



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday September 30, 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	270.00
A Grade Heifers	269.00-270.00

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	66	140.33-162.27	153.97	167.75	159.65
Medium Frame Steers +1250	123	136.70-163.27	152.03	187.00	159.06
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	189	139.26-164.61	155.06	187.00	159.90
Large Frame Heifers +1000	97	145.46-163.56	157.32	171.00	160.46
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	108	147.89-162.40	155.66	175.25	159.43
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	205	146.39-163.46	156.19	175.25	159.52
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	73	95.91-134.23	114.63	143.00	131.14
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	98	83.56-120.71	103.63	156.00	105.04
Cows - All Weights	3,098	62.21-91.40	74.46	140.00	77.12
Bulls - All Weights	211	94.34-117.76	105.56	163.99	103.04

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

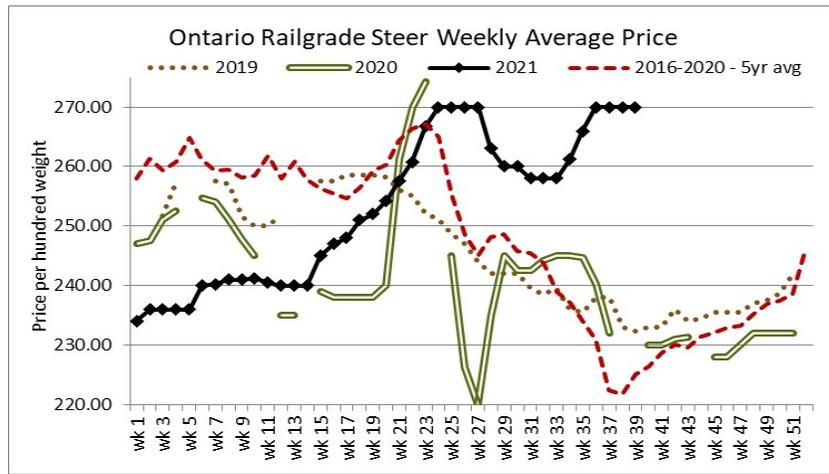
STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	1,054	172.85-194.38	184.52	243.00	186.36
900-999	1,001	180.21-199.97	192.12	206.50	197.28
800-899	774	175.38-206.74	195.25	222.50	198.90
700-799	907	170.89-218.45	201.82	241.75	198.99
600-699	845	166.15-228.00	207.32	251.00	211.26
500-599	810	184.94-248.47	219.27	263.00	226.86
400-499	440	196.46-278.31	244.36	307.00	229.79
-399	240	186.12-290.04	243.49	340.00	242.26

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	905	153.47-179.24	167.89	194.00	175.42
800-899	726	159.44-181.47	173.47	193.50	182.96
700-799	533	153.37-187.17	174.88	205.00	179.10
600-699	828	149.37-204.70	179.52	235.99	178.49
500-599	563	147.53-210.54	189.08	227.99	186.11
400-499	299	173.69-214.98	198.73	260.00	198.87
300-399	174	181.06-234.79	206.66	265.00	210.90
-299	30	152.88-194.22	174.23	250.00	141.80

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: September 25, 2021 – 162 cows, 11 bulls, 28 veal, 53 stockers, 11 Fed Cattle

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	70.00-94.00	78.89	119.00
Bulls all weights	105.90-126.54	115.17	128.00
Veal 125 lbs & under	25.00-175.00	67.70	175.00

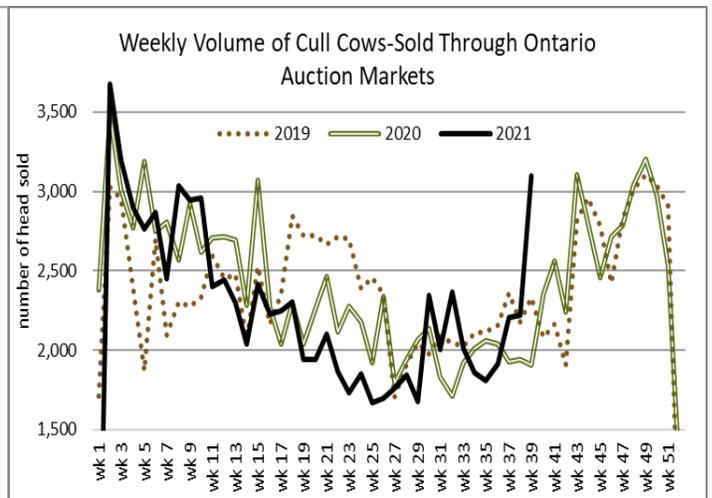
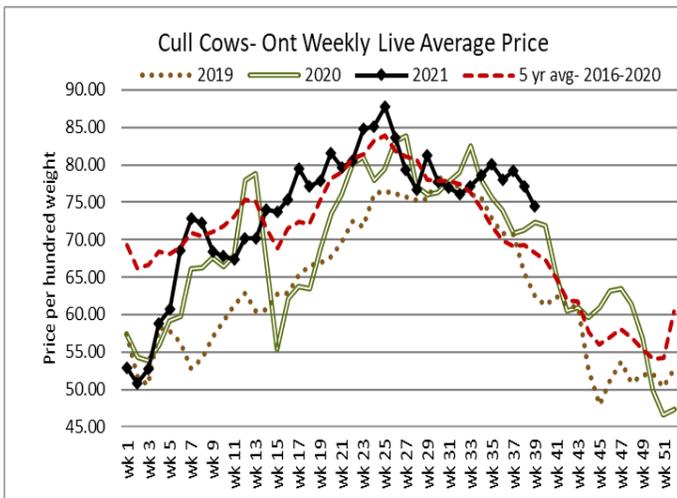


Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., September 28, 2021: 148 Fed Cattle, 19 Veal, 139 Cows, 11 Bulls, 4 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	147.00-168.00	158.90	187.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	149.00-162.00	156.45	175.25
Cows	65.00-91.00	76.89	98.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	100.00-115.50	109.92	115.50
Veal over 600 lbs	125.50-136.00	132.00	137.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: September 29, 2021 – 31 veal, 269 Cows, 34 fed cattle, 4 bulls, 44 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	74.49-129.00	116.19	129.00
Cows	55.00-98.99	73.29	140.00
Veal over 600 lbs	80.00-155.00	125.89	155.00



ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: September 24, 2021 – 1,345 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	172.00-204.00	188.25	204.00	900+	158.00-179.50	168.70	180.00
900-999	191.00-206.50	198.82	206.50	800-899	164.00-181.00	174.47	183.00
800-899	190.50-208.00	201.53	215.50	700-799	153.00-186.00	173.65	186.00
700-799	198.00-230.00	214.43	230.00	600-699	169.50-196.50	183.28	197.50
600-699	170.00-229.00	203.29	235.00	500-599	150.00-220.00	202.13	220.00
500-599	222.00-251.00	236.76	251.00	400-499	200.00-211.00	206.35	227.00
400-499	223.00-278.50	259.77	278.50	300-399	241.00-254.00	247.47	254.00
300-399	220.00-272.00	255.26	285.00				

Stocker sale at: **Community Livestock Exchange: September 28, 2021 – 177** Stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
700-799	139.99-214.00	189.79	214.00	600-699	130.00-182.49	171.59	182.49
600-699	122.50-235.00	195.30	235.00	500-599	114.99-210.99	186.60	210.99
500-599	103.00-237.00	174.59	241.99	400-499	155.00-260.00	204.30	260.00
400-499	232.50-293.99	259.20	293.99				

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market: September 28, 2021 – 1,066** Stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
1000+	175.00-197.00	188.43	197.00	900+	150.00-176.00	169.71	176.00
900-999	179.00-197.50	191.07	199.00	800-899	144.00-155.00	151.36	157.50
800-899	178.00-208.00	196.89	214.00	700-799	176.00-189.00	179.67	190.00
700-799	217.00-233.00	227.21	241.75	600-699	174.00-205.50	193.93	208.00
600-699	204.00-251.00	222.62	251.00	500-599	142.00-215.00	184.14	216.00
500-599	216.00-235.00	223.88	235.00	400-499	140.00-210.00	177.78	226.00
400-499	255.00-258.00	256.29	258.00				
399-	227.50-340.00	300.25	340.00				

Stocker sale at: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: September 28, 2021 – 393** Stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
800-899	139.99-200.99	186.49	200.99	700-799	140.99-181.00	171.70	181.00
700-799	130.00-218.00	199.19	218.00	600-699	151.00-212.99	193.39	212.99
600-699	170.99-233.49	218.29	233.49	500-599	139.99-227.99	204.80	227.99
500-599	164.99-252.99	221.89	252.99	400-499	130.00-233.00	214.59	233.00
400-499	207.50-295.00	256.99	295.00	300-399	125.00-237.99	190.50	237.99
399-	180.00-295.00	244.79	295.00	299-	169.99-250.00	200.30	250.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange, September 29, 2021 – 699** stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
1000+	173.00-192.50	181.79	192.50	900+	145.00-172.50	165.90	172.50
900-999	185.00-206.00	195.88	206.00	800-899	149.00-177.00	161.56	177.00
800-899	193.00-214.00	206.44	214.00	700-799	155.00-172.00	166.53	172.00
700-799	184.00-211.00	197.43	211.00				

Stocker sale at **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, September 29, 2021 – 298** stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
800-899	134.00-222.50	181.00	222.50	800-899	156.00-185.00	170.92	185.00
700-799	178.00-222.50	207.96	222.50	700-799	148.00-178.00	168.84	178.00
600-699	186.00-230.00	208.24	230.00	600-699	148.00-192.00	174.21	192.00
500-599	2504.00-263.00	231.52	263.00	500-599	139.00-196.00	165.87	196.00
400-499	238.00-274.00	247.01	274.00	400-499	192.00-228.00	212.31	228.00
399-	216.00-300.00	260.50	300.00	300-399	138.00-224.00	183.31	224.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: September 30, 2021 – 421** Stockers

<i>Steers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>	<i>Heifers</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Top</i>
1000+	160.00-166.00	1656.07	166.00	900+	95.00-137.50	120.77	137.50
900-999	115.00-150.00	126.00	160.00	800-899	115.00-160.00	145.00	160.00
800-899	145.00-175.00	166.35	175.00	700-799	117.50-172.50	138.12	172.50
700-799	122.00-190.00	161.93	202.50	600-699	112.50-157.50	138.86	210.00
600-699	167.50-235.00	209.81	235.00	500-599	122.50-202.50	162.24	205.00
500-599	115.00-260.00	190.99	260.00	400-499	185.00-247.50	223.10	247.50
400-499	160.00-280.00	238.81	280.00	300-399	85.00-235.00	147.00	250.00
399-	125.00-280.00	202.78	310.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc, September 30, 2021- 1,028** stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	130.00-183.00	162.10	183.00	900+	144.00-182.75	161.63	182.75
900-999	177.00-193.00	185.58	193.00	800-899	167.50-181.25	177.44	181.25
800-899	184.50-202.00	192.76	206.00	700-799	149.00-199.00	176.46	205.00
700-799	180.00-200.00	192.30	202.00	600-699	144.00-196.00	170.04	205.00
600-699	175.00-229.00	207.06	232.50	500-599	160.00-211.00	190.41	211.00
500-599	204.00-253.00	227.04	253.00	400-499	170.00-206.00	192.54	225.00
400-499	200.00-260.00	242.77	307.00	300-399	190.00-240.00	215.49	265.00
399-	242.50-310.00	269.30	310.00	299-	190.00-210.00	204.29	210.00

Stocker sale at **Ottawa Livestock Exchange: September 30, 2021 – 155** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	172.00-224.00	203.05	224.00	500-599	130.00-190.00	164.09	196.00
500-599	220.00-240.00	230.96	240.00	400-499	150.00-218.00	195.56	218.00
400-499	212.00-260.00	244.46	260.00				
399-	260.00-274.00	267.00	274.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALE

Stocker sale at: **Cargill Auction Market Inc, September 24, 2021 – 1,009** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Top
1000+	175.00-190.00		900+	180.00-190.00	195.50
900-999	190.00-202.00		800-899	185.00-198.00	199.50
800-899	N/T		700-799	190.00-205.00	206.00

Grass heifers sold \$3.00-\$5.00 higher. Steers sold steady.

Stocker sale at **Denfield Livestock Exchange: September 25, 2021 – 288** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	158.00-178.50	173.10	178.50	900+	182.00-194.00	187.80	194.00
900-999	141.00-197.00	175.68	197.00	800-899	164.00-193.50	186.35	193.50
800-899	170.00-208.50	196.72	208.50	700-799	171.00-190.50	186.04	202.00
700-799	129.00-203.00	173.22	206.00	600-699	159.00-198.00	176.25	198.00
600-699	185.00-208.00	199.22	208.00				

Stocker sale at **Rainy River Cattleman's Sale- Stratton: September 25, 2021 – 1,447** Stockers, **165** cows, **56** bulls

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	119.99-191.99	174.59	191.99	900+	80.00-171.99	131.09	171.99
800-899	114.99-214.00	178.09	214.00	800-899	150.00-185.29	176.89	185.29
700-799	116.99-225.00	194.99	225.00	700-799	119.99-191.50	183.60	191.50
600-699	119.99-216.00	200.09	216.00	600-699	119.99-235.399	181.49	235.99
500-599	169.99-249.00	213.20	249.00	500-599	152.49-204.00	187.59	204.00
400-499	160.00-295.00	231.59	295.00	400-499	164.99-204.00	187.59	204.00
399-	185.00-339.00	271.49	339.00	300-399	187.50-229.99	212.59	229.99
				299-	150.00-220.00	185.40	220.00
Cows	60.99-117.99	85.29	126.00	Bulls 1600+	102.00-117.50	113.19	117.50
				Bulls 1600-	100.00-130.00	106.20	130.00

All classes of cattle sold actively on a good demand at strong prices

Stocker sale at **Maple Hill Auctions Ltd: September 27, 2021 – 472 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	185.50-195.25	190.44	243.00	900+	163.00-171.50	167.78	171.50
900-999	193.75-196.00	194.98	196.00	800-899	163.25-170.50	166.39	170.50
800-899	206.50-211.00	209.14	211.00	700-799	192.50-197.50	195.44	197.50
700-799	176.50-229.00	217.33	229.00	600-699			
600-699	213.00-243.00	230.50	243.00	500-599			

Stocker sale at **Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn, September 29, 2021- 591 stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	149.00-189.25	177.06	189.25	900+	150.00-180.75	167.93	180.75
900-999	175.00-195.00	190.42	195.00	800-899	160.00-187.00	173.00	187.00
800-899	172.50-199.00	190.27	199.00	700-799	166.00-190.50	182.71	190.50
700-799	185.00-211.00	191.31	211.00	600-699	170.00-198.00	183.47	198.00
600-699	201.50-232.50	212.53	232.50	500-599	130.00-225.00	174.75	225.00
500-599	165.00-228.00	203.99	228.00	400-499	152.50-214.00	195.80	214.00
400-499	232.50-260.00	250.45	260.00	300-399	185.00-217.50	192.89	217.50

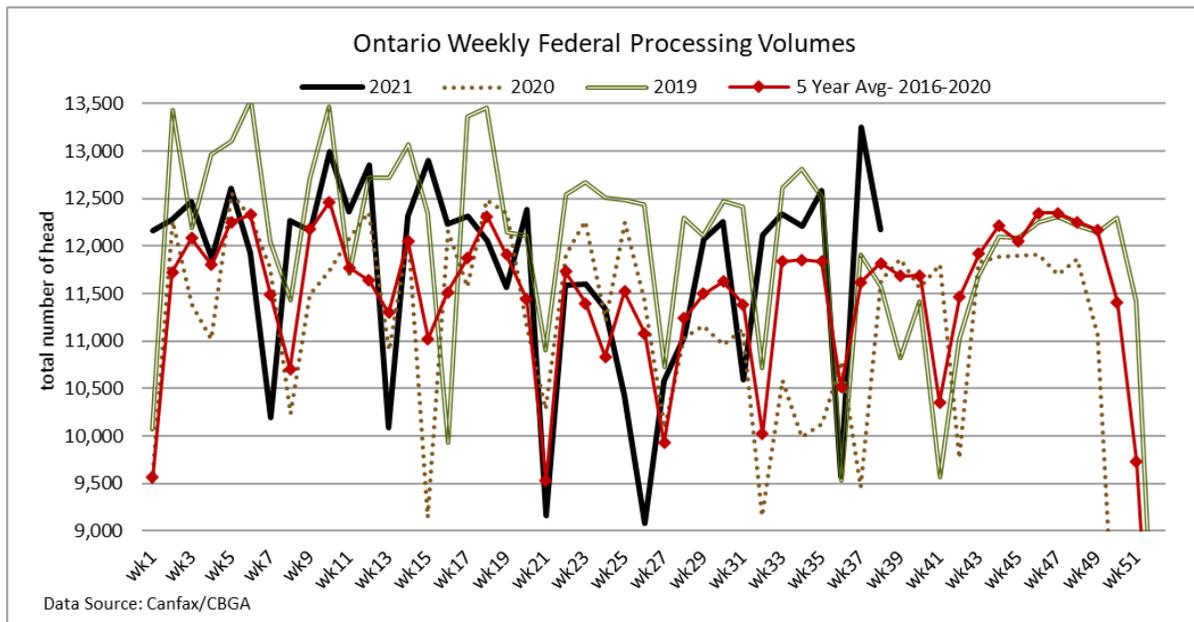
A good offering of grass cattle sold actively on a good demand.

CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sep 11, 2021	Week ending Sep 4, 2021	Year to Date 2021
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	1,526	1,283	79,767
Steers & Heifers & Cows	1,359	1,200	74,279
Bulls	167	83	5,488

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN PROCESSING

	Week Ending September 25, 2021	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	71,476	+7,760	2,323,812	+12%	+11%
Western Slaughter	57,876	+8,875	1,838,844	+18%	+12%
Eastern Slaughter	13,600	-1,115	484,968	-8%	+5%



AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sep 25, 2021	939	839
Sep 18, 2021	939	841
Sep 19, 2021	938	855

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Oct 2, 2021	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	637,000	641,000	664,000

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending September 30, 2021	273.50-274.50	+0.80

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending September 30, 2021

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	262.50-263.00
Heifers	Live FOB	156.75	Rail FOB	262.00-263.50

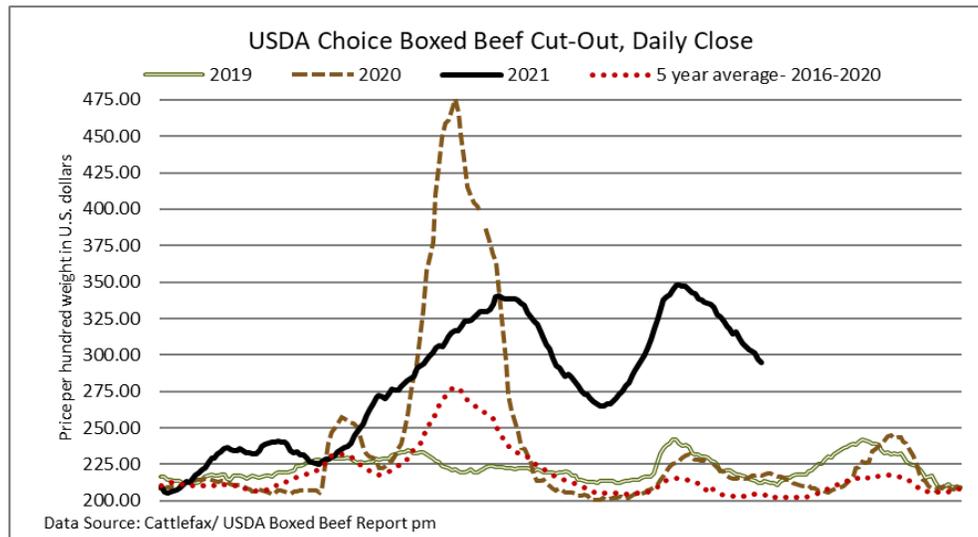
U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending September 30, 2021

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	120.00-125.00
	Rail	188.00-197.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	299.98	272.87



BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA

	United States	Change from last year YTD	Mexico	Change from last year YTD
	Jan 1- Jul 31/21		Jan 1- Jul 31/21	
Total	197,399 tonnes	+15% or +25,756 tonnes	13,837 tonnes	+102% or +6,973 tonnes
	Japan	Change from last year YTD	China	Change from last year YTD
	Jan 1- Jul 31/21		Jan 1- Jul 31/21	
Total	32,992 tonnes	+31% or +7,757 tonnes	11,400 tonnes	+134% or +6,523 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA

IMPORTS			<i>Import % change from 2020 YTD</i>	EXPORTS			<i>Export % change from 2020 YTD</i>
<i>Jan 1- Jul 31/21</i>				<i>Jan 1- Sept 11/21</i>			
Pure bred	8,905	+417%		Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	289,977	-13%	
Non-pure bred	210,697	+101%		Feeder cattle & calves	80,120	-5%	
				Bulls	26,257	-9%	

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Sept 18/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fed	801,273 tonnes	718,111 tonnes	+12%
Non-fed	109,972 tonnes	98,316 tonnes	+12%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA

	<i>Jan 1 – Sept 11/21</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	72,170 tonnes	80,961 tonnes	-11%
Non-CUSMA	25,028 tonnes	41,084 tonnes	-39%
EU-28 (beef/veal total)	9,433 tonnes	11,337 tonnes	-17%
Total	115,785 tonnes	142,294 tonnes	-19%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
Oct	120.40	-0.17	Oct	152.75	+0.20	Dec	5.414	+4.6	Nov	12.464	-9.4	Spot	79.14	+0.14
Dec	125.20	-0.52	Nov	152.90	+0.00	Mar	5.496	+5.2	Jan	12.564	-9.0	Dec	79.13	+0.14
Feb	130.02	-0.62	Jan	153.85	-0.32	May	5.544	+5.4	Mar	12.644	-7.4	Mar	79.13	+0.14
Apr	133.70	-0.20	Mar	155.07	-0.30	Jul	5.550	+6.0	May	12.724	-6.0	Jun	79.10	+0.14
Jun	128.50	+0.00	Apr	158.80	-0.07	Sep	5.372	+9.2	Jul	12.764	-5.2	Sep	79.02	+0.14
Aug	127.40	+0.02	May	161.95	+0.25	Dec	5.314	+8.6	Aug	12.714	-3.6	Dec	78.95	+0.13

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Oct 4	7:00 pm	Maple Hill Auctions Ltd	Fall Stocker Sale
Oct 6	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Fall Stocker Sale
Oct 7	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	CDN Angus Program/CDN Hereford Assoc. Sale
Oct 8	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grass Yearling Sale (overnight stand)
Oct 9	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Vaccinated Calves & Yearlings
Oct 14	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Leeds/Grenville Calf Sale (in regular sale)
Oct 15	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grass Yearling Sale (overnight stand)
Oct 15	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Calf & Yearling Sale
Oct 15	7:00 pm	Maple Hill Auctions Ltd	“Uppin the Ante” Charolais Sale
Oct 16	8:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen’s Sale- Stratton	Mainly Calves, Some Yearlings, Cows Etc.

Comments for the week ending September 30th

395 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week up 180 head from last week but 33 fewer than the same time last year. Fed steers traded from \$139.26-\$164.61 averaging \$155.06 down \$4.84 from last week but \$19.66 above year ago prices. Fed heifers ranged from \$146.39-\$163.46 averaging \$156.19 down \$3.33 from last week but \$25.31 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade from slightly lower to \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger with quality considered, but ended the week on a steady note.

Ontario railgrade prices continued full steady for the fourth week in a row at \$270.00 dressed for steers and \$269.00-\$270.00 for heifers. Cattle that sold this week were for delivery from October 11th to October 18th. Today, Friday, there was no new trade reported with one packer having no bid. Last year at this time there was no trade reported as packers were well bought out, with just a few bids noted at \$230.00 dressed, well below current prices.

Ontario federal processing volume the week ending September 18, 2021 was at 13,248 head, which is the largest weekly volume this year and the largest weekly number since the week ending May 19, 2019 at 13,457. However, in that mix cow processing numbers were at 2,256 for the week which is the largest weekly federally processed cow volume in Ontario since January 26, 2019 at 2,299. The weeks ending Nov 28, 2020 and Sept 14, 2020 were about steady in volume at 2,220 head. Federally processed steer volumes as of September 18, 2021 are up 1.3% from the same time in 2020, while heifer volumes are up 11% compared to the same time last year. Overall Ontario federal processing volumes are up 5% over 2020. For the week ending September 25, 2021 volumes were down slightly to 12,174 but comparing week to week over the last 10 years, the 12,174 volume is the third largest with only 2018 and 2014 recording higher numbers.

Much larger volumes of cull cows came to market this week with Ontario auctions reporting 3,098 head sold, up 879 from last week and 1,190 more than last year at this time. This week's volume is the largest weekly numbers seen since January 21, 2021 and resulted in some pressure on pricing. Beef cow volumes were up this week but the majority of the increase noted is dairy breeds due to a change in the number of incentive days, resulting in an increase in culling. Cows ranged from \$62.21-\$91.40 averaging \$74.46 down \$2.66 from last week but \$2.14 above year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as barely steady to stronger to start with good demand. But as the week progressed, trade was steady to lower and ended the week at barely steady prices.

Larger volumes of stocker and feeder cattle are coming to market as the special fall stocker sales ramp up and seasonal movement begins. This week there were 10,129 head sold through auctions, up 4,732 head from the previous week and 6,187 more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as active with prices holding steady on all classes for the most part, with good calves and grass cattle selling at a premium. Plainer calves were noted as selling selectively. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs up \$14.57 from last week, 500-600 lbs down \$7.59, 600-700 lbs down \$3.94, 700-800 lbs up \$2.83, 800-900 lbs down \$3.65, 900-1000 lbs down \$5.16 and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$1.84 easier than last week's prices. Heifers 300-400 lbs were down \$4.24 from last week, 400-500 lbs down \$0.14, 500-600 lbs up \$2.97, 600-700 lbs up \$1.03, 700-800 lbs down \$4.22, 800-900 lbs down \$9.49 and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$7.53 easier than last week's weighted average prices.

The Quebec electronic market for this week ranged from \$273.50-\$274.50 cwt dressed on a picked-up basis, which was up \$0.80 from the previous week on average.

Alberta direct trade was light on Wednesday and Thursday this week with Canfax reporting prices fully steady from \$264.00-\$265.00 delivered on a dressed basis. Canfax notes: "Cattle that traded this week were being scheduled for late October/early November delivery. All three western Canadian packers bought cattle this week."

The U.S. cash cattle trade for the week ending September 24th saw the majority of activity develop on Wednesday. Overall, average prices for the week, as reported by the USDA Mandatory Price Report, saw live steers average \$123.64 down \$0.24, while live heifers averaged \$123.66 down \$0.53. On the rail, steers averaged \$196.30 dressed, down \$2.34, while heifers averaged \$196.48 dressed, down \$2.34.

This week's US cash market did not develop until Wednesday with active trade reported, with business continuing lightly on Thursday. Prices in the south were fully steady from \$123.00-\$124.00 live, mainly \$124.00. In the north on Wednesday, live trade was a touch easier from \$122.00-\$123.00 while dressed deals were from \$193.00-\$196.00 dressed, mainly \$196.00 which is barely steady. Thursday saw live prices from \$120.00-\$124.00 live and \$192.00-\$196.00 dressed with sales mainly from \$194.00-\$196.00. Overall weekly prices seem to be down \$1.00 from last week on average. Some clean up trade is possible today, but it appears the bulk of business is completed. Asking prices on the few remaining cattle are sitting at \$124.00 plus live in the south and \$198.00 dressed in the north.