



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday May 27, 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 255.00-260.00

A Grade Heifers 254.00-259.00

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	242	147.63-155.64	153.12	166.50	149.03
Medium Frame Steers +1250	148	138.09-152.99	146.74	173.50	145.76
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	384	143.77-155.52	151.65	173.50	147.21
Large Frame Heifers +1000	126	135.79-153.08	144.53	167.50	148.47
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	166	139.37-154.75	148.23	174.00	139.52
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	292	135.80-154.49	146.93	174.00	145.39
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	100	97.89-124.47	115.45	139.00	117.34
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	12	83.50-98.50	96.00	103.00	100.68
Cows - All Weights	2101	67.93-94.03	79.66	126.00	81.53
Bulls - All Weights	104	86.09-113.02	100.06	159.69	102.95

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	635	157.65-172.14	165.30	180.00	160.20
900-999	470	165.21-176.75	171.91	191.00	170.60
800-899	295	173.20-192.27	183.38	203.50	178.09
700-799	580	172.05-207.14	193.43	217.00	188.37
600-699	492	176.31-223.99	204.85	240.00	205.03
500-599	411	191.44-238.84	220.42	250.00	214.00
400-499	134	163.17-251.03	214.57	290.00	221.86
-399	44	168.57-207.42	187.64	279.99	195.27

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	306	132.22-160.94	147.66	165.00	141.90
800-899	174	141.82-164.75	151.90	176.00	152.72
700-799	442	144.37-179.43	164.34	184.50	170.53
600-699	625	152.50-194.12	176.10	208.00	173.50
500-599	297	151.28-200.49	177.54	232.00	184.34
400-499	178	134.98-203.24	173.72	243.00	192.94
300-399	50	126.73-198.60	171.65	225.00	189.83
-299	4	180.75-180.75	180.75	220.00	134.93

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, May 22, 2021 – 105 fed cattle, 136 cows, 6 bulls, 21 veal, 62 stockers

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	76.00-95.00	83.46	104.00
Fed steers over 1250 lbs	153.25-156.00	154.27	156.00
Veal 600 lbs +	104.00-123.00	107.71	123.00

At **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 24, 2021- 13** veal

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Veal 600 lbs plus	114.00-121.00	117.05	121.00

At **Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., May 25, 2021: 184** Fed Cattle, **22** Veal, **49** Cows, **2** Bulls, **10** stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	149.00-162.75	156.52	173.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	151.75-162.25	156.83	174.00
Cows	68.50-93.50	79.59	107.50
Veal over 600 lbs	105.00-136.00	111.79	147.00

At **Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: May 26, 2021 – 18** veal, **157** Cows, **28** fed cattle, **76** stockers, **7** bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	81.00-124.50	99.09	124.50
Cows	59.99-107.00	80.50	113.99
Veal over 600 lbs	89.00-120.99	106.69	120.99

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Brussels Livestock: May 21, 2021 – 1,184** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	152.50-172.25	162.41	180.00	900+	136.00-164.00	150.54	164.00
900-999	169.00-185.00	177.14	188.00	800-899	151.00-168.25	159.67	168.25
800-899	157.00-195.00	173.43	195.00	700-799	152.00-177.50	170.83	177.50
700-799	180.00-203.00	195.59	207.00	600-699	159.00-193.00	178.33	193.00
600-699	207.50-237.00	221.85	237.00	500-599	150.00-198.00	174.71	205.00
500-599	225.00-241.06	237.56	241.06	400-499	107.00-171.00	153.85	207.00
400-499	117.00-238.00	178.00	260.00				

Stocker sale at: **Community Livestock Exchange: May 25, 2021 – 112** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	164.99-186.00	174.70	186.00	600-699	103.00-188.99	164.90	188.99
600-699	113.99-214.99	188.99	214.99	500-599	125.00-200.99	180.00	200.99
500-599	135.00-241.99	202.30	241.99	400-499	110.00-198.99	169.30	198.99

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market: May 25, 2021 – 921** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	164.00-171.50	167.49	171.50	800-899	150.00-173.00	157.83	173.00
900-999	167.00-178.00	174.12	191.00	700-799	164.00-184.00	172.96	184.00
800-899	197.00-203.50	199.89	203.50	600-699	164.50-200.00	180.87	200.00
700-799	183.00-217.00	206.83	217.00	500-599	169.00-217.00	190.78	217.00
600-699	181.00-238.00	222.66	238.00	400-499	142.50-237.00	191.94	237.00
500-599	210.00-244.00	228.71	244.00				

Stocker sale at: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: May 25, 2021 – 242** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	135.00-165.99	148.90	165.99	700-799	100.00-179.49	144.99	179.49
700-799	150.00-195.99	184.49	195.99	600-699	129.00-184.00	163.99	184.00
600-699	117.50-214.99	192.90	214.99	500-599	130.00-194.99	176.29	194.99
500-599	187.50-233.99	219.39	233.99	400-499	162.50-208.99	195.99	208.99

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 26, 2021 – 524** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	160.50-174.00	167.87	174.00	900+	160.00-163.00	161.94	163.00
900-999	172.00-181.50	177.68	181.50				
800-899	177.00-188.00	183.79	188.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: May 27, 2021 – 372** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	125.00-151.00	136.56	157.00	900+	117.50-165.00	145.72	165.00
800-899	140.00-173.00	163.11	173.00	600-699	102.50-167.50	137.92	190.00
700-799	147.50-208.00	186.38	208.00	500-599	117.50-165.00	141.00	170.00
600-699	112.50-190.00	149.79	240.00	400-499	120.00-165.00	137.88	170.00
500-599	137.50-240.00	189.87	240.00				
400-499	155.00-212.50	179.69	235.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 27, 2021- 1,367** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	117.00-152.00	142.20	163.00	900+	120.00-155.00	139.60	155.00
900-999	163.50-174.50	170.23	179.00	800-899	140.00-157.00	149.06	161.00
800-899	170.00-193.00	186.25	193.00	700-799	156.00-184.50	169.27	184.50
700-799	175.00-209.50	191.57	216.00	600-699	160.00-199.00	181.90	208.00
600-699	191.00-226.00	211.28	236.00	500-599	170.00-216.00	194.55	232.00
500-599	190.00-244.00	223.60	250.00	400-499	154.00-234.00	195.17	243.00
400-499	175.00-271.00	237.11	271.00	300-399	115.00-225.00	189.84	225.00
399-	170.00-250.00	213.33	250.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, May 26, 2021 – 271** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Avg	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	156.00-178.00	162.70	178.00	800-899	118.00-176.00	138.70	176.00
700-799	146.00-194.00	173.37	194.00	700-799	118.00-170.00	147.37	170.00
600-699	180.00-233.00	195.18	233.00	600-699	147.00-182.00	165.87	182.00
500-599	158.00-239.00	202.18	239.00	500-599	150.00-220.00	164.67	220.00
400-499	124.00-242.00	194.93	242.00	400-499	130.00-182.00	165.05	182.00

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, May 26, 2021 - 131 Bred cows, **49** Cow calf pairs (prices are per head & per pair)

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$1700-\$2000	\$1600-\$1800
Avg quality bred cows	\$1300-\$1600	\$1200-\$1500
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$2100-\$2300	\$2000-\$2400
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$1500-\$1900	\$1200-\$1600

CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending May 8, 2021	Week ending May 1, 2021	Year to Date 2021
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	2,331	2,474	52,409
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,046	2,291	49,712
Bulls	285	183	2,697

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending May 27, 2021	257.00-257.50	-1.32

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade:

Steers	Live FOB	165.00	Rail FOB	269.50-274.50
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	269.50-274.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending May 27, 2021

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	116.00-123.00 mostly 119.00-120.00
	Rail	187.00-192.50 majority steady to last week at 191.00

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending May 15, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	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 22, 2021	906	855
May 15, 2021	900	837
May 8, 2021	924	853

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending May 29, 2021	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	629,000	669,000	527,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	328.48	303.62

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

	United States Jan 1- Mar 30/21	Change from last year YTD	Mexico 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 Jan 1- Mar 30/21	Change from last year YTD	China Jan 1- Mar 30/21	Change from last year YTD
Total	12,127 tonnes	+11% or +1,192 tonnes	3,740 tonnes	+46% or +1,174 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	Import % change from 2020 YTD			Export % change from 2020 YTD	
	Jan 1- Mar 30/21		Jan 1- May 15/21		
Pure bred	3,512	+390%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	178,389	-6%
Non-pure bred	98,388	+76%	Feeder cattle & calves	32,781	-46%
			Bulls	10,249	-11%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	Jan 1 – May 22/21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	426,211 tonnes	344,349 tonnes	+24%
Non-fed	61,143 tonnes	60,635 tonnes	+1%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	Jan 1 – May 22/21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	40,002 tonnes	47,189 tonnes	-15%
Non-CUSMA	17,475 tonnes	21,535 tonnes	-19%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	4,393 tonnes	5,184 tonnes	-15%
Total	66,183 tonnes	77,757 tonnes	-15%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
Jun	115.87	-0.48	Aug	151.35	-1.50	Jul	6.566	-7.6	July	15.304	-6.4	Spot	82.79	-0.08
Aug	118.60	-0.82	Sep	153.52	-1.30	Sep	5.732	-12.2	Aug	14.820	-5.2	Jun	82.74	-0.13
Oct	123.70	-0.48	Oct	155.02	-1.22	Dec	5.454	-9.4	Sep	14.070	-4.4	Sep	82.74	-0.13
Dec	128.05	-0.05	Nov	156.07	-1.10	Mar	5.522	-9.2	Nov	13.726	-5.4	Dec	82.72	-0.13
Feb	131.30	-0.07	Jan	154.10	-1.12	May	5.556	-8.2	Jan	13.730	-3.2	Mar	82.72	-0.14
Apr	132.90	+0.00	Mar	153.45	-1.35	Jul	5.546	-8.2	Mar	13.502	-4.0	Jun	82.70	-0.14

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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 27th

There were 676 fed cattle sold through auctions this week up 134 head from last week and 211 more than the same week last year. Fed steers traded from \$143.77-\$155.52 averaging \$151.65 up \$4.40 from last week and just \$0.08 less than year ago prices. Fed heifers traded from \$135.80-\$154.49 averaging \$146.93 up \$0.07 from the previous week but \$5.60 less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as active with steady prices, one market reported trade as \$2.00 higher with Holstein steers \$1.00 cwt higher.

Ontario railgrade prices were reported at \$255.00-\$260.00 for steers and \$254.00-\$259.00 for heifers which is up \$3.25 from the previous week for steers and averaging \$2.75 higher for heifers. Average prices were down \$4.50 - \$3.75 compared to the same time last year. Producers reported that the cattle they sold this week were for delivery the first week in June.

Higher receipts of cull cows sold this week with 2,101 head sold through auction markets, up 158 head from last week but 363 fewer than the same time last year. Cows sold from \$67.93-\$94.03 averaging \$79.66 cwt, down \$1.87 from last week but \$3.57 above year ago prices. Auction markets reported strong trade with prices steady to last week. At the end of the week comments changed to beef cows selling fully steady but holstein and exports selling barely steady.

Higher receipts of 5,137 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week up 72 from last week and 995 higher than the same time last year. Auction markets reported calves as steady with yearlings selling stronger. Good quality light weight sold steady with plainer type cattle selling under pressure and heavier cattle selling slightly higher. Stronger prices continued to the end of the week. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs average \$7.29 lower, 500-600 lbs up \$6.42, 600-700 lbs down \$0.18, 700-

800 lbs up \$5.06, 800-900 lbs up \$5.29, and steers 900lbs and over averaged \$3.14 stronger than last week. Heifers 300-400 lbs were down \$18.18 on average from last week, while 400-500 lb heifers were down \$19.22, 500-600 lbs down \$6.80, 600-700 lbs up \$2.60, 700-800 lbs down \$6.19, and heifers 800 lbs and over were up \$2.89 from last week on average.

The Quebec electronic market for the week ending May 26th sold from \$257.00-\$257.50 cwt dressed FOB, down \$1.32 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade for the week ending May 26th was reported by Canfax as \$269.50-\$274.00 delivered on a dressed basis. Live steers traded at \$165.00.

The U.S. cash cattle trade for the week ending May 26th was light Tuesday with live sales from \$118.00 - \$123.00 live. Wednesday saw trade from \$116.00-\$122.00 live, mostly from \$119.00 - \$120.00. Dressed sales on Wednesday were reported from \$187.00 - \$192.50 with the majority selling at \$191.00 steady to last week.

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