

Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday November 7, 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 235.00-236.00

A Grade Heifers N/T

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	319	122.67-135.67	132.02	145.75	131.64
Medium Frame Steers +1250	139	115.73-135.07	126.82	144.50	128.07
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	458	121.00-137.39	131.47	145.75	130.84
Large Frame Heifers +1000	105	113.00-134.55	125.66	189.00	125.59
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	119	121.92-133.38	127.53	176.50	120.41
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	224	116.69-135.18	126.95	189.00	122.43
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	85	86.69-104.05	96.94	110.00	97.30
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	139	49.14-85.77	70.12	102.50	77.54
Cows - All Weights	2,782	39.19-57.56	48.01	104.00	52.65
Bulls - All Weights	187	68.42-104.92	84.42	210.00	80.36

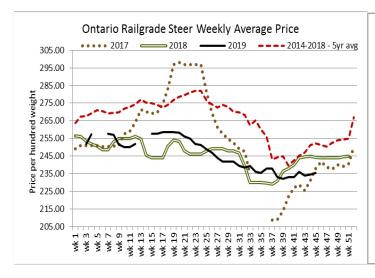
STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

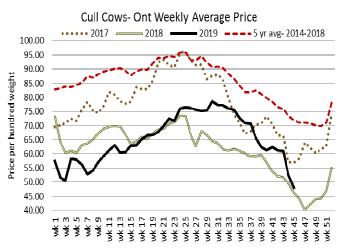
STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	603	155.87-182.80	169.68	190.50	163.45
900-999	366	164.29-185.32	177.76	197.00	178.06
800-899	289	162.56-191.12	178.68	205.00	183.86
700-799	506	162.16-200.74	184.86	217.50	185.53
600-699	1,244	180.03-223.12	202.43	266.00	205.15
500-599	1,389	178.28-235.13	209.26	256.00	218.83
400-499	876	177.73-244.26	217.37	264.99	226.93
-399	322	160.11-234.67	198.47	271.00	208.83

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Тор	Last Week Avg
+900	439	124.64-161.78	143.41	179.00	133.06
800-899	331	141.52-172.76	162.18	185.00	152.74
700-799	315	143.28-176.38	164.66	187.00	155.90
600-699	655	152.00-189.95	173.26	212.50	172.82
500-599	1,017	155.61-197.66	178.82	225.00	180.58
400-499	745	149.13-211.22	181.16	245.00	183.72
300-399	227	142.70-210.74	176.39	273.50	189.47
-299	54	117.26-156.28	139.49	220.00	131.63

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, November 2, 2019- 197 cows, 16 bulls, 66 stockers, 59 veal

	Price Range	Avg.	Тор
Cows	42.00-60.00	48.93	69.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	72.00-109.00	84.65	109.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	69.00-91.00	75.39	91.00
Veal over 600 lbs	61.00-120.00	90.25	126.00





Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., November 5, 2019: 189 Fed Cattle, 31 Veal, 7 Bulls, 102 Cows, 4 stockers

	Price Range	Average	тор
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	127.00-143.50	134.59	145.75
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	127.50-140.00	134.51	189.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross	54.00-73.50	64.24	102.50
Cows	34.50-55.50	44.71	68.00
Veal over 600 lbs	115.00-140.00	126.48	143.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: November 6, 2019- 43 Veal, 164 Cows, 55 Fed Cattle, 6 bulls, 31 Stockers

	Price Range	Average	Тор
Fed heifers, dairy and dairy cross 100+ lbs	46.00-97.99	78.30	97.99
Cows	33.00-63.00	45.6.	71.99
Veal over 600 lbs	5.99-141.50	129.89	141.50

ONTARIO STOCKER AND FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: November 1, 2019 – 1,661 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	157.00-190.50	177.88	190.50	900+	142.00-170.50	157.53	170.50
900-999	159.00-191.00	180.55	191.00	800-899	144.00-179.00	165.34	179.00
800-899	148.00-205.00	176.56	205.00	700-799	147.50-177.00	163.75	177.00
700-799	127.00-198.50	177.75	202.50	600-699	143.00-186.00	165.38	188.00
600-699	160.00-224.00	195.71	224.00	500-599	153.00-207.00	177.68	207.00
500-599	155.00-222.00	193.97	234.00	400-499	145.00-204.00	165.75	209.00
400-499	171.00-247.00	205.36	257.00	300-399	180.00-215.00	190.63	240.00
399-	200.00-242.00	217.67	243.00				

Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: November 5, 2019 – 181 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
700-799	82.99-160.00	124.79	160.00	600-699	110.00-170.99	135.80	170.99
600-699	123.99-200.00	185.09	200.00	500-599	114.99-196.99	170.10	196.99
500-599	169.99-245.99	216.80	245.99	400-499	164.99-188.99	178.60	188.99
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Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market, November 5, 2019- 816 stockers								
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор	
1000+	151.50-177.50	168.83	177.50	900+	130.00-179.00	152.98	179.00	
800-899	186.50-200.75	194.99	200.75	800-899	172.50-183.50	178.73	183.50	
700-799	158.00-198.00	180.36	198.00	700-799	154.00-187.00	177.43	187.00	
600-699	167.50-215.00	192.92	215.00	600-699	155.00-179.50	167.28	179.50	
500-599	184.00-228.00	208.57	232.50	500-599	140.00-173.00	157.01	182.00	
400-499	207.50-246.00	227.52	246.00	400-499	110.00-181.00	163.45	205.00	
399-	230.00-271.00	252.59	271.00	300-399	170.00-227.50	196.60	232.50	
Stocker sale	at: Renfrew Pontiac L	ivestock: No	vember 5	2010 – 193 S	tockers			
Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers 183 3	Price Range	Average	Тор	
600-699	176.00-210.99	192.30	210.99	500-599	142.99-193.99	172.19	193.99	
500-599	114.99-222.99	172.50	222.99	400-499	119.99-231.99	177.60	231.99	
400-499	102.00-202.00	155.60	202.00	300-399	119.99-169.99	138.19	169.99	
399-	119.99-187.00	158.00	187.00	299-	114.99-155.00	132.69	155.00	
333-	113.33-107.00	138.00	107.00	233-	114.55-155.00	132.03	133.00	
Stocker sale	at Ontario Livestock I	Exchange: No	vember 6,	2019 – 511 S	tockers			
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	• Тор	
1000+	169.00-190.50	179.11	190.50					
900-999	180.50-197.00	190.95	197.00					
800-899	181.50-187.00	185.53	187.00					
Stocker sale	at: Ontario Livestock	Exchange, No	ovember 7,	2019– 452 S	tockers			
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор	
700-799	115.00-187.50	157.45	187.50	700-899	65.00-167.50	138.50	167.50	
600-699	190.00-232.50	214.41	232.50	600-699	140.00-200.00	177.64	200.00	
500-599	157.50-246.00	200.59	246.00	500-599	125.00-202.50	168.75	202.50	
400-499	150.00-225.00	193.26	237.50	400-499	130.00-185.00	163.67	185.00	
399-	130.00-230.00	180.56	252.50	300-399	145.00-175.00	157.94	195.00	
				299-	130.00-170.00	156.67	170.00	
Stocker sale	at Ontario Stockyards	s Inc., Novem	ber 7, 2019	9– 1,008 Stoc	kers			
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор	
1000+	79.00-130.00	100.37	156.00	900+	55.00-136.00	98.54	137.00	
900-999	154.00-190.00	169.19	190.00	800-899	112.50-166.50	154.41	166.50	
800-899	149.00-188.50	172.72	188.50	700-799	140.00-174.50	163.37	174.50	
700-799	161.0-185.50	175.65	185.50	600-699	135.00-185.00	164.12	187.50	
600-699	165.00-215.00	184.31	216.00	500-599	142.50-174.00	159.72	187.50	
500-599	175.00-232.00	204.11	243.00	400-499	142.50-195.00	166.60	220.00	
400-499	177.50-251.00	217.52	251.00	300-399	155.00-210.00	182.38	215.00	
399-	175.00-225.0	195.78	257.50	299-	125.00-180.00	154.07	220.00	
Stocker sale	at: Ottawa Livestock	Exchange. No	vember 7.	2019– 234 St	tockers			
Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор	
700-799	121.00-166.00	142.00	166.00	700-799	88.00-154.00	129.60	154.00	
600-699	140.00-202.00	169.60	202.00	600-699	120.00-154.00	137.33	154.00	
500-599	142.00-230.00	174.71	238.00	500-599	120.00-164.00	142.38	180.00	
400-499	156.00-240.00	207.07	240.00	400-499	133.00-182.00	158.24	182.00	
399-	108.00-230.00	165.65	230.00	399-	102.00-170.00	130.00	174.00	

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: November 2, 2019 – 400 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
600-699	201.00-242.50	218.32	266.00	600-699	177.00-183.00	180.04	187.00
500-599	217.00-234.00	226.15	241.00	500-599	177.00-203.00	192.53	208.00
400-499	242.00-262.00	253.73	262.00	400-499	187.50-217.00	209.74	217.00
399-	240.00-270.00	256.67	270.00	300-399	250.00-265.00	257.50	265.00

Central Ontario Calf Producers Sale! Sold in owner lots- Good quality heifers sold slightly higher while steers sold fully steady. Bred cows sold with keen buyer interest.

Stocker sale at Denfield Livestock Exchange: November 2, 2019 – 1,096 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	125.50-159.50	143.04	159.50	900+	100.00-135.00	113.25	135.00
900-999	168.50-171.00	169.81	171.00	800-899	173.00-185.00	176.08	185.00
800-899	155.00-173.00	164.71	177.50	700-799	165.00-175.50	171.31	175.50
700-799	171.00-214.00	191.43	214.00	600-699	159.00-190.00	173.96	190.00
600-699	185.00-216.00	202.10	226.00	500-599	170.00-201.00	189.02	209.00
500-599	190.00-243.00	215.87	243.00	400-499	155.00-198.00	176.36	215.00
400-499	190.00-231.00	208.41	237.50	300-399	179.00-227.00	205.30	22700
399-	204.00-240.00	223.00	240.00				

Stocker sale at Rainy River Cattlemen's Sale- Stratton: November 2, 2019 – 827 Stockers, 166 cows, 32 bulls

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	119.99-155.00	139.39	155.00	900+	69.99-141.99	91.80	167.99
900-999	155.00-167.50	163.19	167.50	800-899	83.49-84.49	83.99	164.99
800-899	150.00-187.00	171.50	187.00	700-799	144.99-169.99	164.10	169.99
700-799	150.00-188.99	178.60	188.99	600-699	153.00-197.50	177.49	197.50
600-699	154.00-222.00	191.50	222.00	500-599	150.00-183.00	173.19	183.00
500-599	132.49-239.00	197.19	239.00	400-499	135.00-245.00	191.22	245.00
400-499	139.99-241.99	207.79	241.99	300-399	139.99-210.99	180.80	210.99
399-	150.00-250.00	204.09	250.00	Bulls:			
Cows	45.00-79.90	66.50	79.90	1600 lbs -	83.99-188.99	131.60	210.00
				1600 lbs +	93.50-102.00	98.19	102.00

Stocker sale at Ontario Stockyards Inc, November 5, 2019- 1,057 stockers –All Vaccinated Stocker Sale!

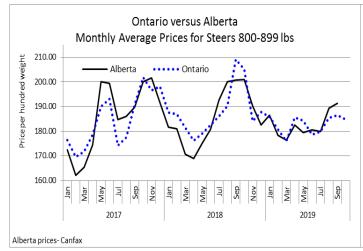
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	177.00-190.00	184.47	190.00	700-799	140.00-156.00	146.21	157.00
700-799	200.00-212.50	203.22	212.50	600-699	169.00-200.00	182.89	203.00
600-699	200.00-228.50	214.58	232.00	500-599	171.00-208.00	186.69	215.00
500-599	210.00-239.00	225.65	250.50	400-499	172.50-225.00	198.63	230.00
400-499	227.00-253.00	242.63	260.00	300-399	116.00-200.00	155.30	220.00
399-	177.50-250.00	204.80	270.00				

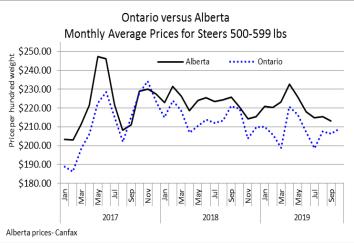
A good quality offering of vaccinated calves traded fully steady to stronger.

Stocker sale at Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn, November 6, 2019 – 891 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
800-899	145.00-194.00	184.27	194.00	700-799	127.00-174.00	155.97	174.00
700-799	190.00-217.50	204.68	217.50	600-699	155.00-205.00	190.43	212.50
600-699	205.00-230.50	218.48	236.00	500-599	162.50-219.00	198.30	225.00
500-599	215.00-242.00	230.15	256.00	400-499	162.50-219.00	189.28	221.00
400-499	215.00-252.00	237.90	254.00	300-399	100.00-273.50	197.59	273.50
399-	125.00-256.50	218.43	256.50				

Peterborough/Victoria County Certified Calf Sale- A good quality offering of cattle sold actively at higher prices.





ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Temiskaming Livestock Exchange, November 1, 2019, 2019- 78 Bred cows, 22 Cow calf pairs

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X				
Top quality bred cows	\$1150	N/T				
Avg quality bred cows	\$700-\$1100	N/T				
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1400	N/T				
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$900-\$1400	N/T				
Prices are per head & per pair.						

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Oct 19, 2019	Week ending Oct 12, 2019	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle	2,108	2,450	101,822
exported from Ontario to the U.S.			
Steers & Heifers & Cows	1,885	2,152	89,863
Bulls	223	298	11,959

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS - CANADA

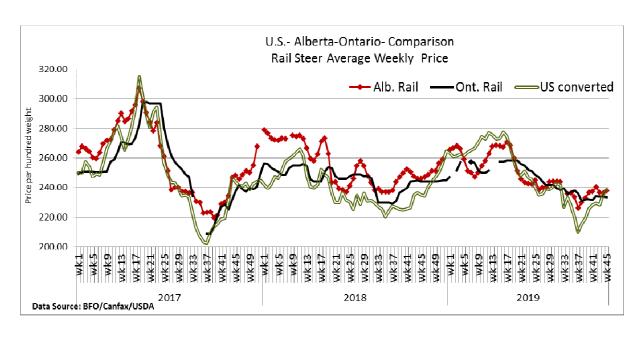
	Steers	Heifers
Nov 2, 2019	940	857
Oct 26, 2019	937	858
Nov 3, 2019	940	852

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending Nov 2, 2019	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	61,358	-3,823	2,675,624	-6%	+5%
Western Slaughter	42,287	-4,287	2,108,044	-8%	+6%
Eastern Slaughter	13,071	+464	567,580	+4%	+2%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago		
	November 7, 2019				
Grand Total	651,000	658,000	649,000		

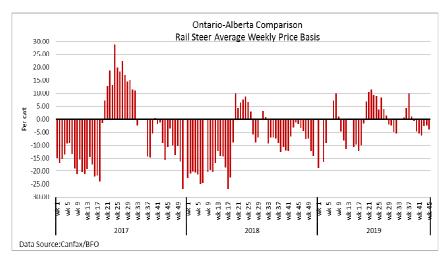


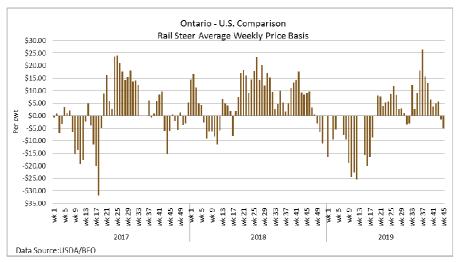
ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

For the week ending November 7, 2019

 Steers
 Live FOB
 N/T
 Rail FOB
 236.00-239.50

 Heifers
 Live FOB
 140.40
 Rail FOB
 235.50-239.50





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

For the week ending November 7, 2019

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 113.00-116.00

Current Five Day Average:

EU-28 (beef/veal total)

Total

Rail 177.00-182.00

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

For the week ending November 7, 2019

Price

Change from Last Week
+0.64

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
October 25, 2019	2.7637	2.5211
October 18, 2019	2.7648	2.4488
October 11, 2019	2.7491	2.4721

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

 Choice
 Select

 600-900
 600-900

 235.90
 210.45

BEEF EXPORTS - CANADA

	United States Jan 1- Sep 30	Change from last year YTD	Mexico Jan 1- Sep 30	Change from last year YTD
Total	239,231 tonnes	+8% or +18,375 tonnes	10,476 tonnes	+5% or +513 tonnes
	Japan	Change from last year YTD	China	Change from last year YTD
	Jan 1- Sep 30		Jan 1- Sep 30	
Total	37,652 tonnes	+59% or +13,940 tonnes	11,475 tonnes	+103% or +5,828 tonnes

The Beef Supply at a Glance Report notes: "China has resumed imports of Canadian meat products as of November 5 following the suspension on June 25, however the Statistics Canada trade data has reported beef exports to China during this period. AAFC is working with the Canada Border Services Agency to review these transactions. It is possible that some shipments intended to be exported were entered into the Canadian Automated Export Declaration system, but were not cancelled when the border closed. Corrections (if required) will take some time."

LIVE CATTLE - CANADA

		LI	VE CAII	LE – CANADA		
IMPORTS		Import % change from 2018 YTD	EXPORTS			Export % change from 2018 YTD
Jan 1- Sep	30			Jan 1- Oct 26, 2019		
Pure bred	3,706	-15%	Slaught	er steers & heifers & cows	380,202	+21%
Non-pure bred	154,078	+37%	Fe	eeder cattle & calves	172,922	+1%
				Bulls	37,525	-1%
		BEEF P	RODUCT	TION – CANADA		
		Jan 1 – Nov	v 2/19	Last Year Same Time	% Chai	nge
	Fed	897,576 to	onnes	834,090 tonnes	+8%	ó
	Non-fed	144,423 to	onnes	142,986 tonnes	+1%	
		BEEF	IMPOR	TS – CANADA		
		Jan 1 – Nov 2	2/19	Last Year Same Time	% C	`hange
United	d States	91,166 tonr	nes	102,540 tonnes	-:	11%
Non-C	CUSMA	30,490 tonr	nes	42,609 tonnes	-2	28%

1.828 tonnes

154,444 tonnes

+148%

-14%

4,525 tonnes

132,920 tonnes

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Ca	attle		Feede	r Cattle		Corn			Soyb	eans		Cana	dian \$	
Dec	119.25	+0.25	Nov	147.00	+0.22	Dec	3.772	+2.0	Nov	9.194	-5.4	Spot	75.59	-0.26
Feb	125.02	+0.17	Jan	145.87	+0.10	Mar	3.864	+2.6	Jan	9.310	-5.4	Dec	75.60	-0.26
Apr	126.10	+0.25	Mar	145.50	+0.00	May	3.934	+2.4	Mar	9.440	-4.6	Mar	75.63	-0.26
Jun	118.27	+0.32	Apr	146.82	+0.02	Jul	3.996	+2.0	May	9.554	-4.6	Jun	75.64	-0.26
Aug	115.77	+0.12	May	147.35	-0.10	Sep	3.962	+1.4	Jul	9.660	-4.6	Sep	75.64	-0.24
Oct	116.85	+0.27	Aug	151.85	-0.27	Dec	4.010	+1.4	Aug	9.692	-4.6	Dec	75.63	-0.23

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UPCOMING FALL STOCKER AND FEEDER SALES

Nov 9	1:00 pm	Maple Hill Auctions Ltd	Bred Heifer Sale
Nov 13	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	KLC Stocker Sale
Nov 15	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Grass & Yard Yearling Sale
Nov 16	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Stockers & Bred Cow, Cow/Calf Sale
Nov 19	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	All Vaccinated Stocker Sale
Nov 20	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria County Stocker Sale
Nov 20	7:00 pm	Brussels Livestock	Bred Cow, Cow/Calf Pair Sale
Nov 22	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Calf Sale – owner lots.
Nov 23	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Special Bred Cow, Cow/Calf Sale
Nov 27	2:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Fall Stocker Sale
Nov 27	7:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Bred Cow Sale
Nov 29	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Stocker Sale
Nov 29	5:00 pm	Keady Livestock Market	Special Bred Heifer & Cow Sale

Comments for the week ending November 7, 2019

There were a few less fed cattle sold through auction markets this week, totaling 682 head down 57 from last week but still 309 above year ago volumes. Fed steers traded from \$121.00-\$137.39 averaging \$131.47 up \$0.63 from last week but \$1.99 below year ago prices. Fed heifers traded from \$116.69-\$135.18 averaging \$126.95 up \$4.52 from last week, but \$1.01 lower than this time last year. Auction markets reported prices as steady, with one market noting sales \$2.00-\$3.00 easier with little demand. By Wednesday, trade was active at steady prices but ended the week selling \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt lower.

The Ontario railgrade market, was light with a few sales noted at \$235.00-\$236.00 dressed, steady to last week. Cattle are still being placed on waiting lists and plants are working extra to help keep cattle moving.

Lighter volumes of cull/fed cows came to market this week at 2,782 head, down 178 from last week but 34 more than this time last year. Cows traded from \$39.19-\$57.56 with a weekly weighted average price of \$48.01 down \$4.64 from last week and just \$1.68 higher than last year at this time. Auction market reports started under pressure at barely steady to easier prices, with little demand, and one market noting sales down \$5.00-\$10.00 cwt. As the week progressed, trade was reported at much lower prices, but ended the week holding steady.

9,378 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week with several special vaccinated stocker sales included. This week's volume is up 510 head from last week and 2,194 more than the same week last year. Auction markets reported calves as trading actively at steady prices, with light weight calves active and steady to stronger, with heifers slightly higher. Medium quality calves were steady. Yearlings were reported as active with prices \$5.00-\$10.00 cwt higher to start, but as the week progressed sales were holding steady on strong demand. By Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs down \$9.56

from last week, 500-600 lbs down \$9.57, 600-700 lbs down \$2.72, 700-800 lbs down \$0.67, 800-900 lbs down \$5.18, 900-1000 lbs down \$0.31 and steers 1000 lbs and over averaged \$6.23 stronger than last week on average. Heifers 300-400 lbs were down \$13.08 from last week on average, 400-500 down \$2.56, 500-600 lbs down 1.76, 600-700 lbs up \$0.44, 700-800 lbs up \$8.76, 800-900 lbs up \$9.44 and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$10.35 stronger than last week's weighted average prices.

The Quebec electronic market this week ranged from \$230.50-\$233.00 cwt dressed, up \$0.64 from last week's weighted average price.

Alberta direct trade was light to moderate on Wednesday with Canfax reporting sales from \$239.00-\$240.00 delivered on a dressed basis, which is up \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt from last week. On Thursday, Canfax reported trade as light with prices steady to \$3.00 higher from \$237.00-\$241.00 delivered on a dressed basis. Canfax reports: "Some cattle that traded this week would not be picked up until the first and second week in December. Cash to futures basis levels did weaken, basis levels are at their weakest point since March. Some cattle will be carried over into next week."

The US cash cattle trade for the week ending November 1st, continued to trend higher. Business in the south ranged from \$110.00-\$114.00 live, mostly \$112.00 up \$2.00 from the previous week. In the north live trade on Friday afternoon was from \$113.00-\$116.00 live and \$175.00-\$181.00 dressed, mostly \$180.00 up \$5.00 from last week. For the week, the USDA Mandatory Price Report listed live sales from \$110.00-\$115.95 with steers and heifers averaging \$113.03, up \$2.90 for steers and \$3.00 for heifers. On the rail dressed prices ranged from \$173.00-\$181.00, with steers averaging \$179.39 up \$4.83 and heifers \$179.17 up \$4.20.

This week, the US cash cattle trade was fairly quiet to start, with just a couple of deals early week in the north at \$177.00 and \$182.00 dressed, but not enough to establish any kind of market trend for the week. At the Fed Cattle Exchange online auction Wednesday morning, there were 547 head on offer, in 6 lots with delivery in 1-9 days. One lot in Texas asking \$113.00 received bids up to \$114.00 live, but the seller passed the bids. Another lot in Kansas asking \$113.00 received a bids of \$113.00 but the seller also passed. Bids were up \$1.00-\$2.00 from last week's online market but steady to last week's trade. The remaining four lots were all asking \$117.00 live, but no bids were offered and all cattle on offer, were left unsold. On the cash market Wednesday, a couple of head sold at \$113.00 live in Nebraska, steady to last week, but not enough to establish a trade. Thursday a moderate trade in the north ranged from \$177.00-\$182.00 dressed, mostly \$181.00-\$182.00 up \$1.00-\$2.00 from last week, while the south was very quiet. Today, (Friday am) the Fed Cattle Exchange online auction held a special sale with 1,684 head on offer, in 14 lots with delivery in 1-9 days. One lot asking \$114.00 live sold for \$115.00, while two lots asking \$113.00 live, received bids of \$113.00 but sellers passed. The remaining 11 lots were asking anywhere from \$114.00-\$120.00 live, but received no bids leaving the cattle unsold. On the cash market today, trade has surfaced in the south at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger than last week from \$114.00 -\$115.00 live. A light test in the north is noted at \$116.00 live, with a few at \$114.00, steady to \$2.00 higher than last week, with dressed bids from \$180.00-\$182.00, steady to Thursday's higher trade. Asking prices are holding firm from \$116.00-\$117.00 live in the south and \$184.00-\$185.00 dressed in the north, but it appears the bulk of trade has been completed.