

**Week Ending Thursday December 4, 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**            133.00-137.00  
**A grade heifers**        132.00-136.00

## 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	74.45-81.37	78.26	89.75	78.58
Medium Frame Steers +1250	76.07-81.03	78.92	86.00	80.16
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	74.54-81.35	78.42	89.75	79.16
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	75.81-81.31	78.85	90.00	78.82
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	76.01-80.93	78.89	83.75	75.05
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	76.15-81.32	78.93	90.00	78.49
Cows- All Weights	27.19-41.34	34.01	67.00	35.58
Bulls- All Weights	39.03-51.75	45.63	79.00	47.89

### **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>	809	84.82-95.56	90.39	101.50	84.03
<b>900-999</b>	403	83.62-94.13	90.88	98.50	88.19
<b>800-899</b>	181	78.84-93.13	86.97	98.00	86.64
<b>700-799</b>	344	77.17-98.12	89.68	105.50	92.35
<b>600-699</b>	444	84.21-103.91	96.04	115.00	100.15
<b>500-599</b>	663	89.89-116.22	102.39	135.00	104.67
<b>400-499</b>	406	95.32-122.42	111.66	134.50	114.35
<b>-399</b>	241	84.31-120.50	105.17	144.00	109.59

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	584	82.36-88.63	85.54	97.75	80.39
<b>800-899</b>	394	82.92-94.08	89.21	99.25	82.71
<b>700-799</b>	326	76.56-92.09	84.77	98.75	85.18
<b>600-699</b>	332	76.69-91.40	85.01	104.50	89.71
<b>500-599</b>	576	78.74-102.32	91.35	111.50	94.53
<b>400-499</b>	338	86.32-109.21	97.29	124.00	99.94
<b>300-399</b>	163	85.29-110.20	97.71	126.00	104.08
<b>299-</b>	48	92.25-105.10	97.77	123.00	91.91

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Nov 28, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	78.50-84.50	No tops
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	78.00-84.00	No tops
<b>Good Cows</b>	35.00-42.00	46.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	37.00-44.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	38.00-51.00	
<b>Good veal calves</b>	72.50-93.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Nov 28, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	21.00-44.50	34.04	54.00
Bulls all weights	42.43-49.14	45.75	50.00

**At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – Dec 1, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	80.00-82.25	Choice heifers	80.00-82.00 top 85.50
Good steers	78.00-80.00	Good heifers	77.00-80.00
Plain steers	75.00-78.00	Plain heifers	74.00-77.00
Good fed cows	34.00-38.00	Beef bulls	45.00-50.00 top 67.50
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-34.00	Hol bulls	42.00-48.00
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-30.00	Good calves	110.00-140.00
Shells	10.00-20.00	Second cut calves	70.00-110.00
		Newborn bull calves & others	30.00-70.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Dec 1, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	25.50-48.00	35.28	54.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	47.00-48.50	47.87	48.50

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Nov 27, 2009 – 1,790** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	84.50-94.50	88.49	94.50	900+	79.50-84.25	81.87	92.00
900-999	80.00-94.00	90.21	95.50	800-899	78.50-94.00	86.32	94.00
800-899	82.50-96.00	89.90	98.00	700-799	79.00-93.00	83.04	95.00
700-799	72.00-97.50	89.01	105.00	600-699	78.00-90.00	84.34	104.50
600-699	78.00-103.00	94.06	105.00	500-599	81.00-107.50	93.99	111.50
500-599	94.00-116.25	103.63	119.00	400-499	90.00-116.00	100.84	116.00
400-499	88.00-119.00	107.44	129.00	300-399	85.00-112.00	93.89	112.00
300-399	89.00-120.00	104.48	126.00				

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt, Nov 28, 2009 – 188** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	79.00-102.75	94.77	102.75	600-699	61.00-91.00	79.42	91.00
500-599	59.00-117.50	94.85	117.50	500-599	57.00-106.00	85.89	106.00
400-499	70.00-126.00	111.46	126.00	400-499	64.50-99.00	75.55	99.00

Stocker sale at: **Maple Hill Auctions Ltd, Nov 30, 2009 – 557** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	94.50-101.50	96.73	101.50	900+	88.50-92.50	89.91	92.60
900-999	95.70-98.25	97.30	98.25	800-899	91.00-95.75	92.51	95.75
600-699	106.00-108.50	107.35	108.50				
500-599	98.00-108.25	105.68	109.25				

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, Nov 30, 2009 – 152** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	91.00-100.00	92.15	100.00	600-699	91.00-95.00	91.75	95.00
600-699	75.00-102.00	90.96	102.00	500-599	86.00-95.00	89.98	95.00
500-599	88.00-108.00	93.60	108.00	400-499	79.00-100.00	94.62	100.00
400-499	91.00-111.00	95.51	111.00				
399-	84.00-119.00	97.67	119.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), Dec 1, 2009- 262** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	38.00-72.00	60.45	72.00	<b>600-699</b>	64.00-89.00	79.96	89.00
<b>700-799</b>	62.00-87.00	78.27	87.00	<b>500-599</b>	65.00-95.50	88.14	95.50
<b>600-699</b>	65.50-98.00	86.64	98.00	<b>400-499</b>	74.00-105.00	87.70	105.00
<b>500-599</b>	58.00-115.50	90.63	115.50				
<b>400-499</b>	73.50-134.50	112.30	134.50				
<b>399-</b>	101.00-133.50	117.25	133.50				

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, Dec 1, 2009- 706** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	68.00-86.50	81.18	86.50	<b>900+</b>	96.75-97.75	97.18	97.75
<b>900-999</b>	88.50-96.50	93.78	96.50	<b>800-899</b>	96.50-99.25	98.13	99.25
<b>800-899</b>	77.00-98.00	90.36	98.00	<b>700-799</b>	85.00-98.75	96.80	98.75
<b>700-799</b>	85.25-104.50	96.39	104.50	<b>600-699</b>	90.50-101.75	97.50	101.75
<b>600-699</b>	89.50-111.00	101.34	111.00	<b>500-599</b>	93.00-110.00	101.005	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	100.00-135.00	114.22	135.00	<b>400-499</b>	89.00-124.00	103.46	124.00
<b>400-499</b>	109.50-129.00	118.90	133.00	<b>300-399</b>	89.00-126.00	105.50	126.00
<b>399-</b>	104.00-144.00	121.44	144.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock, Dec 1, 2009- 433** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	88.00-91.00	<b>800-899</b>	82.00-90.00
<b>800-899</b>	89.00-94.00	<b>700-799</b>	84.00-92.00
<b>700-799</b>	93.00-99.00	<b>600-699</b>	90.00-99.00
<b>600-699</b>	99.00-106.50	<b>500-599</b>	94.00-106.00
<b>500-599</b>	107.00-115.00	<b>400-499</b>	107.00-111.50
<b>400-499</b>	112.00-120.00	<b>300-399</b>	107.00-120.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange –Dec 2, 2009 – 576** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	83.75-94.00	89.90	98.00	<b>900+</b>	82.50-87.75	84.29	87.75
<b>900-999</b>	91.50-97.00	95.07	98.50	<b>700-799</b>	78.00-92.00	88.40	92.00
<b>800-899</b>	78.00-91.50	85.42	1.50	<b>600-699</b>	64.00-94.00	85.05	94.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Dec 3, 2009 – 279** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	76.50-89.50	84.47	89.50	<b>900+</b>	59.00-77.00	67.40	77.00
<b>900-999</b>	65.00-84.50	78.98	84.50	<b>800-899</b>	68.00-74.50	72.50	84.00
<b>800-899</b>	73.00-86.00	81.58	86.00	<b>700-799</b>	74.00-84.50	80.25	84.50
<b>700-799</b>	60.00-95.00	79.53	95.00	<b>600-699</b>	68.00-78.50	72.30	78.50
<b>600-699</b>	51.00-92.00	80.25	92.00	<b>500-599</b>	75.00-87.50	82.43	87.50
<b>500-599</b>	82.50-101.00	90.55	110.00	<b>400-499</b>	93.00-105.00	102.17	105.00
<b>400-499</b>	95.50-112.00	107.09	120.00	<b>300-399</b>	78.00-112.00	102.13	112.00
<b>300-399</b>	98.00-117.00	106.20	117.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 3, 2009 – 239** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>400-499</b>	103.50-122.00	114.01	122.00	<b>400-499</b>	89.50-107.50	100.96	114.00
<b>399-</b>	91.00-130.00	118.45	133.00	<b>300-399</b>	90.00-120.00	108.74	120.00
				<b>299-</b>	110.00-123.00	114.44	123.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Dec 3, 2009 – 1,054 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	52.00-90.00	78.60	90.00	900+	55.00-89.75	76.89	91.00
900-999	75.00-92.25	87.89	92.25	800-899	56.00-96.00	81.06	96.00
800-899	80.00-95.50	87.70	95.50	700-799	78.00-93.75	85.90	96.00
700-799	87.00-101.50	94.50	105.50	600-699	83.00-93.50	87.95	100.00
600-699	96.00-106.50	101.16	110.50	500-599	87.00-104.0	94.28	108.00
500-599	100.00-119.00	108.54	120.00	400-499	96.75-111.50	103.02	112.00
400-499	106.00-130.25	120.40	134.50	300-399	90.00-108.00	101.18	112.00
399-	105.00-125.00	119.38	133.50	299-	103.00-104.00	103.53	104.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Dec 3, 2009- 332 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	83.00-94.00	89.11	94.00	600-699	71.00-89.00	81.14	90.00
600-699	82.00-100.00	92.07	103.00	500-599	70.00-93.00	83.48	93.00
500-599	80.00-107.00	93.60	110.00	400-499	78.00-97.00	88.09	103.00
400-499	79.00-107.00	96.55	111.00	300-399	79.00-96.00	86.82	99.00
399-	37.00-103.00	74.76	117.00				

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

	This week's Average Price	Last week's Average Price	Change from last week	Year Ago Average Price	Change from last year
<b>Steers</b>	<b>2009</b>			<b>2008</b>	
400-500	111.66	114.35	-2.69	104.84	+6.82
500-600	102.39	104.67	-2.28	104.72	-2.33
600-700	96.04	100.15	-4.11	99.32	-3.28
700-800	89.68	92.35	-2.67	97.55	-7.87
800-900	86.97	86.64	+0.33	96.62	-9.65
900+	90.56	85.77	+4.79	97.41	-6.85
<b>Heifers</b>					
300-400	97.71	104.08	-6.37	87.87	+9.84
400-500	97.29	99.94	-2.65	90.98	+6.31
500-600	91.35	94.53	-3.18	93.14	-1.79
600-700	85.01	89.71	-4.70	89.03	-4.02
700-800	84.77	85.18	-0.41	90.29	-5.52
800+	87.02	81.29	+5.73	93.10	-6.08

### **ONTARIO BRED COW SALES**

**Keady Livestock Market, Friday Nov 27, 09- 168 head**

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$800-\$1000	\$800-\$1000
Avg quality bred cows	\$650-\$800	\$600-\$750
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$900-\$1050	\$900-\$1050

Good sale of Bred cows sold on a solid demand with keen interest for quality.

### **ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 3, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>74.75-75.75</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>127.50-128.85</b>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>73.75-75.65</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>127.50-128.85</b>

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

Week Ending [Thursday Dec 3, 2009](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	82.00-83.00
	<b>Rail</b>	129.00-131.00

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

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<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	129.50-132.00
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Nov 20, 2009	1.4415	1.4282
Nov 13, 2009	1.4268	1.4559
Nov 6, 2009	1.4382	1.4508

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	140.33	133.32

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	Dec 5, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	638,000	530,000	619,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Nov 28, 2009</b>	880	830
<b>Nov 22, 2008</b>	846	800

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	Nov 28, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	67,782	2,860,705	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	52,343	2,148,112	106%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	11,339	499,398	98%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Nov 14, 09</b>	<b>Week ending Nov 7, 09</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>3,181</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>117,654</b>
Steers & Heifers	2,135	2,552	93,815
Cows	1,040	1,186	2,630
Bulls	6	6	1,209

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

	<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>
	<b>Jan 1 – Sept 30, 09</b>		<b>Jan 1 – Nov 21, 09</b>
<b>Pure bred</b>	1,170	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	474,394
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	38,957	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	249,033
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	176,124

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Nov 28	Jan 1- Sept 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,980 tonnes</b>	<b>30,185 tonnes</b>

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Nov 28, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	<b>862,095 tonnes</b>	<b>834,397 tonnes</b>	<b>+3.3%</b>
<b>Non-fed</b>	<b>171,361 tonnes</b>	<b>212,367 tonnes</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Nov 21, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	<b>109,102 tonnes</b>	<b>104,824 tonnes</b>	<b>+4.1%</b>
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	<b>47,965 tonnes</b>	<b>27,410 tonnes</b>	<b>+75.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,756 tonnes</b>	<b>134,258 tonnes</b>	<b>+18.2%</b>

**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>Dec</b>	81.00	+0.20	<b>Jan</b>	93.35	+0.25	<b>Dec</b>	3.736	-11.4	<b>Jan</b>	10.430	-4.0	<b>Spot</b>	94.41	-0.53
<b>Feb</b>	83.20	+0.30	<b>Mar</b>	94.12	+0.62	<b>Mar</b>	3.884	-12.2	<b>Mar</b>	10.504	-4.0	<b>Dec</b>	94.41	-0.50
<b>Apr</b>	86.07	+0.27	<b>Apr</b>	95.57	+0.37	<b>May</b>	3.990	-12.2	<b>May</b>	10.576	-3.2	<b>Mar</b>	94.40	-0.51
<b>Jun</b>	83.77	+0.20	<b>May</b>	96.50	+0.60	<b>Jul</b>	4.086	-11.2	<b>Jul</b>	10.646	-2.2	<b>Jun</b>	94.39	-0.50
<b>Aug</b>	84.35	+0.15	<b>Aug</b>	98.70	+0.60	<b>Sep</b>	4.164	-10.2	<b>Aug</b>	10.616	-2.0	<b>Sep</b>	94.38	-0.48
<b>Oct</b>	87.60	+0.20	<b>Sep</b>	98.20	+0.05	<b>Dec</b>	4.244	-9.2	<b>Sep</b>	10.492	-5.2	<b>Dec</b>	94.31	-0.49

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**Upcoming Ontario Auction Markets Special Fall Stocker Sales**

Dec 5	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings
Dec 5	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Bred Cows
Dec 9	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker sale
Dec 10	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Yearlings
Dec 16	6:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Evening Bred Cow Sale

**Auction Markets Holiday Sale Schedules 2009.**

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association will be closed Dec 24, 25, 28 & 31 & Jan 1, 2010.

Brussels Livestock	Dec 22- Fed Cattle & Cull Cows & Bulls Dec 24 & 25- No sale Dec 29- Fed Cattle & Cull Cows & Bulls Dec 31-Reg sale-Drop calves,veal, lamb & goats Jan 1, 2010- No Sale <b>The sales barn is open 24 hrs per day throughout for shipping and receiving.</b>
Community Livestock Exchange Hoards Station	Dec 22- Closed- no sale Dec 29- Regular Sale
Denfield Livestock Sales Ltd.	Dec 22- Regular Sale Dec 29- Regular Sale

Kawartha Lakes Cooperative Auction Market	Dec 19- Regular Sale Dec 21 & 22- Office open Dec 23-Jan 3, 2010- Closed Jan 4, 2010- Office reopens. <b>Answering machine will be checked daily</b>
Keady Livestock Market Ltd.	Dec 15- Regular sale Dec 16 to Jan 18, 2010- Closed. Jan 19, 2010 Regular sale
Maple Hill Auction Market	Dec 14- 7 pm stocker sale. <b>Sales will resume in the new year, for more information call 519-506-1400</b>
Ontario Livestock Exchange Inc.	<b>Please consider consigning your fed cows on Tues Dec 22 sale so the packers can process your cows for the Christmas week</b> Dec 22- Regular Tues Sale & Fed Cows Dec 23- Special Stocker Sale Dec 24- Office open until noon Dec 25- Closed Dec 29- Regular Tues Sale Dec 30- Special Stocker Sale Dec 31- Regular Thurs Sale
Ontario Stockyards Inc.	Dec 21- Regular Monday Sale Dec 22-24- shipping/receiving only Dec 25 & 26- Closed Dec 27- shipping/receiving only Dec 28- Regular Monday Sale Dec 29- shipping/receiving only Dec 30- Meat cow & Finished cattle sale Dec 31- Regular stocker sale. Jan 1, 2010- closed Jan 2, 2010- back to regular schedule
Ottawa Livestock Exchange/ Embrun	Dec 21- Regular Sale- Embrun Dec 22- open to pick up Dec 24 & 25- Closed Dec 28- Regular Sale- Embrun Dec 29- open to pick up Dec 31 & Jan 1, 2010- Closed Jan 4, 2010- Regular Sale- Embrun
Renfrew-Pontiac Livestock Ltd	Dec 22- Regular Sale 1 pm. Dec 29- No Sale Jan 5, 2010- Regular Sale 1 pm.
Selby Livestock Sales	Dec 21- Regular Sale Dec 28- Closed. No Sale
Talbotville Livestock Exchange	Dec 12 & 19- Regular sale plus - Special Goat & Lamb Sales Dec 26- Regular Sale
Temiskaming Livestock Exchange	Dec 21- No Sale, Closed Dec 28- No Sale, Closed Jan 4, 2010- Regular Sale
Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange Ltd	Dec 21- Regular Sale Dec 23- No Sale, Closed Dec 28- Regular Sale Dec 30- No Sale, Closed Jan 4, 2010- Regular Sales resume.

### **Comments for the week ending Dec 3, 2009**

There were 1,492 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 310 from last week and 482 more than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$74.54-\$81.35 averaging \$78.42 down \$0.74 from last week and \$18.95 lower than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$76.15-\$81.32 averaging \$78.93 up \$0.44 from last week and \$16.20 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported steady trade early in the week with prices under pressure to \$1.00 lower by the end of the week.

There were 3,708 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 249 from last week and 798 more than the same time last year. Slaughter cows ranged from \$27.19-\$41.34 averaging \$34.01 down \$1.57 from last week and \$9.09 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices from steady to easier.

There were 6,252 replacements sold through auction markets down 35.4% from last week and 30% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady to fully steady. Good quality cattle were reported as fully steady to stronger with medium quality trading steady. Actual average prices saw steers over 900 lbs up \$4.79 and heifers 800 lbs and over up \$5.73. All other categories saw average prices steady to \$6.37 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices followed the same trend as the live cattle market. Prices ended last week at \$134-\$137 dressed but were down to \$133-\$136 by mid week. Heifers started at \$133-\$136 down to \$132-\$135 by mid week with the average prices \$0.50 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw live prices average \$1.00-\$2.00 lower and rail prices average \$1.50-\$2.00 lower. Prices reported for the week saw steers trade from \$74.75-\$75.75 live and \$127.50-\$128.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$73.75-\$75.65 live and \$127.50-\$128.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Wednesday with prices from \$129-\$131, most at the \$130.00 price, which is \$1.00 lower than last week's business. Southern business on Thursday was \$1.00-\$2.00 lower with sales from \$82.00-\$83.00 live. Clean up trade in the north was \$1.00 lower than Wednesday at \$129.00 dressed.