



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday December 17, 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 131.00-135.00
A grade heifers 130.00-134.00

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	74.22-81.96	78.77	97.00	77.53
Medium Frame Steers +1250	63.93-81.67	75.62	92.00	78.51
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	73.71-83.37	78.97	97.00	77.92
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	73.21-80.88	78.13	95.00	77.30
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	69.40-80.20	75.86	84.75	78.35
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	71.43-80.85	77.61	95.00	77.69
Cows- All Weights	28.15-42.67	35.09	69.00	34.10
Bulls- All Weights	40.90-54.09	48.20	78.50	44.60

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	502	85.45-91.28	88.83	94.50	88.57
900-999	526	86.26-94.00	90.91	97.00	92.55
800-899	292	82.14-94.92	90.34	104.00	90.29
700-799	302	81.88-98.83	90.90	106.00	90.46
600-699	715	88.38-105.25	97.26	115.00	97.79
500-599	674	91.88-117.79	105.12	133.00	104.40
400-499	527	95.59-119.44	107.50	141.00	112.14
-399	285	77.43-117.02	95.80	142.00	108.75

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	520	78.94-85.90	82.60	88.75	82.19
800-899	254	76.02-87.17	83.31	96.50	89.00
700-799	204	72.51-87.21	81.46	99.50	86.83
600-699	387	74.53-95.28	86.12	112.50	88.90
500-599	646	78.94-100.96	91.62	120.00	92.38
400-499	552	76.08-102.39	89.74	130.00	99.79
300-399	229	80.24-104.36	92.82	120.00	98.73
299-	49	52.10-87.80	71.40	126.00	81.65

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Dec 12, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	75.00-81.00	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	74.00-80.00	No tops
Good Cows	36.00-44.00	49.50
Export cows	36.00-43.00	
Bulls	Sales to 49.50	
Good Veal	75.00-92.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Dec 12, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	20.00-40.00	32.69	40.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	38.25-49.50	44.24	75.50

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – Dec 15, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	78.00-82.75	Choice heifers	76.00-78.25
Good steers	75.00-78.00	Good heifers	74.00-76.00
Plain steers	72.00-75.00	Plain heifers	70.00-74.00
Good fed cows	40.00-45.00	Beef bulls	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 cows	35.00-40.00	Hol bulls	40.00-45.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-35.00	Good calves	90.00-110.00
Shells	10.00-25.00	Second cut calves	50.00-90.00
Good Hol veal	85.00-88.00	Newborn bull calves & others	10.00-50.00
Plainer veal	80.00-85.00		

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 11, 2009 – 1,187 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.50-84.00	82.75	84.50	900+	81.00-88.50	84.22	88.75
900-999	84.75-91.00	88.33	92.00	800-899	83.00-90.25	87.52	96.50
800-899	81.50-95.25	90.19	95.25	700-799	79.00-84.50	81.96	87.50
700-799	87.00-96.00	91.69	97.00	600-699	80.00-94.00	87.31	104.50
600-699	89.50-101.50	94.73	110.25	500-599	80.00-93.50	87.65	104.50
500-599	95.50-123.00	106.02	133.00	400-499	77.00-97.00	87.20	100.00
400-499	103.00-120.00	110.26	120.00	300-399	79.00-005.50	93.04	105.50
300-399	88.00-121.00	106.71	142.00	299-	80.00-94.00	88.67	94.00

Stocker sale at: **Maple Hill Auctions Ltd, Dec 14, 2009 – 458 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	68.75	68.75	68.75	900+	82.75-86.60	84.49	87.25
900-999	87.00-95.50	92.92	95.50	800-899	82.50-84.00	83.33	84.00
800-899	86.00-95.00	93.50	95.00	700-799	67.00-85.50	79.50	85.50
700-799	90.00-94.00	91.11	94.00	600-699	106.50	106.50	106.50
600-699	85.50-94.50	90.72	99.75	500-599	96.00-109.75	105.06	109.75
500-599	92.50-122.00	102.27	122.00				
400-499	92.00-119.75	103.90	119.75				

Next sale will be in the new year.

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auction Center, Dec 14, 2009 – 134 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	65.00-102.00	87.37	102.00	600-699	64.00-100.00	78.44	100.00
500-599	60.00-110.00	92.17	110.00	500-599	65.00-91.00	78.45	91.00
400-499	67.00-116.50	96.43	116.50	400-499	60.00-100.00	85.87	100.00

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, Dec 14, 2009 – 127 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	77.00-88.00	84.06	88.00	500-599	68.00-98.50	88.09	98.50
600-699	79.50-96.25	87.07	93.25				
500-599	91.50-110.50	100.15	110.50				
400-499	91.00-110.00	103.83	110.00				

Next sale will be on January 4th, 2010.

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, Dec 14, 2009 – 264 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	60.00-85.00	69.23	85.00	600-699	39.00-105.00	73.67	105.00
600-699	65.00-115.00	79.78	115.00	500-599	50.00-93.00	74.68	96.00
500-599	51.00-100.00	80.76	101.00	400-499	47.00-96.00	74.48	101.00
400-499	62.00-110.00	84.39	113.00				
399-	59.00-106.00	73.79	106.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), Dec 15, 2009- 267 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	55.00-95.00	82.68	95.00	700-799	51.00-84.00	74.67	84.00
600-699	70.00-105.00	91.84	105.00	600-699	63.00-94.00	86.23	94.00
500-599	65.00-118.50	96.44	118.50	500-599	62.00-97.50	83.54	97.50
400-499	86.50-126.50	108.12	126.50	400-499	49.00-102.50	78.62	102.50

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, Dec 15, 2009- 1,161 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	92.50-94.00	92.99	94.00	900+	69.50-80.50	79.12	80.50
900-999	91.50-97.00	94.35	97.00	800-899	76.50-95.00	90.21	95.00
800-899	91.50-97.75	9.34	97.75	700-799	75.00-89.00	83.73	99.50
700-799	79.00-99.00	88.57	100.00	600-699	70.00-98.25	85.57	98.25
600-699	92.50-108.50	103.25	114.00	500-599	87.00-110.75	100.48	110.75
500-599	103.00-123.00	113.88	123.00	400-499	88.00-101.00	93.81	114.50
400-499	115.00-131.25	123.59	131.25	300-399	104.00-117.00	114.58	117.00
399-	114.00-125.00	122.53	125.00				

The next regular sale will be on Tues Jan 19th, 2010.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange –Dec 16, 2009 – 487 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	86.00-94.50	90.94	94.50	900+	80.50-85.75	83.90	85.75
900-999	83.50-91.50	88.85	91.50	800-899	82.00-86.00	83.82	87.50
800-899	90.00-98.50	95.29	98.50	600-699	86.00-96.00	89.75	96.00
700-799	86.00-106.00	95.00	106.00	500-599	63.00-103.00	95.47	103.00
600-699	92.25-101.50	95.57	101.50	400-499	58.00-95.50	89.25	95.50
400-499	101.00-117.50	114.96	117.50				
399-	88.00-91.50	90.45	91.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Dec 17, 2009 – 1,577 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	64.00-87.50	79.15	87.50	900+	72.50-87.00	78.14	87.00
900-999	75.00-92.00	86.73	96.00	800-899	77.50-86.00	82.71	91.50
800-899	79.75-98.00	90.39	104.00	700-799	78.00-91.00	85.33	98.00
700-799	89.50-106.00	98.44	106.00	600-699	83.00-95.50	89.32	99.00
600-699	96.00-109.75	103.01	115.00	500-599	86.00-107.00	96.53	120.00
500-599	103.00-124.25	112.77	125.00	400-499	86.25-111.00	98.41	119.00
400-499	105.00-124.00	113.69	141.00	300-399	80.00-105.00	92.91	120.00
399-	103.00-130.00	114.36	135.00	299-	87.50-95.00	92.51	100.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Dec 17, 2009 – 282 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	80.00-94.00	89.40	94.00	900+	74.00-81.50	79.10	81.50
600-699	82.00-104.00	95.00	104.00	800-899	50.00-67.50	58.39	84.00
500-599	90.00-111.00	102.12	111.00	700-799	73.00-83.50	78.31	83.50
400-499	89.00-115.00	102.24	127.00	600-699	56.00-90.00	76.00	106.00
399-	47.00-118.00	68.56	119.00	500-599	77.00-98.00	89.85	98.00
				400-499	80.00-115.00	96.18	122.00
				300-399	73.00-103.00	93.90	103.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Dec 17, 2009- 437 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	70.00-94.00	84.77	97.00	800-899	45.00-79.50	73.17	79.50
600-699	78.00-98.00	89.80	102.00	700-799	67.00-85.00	77.00	93.00
500-599	84.00-105.00	96.96	110.00	600-699	68.00-88.00	80.94	89.00
400-499	76.00-109.00	92.19	114.00	500-599	73.00-88.00	82.28	91.00
399-	63.00-115.00	93.76	117.00	400-499	79.00-102.00	88.88	106.00
				300-399	80.00-103.00	92.60	106.00
				299-	51.00-86.00	62.00	113.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 17, 2009 – 268 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
400-499	92.50-114.00	103.93	117.00	400-499	82.50-105.50	94.18	130.00
399-	79.00-119.00	96.92	135.00	300-399	84.00-111.50	95.46	120.00

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, Dec 16, 2009- 44 Bred cows, 40 Cow/Calf pairs

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$800-\$950	\$650-\$800
Avg quality bred cows	\$650-\$750	\$500-\$650
Top quality cow/calf pairs	N/T	N/T
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$850-\$1000	\$650-\$800

Cows sold on a selective demand at slightly easier prices.

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

	This week's Average Price	Year Ago Average Price	Change from last year
Steers	2009	2008	
400-500	107.50	107.03	+0.07
500-600	105.12	104.48	+0.64
600-700	97.26	100.87	-3.61
700-800	90.90	95.95	-5.05
800-900	90.34	94.86	-4.52
900+	89.89	106.09	-16.20
Heifers			
300-400	92.82	90.28	+2.54
400-500	89.74	92.54	-2.8
500-600	91.62	92.58	-0.96
600-700	86.12	92.18	-6.06
700-800	81.46	88.07	-6.61
800+	82.83	93.35	-10.52

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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Steers	Live	74.90-76.00	Flat rail	126.00-128.85
Heifers	Live	75.35-77.65	Flat rail	126.00-128.85

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	80.00-81.00
	Rail	127.00-128.00

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

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A1, A2 Steers	Price	131.25-133.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 4, 2009	1.4333	1.4375
Nov 27, 2009	1.4390	1.4247
Nov 20, 2009	1.4415	1.4282

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	138.22	130.65

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Dec 19, 2009		
Grand Total	623,000	618,000	596,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 12, 2009	870	815
Dec 6, 2008	842	796

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Nov 2009	Nov 2008
Steers	4,540	4,608
Heifers	3,291	2,895
Cows	1,258	997
Bulls	1,262	1,144

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 12, 2009		
Grand Total	66,654	2,987,181	99%
Alberta Slaughter	51,080	2,243,123	106%
Ontario Slaughter	11,224	522,003	98%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Nov 28, 09	Week ending Nov 21, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	3,336	4,241	125,231
Steers & Heifers	2,035	3,156	99,006
Cows	1,272	1,004	24,906
Bulls	29	81	1,319

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – Oct 31, 09		Jan 1 – Dec 5, 09	
Pure bred	1,443	Slaughter steers & heifers	497,684
Non-pure bred	40,887	Feeder steers & heifers	252,058
		Cows & Bulls	189,461

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Dec 12	Jan 1- Oct 31
Total	251,767 tonnes	33,810 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Dec 12, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	898,639 tonnes	866,441 tonnes	+3.7%
Non-fed	181,150 tonnes	223,238 tonnes	-18.9%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 5, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	113,327 tonnes	108,801 tonnes	+4.2%
Non-NAFTA	48,751 tonnes	28,767 tonnes	+69.5%
Total	163,901 tonnes	139,702 tonnes	+17.3%

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					
Dec	82.05	+0.62	Jan	94.72	+0.75	Mar	3.976	+0.6	Jan	10.120	-10.0	Spot	93.83	+0.36
Feb	84.85	+0.30	Mar	94.75	+0.57	May	4.084	+0.6	Mar	10.200	-10.0	Mar	93.80	+0.38
Apr	88.17	+0.40	Apr	96.27	+0.37	Jul	4.174	+0.6	May	10.262	-10.2	Jun	93.80	+0.38
Jun	85.67	+0.20	May	96.75	+0.05	Sep	4.240	+1.2	Jul	10.341	-10.2	Sep	93.77	+0.38
Aug	85.77	+0.37	Aug	99.00	+0.10	Dec	4.302	+0.4	Aug	10.280	-9.2	Dec	93.70	+0.38
Oct	88.67	+0.27	Sep	98.20	+0.10	Mar	4.394	-0.4	Sep	10.100	-7.4	Mar	93.61	+0.38

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Comments for the week ending Dec 17, 2009

Receipts were lighter this week with only 928 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 696 from last week and 70 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$73.71-\$83.37 averaging \$78.97 up \$1.05 from last week and \$22.33 lower than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$71.43-\$80.85 averaging \$77.61 down \$0.08 from last week and \$22.21 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices as steady to barely steady early in the week with reports up to \$2.00 higher by mid week.

There were 3,438 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 497 from last week and 832 more than the same time last year. Slaughter cows sold from \$28.15-\$42.67 averaging \$35.09 up \$0.99 from last week and \$4.55 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported the same trend as the fed cattle market with prices starting at steady improving to \$2.00 stronger as the week progressed.

There were 6,664 replacements sold through auction markets down 19% from last week and 8% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as selective to active with prices ranging from barely steady to steady. Actual average prices saw all classes of steers basically steady with the exception of steers 400-500 lbs which averaged \$4.64 lower. All classes of heifers averaged lower with heifers over 600 lbs \$2.00-\$5.00 lower and heifers under 500 lbs \$5.00-\$10.00 lower. Heifers 500-600 lbs averaged \$0.76 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for the week averaged \$0.75 lower than last week. At the beginning of the reporting week, prices dropped to \$131.00-\$135.00 for steers and \$130.00-\$134.00 for heifers and held steady for the remainder of the week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw live cattle trade \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger and rail prices up \$3.00. Steers traded from \$74.90-\$76.00 live and \$126.00-\$128.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$75.35-\$77.65 live and \$126.00-\$128.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate on Wednesday in the south with prices \$1.00- \$2.00 higher at \$80.00-\$81.00 live (most sales at the \$81.00 price). Thursday saw light trade with live prices steady to Wednesday however northern trade saw prices steady to last week at \$127.00-\$128.00 dressed. Today, moderate trade saw southern business a full \$2.00 higher than last week at \$81.00 live. Northern trade was \$1.00-\$2.00 higher than last week from \$128.00-\$129.00 dressed.