



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 23, 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 167.00-173.00
A grade heifers 166.00-172.00

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	94.24-103.34	99.41	120.25	101.07
Medium Frame Steers +1250	94.61-103.88	100.29	110.50	102.29
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	94.57-104.14	99.95	120.25	101.66
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.51-103.73	98.98	107.00	100.48
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	89.21-102.40	97.19	107.25	100.19
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.09-103.62	98.36	107.25	100.40
Cows- All Weights	42.83-59.79	51.98	92.00	51.78
Bulls- All Weights	60.72-74.41	67.26	105.00	64.78

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	497	99.53-107.25	104.38	108.50	103.52
900-999	873	99.41-108.45	105.16	112.75	105.45
800-899	669	99.71-110.25	106.08	117.25	106.16
700-799	853	103.29-118.29	111.13	130.50	110.75
600-699	813	110.70-131.53	123.00	138.00	122.40
500-599	669	108.67-132.47	122.66	145.00	123.77
400-499	294	116.33-140.72	131.00	156.00	134.16
-399	92	108.10-145.35	127.78	160.00	118.12

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	207	83.52-98.53	92.18	104.00	95.26
800-899	321	94.76-102.64	99.74	105.75	102.46
700-799	676	96.28-108.31	102.97	115.50	105.81
600-699	832	96.27-112.87	106.45	120.50	108.68
500-599	679	98.73-115.76	108.70	125.00	111.74
400-499	338	98.09-120.12	111.54	141.00	115.78
300-399	95	104.72-124.21	113.92	140.00	118.08
299-	15	89.87-116.67	105.74	134.00	104.96

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 18, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	95.00-103.75	No fancies
Good & Choice Heifers	96.00-105.00	No fancies
Good Cows	51.00-64.50	
Export Cows	42.00-58.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	81.00-96.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 18, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	32.00-66.50	53.13	66.50
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	64.73-80.73	69.95	86.00

At Denfield Livestock – April 21, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-107.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-105.25
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	95.00-99.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-75.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	55.00-65.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	45.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$200.00
Shells	35.00-45.00	Short keep steers	95.00-105.00
		Short keep heifers	95.00-105.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 21, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	\$60.00-\$180.00	Cows D1 & D2	52.00-63.00 top 72.00
Bulls	65.50-74.50	Cows D3	42.00-50.50
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	33.00-47.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 17, 2009-** 1,701 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	95.00-104.85	102.23	104.85	900+	92.00-103.25	97.68	104.00
900-999	101.75-107.50	104.76	108.25	800-899	99.75-105.75	103.75	105.75
800-899	97.00-107.25	103.78	112.00	700-799	95.00-107.25	102.47	111.50
700-799	105.50-120.25	113.72	120.25	600-699	100.00-113.00	106.83	115.00
600-699	111.00-127.75	121.98	133.00	500-599	105.00-117.00	111.15	120.00
500-599	105.50-135.50	127.50	142.50	400-499	111.00-126.50	118.08	126.50
400-499	121.00-151.00	139.39	151.00	300-399	118.00-127.00	121.38	127.00
399-	118.00-154.00	135.55	154.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, April 18, 2009-** 80 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	85.00-120.00	109.83	120.00	500-599	88.50-105.00	101.76	105.50
500-599	109.50-128.00	118.83	128.00				
400-499	111.00-138.00	127.42	138.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, April 20, 2009-** 66 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	86.00-122.50	114.26	122.50	600-699	73.50-108.00	91.50	108.00
500-599	92.00-132.50	117.12	132.50	400-499	102.25-106.00	103.00	106.00

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 20, 2009-** 82 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	112.50-122.50	117.50	122.50	500-599	86.50-106.00	100.48	106.00
500-599	127.75-128.75	128.15	130.00	400-499	75.00-125.50	108.14	125.50

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 21, 2009 –** 266 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	83.00-104.50	95.93	104.50	800-899	98.00	98.00	98.00
700-799	82.50-115.50	97.71	115.50	700-799	66.50-101.50	92.00	101.50
600-699	75.00-129.00	112.23	129.00	600-699	76.00-111.00	99.13	111.00
500-599	88.00-138.50	115.95	138.50	500-599	82.50-119.50	106.18	119.50
400-499	90.00-134.00	120.52	134.00	400-499	81.00-120.50	107.05	120.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 21, 2009-** 1,629 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	96.00-108.00	104.35	108.00	900+	95.50-99.00	96.08	99.50
800-899	104.00-115.50	110.58	115.50	800-899	84.00-100.00	91.13	100.00
700-799	115.00-123.00	118.66	130.50	700-799	105.50-113.50	109.38	115.50
600-699	124.25-137.00	129.56	138.00	600-699	105.00-119.00	114.42	120.50
500-599	119.00-140.00	132.59	145.00	500-599	108.00-122.25	116.94	122.25
400-499	122.00-139.00	131.67	142.50	400-499	100.00-128.25	119.91	128.25
399-	101.00-136.50	120.00	136.50	300-399	116.50-120.00	119.20	120.00

All classes of stocker and replacement cattle sold on a strong demand at slightly higher prices.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 21, 2009-** 230 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	90.00-97.00	800-899	91.00-96.00
900-999	91.00-101.00	700-799	92.00-96.00
800-899	96.00-108.50	600-699	101.00-112.00
700-799	109.00-114.00	500-599	109.00-118.50
600-699	114.00-125.00	400-499	116.50-123.50
500-599	121.00-141.00	300-399	115.00-122.00
400-499	124.00-142.00		
399-	127.00-132.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 22, 2009-** 1,396 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	103.00-108.50	106.52	108.50	900+	90.50-99.00	96.43	99.50
900-999	100.75-109.25	106.01	112.75	800-899	92.00-102.50	99.21	102.50
800-899	101.00-110.75	106.80	110.75	700-799	95.00-100.00	98.30	104.00
700-799	101.50-118.25	111.15	120.00	600-699	95.00-107.00	101.17	107.00
600-699	111.00-129.00	121.09	129.00	500-599	104.00-116.00	110.07	116.00
500-599	106.00-133.75	121.49	133.75	400-499	96.00-120.25	111.95	120.25
400-499	134.00-147.50	141.20	147.50				
399-	110.00-153.00	125.25	153.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 23, 2009 – 336 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	93.00-108.25	106.64	108.25	900+	66.00-95.00	84.18	95.00
900+999	87.00-109.00	104.85	109.00	800-899	94.50-99.00	96.70	99.00
800-899	80.00-93.50	87.15	98.00	700-799	86.00-101.00	97.13	101.00
700-799	92.00-106.50	100.61	106.50	600-699	75.00-106.50	93.22	106.50
600-699	98.50-118.00	107.78	118.00	500-599	97.00-112.00	106.09	112.00
500-599	95.00-117.00	107.00	117.00	400-499	90.00-99.00	94.17	116.00
400-499	107.00-135.00	125.17	135.00				
399-	116.00-127.00	120.67	127.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 23, 2009-** 1,730 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	80.00-102.00	90.54	102.00	900+	72.50-98.75	87.87	98.75
900-999	91.00-105.50	100.24	105.50	800-899	90.00-101.00	98.68	101.00
800-899	102.00-111.75	107.45	117.25	700-799	89.50-105.00	97.15	112.25
700-799	95.00-116.00	105.80	129.00	600-699	90.00-109.00	101.52	114.00
600-699	106.75-133.75	123.34	133.75	500-599	96.00-116.00	107.05	124.25
500-599	106.00-130.00	120.72	142.00	400-499	101.00-117.78	110.79	123.00
400-499	120.00-144.00	132.19	156.00	300-399	104.00-125.00	112.06	126.00
399-	105.00-146.00	131.47	148.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 23, 2009-** 174 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	77.00-96.00	85.33	102.00	600-699	83.00-96.00	88.50	106.00
600-699	88.00-126.00	106.25	126.00	500-599	81.00-100.00	96.92	112.00
500-599	80.00-136.00	115.89	136.00	400-499	82.00-123.00	109.44	136.00
400-499	102.00-139.00	128.75	139.00	300-399	89.00-121.00	106.67	121.00
300-399	98.00-133.00	115.18	133.00	299-	75.00-124.00	104.14	124.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 17, 2009-** 421 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	100.00-105.00	101.38	105.50	800-899	80.00-88.00	85.71	88.00
700-799	106.30-112.75	109.67	112.75	700-799	95.00-105.00	99.69	105.00
600-699	118.00-128.25	124.94	128.25	600-699	97.00-108.75	104.15	108.75
500-599	115.25-130.00	120.21	133.25	500-599	97.00-109.50	105.76	109.50
400-499	118.50-130.00	124.18	140.00	400-499	95.50-110.00	103.00	110.00
399-	114.50-160.00	140.00	160.00	300-399	107.00-137.00	118.19	137.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

Steers	Live	98.25-100.85	Flat rail	167.00-170.83
Heifers	Live	98.55-100.85	Flat rail	166.40-170.83

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	88.00
	Rail	143.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	164.00-168.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 3, 2009	1.7891	1.7547
March 27, 2009	1.7517	1.7574
March 20, 2009	1.7463	1.7353

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	152.28	150.13

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
April 25, 2009		
Grand Total	640,000	702,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 18, 2009	825	746
April 12, 2008	843	788

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending April 18, 2008	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	58,163	897,224	100%
%Alberta Slaughter	42,954	630,648	103%
Ontario Slaughter	10,409	157,260	94%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending April 4, 09	Week ending Mar 28, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,304	2,849	40,735
Steers & Heifers	1,520	2,055	32,378
Cows	715	791	8,082
Bulls	69	3	275

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS Jan 1 – Feb 28,09		EXPORTS Jan 1 – April 11, 09	
Pure bred	241	Slaughter steers & heifers	184,180
Non-pure bred	6,825	Feeder steers & heifers	139,086
		Cows & Bulls	60,346

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– April 18, 09	Mexico Jan 1-Feb 28
Total	79,542 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 18, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	260,527 tonnes	248,446 tonnes	+4.9%
Non-fed	59,073 tonnes	75,568 tonnes	-21.8%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 11	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	28,235 tonnes	27,649 tonnes	+2.1%
Non-NAFTA	19,670 tonnes	11,566 tonnes	+70.0%
Total	48,130 tonnes	39,623 tonnes	+21.5%

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	86.85 -0.90	Apr	99.75 +0.20	May	3.770 -4.0	May	10.402 +2.4	Spot	82.82 +1.17
Jun	82.60 -0.87	May	99.12 -0.07	Jul	3.856 -4.2	Jul	10.340 +2.0	Jun	82.82 +1.17
Aug	82.97 -0.70	Aug	100.35 -0.32	Sep	3.952 -4.4	Aug	10.104 +2.0	Sep	82.91 +1.15
Oct	87.12 -0.70	Sep	100.40 -0.30	Dec	4.066 -4.6	Sep	9.702 +4.6	Dec	83.02 +1.13
Dec	89.17 -0.57	Oct	100.40 -0.45	Mar	4.190 -4.4	Nov	9.332 +9.6	Mar	83.16 +1.14
Feb	90.05 -0.65	Nov	100.45 -0.35	May	4.276 -4.0	Jan	9.380 +9.6	Jun	83.32 +1.15

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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
April 29	7:00 pm	Talbotville Livestock	Bred Cows and 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
May 4	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auction Center	Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee Vaccinated Sale
May 5	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 6	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria County Sale- Vaccinated
May 7	10:00 am	Wiarthon-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Stocker Sale
May 9	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cow and Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending April 23, 2009

The fed cattle market was a little easier this week. There were 1,167 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 552 from last week and 188 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$94.57-\$104.14 averaging \$99.95 down \$1.71 from last week but \$17.25 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers traded from \$91.09-\$103.62 averaging \$98.36 down \$2.04 from last week and \$14.60 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady to firm.

The slaughter cow market held steady this week. There were 2,320 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 388 from last week and 579 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$42.83-\$59.79 averaging \$51.98 up \$0.20 from last week and \$11.13 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with steady to strong prices with prices reported at the end of the week up \$1.00-\$2.00.

Replacement heifers were easier this week with steer prices mixed. There were 7,923 replacements sold through auction markets up 11% from last week and 8% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good demand with active trading. Prices were reported from level to steady to mostly steady. Grass cattle were reported as selling well with prices steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all categories of heifers \$2.00-\$4.25 lower. Steers 600 lbs and under averaged \$1.00-\$3.00 lower while steers 600 lb plus averaged steady to \$0.60 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$1.75 lower on average. Steers were reported from \$167.00-\$173.00 dressed while heifers sold from \$166.00-\$172.00, with prices declining as the week progressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with prices softer than last week. Steers traded from \$98.25-\$100.85 live and \$167.00-\$170.83 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$98.55-\$100.85 live and \$166.40-\$170.83 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices fully steady to last week at \$88.00 live and \$143.00 dressed with a handful of trade at \$144.00 dressed. Friday afternoon at time of reporting there was not new traded to report. It is expected that the few cattle left to sell will be carried over to next week.