

Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday, October 13, 2022

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 303.00

-299

A Grade Heifers 302.00-303.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| FED CAT | TLE | Volume | Price Range | Average | Тор | Last Week Avg |
| Large Frame Ste | eers +1250 | 51 | 166.48-188.23 | 179.76 | 210.00 | 183.71 |
| Medium Frame S | teers +1250 | 79 | 176.32-184.39 | 181.53 | 195.50 | 177.62 |
| Large & Medium Fran | ne Steers +1250 | 130 | 171.58-187.06 | 182.17 | 210.00 | 181.17 |
| Large Frame Hei | ifers +1000 | 32 | 161.55-181.73 | 169.40 | 200.00 | 180.08 |
| Medium Frame H | eifers +1000 | 48 | 131.73-173.20 | 155.88 | 190.00 | 175.32 |
| Large & Medium Fran | ne Heifers +1000 | 80 | 140.38-182.19 | 163.66 | 200.00 | 177.17 |
| Fed steers, Dairy & Da | airy Cross +1250 | 31 | 146.45-168.15 | 158.14 | 176.00 | 149.29 |
| Fed heifers, Dairy & D | airy Cross +1000 | 98 | 104.66-158.84 | 134.59 | 178.00 | 129.77 |
| Cows - All W | /eights | 1,726 | 79.53-118.65 | 97.89 | 168.00 | 99.08 |
| Bulls - All W | eights/ | 130 | 119.58-151.11 | 136.45 | 175.00 | 134.38 |
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| STOCKERS - Large and | | | Duias Danas | A., | Tan | Look March Ave |
| STEERS | Volume | | Price Range | Average | Top | Last Week Avg |
| 1000+ | 974 | | 19.30-236.65 | 229.04 | 251.00 | 232.73 |
| 900-999 | 857 | | 35.89-256.26 | 245.75 | 263.75 | 248.13 |
| 800-899 | 467 | | 36.47-259.64 | 250.13 | 269.00 | 249.56 |
| 700-799 | 221 | | 98.53-248.38 | 226.09 | 288.00 | 241.58 |
| 600-699 | 330 | | 11.19-268.58 | 241.17 | 283.00 | 245.18 |
| 500-599 | 403 | | 00.08-301.78 | 260.46 | 327.00 | 258.14 |
| 400-499 | 271 | | 05.30-322.72 | 275.43 | 350.00 | 270.81 |
| -399 | 109 | 19 | 95.55-313.47 | 261.72 | 370.00 | 267.61 |
| STOCKERS - Large and | Medium Frame | | | | | |
| HEIFERS | Volume | ı | Price Range | Average | Тор | Last Week Avg |
| +900 | 474 | 18 | 85.48-224.85 | 205.87 | 232.50 | 196.99 |
| 800-899 | 391 | 19 | 94.57-228.16 | 212.53 | 239.50 | 213.02 |
| 700-799 | 190 | 18 | 89.62-214.64 | 204.18 | 223.50 | 203.87 |
| 600-699 | 220 | 17 | 70.88-234.89 | 208.98 | 248.00 | 202.92 |
| 500-599 | 316 | 16 | 67.64-241.83 | 216.86 | 257.50 | 211.67 |
| 400-499 | 197 | 16 | 59.33-250.30 | 217.87 | 275.00 | 210.64 |
| 300-399 | 64 | 17 | 73.02-235.86 | 209.87 | 264.99 | 206.91 |
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At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn, October 8, 2022 – 1 fed cattle, 137 cows, 11 bulls, 39 veal, 15 stockers

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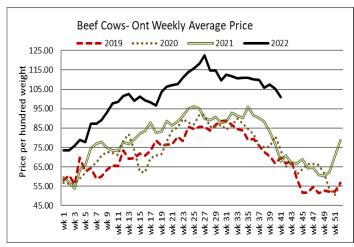
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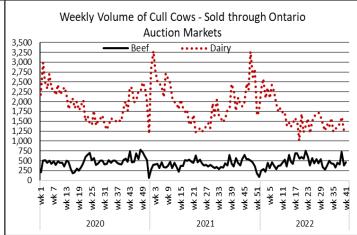
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| | Price Range | Avg. | гор |
|------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| Cows | 79.00-120.00 | 97.01 | 132.50 |
| Bulls – under 1600 lbs | 100.00-125.00 | 109.48 | 125.00 |
| Bulls – over 1600 lbs | 127.00-157.00 | 136.81 | 157.00 |
| Veal 600 lbs and over | 140.00-172.00 | 162.25 | 172.00 |

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Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., October 11, 2022: 83 Fed Cattle, 7 Veal, 82 Cows, 2 Bulls, 20 stockers

| | Price Range | Average | Тор |
|--|---------------|---------|--------|
| Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs | 174.50-188.25 | 183.90 | 198.50 |
| Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs | 175.25-200.00 | 184.84 | 200.00 |
| Cows | 82.50-127.50 | 105.92 | 139.00 |

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: October 7, 2022 – 1,387 Stockers

| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Top |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 1000+ | 204.25-234.50 | 219.39 | 240.00 | 900+ | 185.00-232.50 | 208.52 | 232.50 |
| 900-999 | 223.00-263.75 | 242.61 | 263.75 | 800-899 | 181.00-233.50 | 203.46 | 233.50 |
| 800-899 | 230.00-251.25 | 246.27 | 258.00 | 700-799 | 189.00-206.00 | 194.70 | 207.00 |
| 700-799 | 200.00-274.00 | 239.37 | 288.00 | 600-699 | 181.00-240.00 | 210.87 | 246.50 |
| 600-699 | 228.00-273.00 | 246.00 | 273.00 | 500-599 | 192.00-241.00 | 227.50 | 241.00 |
| 500-599 | 232.50-284.00 | 258.18 | 284.00 | 400-499 | 200.00-240.00 | 217.46 | 241.00 |
| 400-499 | 259.00-326.00 | 292.16 | 326.00 | 300-399 | 205.00-262.50 | 235.00 | 262.50 |
| 399- | 242.00-330.00 | 298.54 | 330.00 | | | | |

Stocker sale at: Community Livestock Exchange: October 11, 2022 – 345 Stockers

| Steers | Price Range | Average | Top | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 800-899 | 175.00-220.99 | 196.10 | 220.99 | 700-799 | 147.50-210.00 | 186.29 | 210.00 |
| 700-799 | 156.00-237.99 | 218.80 | 237.99 | 600-699 | 125.00-220.00 | 185.80 | 220.00 |
| 600-699 | 162.50-262.99 | 219.49 | 262.99 | 500-599 | 130.00-245.00 | 216.69 | 245.00 |
| 500-599 | 150.00-310.00 | 243.59 | 310.00 | 400-499 | 127.49-250.00 | 210.40 | 250.00 |
| 400-499 | 155.00-335.00 | 265.89 | 335.00 | 300-399 | 150.00-242.49 | 215.89 | 242.49 |
| 399- | 144.99-264.99 | 186.29 | 307.50 | | | | |

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock Market: October 11, 2022 – 820 Stockers

| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 1000+ | 229.00-251.00 | 246.46 | 251.00 | 900+ | 186.00-196.00 | 194.24 | 196.00 |
| 900-999 | 180.00-231.00 | 207.38 | 231.00 | 800-899 | 170.00-207.00 | 203.98 | 207.00 |
| 800-899 | 245.00-269.00 | 257.55 | 269.00 | 700-799 | 208.00-223.50 | 218.18 | 223.50 |
| 700-799 | 215.00-245.00 | 229.41 | 259.00 | 600-699 | 182.50-248.00 | 225.95 | 248.00 |
| 600-699 | 224.00-262.50 | 249.10 | 280.00 | 500-599 | 200.00-257.50 | 229.53 | 257.50 |
| 500-599 | 227.50-301.00 | 279.64 | 321.00 | 400-499 | 210.00-247.00 | 226.33 | 255.00 |
| 400-499 | 285.00-317.00 | 303.12 | 331.00 | 300-399 | 215.00-249.00 | 233.45 | 249.00 |
| 399- | 230.00-290.00 | 250.00 | 350.00 | | | | |

| Stocker sale a | t: Renfrew Pontiac L | ivestock: Oc | toher 11 20 | 1 22 – 582 Sta | nckers | | |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Steers | Price Range | Average | Top | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
| 800-899 | 204.99-231.99 | 226.69 | 231.99 | 700-799 | 112.50-208.99 | 174.70 | 208.99 |
| 700-799 | 187.50-243.50 | 218.10 | 243.50 | 600-699 | 170.99-233.99 | 207.69 | 233.99 |
| 600-699 | 200.99-283.00 | 239.69 | 283.00 | 500-599 | 152.49-254.99 | 219.30 | 254.99 |
| 500-599 | 200.00-327.00 | 272.19 | 327.00 | 400-499 | 160.00-275.00 | 227.80 | 275.00 |
| 400-499 | 180.00-350.00 | 286.50 | 350.00 | 300-399 | 169.99-264.99 | 231.00 | 264.99 |
| 399- | 189.99-370.00 | 198.89 | 370.00 | 299- | 175.00-250.00 | 208.70 | 250.00 |
| Stocker sale a | it Ottawa Livestock E | xchange: O | ctober 13, 20 |)22 – 135 St | ockers | | |
| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
| 600-699 | 232.00-270.00 | 256.70 | 270.00 | 500-599 | 228.00-254.00 | 241.00 | 254.00 |
| 500-599 | 228.00-288.00 | 256.27 | 312.00 | | | | |
| 400-499 | 251.00-312.00 | 292.60 | 312.00 | | | | |
| 399- | 258.00-338.00 | 308.00 | 338.00 | | | | |
| Stocker sale a | it Ontario Livestock E | xchange: O | ctober 13, 20 |)22 – 303 St | ockers | | |
| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
| 1000+ | 142.00-189.00 | 168.12 | 202.00 | 900+ | 147.50-192.50 | 164.08 | 192.50 |
| 900-999 | 165.00-190.00 | 182.71 | 190.00 | 800-899 | 155.00-200.00 | 169.90 | 200.00 |
| 800-899 | 160.00-207.50 | 185.72 | 212.50 | 700-799 | 175.00-212.50 | 196.52 | 212.50 |
| 700-799 | 175.00-237.00 | 213.05 | 247.50 | 600-699 | 127.50-225.00 | 192.17 | 225.00 |
| 600-699 | 185.00-255.00 | 233.50 | 255.00 | 500-599 | 150.00-205.00 | 184.48 | 240.00 |
| 500-599 | 90.00-267.50 | 209.29 | 275.00 | 400-499 | 170.00-212.50 | 184.58 | 215.00 |
| 400-499 | 215.00-290.00 | 253.75 | 340.00 | 300-399 | 165.00-210.00 | 178.25 | 215.00 |
| 399- | 167.50-255.00 | 207.84 | 315.00 | 299- | 125.00-210.00 | 174.00 | 210.00 |
| Stocker sale a | it Ontario Stockyards | Inc: Octobe | er 13, 2022 – | 763 Stocke | rs | | |
| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
| 900-999 | 183.00-215.00 | 193.58 | 228.00 | 900+ | 150.00-206.50 | 191.04 | 206.50 |

| Stocker sale at | Ontario | Stockyards Inc: | October 13, 2022 - | - 763 | Stockers | |
|-----------------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------|--|
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| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 900-999 | 183.00-215.00 | 193.58 | 228.00 | 900+ | 150.00-206.50 | 191.04 | 206.50 |
| 800-899 | 160.00-213.00 | 190.60 | 242.00 | 800-899 | 180.00-211.00 | 193.48 | 219.00 |
| 700-799 | 227.00-270.00 | 252.11 | 270.00 | 700-799 | 182.50-229.00 | 212.12 | 229.00 |
| 600-699 | 234.00-281.00 | 262.27 | 281.00 | 600-699 | 187.50-250.00 | 232.86 | 250.00 |
| 500-599 | 240.00-295.00 | 266.83 | 327.00 | 500-599 | 215.00-258.00 | 236.72 | 258.00 |
| 400-499 | 255.00-345.00 | 296.70 | 365.00 | 400-499 | 234.00-273.00 | 252.63 | 273.00 |
| 399- | 265.00-360.00 | 314.41 | 400.00 | 300-399 | 190.00-330.00 | 291.63 | 395.00 |
| | | | | 299- | 335.00-400.00 | 351.25 | 400.00 |

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market: October 7, 2022 – 1,141** Stockers

| Steers | Price Range | Average | Тор | Heifers | Price Range | Average | Тор |
|---------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|---------|--------|
| 1000+ | 233.00-243.00 | 238.68 | 250.00 | 800-899 | 232.50-239.50 | 237.33 | 239.50 |
| 900-999 | 249.75-257.25 | 253.81 | 259.00 | | | | |
| 800-899 | 249.00-266.50 | 260.51 | 266.50 | | | | |

Special grass yearling sale, selling on overnight stand- selling on a steady market.

WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

| | Week ending Sep. 24, 2022 | Week ending Sep. 17, 2022 | Year to Date |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Total live slaughter cattle | 1,539 | 1,396 | 66,199 |
| exported through Ontario ports to the U.S. | | | |
| Steers & Heifers & Cows | 1,404 | 1,308 | 61,854 |
| Bulls | 135 | 88 | 4.345 |

CANADIAN- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING

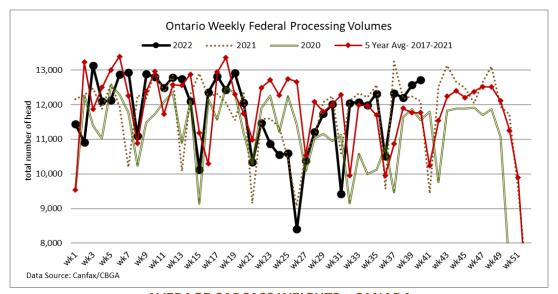
| | weeк Enaing Oct 8, 2022 | # of na change from week ago | YID | % Change (Week Ago) | % Change (Year Ago) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Grand Total | 63,427 | -4,552 | 2,529,255 | -7% | +0% |
| Western Processing | 49,234 | -4,649 | 2,003,575 | -9% | +0% |
| Eastern Processing | 14,193 | +97 | 525,680 | +1% | -0% |

ONTARIO- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING

 Week Ending
 # of hd change from
 YTD
 % Change
 % Change

 Oct 8, 2022
 week ago
 (Week Ago)
 (Year Ago)

 Grand Total
 12,719
 +146
 470,914
 +1.2%
 +0.1%

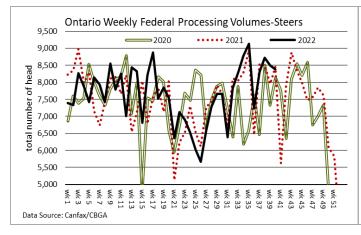


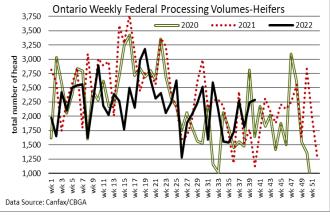
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

| | Steers | Heifers |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Oct 8, 2022 | 964 | 860 |
| Oct 1, 2022 | 958 | 863 |
| Oct 9, 2021 | 948 | 861 |

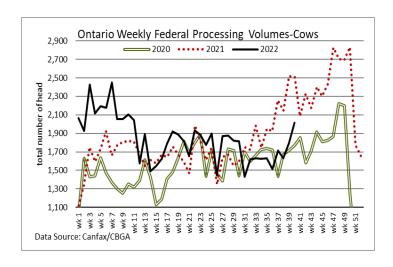
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS - ONTARIO

| | Steers | Heijers |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Oct 8, 2022 | 956 | 828 |
| Oct 1, 2022 | 952 | 843 |
| Oct 9, 2021 | 938 | 823 |





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USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

 Week Ending Oct 15, 2022
 Previous Week
 Year Ago

 Grand Total
 660,000
 664,000
 643,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending Oct 13, 2022

Steers Live FOB N/T Rail FOB Not enough sold to report

Heifers Live **FOB** 185.50 Rail **FOB** 296.50-298.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending Oct 13, 2022

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 145.00-150.00

Rail 228.00-232.00

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

 Choice
 Select

 600-900
 600-900

 Current Five Day Average
 246.13
 214.58

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

| | United States | Change from last year YTD | Mexico | Change from last year YTD |
|-------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | Jan 1- Aug 31/2022 | | Jan 1- Aug 31/2022 | |
| Total | 232,121 tonnes | -1% or – 1,616 tonnes | 16,976 tonnes | +6% or + 931 tonnes |
| | Japan | Change from last year YTD | South Korea | Change from last year YTD |
| | Jan 1- Aug 31/2022 | | Jan 1- Aug 31/2022 | |
| Total | 48,876 tonnes | +22% or + 8,838 tonnes | 14,063 tonnes | +104% or + 7,185 tonnes |

LIVE CATTLE - CANADA (AAFC)

| • | | Import % change from 2020 YTD | EXPORTS Jan 1- Sept 24/22 | | Export % change from 2021 YTD | |
|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| Pure bred | 9,628 | -22% | Slaughter steers & heifers & cows | 349,464 | +13% | |
| Non-pure bred | 137,755 | -50% | Feeder cattle & calves | 164,587 | +90% | |
| | | | Bulls | 30.580 | +9% | |

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA (AAFC)

| | Jan 1 – Oct 1/22 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|---------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Fed | 856,375 tonnes | 850,000 tonnes | +1% |
| Non-fed | 115,845 tonnes | 115,499 tonnes | +0% |

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

| | Jan 1 – Oct 1/22 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| United States | 80,558 tonnes | 75,750 tonnes | +6% |
| Non-CUSMA | 24,470 tonnes | 26,147 tonnes | -6% |
| EU-27 (beef/veal total) | 10,590 tonnes | 12,919 tonnes | -18% |
| Total | 125.172 tonnes | 123,069 tonnes | +2% |

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures **today** were as follows:

| Ciosing | quotes on rat | ares today we | c as ionows | • | | | | |
|----------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Live Cat | tle | | Feeder (| Cattle | | Corn | | |
| Oct | 146.95 | +0.50 | Oct | 173.80 | -0.95 | Oct | 6.896 | -8.0 |
| Dec | 147.77 | -0.15 | Dec | 174.77 | -1.32 | Dec | 6.962 | -8.6 |
| Feb | 151.10 | -0.60 | Feb | 175.10 | -1.20 | Feb | 6.972 | -8.4 |
| Apr | 154.82 | -0.77 | Apr | 176.65 | -0.92 | Apr | 6.906 | -8.2 |
| Jun | 152.10 | -0.95 | Jun | 180.55 | -0.70 | Jun | 6.430 | -7.0 |
| Aug | 151.77 | -0.92 | Aug | 183.70 | -0.40 | Aug | 6.290 | -7.0 |
| Soybear | ns | | Soft Red | d Winter Wheat | t | Canadia | n \$ | |
| Nov | 13.836 | -12.0 | Dec | 8.596 | -32.4 | Spot | 71.99 | -0.84 |
| Jan | 13.926 | -12.6 | Mar | 8.770 | -31.4 | Dec | 72.00 | -0.87 |
| Mar | 14.010 | -12.6 | May | 8.854 | -30.0 | Mar | 72.13 | -0.87 |
| May | 14.090 | -12.6 | Jul | 8.806 | -26.0 | Jun | 72.25 | -0.86 |
| Jul | 14.130 | -12.4 | Sep | 8.810 | -22.4 | Sep | 72.35 | -0.86 |
| Aug | 13.994 | -11.6 | Dec | 8.852 | -19.6 | Dec | 72.44 | -0.86 |

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

| Oct 15 | 8:00 am | Stratton, Rainy River Cattlemen's Sale | Stocker Sale- Cows & Bulls To Start |
|--------|----------|---|---|
| Oct 18 | 11:00 am | Ontario Stockyards Inc | Special Fall Yearling Sale |
| Oct 19 | 11:00 am | Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn | Special Fall Calf & Yearling Sale |
| Oct 19 | 1:00 pm | Ontario Livestock Exchange | Special Angus Sale (with regular sale) |
| Oct 21 | 10:00 am | Brussels Livestock | Hereford Influence Sale (with regular sale) |
| Oct 21 | 11:00 am | Community Livestock Exchange | Quinte Cattlemen's Special all Vacc Sale |
| Oct 22 | 9:00 am | Keady Livestock Market - Presort | Bruce Peninsula Charolais Calf Producers Sale |
| Oct 22 | 10:00 am | Thessalon- Algoma Co-op Livestock Sales | Calf Sale! (selling in farmer lots) |
| Oct 22 | 11:00 am | Denfield Livestock Exchange | Vaccinated Calves & Yearlings- off grass |
| Oct 22 | 1:00 pm | Maple Hill Auctions Ltd | Speckle Park Sale |
| Oct 24 | 1:00 pm | Carsons Farms & Auction | Special Fall Stocker Sale |
| Oct 24 | 7:00 pm | Maple Hill Auctions Ltd | Local Vaccinated Calf Sale |
| Oct 25 | 9:00 am | Keady Livestock Market - Presort | Georgian Bay Charolais Calf Producer Sale |
| Oct 26 | 12:00 pm | Aylmer Stockyards Inc | Fall Stocker Sale |
| Oct 26 | 1:00 pm | Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange | Fall Stocker Sale |
| Oct 27 | 9:00 am | Keady Livestock Market - Presort | Bluewater Black Calf Producers Sale |
| Oct 27 | 10:00 am | Wiarton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op. | Calf Sale! (90% Vaccinated) |
| Oct 28 | 7:00 pm | Cargill Auction Market | Local Calf Sale |
| Oct 29 | 9:00 am | Keady Livestock Market | Central Ont. Calf Producers Sale-owner lots |

Comments for the week ending October 13, 2022

Receipts of fed steers and heifers were light this week at 210 head, down 16 from the previous week and 4 fewer that the same time last year. Fed steers ranged from \$171.58-\$187.06 averaging \$182.17 up \$1.00 from the previous week and \$23.96 stronger than year ago prices. Very light receipts of only 80 heifers ranged from \$140.38-\$182.19 averaging \$163.66 down \$13.51 from the week before but \$13.10 higher than this time last year. The quality of the lighter heifer volumes was not as strong as last week as packers paid up to \$200.00 for the good quality cattle and the bottom end of the range was much lower than last week. Auction markets reported trade as steady to firm with one market noting slightly higher prices.

The Ontario railgrade market was very light this week with prices holding steady for the fourth consecutive week at \$303.00 dressed for steers and \$302.00-\$303.00 for heifers, mainly \$302.00 on very limited volumes. Delivery of the cattle sold this week is scheduled for the week of October 24th. Last year at this time the rail price trade sideways for 12 consecutive weeks at \$270.00 cwt dressed, down \$33.00 from the current market on average.

About steady receipts of 1,726 fed/cull cows sold through auction markets, up 57 from last week but 402 fewer that the same time last year. As of this week, year-to-date volumes of cows sold through auction markets is sitting at 83,066 head, down 10.5% from the same time last year and 11.4% fewer than this time in 2020 year-to-date. Cows sold from \$79.53-\$118.65 averaging \$97.89 down \$1.19 from the previous week but \$36.78 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as steady for the most part with one market noting trade as barely steady and another seeing stronger prices. By mid-week trade was fully steady on the good quality cows with plainer types selling easier, but ended the week selling barely steady. 457 of the cows sold this week were beef breeds, up 72 head from last week averaging \$101.14 down \$4.16 cwt from last week's weighted average beef cow price.

As of the week ending October 1, 2022, federally inspected processing volumes in Ontario are fully steady to last year at 458,195 head, but up 4.6% from the same time in 2020. In that mix, steer volumes processed federally in Ontario are at 298,015 head, up 1.4% from the same time in 2021 and 2.8% more than October 1, 2020 year-to-date. Heifer volumes are at 85,286 head processed down 11% from 2021 and 2% less that the same time in 2020. Cow volumes are up 6.2% over October 1, 2021 at 71,699 head year to date and up 20.4% over the same time in 2020. The Canadian Beef Grading Agency reports that as of October 1, 2022, 5.5% of the Ontario cattle processed graded prime, down from 6.2% in 2021. AAA is at 68.3% this year compared to 69.9% last year at this time. AA makes up 23.7% as of October 1, 2022 up from 21.7% in 2021 and A grade cattle are at 0.8% up from 0.7% the same time last year.

Lighter receipts of stocker and feeder cattle sold this week as fewer special sales took place, however next week the special sales begin to ramp up. This week there were 5,502 head of replacements sold through auction markets down 2,444 from the week before and 2,045 fewer than the same time last year. Auction markets reported trade as active with calves steady to fully steady and heifer calves noted as stronger. Yearlings were steady to fully steady but by mid-week yearling steers were reported as under pressure. By week's end trade was steady to stronger with quality considered. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs up \$4.62 from the week before, 500-600 lbs up \$2.32. 600-700 lbs down \$4.01, 700-800 lbs down \$15.49, 800-900 lbs up \$0.57, 900-1000 lbs down \$2.38 and steers 1000 lbs and over averaged \$3.69 easier than last week on average. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$2.96 from the previous week, 400-500 lbs up \$7.23, 500-600 lbs up \$5.19, 600-700 lbs up \$6.06, 700-800 lbs up \$0.31, 800-900 lbs down \$0.49 while heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$8.88 stronger than last week's weighted average price.

Alberta direct trade was light this week, with prices steady to \$4.00 cwt lower than last week from \$298.00-\$300.00 cwt delivered on a dressed basis, compared to \$300.00-\$304.00 last week. Canfax reports: "In some instances, packers were limiting the amount of cattle they were buying from each producer. Cattle that traded were being scheduled for the second half of November delivery. US packer interest has been noted and bids are a couple dollars higher than last week. Depending on freight and dressing percentage, US bids are working back to the mid to upper \$180's/cwt FOB lot. US bids are at a premium over local sales, but no cattle have traded so far. Truck availability or possibly grading specs could be deterring producers from selling cattle south."

The U.S. cash cattle trade the week ending October 7th was \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt higher than the previous week's trade. In the south prices ranged from \$143.00-\$144.50 live, mainly \$144.00, while in the north trade ranged from \$144.00-\$150.00 live and \$228.00-\$234.00 dressed. Overall averages for the week, reported by the USDA Mandatory Report saw live steers average \$146.23 up \$1.45 from the previous week with heifers averaging \$145.70 up \$1.52. On the rail steers averaged \$230.28 up \$1.11 from the week before while heifers averaged \$230.47 up \$1.49.

This week the U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill until Thursday, with just a couple of deals noted in lowa at \$230.00 dressed, but not nearly enough sold to establish a market. Sellers hoped for prices at least \$1.00 higher than last week while packers tried to hold the market steady. Light to moderate trade on Thursday went the side of the sellers with southern trade mainly \$145.00 live, up \$1.00 cwt from the previous week. In the north some live trade was noted from \$145.00-\$150.00 with dressed deals from \$230.00-\$232.00, most at \$232.00 cwt up \$2.00 from last week. Today the market is quiet and it appears that the bulk of trade for the week is completed.