



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday July 9, 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** 159.00-165.00  
**A grade heifers** 158.00-164.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	92.15-101.42	96.63	105.00	93.69
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.41-100.24	96.77	104.00	92.72
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	91.36-101.81	96.80	105.00	93.50
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.13-100.22	96.50	104.00	93.31
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	87.60-100.59	96.25	108.00	90.09
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	90.96-101.09	96.57	108.00	92.43
Cows- All Weights	40.26-57.53	49.46	87.50	49.85
Bulls- All Weights	55.44-70.44	62.41	93.00	66.00

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	676	92.50-98.77	95.71	102.75	91.52
<b>900-999</b>	380	95.01-104.38	100.29	109.50	99.42
<b>800-899</b>	162	104.44-111.30	109.18	118.00	104.98
<b>700-799</b>	198	107.19-119.17	112.48	122.25	109.23
<b>600-699</b>	152	109.11-121.53	116.73	135.00	111.32
<b>500-599</b>	113	110.88-129.65	121.12	139.00	110.00
<b>400-499</b>	57	106.81-128.35	118.09	145.00	117.97
<b>-399</b>	61	102.49-138.59	121.73	182.00	93.28

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	156	87.05-93.17	90.57	98.25	84.77
<b>800-899</b>	223	86.93-95.04	92.28	103.00	98.05
<b>700-799</b>	195	92.97-102.89	98.43	110.25	99.14
<b>600-699</b>	161	99.32-111.71	105.64	120.00	105.69
<b>500-599</b>	107	103.62-117.28	111.90	123.00	107.17
<b>400-499</b>	51	97.09-125.05	112.27	150.00	114.47
<b>300-399</b>	18	92.17-115.33	106.67	146.00	114.88
<b>299-</b>	12	95.04-156.79	131.64	215.00	109.75

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday July 4, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	91.00-100.00	
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	91.00-99.50	101.50
<b>Good Cows</b>	48.00-61.00	64.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	50.00-58.00	
<b>Bulls</b>		70.00
<b>Good Veal calves</b>	78.00-89.50	

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

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	30.00-63.00	47.66	75.00

**At Denfield Livestock – July 7, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	95.00-100.00	<b>Choice heifers</b>	95.00-99.00
<b>Good steers</b>	90.00-95.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	90.00-95.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain heifers</b>	75.00-85.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	60.00-70.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	65.00-80.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	50.00-60.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	65.00-70.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-50.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$75.00-\$150.00
<b>Shells</b>	25.00-35.00	<b>Day old &amp; Plain Holstein Bull calves</b>	\$10.00-\$70.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– July 7, 2009 - 10 replacement calves, 5 bulls, 99 cows**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Replacement calves</b>	60.00-110.00	<b>Cows D1 &amp; D2</b>	52.00-66.00 top 73.00
<b>Bulls</b>	55.00-74.00	<b>Cows D3</b>	44.00-51.50
<b>Bred cows-good x bred</b>	N/T	<b>Cows D4</b>	35.00-43.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 3, 2009: 806 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	93.25-96.00	95.03	99.00	<b>900+</b>	90.00-96.50	93.06	96.50
<b>900-999</b>	95.25-104.00	99.93	105.00	<b>800-899</b>	94.25-100.25	97.45	100.25
<b>800-899</b>	101.00-110.00	107.36	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-110.25	105.25	110.25
<b>700-799</b>	110.25-120.00	113.76	121.50	<b>600-699</b>	105.50-116.00	110.18	120.00
<b>600-699</b>	113.00-123.50	120.41	128.00	<b>500-599</b>	110.00-122.00	117.80	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	120.00-135.00	127.51	139.00	<b>400-499</b>	124.00-150.00	130.88	150.00
<b>400-499</b>	124.00-126.00	124.88	130.00				

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market- July 4, 2009: 25stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	95.00-114.50	107.87	114.50	<b>600-699</b>	101.00-103.00	101.66	103.00
<b>500-599</b>	87.00-121.00	107.33	121.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.50-96.00	94.25	96.00

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– July 7, 2009 – 78 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	66.00-92.50	79.90	92.50	<b>500-99</b>	86.50-119.00	106.29	119.00
<b>600-699</b>	97.00-113.00	107.41	113.00	<b>400-499</b>	88.50-121.00	108.58	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	83.00-118.50	112.43	118.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – July 7, 2009- 137 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	95.10-97.75	96.16	97.75	<b>N/T</b>			
<b>800-899</b>	113.25						
<b>700-799</b>	120.25						

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd- July 7, 2009-** 61 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-106.00	<b>800-899</b>	93.00-100.00
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-117.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-105.00
<b>600-699</b>	112.00-123.50	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-113.50
<b>500-599</b>	119.00-133.00	<b>500-599</b>	110.00-118.00
<b>400-499</b>	121.00-134.00	<b>400-499</b>	115.00-121.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – July 8, 2009-** 916 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg
<b>+1000</b>	92.50-99.75	96.15	<b>900+</b>	91.50-93.73	93.04
<b>900-999</b>	96.25-105.50	101.53	<b>800-899</b>		
<b>800-899</b>	102.50-113.00	111.02	<b>700-799</b>		

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 9, 2009 –** 70 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	62.00-118.00	76.80	118.00	<b>900+</b>	67.00-92.00	81.14	92.00
<b>500-599</b>	124.50-136.00	130.50	136.00	<b>800-899</b>	75.50-85.00	80.43	85.00
<b>399-</b>	96.50-133.00	127.06	167.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, July 9, 2009-** 398 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	87.50-104.00	97.65	104.00	<b>900+</b>	77.00-92.00	86.23	92.00
<b>800-899</b>	100.50-109.00	105.70	111.00	<b>800-899</b>	79.50-92.00	88.93	103.00
<b>700-799</b>	103.50-122.25	114.66	122.25	<b>700-799</b>	88.00-98.50	93.96	101.00
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-122.00	114.33	135.00	<b>600-699</b>	101.50-112.50	107.44	112.50
<b>500-599</b>	112.50-130.50	119.26	137.50	<b>500-599</b>	113.00-120.50	118.34	120.50
<b>400-499</b>	105.00-137.00	123.53	145.00				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday July 9, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.95-87.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	144.85-145.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.35-85.97	<b>Flat rail</b>	144.85-145.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday July 9, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	81.00-82.00
	<b>Rail</b>	128.00-131.00

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

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<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	159.75-162.75 (+0.72)
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
June 26, 2009	1.6903	1.5774
June 19, 2009	1.6808	1.5908
June 12, 2009	1.7073	1.6262

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
	(Thurs) -138.05	(Thurs)-132.50

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending July 11, 2009	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	628,000	628,000	699,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
<b>July 3, 2009</b>	836	767
<b>June 27, 2009</b>	824	757

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending July 3, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	52,278	1,566,193	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	40,918	1,150,862	103%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	8,920	271,690	96%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending June 20, 09	Week ending June 13, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,339</b>	<b>2,310</b>	63,582
Steers & Heifers	1,902	1,927	50,923
Cows	424	359	12,171
Bulls	13	24	488

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
	Jan 1 – April 30, 09		Jan 1 – June 27, 09
<b>Pure bred</b>	521	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	268,689
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	15,414	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	187,174
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	94,115

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 1– July 3, 09	Mexico Jan 1-April 30
<b>Total</b>	134,748 tonnes	11,452 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – July 3, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	464,920 tonnes	456,761 tonnes	+1.8%
<b>Non-fed</b>	91,792 tonnes	118,779 tonnes	-22.7%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – June 27, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	55,367 tonnes	56,182 tonnes	-1.5%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	31,808 tonnes	18,014 tonnes	+76.6%
<b>Total</b>	89,562 tonnes	74,990 tonnes	+19.4%

## CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>			<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>				
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US	¢/bu	\$/bu US	¢/bu					
<b>Aug</b>	83.47	+0.00	<b>Aug</b>	102.92	-0.02	<b>Jul</b>	3.454	+2.0	<b>Jul</b>	11.282	+17.6	<b>Spot</b>	86.01	-0.17
<b>Oct</b>	88.65	-0.17	<b>Sep</b>	103.22	-0.07	<b>Sep</b>	3.282	-1.2	<b>Aug</b>	10.446	-2.6	<b>Sep</b>	86.02	-0.13
<b>Dec</b>	88.90	+0.12	<b>Oct</b>	103.22	+0.12	<b>Dec</b>	3.380	-2.0	<b>Sep</b>	9.716	-1.2	<b>Dec</b>	86.04	-0.13
<b>Feb</b>	88.70	+0.00	<b>Nov</b>	103.50	+0.62	<b>Mar</b>	3.512	-2.0	<b>Nov</b>	9.170	+1.0	<b>Mar</b>	86.06	-0.13
<b>Apr</b>	89.80	-0.40	<b>Jan</b>	101.90	+0.15	<b>May</b>	3.604	-1.6	<b>Jan</b>	9.254	+1.6	<b>Jun</b>	86.09	-0.13
<b>Jun</b>	87.30	-0.60	<b>Mar</b>	101.50	+0.50	<b>Jul</b>	3.692	-1.4	<b>Mar</b>	9.292	+2.6	<b>Sep</b>	86.13	-0.14

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### Comments for the week ending July 9, 2009

The fed cattle market sold much stronger with higher prices after last week's mixed demand. There were 1,092 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 495 head from last week and steady volume with last year at this time. Steers sold from \$91.36-101.81 with an average price of \$96.80, up \$3.30. Heifers traded 90.96-101.09 averaging \$96.57 up \$4.14 over last week. Auction markets reported a stronger market with prices \$1-2 higher.

The demand for slaughter cows was stronger than last week. There were 1,691 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 77 head from last week. Cows traded from \$40.26-57.53 averaging \$49.46 down \$0.39. Auction markets reported steady prices across the board.

The replacement cattle offering is still only half of what we saw last year with 2,722 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 31.9% from last week and 36% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a good strong demand with prices fully steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all classes of steers selling higher while most classes of heifers sold lower except the 500-600 weight category that saw an increase of \$4.75.

Ontario railgrade prices improved slightly mid week. Steers ranged from \$159-165 and heifers ranged from \$158-164 dressed. This week's prices are \$1.00-1.50 higher on average.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw disappointing trade with prices \$2.00 lower. Steers traded from \$84.95-87.25 live and \$144.85-145.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$85.35-85.97 live and \$144.85-145.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident until Thursday afternoon. Prices dropped \$1.00-1.50 as cattle sold at \$81.00-82.00 live and \$128.00-132.00 dressed.

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