



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Wednesday April 17, 2019

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by Beef Farmers of Ontario.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts. Weekly Range:

A Grade Steers	255.00-260.00
A Grade Heifers	255.00-260.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for:

FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	21	141.60-147.81	144.53	154.00	149.14
Medium Frame Steers +1250	31	126.94-151.06	144.37	152.50	142.63
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	52	132.87-151.71	145.10	154.00	148.51
Large Frame Heifers +1000	57	140.03-152.66	146.03	164.00	139.19
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	24	137.67-143.96	140.14	157.00	138.64
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81	137.65-150.76	143.97	164.00	142.46
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	7	87.93-89.07	88.53	133.00	102.08
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	87	63.04-99.68	81.71	114.00	83.13
Cows - All Weights	1,601	51.69-78.82	63.37	119.99	62.77
Bulls - All Weights	94	76.61-99.69	87.74	139.99	87.96

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	807	151.49-170.99	162.86	178.50	164.90
900-999	600	166.23-183.09	174.93	193.50	173.64
800-899	568	174.26-192.03	183.44	199.25	183.03
700-799	632	176.75-218.75	204.19	229.00	190.65
600-699	571	195.21-231.98	216.99	250.00	211.86
500-599	401	203.6-247.27	227.93	278.00	216.80
400-499	209	206.78-253.95	231.48	275.00	216.13
-399	73	148.64-233.67	204.80	267.50	196.08

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	228	131.57-158.90	149.77	165.25	155.20
800-899	193	143.00-168.89	159.02	173.00	159.95
700-799	524	156.78-189.12	175.18	223.50	161.41
600-699	519	167.23-214.86	189.75	237.00	176.37
500-599	426	180.20-215.67	197.42	237.00	180.91
400-499	245	154.42-220.85	195.22	242.00	182.79
300-399	35	190.71-212.46	203.35	225.00	189.29
-299	7	124.21	124.21	182.50	145.02

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, April 13, 2019 – 111 cows, 39 veal, 17 stockers, 8 bulls

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	54.50-86.00	64.42	92.50
Bulls over 1600 lbs	74.50-94.00	83.60	94.00
Veal 600 lbs+	67.00-99.00	78.51	99.00
Veal 125 lbs -	85.00-487.50	112.75	487.50

Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., April 16, 2019 - 240 Fed Cattle, 13 Veal, 7 Bulls, 110 Cows & 128 Drop Calves

	Price Range	Top		Price Range	Top
Choice steers	155.00-160.00	164.75	Good beef cows	80.00-90.00	92.00
Good steers	150.00-155.00		Good Holstein cows	70.00-80.00	
Choice heifers	160.00-165.00	200.00	D1 & D2 Cows	60.00-70.00	
Good heifers	155.00-160.00		D3 & D4 Cows	50.00-60.00	
Good Holstein veal	90.00-100.00	117.00	Choice drop calves	\$225.00-\$325.00/hd	\$395.00/hd.
Plain & heavy veal	80.00-90.00		Good drop calves	\$125.00-\$220.00/hd	
Good beef bulls	67.00-95.00	108.00	Plain & Newborns	\$50.00-\$120.00/hd	
Good Hol bulls	N/T				

April 27th @ 11:00 am- Special Spring Stocker & Bred Cow Sale!

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: April 17, 2019 –34 Veal, 159 Cows, 44 Fed Cattle, 19 stockers, 5 bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed heifers, dairy and dairy cross +1000 lbs	59.99-112.99	92.20	112.99
Cows	50.50-91.00	67.80	119.99
Veal over 600 lbs	65.00-120.99	89.70	120.99

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Brussels Livestock: April 12, 2019 – 1,935 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	144.00-169.75	163.25	170.00	900+	139.50-165.25	157.01	165.25
900-999	165.00-185.00	175.61	185.00	800-899	149.00-171.00	162.82	171.00
800-899	168.00-192.50	179.52	193.00	700-799	161.00-185.50	172.77	213.00
700-799	169.00-209.00	197.11	217.00	600-699	165.00-207.00	183.43	209.00
600-699	191.00-230.00	213.78	250.00	500-599	176.00-208.00	192.82	212.00
500-599	209.00-252.00	230.96	255.00	400-499	70.00-206.00	165.65	242.00
400-499	195.00-242.00	216.41	242.00	300-399	190.00-225.00	208.60	225.00
399-	120.00-250.00	219.00	250.00				

Friday April 19th sale is moved to Saturday April 20th due to Good Friday.

Stocker sale at: **Community Livestock Exchange, April 16, 2019 – 151 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	179.00-227.99	205.20	227.99	900+	47.49-89.00	66.80	117.99
500-599	150.00-256.99	211.90	256.99	500-599	166.99-218.00	198.59	218.00
400-499	150.00-257.50	216.59	257.50	400-499	144.99-222.00	194.30	222.00

May 3rd @ 11:00 am- Quinte Cattlemen's Stocker Sale!

Stocker sale at: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock, April 16, 2019 –129 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	139.99-214.99	201.79	214.99	800-899	137.00-167.99	155.20	167.99
600-699	130.00-233.00	212.30	233.00	700-799	157.00-173.99	169.19	173.99
500-599	171.99-241.00	214.40	241.00	600-699	100.00-187.99	162.90	187.99

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: April 17, 2019 – 593 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	156.00-178.50	168.55	178.50		N/T		
900-999	165.00-186.00	175.74	186.00				
800-899	180.00-195.00	184.09	195.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL STOCKER SALES

Stocker Sale at **Maple Hill Auctions Ltd.:** April 15, 2019 - 560 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	150.00-158.50	152.98	170.50	Too few			
900-999	173.50-182.25	176.73	182.25				
800-899	181.00-184.00	182.72	184.00				
700-799	198.00-222.00	207.61	222.00				
600-699	208.25-224.50	216.54	224.50				

Stocker Sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc:** April 16, 2019 - 974 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	150.00-170.00	159.33	170.00	800-899	155.00-168.00	159.32	168.00
900-999	165.00-176.00	174.36	193.50	700-799	159.00-207.00	181.57	223.50
800-899	182.00-199.00	189.85	199.00	600-699	185.00-224.00	210.10	224.00
700-799	198.75-229.00	216.24	229.00	500-599	185.00-218.00	199.81	225.00
600-699	210.00-239.00	224.86	243.00	400-499	207.00-228.00	220.59	228.00
500-599	224.00-252.00	238.32	278.00	300-399	195.00-204.00	201.65	204.00
400-499	230.00-256.50	249.28	257.00				
399-	195.00-241.00	222.43	249.00				

May 7th @ 11:00 am- Spring All Vaccinated Stocker Sale!

Stocker Sale at **Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn:** April 17, 2019 - 837 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	150.00-192.00	173.83	192.00	800-899	130.00-173.00	154.68	173.00
700-799	135.00-225.00	202.75	225.00	700-799	135.00-195.50	181.37	196.50
600-699	199.00-240.50	222.43	242.75	600-699	182.50-237.00	194.98	237.00
500-599	205.00-256.00	236.96	264.00	500-599	187.50-227.00	204.00	237.00
400-499	225.00-273.00	246.25	273.00	400-499	170.00-239.00	198.95	239.00
399-	105.00-267.50	238.87	267.50				

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 30, 2019	Week ending Mar 23, 2019	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,884	3,173	34,847
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,486	2,859	31,833
Bulls	398	314	3,014

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Apr 6, 2019	922	854
Mar 30, 2019	918	742
Apr 7, 2018	895	839

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending Apr 6, 2019	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	59,286	+1,076	748,161	+2%	+11%
Western Slaughter	45,708	+806	575,525	+2%	+12%
Eastern Slaughter	13,578	+270	172,636	+2%	+6%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending April 13, 2019	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	634,000	621,000	611,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

For the week ending April 18, 2019

Steers	Live FOB	160.50	Rail FOB	270.00
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	270.00

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

For the week ending April 18, 2019

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	126.00-129.00
	Rail	202.00-209.00

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. THE FEEDLOT)

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending April 17, 2019	259.75-260.50	+5.71

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 30, 2019	2.8767	2.8133
March 23, 2019	2.8399	2.7439
March 15, 2019	2.8422	2.7911

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average:	230.67	220.70

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

	United States Jan 1- Jan 31/2019	Change from last year YTD	Mexico Jan 1- Jan 31/2019	Change from last year YTD
Total	24,127 tonnes	+16% or +3,337 tonnes	1,256 tonnes	-7% or -91 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

IMPORTS	Import % change from 2018 YTD	EXPORTS	Export % change from 2018 YTD		
<i>Jan 1- Jan 31/2019</i>		<i>Jan 1- Mar 30/19</i>			
Pure bred	254	-71%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	124,240	+39%
Non-pure bred	21,128	+186%	Feeder cattle & calves	66,217	+13%
			Bulls	8,155	+10%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	Jan 1 – Apr 6/19	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	261,536 tonnes	231,854 tonnes	+13%
Non-fed	55,921 tonnes	51,498 tonnes	+9%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Apr 6/19</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	26,819 tonnes	31,036 tonnes	-14%
Non-CUSMA	12,659 tonnes	20,131 tonnes	-37%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	1,492 tonnes	561 tonnes	+166%
Total	42,344 tonnes	53,767 tonnes	-21%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
Apr	128.52	+1.60	Apr	145.70	+0.37	May	3.584	+0.2	May	8.804	+1.4	Spot	74.70	-0.25
Jun	122.67	+0.30	May	151.52	+0.92	Jul	3.672	+0.2	Jul	8.942	+1.6	Jun	74.80	-0.25
Aug	119.75	+0.20	Aug	160.67	+0.22	Sep	3.750	+0.0	Aug	9.000	+1.4	Sep	74.96	-0.25
Oct	120.10	-0.10	Sep	162.07	+0.22	Dec	3.862	-0.4	Sep	9.046	+1.2	Dec	75.11	-0.25
Dec	123.87	+0.05	Oct	162.40	+0.37	Mar	4.002	-0.4	Nov	9.134	+1.2	Mar	75.25	-0.25
Feb	126.07	+0.05	Nov	162.17	+0.25	May	4.082	-0.4	Jan	9.236	+1.2	Jun	75.36	-0.25

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UPCOMING ONTARIO AUCTION MARKETS SPECIAL SALES

Apr 13	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Spring Stockers & Bred Cows, Cow/Calf Pairs
Apr 16	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special Spring All Vaccinated Sale
Apr 17	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Spring Stocker Sale
Apr 20	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Regular Friday sale moved to Sat-due to Good Friday
Apr 24	2:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Stocker Sale
Apr 26	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grass Cattle & Heavy Replacement Cattle-Most Vacc
Apr 27	8:30 am	Rainy River Cattlemens- Stratton	Spring Stockers, Cull Cows, Bulls etc.
Apr 27	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Spring Stockers & Bred Cows, Cow/Calf Pairs
May 1	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Stocker Sale
May 1	1:00 pm	Ontario Livestock Exchange	All Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 2	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock	Spring Stocker Sale
May 3	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Stocker Sale
May 4	10:00 am	Thessalon- Algoma Co-op Livestock Sale	Spring Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending April 17, 2019

Please Note: This report is short 1 day worth of data due to Good Friday Holiday

Lower receipts due to Good Friday holiday of fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week at 133 head, down 197 from last week and 157 less than the same time last year. Fed steers traded from \$132.87-\$151.71 averaging \$145.10 down \$3.41 from last week and \$3.31 higher than this time last year. Heifers ranged from \$137.65-\$150.76 averaging \$143.97 up \$1.51 from last week and \$7.77 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as active with steady prices and very strong early in the week. Later in the week reports were good demand with strong prices and some fancies bringing a premium.

Ontario railgrade market was steady to last week with trade reported from \$255.00-\$260.00 dressed for both steers and heifers, with delivery the weeks of April 22nd and April 29th. This week's average price for steers is \$13.50 stronger and for heifers is \$14.50 stronger than the same time last year.

1,601 cull/fed cows came to market this week down 922 from last week and 281 less than the same time last year. Cows traded from \$51.69-\$78.82 averaging \$63.37 up just \$0.60 from last week and \$0.85 below year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as barely steady to steady and higher to slightly higher. Good fed cows sold at a premium and some trades were reported as strong, up at least \$5.00 earlier on in the week. The week ended fully steady on a good demand.

2,571 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week, down 1,481 from last week and 883 less than the same week last year. Auction markets, early week, reported light weight cattle as active with prices \$3.00-\$5.00 higher, the grass types selling at a premium, yearlings sold steady. As the week progressed the lighter weights were up \$1.00-\$3.00, heavier cattle sold fully steady. Strong active trade at steady prices. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs up \$15.35 from last week's weighted average prices, 500-600 lbs up \$11.13, 600-700 lbs up \$5.13, 700-800 lbs up \$13.54, 800-900 lbs up \$0.41, and steers 900lbs and over averaged \$0.09 lower than last week. Heifers from 300-400 lbs averaged \$14.06 stronger than last week, 400-500 lbs up \$12.43, 500-600 lbs up \$16.51, 600-700 lbs up \$13.38, 700-800 lbs up \$13.77, and heifers 800 lbs and over averaged \$3.04 lower than last week on average. All weight categories are stronger than year ago prices.

The Quebec electronic market for the week ending Wednesday, April 17, 2019 was reported from \$259.75-\$260.50 dressed, up \$5.71 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade for the week ending April 11 was moderate with prices reported by Canfax at \$270.00 delivered on a dressed basis on Wednesday which was steady, to \$268.00 delivered on Thursday which was \$2.00 easier. On a picked up basis Canfax listed live sales from \$159.00-\$159.25 with steers averaging \$159.14 up \$0.64 and heifers \$159.25 with no trade from the prior week to compare to. Dressed deals on a picked up basis ranged from \$266.50-\$268.50, with steers averaging \$268.13 down \$0.33 and heifers \$267.39 down \$1.19. Canfax reports: "Buyers were indicating cattle that they bought this week would be lifted in 2-3 weeks. Cash to futures basis levels are unchanged from last week. For the second week in a row some fed calves did sell."

This week for Alberta there was very light volume. Canfax listed steers trading at 160.50 and no trade for heifers. Dressed sales were listed at 270.00 Del.

The US cash cattle trade for the week ending April 12th saw a couple of scattered deals April 8th at \$124.00 live in Kansas, steady to the previous week's southern trade, and \$126.25-\$129.00 live in Iowa, which is also steady to the previous week's market in Iowa. However, volumes were too light to establish any kind of market trend for the whole week.

For the week ending April 18th the US cash trade was light to moderate with sales \$3.00 higher than the previous week. Live sales ranged from \$128.00-\$132.50. Some dressed deals were reported at \$208.00, also higher than last week.

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