.93	109.75	900+	101.00-101.50	101.17	101.50
900-999	105.75-110.00	107.80	126.25	800-899	102.00-103.25	102.76	103.25
800-899	107.25-108.50	107.90	108.50	600-699	95.00-103.00	101.00	103.00
700-799	109.75-115.00	112.40	115.00				
600-699	105.75-122.25	116.35	122.25				
500-599	109.50-127.50	117.36	127.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 2, 2009 – 169 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	90.50-106.25	104.36	106.25	600-699	80.00-100.00	91.85	104.00
800-899	95.00-107.00	101.63	107.00	500-599	84.00-109.00	97.60	119.00
600-699	82.00-110.00	93.70	112.50				
500-599	106.50-119.00	111.75	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 2, 2009- 1,038 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	85.00-95.00	88.38	103.00	900+	70.50-96.00	84.76	96.00
900-999	89.50-100.75	97.53	105.50	800-899	87.00-97.50	91.93	105.00
800-899	89.00-100.00	95.09	111.00	700-799	102.00-114.00	108.05	114.00
700-799	100.50-114.00	108.31	118.00	600-699	97.50-110.00	103.67	112.50
600-699	105.00-124.25	115.10	130.50	500-599	99.00-114.00	105.67	124.50
500-599	119.75-133.75	126.32	139.00	400-499	102.00-115.00	110.37	125.00
400-499	118.00-139.00	129.29	141.00	300-399	100.00-118.00	106.87	128.00
399-	112.00-126.00	120.11	133.00				

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

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	78.00-99.00	88.38	107.00	700-799	85.00-98.00	91.85	98.00
600-699	78.00-116.00	98.25	120.00	600-699	93.00-104.00	99.00	104.00
500-599	99.00-124.00	111.43	124.00	500-599	87.00-112.00	99.55	122.00
400-499	51.00-117.00	101.63	117.00	400-499	105.00-119.00	112.62	119.00
300-399	97.00-130.00	116.50	130.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sales at: **Denfield Livestock, March 28, 2009- 163 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	95.00-109.00	800-899	90.00-105.00
700-799	95.00-110.00	700-799	90.00-108.00
600-699	95.00-120.00	600-699	95.00-110.00
500-599	100.00-130.00	500-599	100.00-110.00

A good active trade at strong prices.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 31, 2009- 514 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	95.00-108.00	800-899	94.00-100.50
800-899	99.00-112.00	700-799	100.00-109.00
700-799	106.00-118.00	600-699	96.00-113.00
600-699	113.00-124.50	500-599	101.00-114.50
500-599	118.00-126.50	400-499	106.00-118.50
400-499	120.00-129.00	300-399	109.00-122.00

Stockers sold at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt higher.

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Denfield Livestock, Sat March 28, 2008- 18 head

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Avg quality bred cows	\$700.00-\$900.00	N/T
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$800.00-\$1300.00	N/T
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$600.00-\$800.00	N/T

Good active trade according to quality.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending Thursday April 2, 2009

Steers	Live	96.45-98.50	Flat rail	163.50-164.85
Heifers	Live	94.65-96.90	Flat rail	163.50-163.85

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	83.00-84.00
	Rail	133.00-134.00

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

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A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	168.25-170.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 13, 2009	1.8017	1.7689
March 6, 2009	1.7598	1.7426
Feb 27, 2009	1.7103	1.7111

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.80	135.18

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	606,000	581,000	626,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 28, 2009	837	777
March 22, 2008	856	809

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	56,265	736,663	103%
%Alberta Slaughter	38,385	515,970	105%
Ontario Slaughter	10,852	127,302	96%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA (updates currently unavailable from USDA due to database problems)

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
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 Jan 1– Mar 28, 09	Mexico Jan 1-31
Total	65,636 tonnes	3,494

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 28, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	212,550 tonnes	196,844 tonnes	+8.0%
Non-fed	50,110 tonnes	63,029 tonnes	-20.5%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 14	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	20,438 tonnes	21,742 tonnes	-6.0%
Non-NAFTA	16,094 tonnes	10,253 tonnes	+57.0%
Total	36,760 tonnes	32,266 tonnes	+13.9%

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 US						
							¢/bu		¢/bu					
Apr	86.05	+0.87	Apr	95.40	+0.92	May	4.044	+2.0	May	9.954	+18.4	Spot	81.30	+0.49
Jun	84.17	+1.17	May	96.70	+1.05	Jul	4.146	+2.0	Jul	9.952	+18.2	Jun	81.35	+0.75
Aug	84.80	+0.82	Aug	98.75	+1.17	Sep	4.234	+1.4	Aug	9.766	+14.6	Sep	81.46	+0.75
Oct	88.52	+0.87	Sep	99.70	+1.00	Dec	4.354	+1.6	Sep	9.462	+12.6	Dec	81.59	+0.75
Dec	90.20	+0.60	Oct	99.87	+0.90	Mar	4.466	+1.4	Nov	9.232	+7.6	Mar	81.69	+0.75
Feb	91.40	+0.67	Nov	99.85	+0.87	May	4.540	+1.6	Jan	9.320	+7.4	Jun	81.79	+0.75

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

April 3	7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
April 4	2:00 pm	Keady Livestock Market	Saunders/Neal Charolais Bull sale
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
April 14	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
April 17	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Calves and yearlings
April 24	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Vaccinated calf & yearling sale.
April 25	9:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen's- Stratton	Stocker sale
April 25	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred cows and stockers.

Comments for the week ending April 2, 2009

The fed cattle market saw very little change this week. There were 1,237 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 65 from last week and 727 less than last year at this time. The average price for steers was \$98.88 up \$0.81 from last week and \$14.76 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers traded for an average price of \$97.86 down \$0.07 from last week and \$14.51 higher than last year. The price range for steers was \$93.19-\$102.62 and heifers \$93.87-\$101.25. Auction market reports early week saw prices fully steady to \$2.00 lower. As the week progressed prices were reported as fully steady to \$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market saw a good strong week of trade. There were 2,213 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 192 from last week and 1,387 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows ranged from \$41.31-\$58.91 with an average price of \$50.21, up \$2.17 from last week and \$7.16 stronger than last year at this time.

Auction markets all reported strong active trading with prices ranging from \$1.00-\$5.00 higher.

The replacement cattle trade saw lighter receipt this week with mixed prices. There were 4,421 replacements sold through auction markets down 31.5% from last week and 20% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported light weight grass types as trading from steady to \$3.00 higher. Heavier cattle were reported as fully steady to a slight decline. Actual average prices saw steers and heifers 400 lbs & under up \$3.34-\$4.44 on average. Steers 500-800 lbs averaged \$2.00-\$5.81 lower, steers 800-900 steady and steers 900 lbs plus were \$3.44 lower on average. Heifers 500-700 lbs averaged \$1.00-\$4.00 lower, heifers 700-800 lbs averaged \$2.58 higher and heifers \$800 lbs plus averaged \$2.28 lower than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week averaged \$0.75 lower than last week. Steers started off the week at \$167-\$171 up to \$167-\$172 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$166-\$170 early week to \$166-\$171 by mid week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week. Steers traded from \$96.45-\$98.50 live and \$163.50-\$164.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$94.65-\$96.90 live and \$163.50-\$163.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade late last Friday was steady to \$1.00 higher than the previous week with sales from \$83.00-\$84.00 live and \$133.00-\$134.00 dressed. This week the market has remained untested. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, a handful of sales in the north by one regional buyer were reported at \$135.00 dressed, otherwise business is quiet. Asking prices are holding firm at \$86.00 live and \$136.00 dressed with active trade expected to surface in the next several hours with higher prices.