



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Wednesday April 8, 2009

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association. Please note that volumes will be lighter as this report runs from the previous Friday to Wednesday, not Thursday, due to the Easter holiday.

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	98.97-103.77	101.46	110.00	99.15
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.81-101.34	97.96	103.25	98.19
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	97.50-104.07	101.22	110.00	98.88
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.29-103.03	99.50	104.50	97.83
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	89.72-100.38	97.51	103.00	96.24
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.45-102.93	98.94	104.50	97.86
Cows- All Weights	40.49-58.10	49.10	86.50	50.21
Bulls- All Weights	63.36-69.39	66.20	93.50	64.77

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	444	101.50-107.82	105.03	109.25	101.43
900-999	831	102.49-108.15	105.91	110.00	105.59
800-899	331	100.04-109.73	104.98	115.75	106.44
700-799	335	101.94-119.05	111.31	136.50	107.07
600-699	469	104.43-125.45	116.40	134.50	113.66
500-599	315	110.73-130.95	120.61	142.00	121.36
400-499	227	107.13-136.56	126.70	145.00	123.92
-399	40	107.73-128.19	118.82	142.50	121.28

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	233	90.69-101.99	96.63	105.00	97.08
800-899	248	93.37-102.21	98.17	108.00	94.14
700-799	302	92.69-108.40	101.34	113.00	104.48
600-699	367	97.92-112.66	105.86	124.00	103.98
500-599	339	99.24-116.74	109.75	123.00	108.27
400-499	220	101.42-120.66	110.34	128.00	112.64
300-399	76	95.53-121.43	113.86	144.00	113.66
299-	4	103.75-106.75	105.25	121.00	114.95

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 4, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	93.00-102.50	106.00
Good & Choice Heifers	94.00-101.75	105.00
Good Cows	51.00-63.50	72.00
Export Cows	46.00-59.50	
Bulls	60.50-71.50	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	75.00-89.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 4, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	34.00-65.00	52.58	65.50
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	68.00-70.00	69.16	70.00

At Denfield Livestock – April 7, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-104.00
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	90.00-95.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-80.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
Good eligible cows	52.00-62.00 to 67.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-58.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$195.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-49.00	Shells	25.00-35.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 7, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	60.00-140.00	Cows D1 & D2	49.00-62.00 top 67.00
Bulls	54.00-58.50	Cows D3	37.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-42.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	95.00-105.75	102.26	105.75	900+	93.50-102.50	98.72	102.50
900-999	91.00-108.50	101.59	108.50	800-899	91.00-101.75	96.14	105.50
800-899	97.00-111.75	104.46	115.25	700-799	98.50-113.00	103.79	113.00
700-799	104.00-116.50	110.14	117.00	600-699	100.00-112.50	106.71	117.50
600-699	102.00-125.50	114.58	126.00	500-599	106.00-118.25	112.84	118.25
500-599	108.50-130.00	117.79	133.00	400-499	101.00-117.50	110.33	122.00
400-499	109.50-134.50	121.89	134.50	300-399	118.00-129.00	122.36	129.00
399-	104.00-133.00	122.80	133.00	299-	102.00-102.00	102.00	102.00

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, April 4, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	82.00-104.00	92.83	104.00	600-699	93.00-95.00	93.66	95.00
500-599	65.00-114.00	92.20	114.00	500-599	71.00-108.00	92.35	108.00
400-499	82.50-115.00	104.37	115.00	400-499	72.50-110.00	96.59	110.00

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 6, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	94.50-115.25	108.33	115.25	600-699	90.00-100.50	95.52	100.50
500-599	109.50-120.00	115.60	125.00	500-599	101.00-112.00	106.50	112.00
400-499	116.00-119.00	117.92	119.00	400-499	101.50-106.00	102.92	106.00
				300-399	85.00-104.50	94.50	104.50

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	104.00-117.50	109.63	117.50	600-699	88.50-112.00	98.90	112.00
500-599	103.50-139.00	118.35	139.00	500-599	70.00-118.50	99.77	118.50
400-499	107.00-127.00	119.41	127.00	400-499	90.00-123.00	111.72	123.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	109.25	109.25	109.25	800-899	103.75-108.00	106.55	108.00
900-999	107.0-108.75	107.73	108.75	700-799	100.25-108.00	102.07	108.00
800-899	110.50-113.75	112.68	113.75	600-699	94.00-121.00	108.79	124.00
700-799	106.00-136.50	121.81	136.50	500-599	108.00-118.00	113.19	118.00
600-699	119.00-134.50	127.75	134.50	400-499	94.00-100.00	100.42	120.00
500-599	126.00-138.50	131.81	138.50	300-399	110.00-117.00	112.80	117.00
400-499	116.00-136.00	126.38	136.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	102.00-113.00	700-799	95.00-107.00
600-699	111.00-121.00	600-699	96.00-112.00
500-599	110.00-128.00	500-599	100.00-115.00
400-499	118.00-126.50	400-499	107.00-118.50
		300-399	108.00-120.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange- April 8, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	101.25-108.25	105.12	108.25	900+	88.75-102.75	95.69	105.00
900-999	103.25-108.25	106.35	110.00	800-899	92.50-94.50	92.81	94.50
800-899	107.25-109.00	107.66	109.75				
700-799	78.00-101.00	85.63	101.00				
600-699	111.50-115.00	112.26	115.00				
500-599	115.50	115.50	115.50				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 6, 2009- 563 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	83.00-97.50	87.47	97.50	900+	98.00-104.00	102.43	104.00
900-999	102.50-104.00	103.17	104.00	800-899	101.00-106.50	104.70	106.50
800-899	98.00-111.00	103.79	111.00	700-799	99.50-107.50	104.38	107.50
700-799	100.50-115.00	109.67	115.00	600-699	99.00-114.25	109.36	114.25
600-699	113.50-127.50	117.23	127.50	500-599	112.50-123.00	117.35	123.00
500-599	123.00-133.50	128.32	137.00	400-499	117.75-128.00	120.48	128.00
400-499	137.00-145.00	140.74	145.00	300-399	120.00-144.00	131.00	144.00
399-	140.00-142.50	141.50	142.50				

Vaccinated calf & yearling sale sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers. Both calves and yearlings sold on a good strong active trade.

Stocker sale at **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market- April 8, 2009**

900-999	105.75-106.50	106.09	106.50	800-899	80.00-99.50	94.14	99.50
800-899	91.50-115.75	106.98	115.75	700-799	71.50-100.25	95.26	100.25
700-799	100.00-119.50	113.84	119.50	600-699	100.00-109.00	103.76	109.00
600-699	96.00-131.00	122.47	131.00	500-599	92.00-115.00	107.72	115.00
500-599	108.50-142.00	127.69	142.00	400-499	76.00-114.00	90.96	114.00
400-499	86.00-142.00	129.83	142.00	300-399	78.50-123.00	113.18	123.00
399-	122.50-139.00	126.62	139.00				

Stockers continue to sell actively at higher prices. All breed Bull Sale April 11- 2 pm

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards: Friday April 3, 2009- 206 head

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$950-\$1,280	\$850 – \$1,100
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$900	\$700 -\$ 850
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$900-\$1,110	N/T

All good cows sold actively at stronger prices.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

Steers	Live	99.00-100.05	Flat rail	167.00-170.85
Heifers	Live	97.80-100.05	Flat rail	165.50-170.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	86.00
	Rail	136.00-138.00 sales to 139.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	169.75-172.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 27, 2009	1.7517	1.7574
March 20, 2009	1.7463	1.7353
March 13, 2009	1.8017	1.7689

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	136.59	135.77

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 11, 2009		
Grand Total	N/A	606,000	N/A

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 4, 2009	833	754
March 29, 2008	856	799

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	April 4, 2008		
Grand Total	53,581	790,244	102%
%Alberta Slaughter	36,654	552,624	105%
Ontario Slaughter	10,729	138,031	96%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 21, 09	Week ending Mar 14, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,706	3,328	35,582
Steers & Heifers	2,079	2,770	28,803
Cows	626	547	6,576
Bulls	1	11	203

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS

EXPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 31,09		Jan 1 – Mar 28, 09
Pure bred	90	Slaughter steers & heifers	160,287
Non-pure bred	3,173	Feeder steers & heifers	114,482
		Cows & Bulls	52,644

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 4, 09	Jan 1-31
Total	70,693 tonnes	3,494

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 4, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	228,016 tonnes	213,084 tonnes	+7.0%
Non-fed	53,445 tonnes	67,487 tonnes	-20.8%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 28	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	22,320 tonnes	23,872 tonnes	-6.5%
Non-NAFTA	17,156 tonnes	10,671 tonnes	+60.8%
Total	39,692 tonnes	34,863 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		\$/bu US ¢/bu							
Apr	87.52	+1.47	Apr	98.15	+1.57	May	3.902	-6.6	May	10.070	+1.0	Spot	81.63	+0.82
Jun	84.60	+0.82	May	98.92	+1.55	Jul	3.996	-7.0	Jul	10.020	+0.4	Jun	81.49	+0.66
Aug	85.27	+0.60	Aug	100.90	+1.15	Sep	4.094	-6.6	Aug	9.800	+3.0	Sep	81.59	+0.66
Oct	89.47	+0.67	Sep	101.40	+1.05	Dec	4.216	-6.0	Sep	9.440	+3.0	Dec	81.70	+0.67
Dec	90.87	+0.40	Oct	101.85	+1.05	Mar	4.332	-5.2	Nov	9.220	+6.0	Mar	81.83	+0.69
Feb	91.90	+0.57	Nov	101.85	+1.05	May	4.410	-5.4	Jan	9.304	+8.0	Jun	81.96	+0.71

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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 11	2:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	All breed Bull Sale
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.
April 27	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calf & yearling sale
Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers			
April 29	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
May 1	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Quinte Cattlemen's Association
			All catalogued and vaccinated.
May 2	10:00 am	Thessalon, Algoma Co-op Livestock	Stockers

Comments for the week ending April 8, 2009

Please note that this week's report contains data from the previous Friday to Wednesday, not Thursday, due to the Easter holiday.

The fed cattle market saw light receipts due to the short week and winter weather conditions. There were 352 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 885 from last week and 2,057 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$97.50-\$104.07 averaging \$101.22, up \$2.34 from last week and \$17.27 higher than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$91.45-\$102.93 averaging \$98.94 up \$1.08 from last week and \$13.80 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was off slightly this week. There were 1,215 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 998 from last week and 1,659 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$40.49-\$58.10 averaging \$49.10 down \$1.11 from last week and \$10.34 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices ranging from steady to \$5.00 higher.

There were 4,781 replacements sold through auction markets up 8% from last week and 18% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported strong active trading with prices starting the week at fully steady to steady with reports of barely steady by mid week. A couple of special stocker sales reported good strong active trading with prices steady to higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were fully steady to last week. Steers started off the week at \$167-\$172 up to \$169-\$172 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$166-\$171 early week to \$168-\$171 by mid week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger than last week. Steers traded from \$99.00-\$100.05 live and \$167.00-\$170.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$97.80-\$100.05 live and \$165.50-\$170.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade on Wednesday was active in the north with dressed sales \$1.00-\$3.00 higher from \$136.00-\$138.00 with most sales at \$137.00. At time of reporting on Thursday afternoon, light trade was developing in the south with sales \$1.00 higher at \$86.00 live. Asking prices on remaining show lists are holding at \$87.00-\$88.00 live. Some northern sales on source verified cattle were reported at \$139.00 dressed.