



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday Aug 6, 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 146.00-155.00
A grade heifers 145.00-154.00

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	81.67-95.00	88.20	100.50	88.99
Medium Frame Steers +1250	72.29-92.46	85.43	95.25	89.85
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	78.05-95.28	87.53	100.50	89.46
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	78.41-91.44	87.27	96.00	86.90
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	74.15-89.01	82.87	94.25	85.76
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	77.80-91.59	86.09	96.00	86.89
Cows- All Weights	35.99-51.84	44.01	85.00	43.72
Bulls- All Weights	54.44-70.08	61.88	92.00	61.24

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	655	92.35-96.84	94.29	98.50	95.46
900-999	131	94.82-100.15	97.99	102.50	98.09
800-899	170	97.14-103.53	101.11	105.25	101.61
700-799	131	88.98-106.72	100.67	113.00	101.18
600-699	166	91.83-114.00	104.07	122.00	109.78
500-599	146	95.83-126.27	112.71	136.50	114.96
400-499	82	93.84-130.48	112.38	143.50	118.50
-399	78	94.44-128.41	106.22	152.00	112.15

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	191	86.88-92.26	89.92	97.50	88.71
800-899	140	83.93-95.33	89.87	98.50	90.42
700-799	207	86.72-102.02	94.03	106.50	96.27
600-699	154	87.39-103.83	97.02	113.00	103.36
500-599	169	94.84-113.52	105.32	135.00	103.84
400-499	55	96.15-114.65	106.74	130.00	110.64
300-399	38	106.55-124.61	111.87	155.00	110.04
299-	20	106.20-126.75	117.22	154.00	105.99

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Aug 1, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	84.50-92.00	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	84.50-92.00	No tops
Good Cows	41.00-51.00	59.00
Export Cows	40.00-52.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Aug 1, 2009

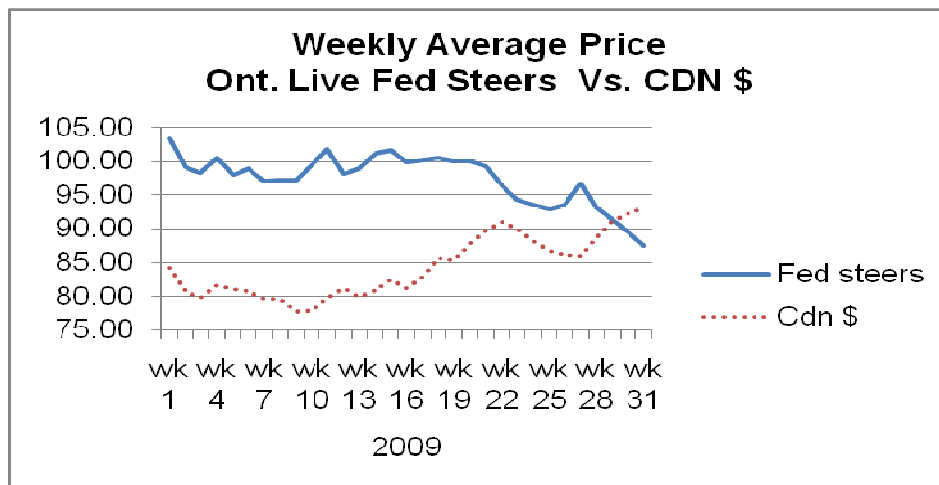
	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	26.50-59.00	43.67	59.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	54.50-67.75	61.69	68.50

At Denfield Livestock – Aug 4, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	90.00-95.00	Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-95.00
Good steers	85.00-90.00	Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good beef cows	55.00-60.00	Good fed Holstein steers	75.00-80.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-52.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-45.00	Shells	20.00-35.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 4, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	20.00-82.00	Cows D1 & D2	51.00-56.00 top 63.00
Bulls	62.00-70.00 to 73.00	Cows D3	40.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	30.00-40.50



ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 31, 2009 – 900 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	91.50-98.00	94.58	98.00	900+	85.75-90.75	89.03	90.75
900-999	94.50-99.75	98.00	99.75	800-899	87.50-97.50	92.13	97.50
800-899	101.00-105.00	102.98	105.00	700-799	90.00-105.00	96.37	105.00
700-799	90.00-108.50	100.77	108.50	600-699	93.00-110.50	104.61	113.00
600-699	100.50-118.00	109.07	118.00	500-599	96.00-119.00	109.10	119.00
500-599	99.00-132.50	116.75	132.50	400-499	103.00-115.50	110.04	120.00
400-499	117.50-138.00	124.31	138.00				
300-399	137.00-15.00	143.30	152.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– Aug 4, 2009** – 72 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	78.00-100.00	91.83	100.00	600-699	82.00-101.50	95.70	101.50
700-799	88.00-111.50	98.94	111.50	500-599	86.00-107.50	100.70	107.50
600-699	90.50-105.00	95.33	05.00				
500-599	98.50-116.50	111.50	116.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Aug 4, 2009- 41** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	94.00-110.50	103.07	110.50	600-699	96.50-101.00	97.73	101.00
600-699	80.00-112.00	99.50	112.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 4, 2009- 65** stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	95.00-115.00	600-699	94.00-112.00
600-699	108.00-119.00	500-599	110.00-115.00
500-599	115.00-126.00	400-499	115.00-121.00
400-499	120.00-129.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Aug 5, 2009- 702** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	93.25-97.50	95.05	98.50	900+	88.50-89.00	88.57	89.00
900-999	97.00-102.50	99.70	102.50	800-899	81.00-92.00	88.56	92.00
800-899	91.00-105.25	102.91	105.25	700-799	90.00-100.50	97.18	100.50
700-799	95.00-104.50	103.78	104.50				
500-599	85.00-117.00	113.80	117.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 6, 2009** – 123 stockers

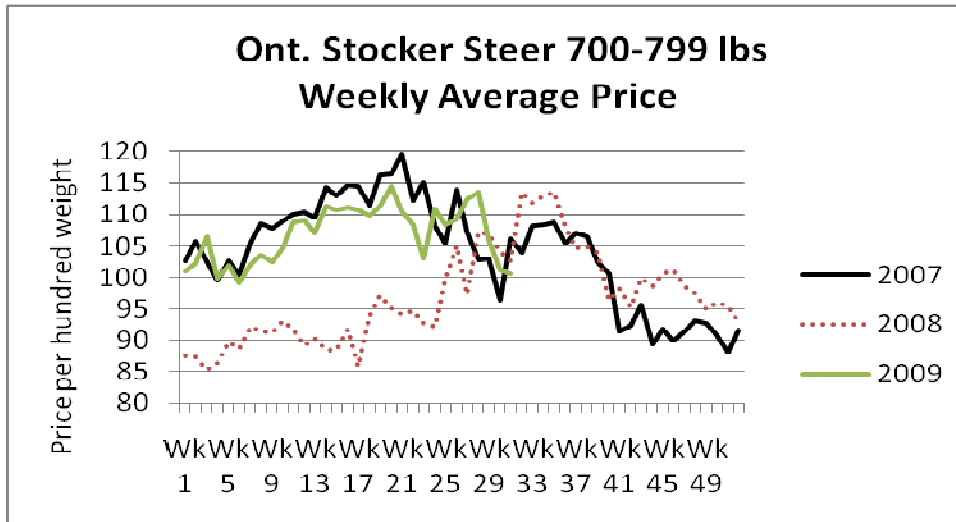
STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	82.00-89.50	86.25	93.50	700-799	69.00-87.50	77.64	92.00
600-699	96.50-122.00	111.79	122.00	600-699	86.50-98.50	91.10	98.50
500-599	80.00-99.00	87.13	99.00	500-599	81.00-106.00	99.50	106.00
400-499	102.00-129.00	116.60	129.00				
399-	103.00-126.00	113.67	135.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Aug 6, 2009- 341** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	95.75-98.50	96.04	101.50	900+	96.00-97.50	96.61	97.50
800-899	88.00-107.75	100.03	107.75	800-899	85.00-97.50	92.82	98.50
700-799	89.00-108.25	99.88	109.50	700-799	90.00-106.50	99.48	106.50
600-699	97.00-128.00	115.11	136.50	600-699	93.50-109.50	101.46	109.50
500-599	98.00-130.00	113.09	135.00	500-599	100.00-123.00	108.37	123.00
400-499	103.50-123.50	108.80	124.00	400-499	106.00-117.00	112.83	117.00
				300-399	84.00-114.00	98.42	114.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Aug 6, 2009- 122** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	79.00-115.00	99.25	117.00	700-799	67.00-95.00	80.11	98.00
500-599	114.00-125.00	117.80	125.00	600-699	68.00-99.00	81.20	104.00
400-499	123.00-136.00	129.33	136.00	500-599	109.00-110.00	109.50	110.00
399-	10.00-134.00	44.33	137.00	300-399	75.00-124.00	105.00	124.00



ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday Aug 6, 2009**

Steers	Live	80.00-81.50	Flat rail	134.50-135.30
Heifers	Live	80.25-80.60	Flat rail	134.85-135.30

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

Week Ending **Thursday Aug 6, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	81.00-81.50
	Rail	129.00-130.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday Aug 6, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers	Price	144.00-148.75
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
July 25, 2009	1.6127	1.6011
July 17, 2009	1.6530	1.5875
July 10, 2009	1.6851	1.6135

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	141.68	133.98

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Aug 8, 2009		
Grand Total	627,000	639,000	667,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Aug 1, 2009	847	778
July 26, 2008	839	770

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Aug 1, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	58,213	1,811,477	98%
Alberta Slaughter	45,059	1,342,872	104%
Ontario Slaughter	10,242	314,255	97%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending July 18, 09	Week ending July 11, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,348	2,081	72,422
Steers & Heifers	2,055	1,853	58,781
Cows	193	227	13,018
Bulls	100	1	623

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS Jan 1 – May 31, 09		EXPORTS Jan 1 – July 25, 09	
Pure bred	668	Slaughter steers & heifers	298,091
Non-pure bred	19,834	Feeder steers & heifers	197,730
		Cows & Bulls	104,185

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– Aug 1	Mexico Jan 1-May 31
Total	155,535 tonnes	14,795 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 1, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	541,562 tonnes	528,396 tonnes	+2.5%
Non-fed	103,913 tonnes	133,045 tonnes	-21.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 25, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	66,366 tonnes	65,345 tonnes	+1.6%
Non-NAFTA	36,522 tonnes	20,373 tonnes	+79.3%
Total	106,309 tonnes	86,637 tonnes	+24.4%

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					
Aug	83.85	+0.65	Aug	101.35	+0.25	Sep	3.220	-10.4	Aug	11.844	+14.0	Spot	92.36	-0.35
Oct	89.12	+0.00	Sep	100.97	+0.00	Dec	3.264	-13.6	Sep	10.904	+11.0	Sep	92.36	-0.36
Dec	88.67	-0.22	Oct	101.57	+0.35	Mar	3.400	-13.6	Nov	10.384	+8.4	Dec	92.38	-0.36
Feb	89.07	+0.05	Nov	102.27	+0.40	May	3.494	-13.6	Jan	10.412	+7.2	Mar	92.41	-0.35
Apr	90.80	+0.00	Jan	101.85	+0.65	Jul	3.574	-14.0	Mar	10.354	+5.4	Jun	92.45	-0.33
Jun	87.80	-0.10	Mar	101.30	+0.30	Sep	3.644	-14.4	May	10.214	+6.4	Sep	92.49	-0.30

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Ontario Stockyards Inc. will be closed the week of Aug 10-14 for an annual cleaning and disinfecting.
Regular sales will resume on August 17.

Ontario Auction Markets Special Fall Stocker Sales- August 2009

Aug 22	9:30 am	Stratton-Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc	Mainly Yearlings, also cows & calves, some age verified and vaccinated.
Aug 22	10:00 am	Greely- Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stocker and yearlings
Sept 3	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop.	Yearlings- mostly vaccinated
Sept 4	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Char & Exotic Cross- Yearling str & hfrs

Comments for the week ending Aug 6, 2009

It was another tough week for the fed cattle market. There were 732 fed cattle sold through auction markets which is steady to last week and 298 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$78.05-\$95.28 averaging \$87.53, down \$1.93 from last week and \$5.20 lower than the same time last year. Heifers sold from \$77.80-\$91.59 averaging \$86.09, down \$0.80 from last week and \$3.85 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a moderate demand with prices on choice, top quality cattle steady to barely steady while second cut types were barely steady to under pressure.

The slaughter cow market held fully steady this week. There were 1,693 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 176 from last week and 285 less than the same time last year. Slaughter cows ranged from \$35.99-\$51.84 averaging \$44.01 up \$0.29 from last week and \$10.59 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices as slightly lower last weekend with reports of steady trade the remainder of the week.

Replacement cattle receipts this week were light as there were only 2,533 head sold through auction markets down 24.4% from last week and 26% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good active trade with all reporting steady prices. Actual average prices for all categories of steers were lower. Steers over 700 lbs averaged \$0.50-\$1.31 lower while steers under 700 lbs averaged \$2.25-\$6.12 lower than last week. Heifers were mixed as prices for heifers over 800 lbs averaged \$0.69 higher, 500-600 lbs averaged \$1.48 higher and 300-400 lbs \$1.83 higher. Heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$3.90 lower and heifers 600-800 lbs averaged \$2.24-\$6.34 lower. Most categories of steers and heifers average lower than year ago prices.

Ontario railgrade prices were pressured lower again this week. Steer prices reported early in the week were at \$148-\$155 down to \$146-\$153 by mid week, averaging \$1.50 lower than last week. Heifer prices started the week at \$147-\$154 down to \$145-\$151 by mid week, averaging \$2.00 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market averaged \$1.50-\$2.00 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$80.00-\$81.50 live and \$134.50-\$135.30 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$80.25-\$80.60 live and \$134.85-135.30 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle was active in the north on Thursday with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower at \$129.00-\$130.00 dressed, with most sales at the \$130.00 price. Light sales in the south saw prices \$0.50-\$1.00 lower at \$81.00-\$81.50 live. Friday was active with prices steady to Thursday's lower market at \$81.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.