



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday May 30, 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	250.00-257.00
A Grade Heifers	259.00-257.00

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	119	127.46-152.91	143.67	165.00	140.00
Medium Frame Steers +1250	129	130.89-151.28	143.45	157.25	140.91
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	244	128.69-152.45	143.91	165.00	140.16
Large Frame Heifers +1000	158	114.62-147.39	136.79	160.00	148.57
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	241	126.91-149.28	139.58	163.00	147.01
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	398	121.01-150.30	138.99	163.00	147.37
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	66	93.62-112.77	103.59	147.00	103.28
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	109	76.52-102.42	87.95	125.00	90.34
Cows - All Weights	2,716	59.28-89.17	72.48	115.99	69.74
Bulls - All Weights	176	82.35-114.42	97.59	144.99	94.04

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	846	152.42-169.51	162.21	184.00	161.73
900-999	684	164.11-176.90	173.44	189.50	170.47
800-899	442	162.13-186.95	176.21	202.50	187.86
700-799	432	154.52-198.19	180.29	217.00	198.22
600-699	430	158.31-223.81	194.10	244.00	215.86
500-599	315	168.67-234.67	206.78	262.50	219.38
400-499	173	172.55-240.03	210.78	269.00	223.99
-399	57	157.41-223.84	194.16	257.00	165.03

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	319	123.42-149.96	137.04	162.00	146.67
800-899	168	122.02-157.68	142.85	168.50	150.15
700-799	398	135.63-169.74	156.37	202.00	158.32
600-699	507	144.46-185.95	166.06	245.00	167.46
500-599	477	126.47-188.47	162.16	225.00	165.41
400-499	166	142.65-186.76	163.96	214.00	162.71
300-399	44	128.99-187.62	157.58	242.00	143.68
-299	10	185.50-195.50	190.50	240.00	117.21

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, May 25, 2019 – 195 cows, 56 veal, 54 stockers, 7 bulls

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	63.00-102.00	78.48	111.50
Veal 600 lbs+	84.00-91.00	87.46	125.00
Veal 125 lbs -	120.00-310.00	188.22	310.00

At **Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., May 28, 2019 - 299 Fed Cattle, 41 Veal, 0 Bulls, 145 Cows, 3 stockers**

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	75	140.00-157.25	149.44	165.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	185	140.00-158.50	149.45	163.00
Cows	145	58.50-92.50	73.74	104.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	38	85.00-100.00	94.03	118.00

At **Aylmer Stockyards Inc., May 29, 2019 - 61 Veal, 258 Cows, 26 Fed Cattle, 67 stockers, 6 bulls**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed heifers, Dairy and Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	63.00-104.00	87.39	104.00
Cows	46.99-96.49	71.29	96.49
Veal over 600 lbs	57.99-131.00	94.19	138.99

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Brussels Livestock: May 24, 2019 – 1,119 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	129.00-160.00	147.13	166.50	900+	143.00-159.50	151.78	159.50
900-999	152.50-177.50	169.43	177.50	800-899	136.00-168.50	156.55	168.50
800-899	142.00-176.50	162.40	190.50	700-799	140.00-179.25	165.06	185.00
700-799	163.00-206.50	190.94	217.00	600-699	142.00-188.00	170.92	188.00
600-699	177.00-215.00	199.89	225.00	500-599	147.00-188.00	168.96	190.00
500-599	195.00-251.00	230.65	256.00	400-499	145.00-185.00	171.43	185.00
400-499	220.00-256.00	243.31	256.00	300-399	115.00-199.00	158.33	199.00

Stocker sale at **Community Livestock Exchange: May 28, 2019 – 219 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	162.50-239.00	194.50	239.00	600-699	102.49-189.99	154.09	189.99
500-599	167.50-254.99	214.40	254.99	500-599	102.49-198.99	165.50	198.99
400-499	132.49-245.00	212.30	245.00	400-499	100.00-189.99	138.70	200.99

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market: May 28, 2019 - 958 stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	150.00-167.00	163.69	184.00	900+	60.00-139.00	88.73	162.00
900-999	174.50-183.25	181.00	187.50	800-899	75.00-167.50	135.18	167.50
800-899	191.00-202.50	194.57	202.50	700-799	159.00-185.75	177.74	185.75
700-799	140.00-208.00	192.17	208.00	600-699	168.00-199.00	182.97	200.50
600-699	211.00-243.00	226.29	243.00	500-599	134.00-215.00	177.64	225.00
500-599	222.50-258.00	243.22	262.50	400-499	177.50-202.50	186.17	212.00
400-499	230.00-267.50	255.63	267.50	Cows	66.00-89.00	78.24	91.00

Stocker sale at **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: May 28, 2019 – 279 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	119.99-195.99	176.60	195.99	900+	76.00-112.00	97.89	112.00
600-699	167.50-227.99	204.70	227.99	700-799	109.00-191.99	170.10	191.99
500-599	139.99-243.00	199.39	243.00	600-699	110.00-175.00	153.60	175.00
400-499	195.99-237.50	221.49	237.50	500-599	100.00-188.99	155.49	188.99
399-	150.00-229.00	193.10	229.00	400-499	147.99-182.00	166.39	182.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: May 29, 2019 – 917** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	160.00-173.50	166.77	173.50	800-899	152.00-157.00	153.67	157.00
900-999	167.00-175.50	173.26	175.50	700-799	156.00-167.00	163.70	167.00
800-899	180.00-188.50	183.95	188.50				
700-799	185.00-206.00	196.56	206.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: May 30, 2019– 357** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	95.00-142.00	122.67	142.00	900+	60.00-91.00	79.00	115.00
800-899	125.00-169.00	140.33	169.00	800-899	77.50-116.00	100.72	138.00
700-799	102.50-171.00	128.00	180.00	700-799	90.00-125.00	107.80	137.50
600-699	152.50-226.00	192.09	226.00	600-699	112.00-172.50	144.70	172.50
500-599	112.50-222.50	171.62	250.00	500-599	100.00-182.50	155.92	182.50
400-499	102.50-220.00	163.13	220.00	400-499	167.50-177.50	173.00	177.50

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc.: May 31, 2019 – 297** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	100.00-155.00	131.22	155.00	900+	110.00-144.00	127.85	144.00
900-999	120.00-170.00	161.15	170.00	800-899	128.00-168.00	146.07	168.00
800-899	127.00-172.00	157.44	176.00	700-799	140.00-164.00	155.95	164.00
700-799	130.00-187.00	159.14	190.00	600-699	145.00-196.00	162.18	196.00
600-699	105.00-186.00	160.70	186.00	500-599	90.00-160.00	125.74	182.50
500-599	180.00-216.00	197.51	216.00	400-499	137.50-171.00	149.60	171.00
400-499	132.50-218.00	189.81	218.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 30, 2019– 91** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	118.00-216.00	162.73	216.00	700-799	110.00-132.00	118.86	132.00
				600-699	114.00-162.00	142.78	162.00
				500-599	118.00-166.00	139.38	166.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALE

Stocker sale at **Denfield Livestock Exchange, May 25, 2019– 282** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	163.00-165.00	164.40	189.50	800-899	149.00-168.00	158.18	168.00
800-899	156.00-200.00	177.19	200.00	700-799	147.00-170.00	159.94	202.00
700-799	185.00-210.00	198.48	215.00	600-699	173.00-189.00	180.38	245.00
600-699	145.00-204.00	185.20	214.00	500-599	177.50-192.00	184.80	192.00
500-599	180.00-206.00	193.69	221.00	400-499	167.50-210.00	188.75	214.00
400-499	167.50-213.00	185.39	227.00				

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Keady Livestock Market, May 24, 2019 - 23 Bred cows, **20** Cow calf pairs

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	N/T	N/T
Avg quality bred cows	N/T	\$875-\$2,000
Top quality cow/calf pairs	N/T	N/T
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	N/T	\$1,625-\$1,950

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending May 11, 2019	Week ending May 4, 2019	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,562	2,786	50,039
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,369	2,434	45,114
Bulls	193	352	4,925

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 18, 2019	866	821
May 11, 2019	908	835
May 19, 2018	854	786

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending May 18, 2019	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	58,844	-4,545	1,162,589	-7%	+7%
Western Slaughter	45,882	-4,490	898,049	-9%	+8%
Eastern Slaughter	12,962	-55	264,540	-0%	+4%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Jun 1, 2019	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	582,000	641,000	585,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

For the week ending May 30, 2019

Steers	Live FOB	144.00	Rail FOB	242.00-246.50
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	242.00-250.00

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

For the week ending May 30, 2019

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	114.00-119.00
	Rail	184.00-188.00

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending May 30, 2019	246.75-249.75	-3.56

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES – good to go!

Week Ending	AAA	AA
May 17, 2019	2.9816	2.7800
May 10, 2019	3.0144	2.8116
May 3, 2019	2.9797	2.8269

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average:	223.82	208.21

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

United States	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	Mexico	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	
<i>Jan 1- Mar 31/2019</i>		<i>Jan 1- Mar 31/2019</i>		
Total	77,034 tonnes	+18% or +11,669 tonnes	3,666 tonnes	+5% or +173 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

IMPORTS		<i>Import % change from 2018 YTD</i>	EXPORTS		<i>Export % change from 2018 YTD</i>
<i>Jan 1- Mar 31/2019</i>			<i>Jan 1- May 18/19</i>		
Pure bred	1,484	-13%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	188,644	+33%
Non-pure bred	47,952	+76%	Feeder cattle & calves	116,108	+3%
			Bulls	14,433	+5%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – May 25/19</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fed	397,061 tonnes	361,720	+10%
Non-fed	77,518	74,102	+5%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – May 25/19</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	42,497 tonnes	49,021 tonnes	-13%
Non-CUSMA	18,012 tonnes	25,800 tonnes	-30%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	2,027 tonnes	809 tonnes	+151%
Total	64,988 tonnes	78,937 tonnes	-18%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$	
Jun	108.47 -1.60	Aug	133.12 -5.10	Jul	4.270 -9.2	Jul	8.776 -11.2	Spot	73.94 -0.11
Aug	103.07 -1.97	Sep	134.07 -4.45	Sep	4.360 -9.2	Aug	8.884 -11.0	Jun	73.98 -0.07
Oct	103.90 -1.77	Oct	134.52 -3.82	Dec	4.436 -8.4	Sep	8.916 -10.4	Sep	74.13 -0.07
Dec	108.47 -1.60	Nov	135.00 -3.70	Mar	4.514 -7.6	Nov	9.046 -10.6	Dec	74.25 -0.09
Feb	112.77 -1.42	Jan	133.65 -3.47	May	4.526 -7.6	Jan	9.160 -10.4	Mar	74.34 -0.10
Apr	115.07 -1.37	Mar	132.77 -3.87	Jul	4.536 -7.0	Mar	9.216 -10.0	Jun	74.40 -0.12

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UPCOMING ONTARIO AUCTION MARKETS SPECIAL SALES

Comments for the week ending May 30, 2019

642 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week, up 143 head from last week and 244 more than this time last year, with a larger percentage sold being heifers. Fed steers sold from \$128.69-\$152.45 averaging \$143.91 up \$3.75 from last week and \$1.93 stronger than year ago prices. Heifers traded from \$121.01-\$150.30 averaging \$138.99 down \$8.38 from last week and \$0.61 lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported selective demand at easier to barely steady prices. Good and choice sold steady, second choice sold lower. Fed cattle sold \$1.00 lower than the previous week.

Ontario railgrade prices this week ranged from \$250.00-\$257.00 dressed for steers and \$249.00-\$257.00 for heifers. This week's average prices are down \$1.00 for steers and down \$0.50 for heifers from last week, but \$9.00 stronger for steers than this time last year and \$10.00 stronger for heifers.

2,716 cull/fed cows sold through auction markets this week, up 53 from last week and 502 more than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$59.28-\$89.17 averaging \$72.48 up \$2.74 from last week and \$1.77 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported sales as strong to very strong and steady to \$2.00-\$4.00 higher.

5,468 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week, down 50 head from last week and 445 more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported grass cattle as fully steady, while heavier cattle sold steady to slightly higher. Other replacement reports saw mostly steady to steady prices with some reporting large volumes and others reporting light volumes. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs down \$13.21 from last week on average, steers 500-600 lbs were down \$12.60, 600-700 lbs down \$21.76, 700-800 lbs down \$17.93, 800-900 lbs down \$11.65, and steers 900 lbs and over averaged \$1.56 above last week. Heifers 400-500 lbs were up \$1.25 from last week on average, 500-600 lbs down \$3.25, 600-700 lbs down \$1.40, 700-800 lbs down \$1.95, and heifers 800lbs and over averaged \$9.05 less than last week.

The Quebec electronic market for the week ending May 30, 2019 ranged from \$246.75-\$249.75 dressed, down \$3.56 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade for the week ending May 30, 2019 saw live steers trade at \$144.00 and dressed steers trade from \$242.00-\$246.50. Heifers traded from \$242.00-\$250.00 dressed.

US Trade for the week ending May 30, 2019 saw live steers trade from \$114.00 - \$118.00 and live heifers from \$114.00 - \$119.00. Dressed steers ranged from \$184.00 - \$188.00 and dressed heifers from \$184.00 - \$187.00

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