



## Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday August 20, 2020

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:

<b>A Grade Steers</b>	245.00
<b>A Grade Heifers</b>	244.00-245.00

### 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
<b>Large Frame Steers +1250</b>	89	138.69-151.63	144.40	170.00	145.98
<b>Medium Frame Steers +1250</b>	125	135.65-150.66	145.24	179.00	142.93
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Steers +1250</b>	212	136.51-151.39	144.99	179.00	143.90
<b>Large Frame Heifers +1000</b>	47	135.37-150.56	144.20	165.00	145.54
<b>Medium Frame Heifers +1000</b>	178	128.14-149.09	139.02	168.00	140.01
<b>Large &amp; Medium Frame Heifers +1000</b>	225	127.40-150.09	140.29	168.00	142.59
<b>Fed steers, Dairy &amp; Dairy Cross +1250</b>	94	100.70-119.01	110.80	135.50	116.39
<b>Fed heifers, Dairy &amp; Dairy Cross +1000</b>	91	88.80-112.34	100.09	137.00	101.43
<b>Cows - All Weights</b>	2013	62.57-95.24	78.15	135.00	82.47
<b>Bulls - All Weights</b>	113	95.69-122.85	109.26	165.89	112.68

### STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
<b>1000+</b>	754	165.89-189.06	178.11	191.50	178.01
<b>900-999</b>	471	176.69-196.91	187.44	201.50	187.71
<b>800-899</b>	214	176.12-199.28	192.37	208.00	183.54
<b>700-799</b>	230	174.11-214.83	199.35	230.00	195.46
<b>600-699</b>	236	181.22-237.14	210.57	247.00	207.79
<b>500-599</b>	216	185.45-237.37	217.19	248.00	222.06
<b>400-499</b>	125	191.56-256.82	227.03	279.00	242.64
<b>-399</b>	74	153.70-242.18	204.06	300.00	234.12

  

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
<b>+900</b>	293	154.21-172.86	165.41	179.00	153.12
<b>800-899</b>	172	160.83-175.70	168.33	191.00	160.74
<b>700-799</b>	261	169.51-188.50	180.57	197.00	172.34
<b>600-699</b>	206	157.29-194.81	179.30	220.00	175.16
<b>500-599</b>	138	146.98-206.19	182.22	226.00	195.31
<b>400-499</b>	112	171.05-211.83	194.35	235.00	190.64
<b>300-399</b>	35	156.69-201.73	179.41	237.50	190.58
<b>-299</b>	4	219.00-219.00	219.00	229.99	-

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, August 15, 2020 – 23 fed cattle, 141 cows, 10 bulls, 29 veal, 23 stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
<b>Fed Steers 1250 lbs plus</b>	150.00-151.50	150.71	151.50
<b>Cows</b>	70.00-105.00	82.67	121.00
<b>Veal calves 125 lbs or less</b>	25.00-225.00	73.76	225.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., August 18, 2020: 263 Fed Cattle, 44 Veal, 58 Cows, 6 bulls, 7 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	137.50-152.00	147.85	179.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	131.25-151.00	141.94	168.00
Cows	60.00-93.00	74.63	106.00
Veal over 600 lbs	105.00-115.00	110.68	129.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: August 19, 2020 - 46 veal, 146 Cows, 37 fed cattle, 16 stockers, 5 bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000+ lbs	81.00-121.50	102.00	121.50
Cows	53.00-104.49	80.90	104.49
Veal over 600 lbs	91.00-143.99	116.19	143.99

### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: August 14, 2020 – 1,137 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	159.25-189.00	177.54	189.00	900+	158.00-174.75	168.44	178.00
900-999	179.00-196.00	186.07	197.25	800-899	158.00-174.00	166.77	183.50
800-899	174.00-206.00	199.54	206.00	700-799	175.00-191.00	184.03	191.00
700-799	159.00-215.00	198.05	217.50	600-699	165.00-195.00	182.39	195.00
600-699	187.00-230.50	212.04	230.50	500-599	170.00-198.00	185.00	198.00
500-599	206.00-236.75	224.07	243.00	400-499	192.00-224.00	206.19	231.00
400-499	237.00-279.00	263.18	279.00				

Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: August 18, 2020 – 98 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	132.00-233.99	188.59	233.99	600-699	135.00-180.00	167.59	180.00
500-599	164.99-247.50	228.39	247.50	500-599	119.99-214.99	171.10	214.99

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock Market: August 18, 2020 – 339 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	178.50-190.50	185.97	190.50	800-899	191.00-191.00	191.00	191.00
900-999	167.00-201.50	191.69	201.50	700-799	197.00-197.00	197.00	197.00
800-899	200.00-206.00	202.37	206.00	600-699	201.00-218.00	208.50	218.00
700-799	208.25-230.00	216.33	230.00	400-499	201.00-211.00	210.17	235.00

Stocker sale at: Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: August 18, 2020 – 211 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	200.99-216.00	211.60	216.00	700-799	142.50-182.00	167.19	182.00
600-699	132.49-235.99	201.60	235.99	600-699	130.00-189.50	175.89	189.50
500-599	170.99-245.99	226.79	245.99	500-599	110.00-204.99	171.39	204.99
400-499	167.99-277.00	238.09	277.00	400-499	139.99-210.99	178.49	210.99
1000+	174.75-189.00	180.36	189.00	700-799	Too Few Sold		
900-999	190.75-190.75	190.75	190.75				
800-899	199.75-199.75	199.75	199.75				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 19, 2020- 710** stockers

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	170.50-191.50	180.48	191.50	<b>900+</b>	161.00-175.00	168.64	175.00
<b>900-999</b>	184.00-197.00	188.86	197.00	<b>800-899</b>	168.00-181.00	174.82	181.00
<b>800-899</b>	184.00-196.50	188.29	196.50	<b>700-799</b>	173.00-185.00	183.56	185.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: August 20, 2020 – 267** Stockers

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	152.50-159.00	155.38	159.00	<b>800-899</b>	149.00-167.50	155.60	170.00
<b>800-899</b>	145.00-167.50	155.94	206.00	<b>700-799</b>	142.50-170.00	156.10	170.00
<b>700-799</b>	169.00-217.00	197.00	217.00	<b>600-699</b>	112.50-182.50	148.47	199.00
<b>600-699</b>	175.00-234.00	203.55	234.00	<b>500-599</b>	140.00-177.50	166.54	202.50
<b>500-599</b>	167.50-227.50	197.97	247.50	<b>400-499</b>	155.00-192.50	182.27	192.50
<b>400-499</b>	187.50-255.00	227.89	255.00	<b>300-399</b>	172.50-210.00	191.88	210.00
<b>399-</b>	80.00-250.00	164.09	290.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: August 20, 2020 – 540** Stockers

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	102.50-153.00	122.73	177.50	<b>900+</b>	105.00-179.00	154.13	179.00
<b>900-999</b>	163.00-197.50	179.87	197.50	<b>800-899</b>	160.00-181.00	172.49	184.50
<b>800-899</b>	161.00-204.50	194.40	204.50	<b>700-799</b>	172.50-196.00	185.04	196.00
<b>700-799</b>	190.00-218.00	203.40	226.50	<b>600-699</b>	172.00-212.00	194.93	217.00
<b>600-699</b>	199.00-247.00	219.38	247.00	<b>500-599</b>	170.00-226.00	204.93	226.00
<b>500-599</b>	180.00-238.00	207.80	248.00	<b>400-499</b>	182.00-232.00	209.44	235.00
<b>400-499</b>	172.50-260.00	208.62	261.00				
<b>-399</b>	150.00-230.00	196.06	300.00				

### **CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending August 1, 2020</b>	<b>Week ending July 25, 2020</b>	<b>Year to Date 2020</b>
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>79,933</b>
<b>Steers &amp; Heifers &amp; Cows</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>71,738</b>
<b>Bulls</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>8,195</b>

### **ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

For the week ending August 20, 2020

<b>Steers</b>	Live FOB	138.00	Rail FOB	227.75-233.50
<b>Heifers</b>	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	228.50-233.50

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

For the week ending August 20, 2020

<b>Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:</b>	Live	106.00-107.00
	Rail	169.00

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

	<b>Price</b>	<b>Change from Last Week</b>
For the week ending August 20, 2020	246.25-249.00	+4.03

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING**

	Week Ending Aug 15, 2020	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
<b>Grand Total</b>	59,905	+6,196	1,847,364	+10%	-7%
<b>Western Slaughter</b>	54,071	+4,667	1,431,734	+9%	-7%
<b>Eastern Slaughter</b>	12,030	+1,530	415,630	+15%	-4%

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Aug 15, 2020</b>	908	830
<b>Aug 8, 2020</b>	904	804
<b>Aug 17, 2019</b>	915	827

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME**

	Week Ending Aug 22, 2020	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	652,000	640,000	657,000

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
March 20, 2020	3.0139	2.9703
March 13, 2020	2.7211	2.6818
March 6, 2020	2.7207	2.6643

Please note that Canfax & CBGA have been making some changes and has resulted in a delay in information. Prices have been updated until March 20, 2020. Further updates should be available soon.

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Current Five Day Average:</b>	220.15	203.57

**BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA**

	<b>United States</b> Jan 1- Jun 30/20	Change from last year YTD	<b>Mexico</b> Jan 1- Jun 30/20	Change from last year YTD
<b>Total</b>	141,871 tonnes	-9% or -13,642 tonnes	5,494 tonnes	-24% or -1,755 tonnes
	<b>Japan</b> Jan 1- Jun 30/20	Change from last year YTD	<b>China</b> Jan 1- Jun 30/20	Change from last year YTD
<b>Total</b>	20,290 tonnes	-10% or -2,332 tonnes	3,961 tonnes	-65% or -7,298 tonnes

**LIVE CATTLE – CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		Import % change from 2019 YTD	<b>EXPORTS</b>		Export % change from 2019 YTD
Jan 1- Jun 30/20			Jan 1- Aug 1/20		
Pure bred	1,719	-16%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	300,971	+9%
Non-pure bred	104,780	+14%	Feeder cattle & calves	76,484	-50%
			Bulls	24,074	-2%

**BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA**

	Jan 1 – Aug 15/20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	629,550 tonnes	652,263 tonnes	-3%
<b>Non-fed</b>	88,832 tonnes	111,848 tonnes	-21%

### BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	Jan 1 – Aug 15/20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	73,131 tonnes	67,798 tonnes	+8%
Non-CUSMA	34,308 tonnes	27,707 tonnes	+24%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	8,436 tonnes	1,894 tonnes	+345%
Total	123,136 tonnes	102,591 tonnes	+20%

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$	
Aug	105.80 -1.22	Aug	142.92 -0.50	Sep	3.270 +2.4	Sep	9.006 -2.2	Spot	75.81 -0.05
Oct	108.55 -1.22	Sep	144.85 -0.97	Dec	3.404 +1.2	Nov	9.046 -0.4	Sep	75.82 -0.05
Dec	111.77 -1.07	Oct	145.27 -1.10	Mar	3.530 +0.6	Jan	9.112 -0.4	Dec	75.83 -0.05
Feb	114.62 -1.02	Nov	145.50 -1.27	May	3.604 +0.2	Mar	9.134 -0.2	Mar	75.85 -0.05
Apr	116.45 -0.82	Jan	143.42 -1.20	Jul	3.654 -0.4	May	9.170 -0.2	Jun	75.84 -0.06
Jun	109.82 -0.80	Mar	142.25 -1.02	Sep	3.672 -0.2	Jul	9.230 +0.0	Sep	75.82 -0.05

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### Comments for the week ending August 20<sup>th</sup>

There were slightly higher receipts of fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week at 437 head, up 126 from last week and 68 more than the same time last year. Fed steers ranged from \$136.51-\$151.39 averaging \$144.99 up \$1.09 from last week and \$6.03 above year ago prices. Fed heifers ranged from \$127.40-\$150.09 with a weekly weighted average of \$140.29 down \$2.30 from last week but \$10.86 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as active with prices \$1.00-\$3.00 higher mid-week. Trade continued strong through to Thursday.

Ontario railgrade prices were consistent with last weeks prices. The previous Friday was steady at \$245.00 dressed for steers and \$244.00-\$245.00 for heifers. From Monday to Wednesday this week sales were sitting at \$245.00 dressed for steers and \$244.00-\$245.00 for heifers. This week's average price is the same as last week and \$8.75-\$9.00 stronger than last year at this time.

Slightly higher receipts of 2,013 fed/cull cows sold through auction markets this week up 92 from last week and 92 fewer than this time last year. Cows sold from \$62.57-\$95.24 averaging \$78.15 down \$4.32 from last week and yet \$2.48 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade on a strong demand with prices steady and towards the end of the week selling slightly easier.

There were 3,541 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week, numbers were 998 higher than last week and fairly steady to last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as fully steady with active, strong demand. Yearlings traded actively at steady prices. Good demand on the market. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs down \$15.61 from last week on average, 500-600 lbs down \$4.87, 600-700 lbs up \$2.78, 700-800 lbs up \$3.89, 800-900 lbs up \$8.83, and steers 900 lbs and over averaged \$1.62 higher. Heifers 400-500 lbs were up \$3.71 from last week, 500-600 lbs down \$13.09, 600-700 lbs up \$4.14, 700-800 lbs up \$8.23, and heifers 800 lbs and over averaged \$10.58 higher than last week.

The Quebec electronic market for this week ranged from \$246.25-\$249.00 dressed, up \$4.03 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade for the week was reported by Canfax with rail prices from \$227.75-\$233.50, steers averaged \$229.58 up \$1.53 on average from the previous week while heifers averaged \$229.58 as well up \$1.99 from the previous week. Live prices were reported at \$138.00 for steers.

The US cash cattle trade for this week saw trade Tues through to Thursday with live cattle selling mostly from \$106.00 to \$107.00 live up \$2.00-\$3.00 higher from last week. Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fed Cattle Exchange online auction, there were 1,462 head on offer, in 9 lots with delivery in 1-17 days. One lot sold at \$106.75. Dressed trade was reported at selling mostly for \$169.00 which is \$1.00 higher than last week.

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Comments for the week ending August 13<sup>th</sup>***