

## Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday May 20, 2021

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** 252.00-255.00- majority 255.00

**A Grade Heifers** 251.00-255.00- majority 254.00-255.00

### **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	85	141.98-154.07	149.03	165.00	147.09
Medium Frame Steers +1250	96	137.08-152.5 6	145.76	157.50	144.06
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	181	138.25-153.75	147.21	165.00	147.25
Large Frame Heifers +1000	103	143.36-152.71	148.47	164.00	147.95
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	64	124.92-151.83	139.52	178.50	146.83
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	167	135.38-152.10	145.39	178.50	146.86
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	57	108.68-125.21	117.34	143.00	111.29
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	79	86.76-111.12	100.68	143.00	97.92
Cows - All Weights	1,943	70.18-95.88	81.53	121.99	77.89
Bulls - All Weights	105	93.09-113.39	102.95	181.80	94.26

## **STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame**

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	741	152.14-166.73	160.20	171.50	157.08
900-999	627	163.93-176.43	170.60	181.25	166.57
800-899	431	170.27-184.03	178.09	192.00	174.77
700-799	390	162.44-203.84	188.37	216.00	196.13
600-699	425	181.92-225.01	205.03	237.00	211.12
500-599	376	180.25-232.80	214.00	245.00	229.64
400-499	146	198.05-247.17	221.86	271.00	234.30
-399	73	151.07-236.29	195.27	458.00	218.49

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	275	130.39-150.72	141.90	157.00	137.93
800-899	189	139.08-162.51	152.72	176.00	148.95
700-799	402	151.65-185.22	170.53	199.50	164.93
600-699	442	151.74-188.46	173.50	206.00	178.28
500-599	351	154.60-209.22	184.34	228.00	195.52
400-499	150	164.32-213.11	192.94	232.00	200.00
300-399	33	169.53-204.88	189.83	230.00	169.63
-299	14	125.75-142.43	134.93	212.50	N/T

# At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, May 15, 2021 – 8 fed cattle, 204 cows, 12 bulls, 45 veal, 37 stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Тор
Cows	77.00-100.00	84.82	121.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	75.00-113.00	93.09	113.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	98.00-113.00	105.93	113.00
Veal 600 lbs +	102.00-127.00	109.64	130.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	60.00-420.00	148.99	420.00

## Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., May 18, 2021: 164 Fed Cattle, 12 Veal, 60 Cows, 2 Bulls, 4 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Тор
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	146.50-156.00	151.10	165.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	136.00-155.25	149.69	178.50
Cows	73.00-93.00	81.28	101.00
Veal over 600 lbs	100.00-113.00	109.20	149.00

### At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: May 19, 2021 – 37 veal, 158 Cows, 40 fed cattle, 15 stockers, 3 bulls

	Price Range	Average	Гор
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	83.99-116.50	113.19	116.50
Cows	62.50-103.00	80.50	103.00
Veal over 600 lbs	91.00-144.99	114.59	144.99

### **ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: May 14, 2021 – 1,201 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	144.00-158.00	151.91	170.00	900+	135.00-151.50	144.55	154.50
900-999	162.00-177.00	169.86	181.00	800-899	143.00-162.00	151.49	162.00
800-899	170.50-180.00	175.08	182.00	700-799	151.00-183.00	168.68	183.00
700-799	175.00-206.00	193.09	206.00	600-699	166.00-192.50	179.34	206.00
600-699	191.00-224.00	206.32	224.00	500-599	161.00-216.00	194.76	216.00
500-599	188.00-231.00	216.13	243.00	400-499	125.00-190.00	161.33	228.00
400-499	207.00-230.00	218.57	250.00				
399-	155.00-251.00	227.57	251.00				

### Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: May 18, 2021 – 173 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	120.99-182.00	151.69	182.00	600-699	92.50-164.99	143.59	164.99
600-699	160.00-214.99	177.89	214.99	500-599	123.99-197.99	173.19	197.99
500-599	117.50-232.50	189.70	232.50	400-499	125.00-189.99	174.90	189.99
400-499	180.00-257.50	225.80	257.50				

### Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock Market: May 18, 2021 – 1,117 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	164.50-170.00	169.15	170.00	900+	92.00-148.00	120.81	148.00
900-999	168.50-179.25	173.96	181.25	800-899	154.00-165.00	160.80	165.00
800-899	180.00-189.00	184.37	189.00	700-799	180.00-199.50	858.64	199.50
700-799	175.00-213.50	200.90	215.00	600-699	170.00-198.00	184.13	198.00
600-699	197.00-237.00	219.29	237.00	500-599	168.00-207.50	193.43	217.00
500-599	210.00-240.00	231.11	240.00	400-499	180.00-225.00	210.23	225.00
400-499	224.00-247.50	237.40	247.50				

## Stocker sale at: Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: May 18, 2021 – 381 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	142.99-161.49	157.29	161.49	800-899	119.99-176.00	161.09	176.00
900-999	160.00-168.99	167.10	168.99	700-799	105.00-189.99	163.30	189.99
800-899	158.00-182.00	177.69	182.00	600-699	105.00-200.99	168.90	200.99
700-799	146.99-194.99	183.40	194.99	500-599	112.50-220.00	165.50	220.00
600-699	137.50-216.00	185.29	216.00	400-499	167.99-198.99	179.20	198.99
500-599	135.00-222.99	209.79	222.99				
400-499	132.49-229.99	199.59	229.99				
399-	155.00-200.00	169.19	250.00				

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	157.00-171.50	164.48	171.50	900+	147.00-156.00	153.04	156.00
900-999	167.00-180.00	171.78	180.00				
800-899	169.00-185.00	180.52	185.00				

### Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: May 20, 2021 – 267 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
900-999	112.50-147.00	136.50	147.00	800-899	123.00-151.00	139.03	151.00
800-899	147.50-176.00	163.59	176.00	700-799	110.00-140.00	127.61	159.00
700-799	147.50-192.50	165.77	192.50	600-699	112.50-172.00	153.63	172.00
600-699	160.00-224.00	203.22	224.00	500-599	145.00-182.00	160.50	182.00
500-599	145.00-195.00	174.50	220.00	400-499	110.00-160.00	135.83	172.50

### Stocker sale at: Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 20, 2021- 973 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	148.00-168.00	159.98	168.00	900+	121.00-147.00	135.75	157.00
900-999	153.00-170.00	162.76	176.00	800-899	138.00-165.00	153.57	165.00
800-899	159.00-190.00	176.35	192.00	700-799	144.00-193.00	170.88	193.00
700-799	165.00-216.00	194.42	216.00	600-699	154.00-183.00	171.03	193.00
600-699	189.00-224.00	205.97	227.00	500-599	167.50-218.00	191.21	228.00
500-599	192.50-240.00	218.56	245.00	400-499	182.50-232.00	209.33	232.00
400-499	215.00-257.00	231.03	257.00	300-399	150.00-230.00	201.73	230.00
399-	200.00-247.50	236.04	247.50				

### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES

Stocker sale at Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, May 19, 2021- 240 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
700-799	190.00-195.00	191.86	195.00	700-799	130.00-164.00	152.81	164.00
600-699	173.00-229.00	216.02	229.00	600-699	166.50-187.50	177.75	187.50
500-599	199.00-238.00	220.73	238.00	500-599	185.00-206.00	198.42	206.00
400-499	207.50-271.00	235.12	271.00	400-499	165.00-217.50	195.81	217.50
399-	180.00-235.00	206.74	235.00	300-399	202.50-225.00	207.73	225.00

Grass stockers sold actively on a good demand.

### **CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending May 1, 2021	Week ending Apr 24, 2021	Year to Date 2021
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,474	2,570	50,078
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,291	2,319	47,666
Bulls	183	251	2,412

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

Price Change from Last Week

For the week ending May 13, 2021 257.50-259.75 +2.98

#### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

### Alberta's direct trade:

Steers	Live <b>FOB</b>	161.00-165.00	Rail <b>FOB</b>	271.50-272.50
Heifers	Live <b>FOB</b>	N/T	Rail <b>FOB</b>	272.50

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

#### The U.S. cash cattle trade:

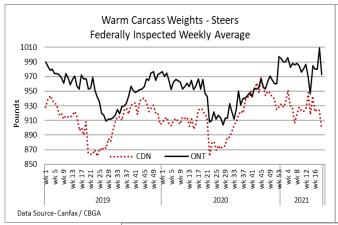
Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 118.00-122.00
Rail 188.00-193.00

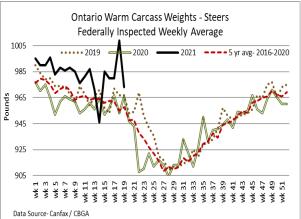
#### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

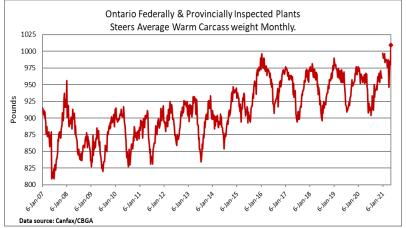
	Week Ending May 15, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
<b>Grand Total</b>	60,861	+532	1,165,069	+1%	+18%
Western Slaughter	47,785	+949	908,407	+1%	+21%
Eastern Slaughter	13,076	-417	256,662	-3%	+6%

### **AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS - CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
May 15, 2021	900	837
May 8, 2021	924	853
May 9, 2020	925	841







### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

 Week Ending
 Previous Week
 Year Ago

 May 22, 2021
 669,000
 640,000
 572,000

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

	Choice	Select	
	600-900	600-900	
Current Five Day Average	321.49	298.09	

#### **BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA**

	<b>United States</b> Jan 1- Mar 30/21	Change from last year YTD	<b>Mexico</b> Jan 1- Mar 30/21	Change from last year YTD
Total	75,556 tonnes	+7% or +4,639 tonnes	5,865 tonnes	+54% or +2,054 tonnes
	Japan	Change from last year YTD	China	Change from last year YTD
	Jan 1- Mar 30/21		Jan 1- Mar 30/21	
Total	12,127 tonnes	+11% or +1,192 tonnes	3,740 tonnes	+46% or +1,174 tonnes

#### LIVE CATTLE - CANADA

IMPORTS Import % change from 2020 YTD Jan 1- Mar 30/21		,	<b>EXPORTS</b>		Export % change from 2020 YTD
		Jan 1- May 8/21	Jan 1- May 8/21		
Pure bred	3,512	+390%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	172,864	-4%
Non-pure bred	98,388	+76%	Feeder cattle & calves	30,908	-46%
			Bulls	10,249	-11%

#### **BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA**

	Jan 1 – May 15/21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	405,095 tonnes	327,868 tonnes	+24%
Non-fed	58,006 tonnes	58,934 tonnes	-2%

#### **BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA**

	Jan 1 – May 15/21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	38,040 tonnes	45,378 tonnes	-16%
Non-CUSMA	16,689 tonnes	20,481 tonnes	-19%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	4,167 tonnes	4,986 tonnes	-16%
Total	63,005 tonnes	74,373 tonnes	-15%

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle				Corn			Soyb	Soybeans			Canadian \$	
Jun	117.67	+1.07	May	137.22	+1.47	Jul	6.594	-5.0	July	15.262	-7.0	Spot	82.89	-0.02
Aug	120.92	+1.05	Aug	153.70	+2.62	Sep	5.732	-5.6	Aug	14.722	-8.0	Jun	82.89	-0.02
Oct	125.05	+0.70	Sep	154.90	+2.35	Dec	5.464	-5.4	Sep	13.966	-7.4	Sep	82.89	-0.02
Dec	128.60	+0.60	Oct	155.70	+1.97	Mar	5.532	-5.0	Nov	13.604	-7.2	Dec	82.89	-0.02
Feb	131.40	+0.50	Nov	156.05	+1.47	May	5.556	-5.4	Jan	13.602	-7.0	Mar	82.89	-0.03
Apr	132.87	+0.42	Jan	153.97	+1.20	Jul	5.542	-6.0	Mar	13.354	-8.2	Jun	82.88	-0.02
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#### ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

May 26	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Stocker Sale
May 26	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Stocker Sale- All Breeds
May 26	7:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Bred Cows Sale
May 27	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special All Vaccinated Stocker Sale

### Comments for the week ending May 20th

With the good weather this week there were fewer cattle marketed as producers concentrated on getting crops in. There were just 348 fed cattle sold through auctions this week down 194 head from last week and 26 fewer than the same week last year. Fed steers traded from \$138.25-\$153.75 averaging \$147.21 down \$0.04 from last week and \$6.61 above year ago prices. Fed heifers traded from \$135.38-\$152.10 averaging \$145.39 down \$1.47 from the previous week but \$6.68 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as firm and fully steady to \$2.00-\$3.00 cwt higher. The market ended the week with light receipts selling steady.

Ontario railgrade prices the previous Friday were very limited and holding steady to the week's trade at \$252.00 dressed for steers and \$251.00-\$252.00 for heifers. But, from Monday of this week on, prices improved with trade reported at \$255.00 dressed for steers and \$254.00-\$255.00 for heifers which is up \$3.00 from the previous Friday and averaging \$14.25 higher than the same time last year. Producers reported that the cattle they sold this week were for delivery the first week in June.

The Ontario carcass weight for steers reported by Canfax and the CBGA at federally inspected plants, for the week ending May 8<sup>th</sup>, was 1,009 lbs up 29 lbs from the previous week and was the largest weekly average weight reported since data collection began in 2007. Carcass weights for heifers were at 870 lbs, down 20 lbs from the week before. But, by May 15<sup>th</sup> steer carcass weights had declined to 973 lbs down 36 lbs from the record high weights noted the week before and the second lowest carcass weight on a weekly basis in 2021. Heifer carcass weights also declined that week to 865 lbs, down 5 lbs from the week ending May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fully steady receipts of cull cows sold stronger this week with 1,943 head sold through auction markets, but 315 fewer than the same time last year, noting a few more beef cows moving the last couple of weeks. Year to date there have been 52,144 cows sold through auctions, down 1.4% from the same time last year but 7.4% more than this time in 2019. Cows sold from \$70.18-\$95.88 averaging \$81.53 cwt, up \$3.64 from last week and \$8.04 above year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trade on good demand with prices reported as stronger, mainly \$2.00-\$3.00 higher and up by \$5.00-\$7.00 in spots.

Lighter receipts of 5,065 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week down 1,881 head from last week and 140 fewer than the same time last year. Auction markets reported calves as barely steady to start but as the week progressed trade was steady to selectively steady with quality considered. Heavier cattle started out slightly stronger than the week before. As the week progressed trade was under pressure, but from Wednesday on the market on the heavy cattle was steady to stronger. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs average \$12.44 lower, 500-600 lbs down \$15.64, 600-700 lbs down \$6.09, 700-800 lbs down \$7.76, 800-900 lbs up \$3.32, 900-1000 lbs up \$4.03 and steers 1000 lbs and over averaged \$3.12 stronger than last week. Heifers 300-400 lbs were up \$20.20 on average from last week on very light receipts, while 400-500 lb heifers were down \$7.06, 500-600 lbs down \$11.18, 600-700 lbs down \$4.78, 700-800 lbs up \$5.60, 800-900 lbs up \$3.77 and heifers 900 lbs and over were up \$3.97 from last week on average.

The Quebec electronic market on Wednesday sold from \$257.50-\$259.75 cwt dressed FOB, up \$2.98 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade this week was noted by Canfax as slightly smaller than last week in volume. Trade was reported \$273.00-\$274.00 delivered on a dressed basis, steady to last week. Canfax reports that cattle that sold this week are for delivery the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>.

The U.S. cash cattle trade for the week ending May 14th was light to moderate with dressed heifer trade very light. Prices for the week reported by the USDA Mandatory Price report saw live trade range from \$118.50-\$122.00, with steers averaging \$119.73 up \$1.73 from the previous week, while heifers averaged \$119.82 up \$1.62. On the rail trade ranged from \$188.00-\$192.00 dressed with steers averaging \$190.49 up \$1.96 and heifers \$191.25 up \$2.62.

This week the US cash trade has been light to moderate from Tuesday to Thursday and it appears the bulk of trade is completed. Business in the south was from \$118.00-\$120.00 live, mainly \$119.00 which is fully steady to last week. In the north trade ranged from \$189.00-\$193.00 dressed with most at \$191.00 which is also steady to last week. Asking prices on the few remaining cattle are sitting at \$120.00 live in the south and \$192.00 dressed in the north.