

**Week Ending Thursday Aug 20, 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**            146.00-151.00  
**A grade heifers**        145.00-150.00

## 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	82.21-90.53	87.27	98.25	86.37
Medium Frame Steers +1250	79.83-88.85	86.12	93.25	87.33
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	81.93-90.92	87.09	98.25	86.87
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	77.27-92.55	85.75	99.75	84.86
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	73.44-86.48	80.44	90.75	81.51
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	71.51-90.74	83.92	99.75	84.36
Cows- All Weights	36.97-53.77	45.03	74.00	44.40
Bulls- All Weights	57.77-68.44	63.45	94.00	59.30

### **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>	1054	90.57-98.47	94.31	102.75	96.00
<b>900-999</b>	417	92.67-99.77	96.94	107.50	96.82
<b>800-899</b>	108	85.46-102.14	95.83	109.00	95.22
<b>700-799</b>	189	89.95-106.58	99.74	115.50	96.42
<b>600-699</b>	168	92.49-107.37	100.45	116.00	103.88
<b>500-599</b>	136	96.08-120.94	109.84	136.00	110.85
<b>400-499</b>	96	103.46-122.10	113.71	144.00	117.96
<b>-399</b>	96	111.27-144.07	126.25	159.00	127.41

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	327	80.49-89.96	86.26	93.50	88.25
<b>800-899</b>	148	80.79-89.78	86.19	99.25	87.24
<b>700-799</b>	168	86.08-98.52	92.20	104.00	87.74
<b>600-699</b>	191	86.14-102.71	93.96	112.00	94.34
<b>500-599</b>	111	85.72-102.23	95.93	124.00	102.09
<b>400-499</b>	70	91.15-113.66	103.24	133.00	104.01
<b>300-399</b>	52	98.39-123.89	114.64	138.00	120.02
<b>299-</b>	23	99.43-123.65	114.15	149.00	121.40

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 15, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	85.00-94.00	No tops
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	82.00-91.00	No tops
<b>Good Cows</b>	43.00-52.50	55.00
<b>Good heavy bologna bulls</b>	Sales to 64.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: August 15, 2009**

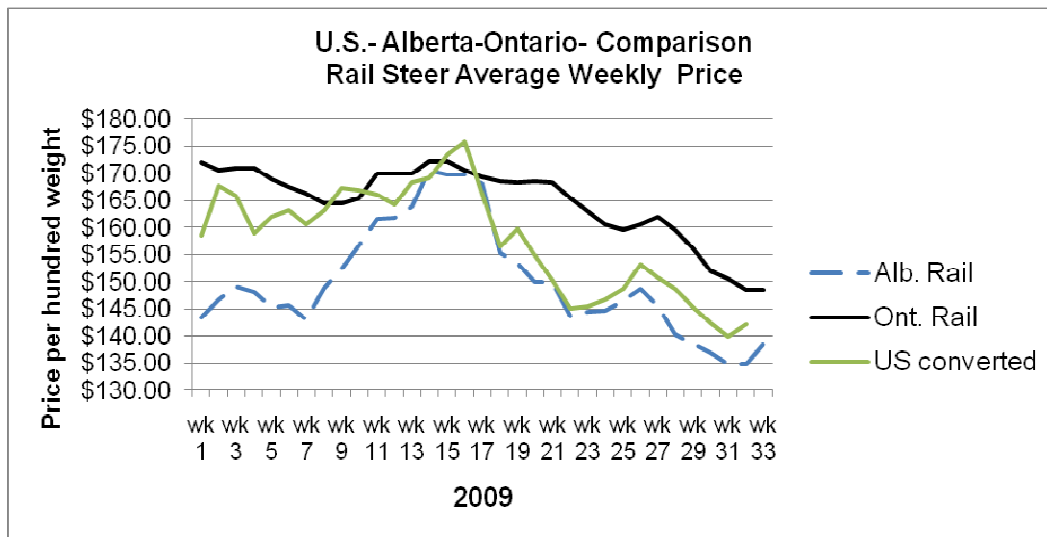
	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	31.00-56.00	44.13	56.00
Bulls -all weights	58.00-79.89	68.44	93.00

**At Denfield Livestock – Aug 18, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	90.00-93.00	Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-93.00
Good steers	85.00-89.00	Good heifers	85.00-88.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00	Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good fed cows	55.00-60.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-52.00	Good Holstein bulls	55.00-60.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$160.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Newborn & Plain calves	\$10.00-\$90.00
Steers 600-700 lbs	95.00-103.00	Heifers 600-700 lbs	95.00-100.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 18, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	30.00-97.00	Cows D1 & D2	51.00-57.00
Bulls	56.00-72.00	Cows D3	41.00-50.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	30.00-40.00



**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, August 14, 2009** – 1,065 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	89.00-97.258	93.23	97.25	900+	80.50-93.00	88.13	93.00
900-999	92.00-102.25	97.78	102.25	800-899	77.00-90.00	85.27	94.50
800-899	88.50-107.50	101.18	107.50	700-799	84.50-100.00	91.89	100.00
700-799	93.00-109.00	101.49	115.50	600-699	85.00-108.00	94.44	112.00
600-699	87.50-106.00	98.14	112.50	500-599	79.50-98.00	86.75	109.00
500-599	88.50-133.00	112.94	133.00	400-499	103.00-109.00	104.20	109.00
400-499	122.00-130.00	126.71	130.00	300-399	110.00-122.00	113.00	122.00
300-399	139.00-146.00	144.88	146.00	299-	88.00-108.00	104.00	108.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Aug 18, 2009-** 334 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	88.50-101.00	97.41	101.00	<b>900+</b>	75.50-87.00	83.35	88.25
<b>900-999</b>	99.25-102.50	100.36	104.50	<b>800-899</b>	91.25	91.25	91.25
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-109.00	106.59	109.00	<b>700-799</b>	93.50-100.50	96.08	100.50
<b>700-799</b>	103.50-109.00	106.85	109.00	<b>600-699</b>	63.00-87.50	82.50	89.50
<b>600-699</b>	106.00-115.00	109.50	116.00	<b>500-599</b>	85.00-101.50	99.33	101.50
<b>500-599</b>	119.00	119.00	119.00	<b>400-499</b>	87.00-99.00	96.40	99.00
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-119.00	118.11	119.00	<b>300-399</b>	66.00-93.00	83.00	104.50

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 18, 2009-** 100 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-104.00	<b>700-799</b>	92.00-100.00
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-112.00	<b>600-699</b>	96.00-110.00
<b>600-699</b>	103.00-115.00	<b>500-599</b>	109.00-114.00
<b>500-599</b>	120.00-129.00	<b>400-499</b>	115.00-121.00
<b>400-499</b>	122.00-128.50		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Aug 12, 2009-** 1,072 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	92.25-99.00	95.12	102.75	<b>900+</b>	89.50-93.50	92.09	93.50
<b>900-999</b>	94.00-99.00	97.22	107.50	<b>800-899</b>	88.75-90.00	89.14	90.00
<b>800-899</b>	71.50-94.00	84.61	94.00	<b>600-699</b>	90.00-99.00	96.17	99.00
<b>400-499</b>	126.00-144.00	129.25	144.00	<b>400-499</b>	121.00-125.00	123.44	125.00
<b>399-</b>	120.00-140.50	130.65	140.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 20, 2009 –** 190 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	83.50-94.50	88.83	94.50	<b>700-799</b>	82.50-91.00	84.71	91.00
<b>800-899</b>	58.00-98.00	80.82	98.00	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-86.50	81.68	86.50
<b>700-799</b>	91.00-97.00	95.00	97.00	<b>500-599</b>	91.00-99.00	96.00	99.00
<b>600-699</b>	95.50-102.00	100.13	102.00	<b>400-499</b>	83.00-105.00	92.22	117.00
<b>500-599</b>	96.00-108.00	103.30	108.00	<b>300-399</b>	85.00-130.00	105.00	130.00
<b>400-499</b>	75.00-117.00	101.75	117.0				
<b>399-</b>	99.00-119.00	110.14	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Aug 20, 2009 –** 326 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	78.00-97.00	94.70	97.00	<b>800-899</b>	99.25	99.25	99.25
<b>800-899</b>	92.50-102.75	99.20	102.75	<b>700-799</b>	95.75-104.00	100.91	104.00
<b>700-799</b>	91.00-110.00	103.67	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	97.25-105.26	102.33	105.25
<b>600-699</b>	98.25-110.50	104.31	111.75	<b>500-599</b>	91.50-105.00	101.04	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-110.00	104.10	122.50	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-107.00	102.34	107.00
<b>400-499</b>	99.00-111.00	106.50	114.00				
<b>399-</b>	88.00-133.00	110.76	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Aug 13, 2009-** 122 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	72.00-100.00	85.25	100.00	<b>600-699</b>	76.00-99.00	88.13	102.00
<b>600-699</b>	75.00-103.00	90.89	103.00	<b>500-599</b>	79.00-107.00	98.00	107.00
<b>500-599</b>	101.00-128.00	118.34	128.00	<b>400-499</b>	61.00-117.00	97.60	117.00
<b>400-499</b>	114.00-133.00	126.00	133.00	<b>300-399</b>	82.00-126.00	106.80	126.00
				<b>299-</b>	91.00-118.00	105.80	118.00

**Stocker Comparison-** this week's average price compared to the same time last year.

	<b>This week's Average Price</b>	<b>Year Ago Average Price</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Steers</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	
<b>400-500</b>	113.71	131.63	-17.91
<b>500-600</b>	109.84	119.69	-9.85
<b>600-700</b>	100.45	112.85	-12.40
<b>700-800</b>	99.74	111.83	-12.09
<b>800-900</b>	95.22	109.31	-13.48
<b>900+</b>	95.06	107.12	-12.06
<b>Heifers</b>			
<b>300-400</b>	114.64	119.76	-5.12
<b>400-500</b>	103.24	111.85	-8.61
<b>500-600</b>	95.93	104.58	-8.65
<b>600-700</b>	93.96	101.30	-7.34
<b>700-800</b>	92.20	100.15	-7.95
<b>800+</b>	86.24	98.38	-12.14

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

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<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">80.75-83.50</a>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<a href="#">137.50-138.85</a>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">80.75-83.30</a>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<a href="#">137.50-138.85</a>

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">N/T</a>
	<b>Rail</b>	<a href="#">131.00 Friday</a>

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

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<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>
	<a href="#">145.00-148.00</a>

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Aug 7, 2009	<a href="#">1.5931</a>	<a href="#">1.5582</a>
July 31, 2009	<a href="#">1.6107</a>	<a href="#">1.5581</a>
July 17, 2009	<a href="#">1.6530</a>	<a href="#">1.5875</a>

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	<a href="#">142.28</a>	<a href="#">134.94</a>

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	<a href="#">Aug 22, 2009</a>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<a href="#">653,000</a>	<a href="#">643,000</a>	<a href="#">674,000</a>

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Aug 15, 2009	853	778
Aug 9, 2008	847	776

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Aug 15, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	60,980	1,929,980	98%
Alberta Slaughter	47,015	1,435,493	105%
Ontario Slaughter	11,219	334,492	97%

### PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	July 2009	July 2008
Steers	4,183	4,857
Heifers	2,241	2,830
Cows	1,037	1,078
Bulls	1,756	676

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Aug 1, 09	Week ending July 25, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,714	2,349	77,485
Steers & Heifers	2,455	1,952	63,188
Cows	259	290	13,567
Bulls	0	107	730

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS Jan 1 – June 30, 09	EXPORTS Jan 1 – Aug 8, 09
Pure bred	758	Slaughter steers & heifers 316,755
Non-pure bred	25,512	Feeder steers & heifers 200,528
		Cows & Bulls 109,389

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– Aug 15	Mexico Jan 1-June 30
Total	163,412 tonnes	17,078 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 8, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	560,293 tonnes	546,438 tonnes	+2.5%
Non-fed	106,444 tonnes	137,458 tonnes	-22.6%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 8, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	71,288 tonnes	70,937 tonnes	+0.5%
Non-NAFTA	37,761 tonnes	21,274 tonnes	+77.5%
Total	112,663 tonnes	93,400 tonnes	+20.6%

## 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>	85.00	+0.20	<b>Aug</b>	100.15	-0.90	<b>Sep</b>	3.216	+3.2	<b>Sep</b>	10.230	+23.6	<b>Spot</b>	92.39	+0.51
<b>Oct</b>	88.60	-0.22	<b>Sep</b>	100.70	-0.40	<b>Dec</b>	3.262	+2.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.730	+16.0	<b>Sep</b>	92.38	+0.52
<b>Dec</b>	88.15	-0.45	<b>Oct</b>	100.62	-0.57	<b>Mar</b>	3.394	+2.2	<b>Jan</b>	9.756	+16.2	<b>Dec</b>	92.40	+0.53
<b>Feb</b>	88.07	-0.42	<b>Nov</b>	100.77	-0.52	<b>May</b>	3.490	+2.2	<b>Mar</b>	9.746	+15.2	<b>Mar</b>	92.40	+0.53
<b>Apr</b>	89.95	-0.15	<b>Jan</b>	101.57	-0.27	<b>Jul</b>	3.582	+3.0	<b>May</b>	9.700	+13.0	<b>Jun</b>	82.41	+0.53
<b>Jun</b>	86.85	-0.05	<b>Mar</b>	101.60	+0.00	<b>Sep</b>	3.662	+3.0	<b>Jul</b>	9.724	+12.4	<b>Sep</b>	82.44	+0.55

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### **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	Stockers and yearlings
Aug 26	7:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Stockers
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 strrs & hfrs

### Comments for the week ending Aug 20, 2009

The fed cattle market held steady this week. There were 735 fed cattle sold through auction markets which steady to last week and 1,028 less than last year at this time. Steers sold from \$81.93-\$90.92 averaging \$87.09 up \$0.22 from last week but \$13.17 lower than last year at this time. Heifers traded from \$71.51-\$90.74 averaging \$83.92 down \$0.44 from last week and \$15.10 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported steady prices with one report of second cut cattle under some pressure.

The slaughter cow market was slightly stronger this week. There were 1,721 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 234 from last week and 203 less than the same time last year. Slaughter cows traded from \$36.97-\$53.77 averaging \$45.03 up \$0.63 from last week and \$11.28 lower than this time last year. Auction markets reported prices from steady to \$1.00 higher.

The replacement cattle market traded on a mixed demand this week. There were 3,351 replacements sold through auction markets, up 24% from last week and 9% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported sales from steady to firm to under pressure. One auction reported heifers as trading \$3.00 lower. Actual average prices saw steers 700-900 lbs steady to \$3.32 stronger and heifers 700-800 lbs \$4.46 higher. Steers 900+ and heifers 800+ were \$1.15-\$1.63 lower on average. All other categories were down \$0.77-\$6.16 on average.

Ontario railgrade prices remained fully steady to last week. Steers were reported at \$146.00-\$151.00 and heifers \$145.00-\$150.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market was active with prices \$2.00 stronger than last week. Steers traded from \$80.75-83.50 live and \$137.50-138.85 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$80.75-83.30 live and \$137.50-138.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet until Friday when active trade in the north saw most sales at \$131.00 dressed, up \$1.00 from last week. The south remains untested and is not likely to develop until after the Cattle on Feed Report is released later in the afternoon today. Asking prices in the south are at \$84.00-\$85.00 live while bids are at \$81.00-\$83.00 live.