

Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday, October 27, 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 (few to US at \$235.00 cwt USD)

A Grade Heifers 302.00

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ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

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

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FED CAT		Volume	Price Range	Average	Тор	Last Week Avg		
Large Frame Sto		87	173.45-184.36	179.97	195.50	177.41		
Medium Frame S	Steers +1250	56	155.68-184.17	174.53	191.50	178.41		
Large & Medium Frai	me Steers +1250	143	165.96-185.33	178.94	195.50	177.66		
Large Frame He	ifers +1000	113	168.80-187.31	178.88	199.25	176.78		
Medium Frame H	leifers +1000	85	159.33-179.49	170.93	194.00	169.16		
Large & Medium Fran	ne Heifers +1000	198	161.33-184.64	175.81	199.25	173.29		
Fed steers, Dairy & Da	airy Cross +1250	31	142.16-159.89	151.23	178.00	160.28		
Fed heifers, Dairy & D	Pairy Cross +1000	81	110.90-157.12	139.25	169.99	132.56		
Cows - All V	Veights	2,472	65.18-106.12	83.39	165.50	93.69		
Bulls - All W	/eights	155	100.84-137.02	119.08	200.00	139.94		
STOCKERS - Large and	l Madium Erama							
STEERS	Volume	Price Range		Average	Тор	Last Week Avg		
1000+	630		16.02-242.37	231.10	249.00	233.19		
900-999	342		21.78-249.23	238.23	290.00	245.11		
800-899	612	208.93-252.79		238.57	297.00	247.40		
700-799	768	22	23.54-265.50	249.67	312.00	233.84		
600-699	1,194		34.34-280.23	260.84	322.00	244.89		
500-599	1,382	24	46.12-307.36	279.05	367.50	257.98		
400-499	640	23	38.95-317.29	281.42	390.00	272.49		
-399	246	23	31.29-324.97	280.08	390.00	286.47		
STOCKERS - Large and	l Medium Frame							
HEIFERS	Volume	ı	Price Range	Average	Тор	Last Week Avg		
+900	444	18	32.64-211.35	196.47	225.99	198.03		
800-899	472	18	37.25-229.02	215.02	252.00	209.33		
700-799	528	18	31.12-230.06	212.44	270.00	207.10		
600-699	863	19	97.84-243.42	227.95	310.00	210.67		
500-599	1,165	20	01.51-270.49	245.08	325.00	221.75		
400-499	676	23	10.20-277.72	251.01	345.00	230.53		
300-399	179	22	22.29-278.58	248.73	360.00	223.30		

At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: October 22, 2022 – 251 cows, 17 bulls, 24 veal, 10 fed cattle, 111 stockers

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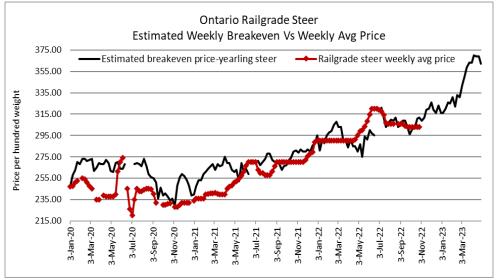
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	Price Range	Avg.	Гор
Cows	72.00-119.00	88.35	147.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	81.00-142.50	111.82	142.50
Bulls over 1600 lbs	117.50-141.00	128.44	141.00
Veal 600 lbs +	140.00-185.00	175.45	185.00

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Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., October 25, 2022: 106 Fed Cattle, 7 Veal, 55 Cows, 3 Bulls, 6 stockers

	Price Kange	Average	тор
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	182.00-195.50	189.00	195.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	180.50-190.00	186.01	199.25
Cows	72.50-106.00	87.63	134.50
Veal calves 600 lbs +	Not enough sold		

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: October 26, 2022 - 29 veal, 210 Cows, 53 fed cattle, 1 bull

	Price Range	Average	гор
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross 1000 lbs +	111.00-169.99	152.20	169.99
Cows	52.00-117.99	83.29	155.00
Veal 600+ lbs	121.99-210.0	177.29	210.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: October 21, 2022 – 1,938 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	214.00-245.25	233.15	245.25	900+	189.00-215.50	200.40	216.00
900-999	235.00-258.25	247.79	258.25	800-899	185.00-217.75	200.91	226.00
800-899	221.00-259.25	247.16	259.25	700-799	199.50-230.50	212.18	230.50
700-799	213.00-259.00	236.13	264.00	600-699	195.00-246.00	229.13	246.00
600-699	222.50-260.00	241.82	270.00	500-599	170.00-258.00	225.76	263.00
500-599	229.00-283.00	253.83	283.00	400-499	194.00-252.50	223.40	271.00
400-499	250.00-318.00	274.00	334.00	300-399	195.00-275.00	221.25	275.00
399-	272.50-360.00	307.70	360.00				

Stocker sale at Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn: October 22, 2022 - 111 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
500-599	177.50-265.00	212.18	265.00	500-599	91.00-215.00	189.21	215.00
400-499	165.00-290.00	223.87	290.00				
399-	175.00-265.00	201.83	265.00				

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
700-799	192.50-220.00	202.40	220.00	600-699	192.99-225.99	211.90	225.99
600-699	155.00-243.99	210.40	243.99	500-599	150.00-232.50	201.20	232.50
500-599	150.00-279.00	240.49	279.00	400-499	142.50-252.49	216.10	327.00
400-499	150.00-314.99	247.80	314.99	300-399	212.50-254.99	237.50	254.99
399-	220.00-307.50	257.60	307.50				
	at: Renfrew Pontiac						-
Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	139.99-239.99	196.39	239.99	700-799	122.50-218.50	204.80	218.50
700-799	135.00-229.99	209.50	229.99	600-699	119.99-227.99	195.10	227.99
600-699	144.99-254.00	223.70	254.00	500-599	139.99-256.00	223.49	256.00
500-599	200.00-300.00	250.00	300.00	400-499	164.99-267.49	242.79	267.49
400-499	194.99-322.50	258.80	322.50	300-399	194.99-270.00	225.19	354.99
399-	200.00-350.00	277.80	350.00	299-	189.99-250.00	214.99	250.00
Stocker sale <i>Steers</i>	at Ontario Livestock	•	-			Аманада	Ton
1000+	Price Range 227.00-249.00	Average 239.19	Top 249.00	<i>Heifers</i> 900+	Price Range 199.50-220.00	Average 206.70	Top
900-999	238.00-248.00	246.05	249.00	800-899	220.00-226.00	206.70	220.0 226.0
800-899	213.00-275.00	261.45	275.00	000-033	220.00-220.00	221.93	220.0
700-799		230.63	255.00				
700-799	190.00-255.00	230.63	255.00				
	at Ontario Livestock	_	-			_	_
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	172.50-188.00	180.82	188.00	900+	137.50-155.0	146.43	162.50
900-999	72.50-185.00	125.83	185.00	800-899	167.50-208.00	184.71	208.00
800-899	152.50-190.00	180.74	240.00	700-799	143.00-217.00	174.145	217.00
700-799	170.00-215.00	194.73	253.00	600-699	155.00-220.00	195.75	220.00
600-699	165.00-245.00	209.03	263.00	500-599	165.00-222.50	195.00	225.00
500-599	210.00-260.00	237.20	265.00	400-499	165.00-250.00	197.86	250.00
400-499	170.00-270.00	224.34	275.00	300-399	170.00-240.00	215.00	240.00
399-	125.00-270.00	210.71	270.00	299-	120.00-190.00	150.00	190.00
	at Ontario Stockyard					_	_
Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	140.00-211.00	181.13	211.00	900+	160.00-210.00	192.43	210.00
900-999	170.00-240.00	223.73	240.00	800-899	183.00-221.00	209.99	221.00
800-899	197.50-244.00	223.28	244.00	700-799	182.50-239.0	220.09	239.00
700-799	205.00-245.00	230.40	249.00	600-699	175.00-242.00	218.91	249.00
600-699	215.00-270.00	242.26	270.00	500-599	170.00-235.00	205.52	252.00
500-599	227.50-292.50	258.08	311.00	400-499	180.00-240.00	211.09	265.00
400-499	200.00-287.50	242.25	345.00	300-399	150.00-245.00	191.43	310.00
399-	180.00-275.00	245.08	370.00	299-	120.00-320.00	189.00	350.00
	at Ottawa Livestock	_					
Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
600-699	196.00-240.00	216.10	250.00	600-699	160.00-244.00	192.40	244.00
500-599	200.00-250.00	221.58	264.00	500-599	164.00-250.00	203.05	250.00
400-499	196.00-270.00	218.55	270.00	400-499	184.00-248.00	214.00	248.00
399-	172.00-272.00	237.50	272.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALE

Stocker sale at Community Livestock Exchange: October 21, 2022 - 691 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
900-999	156.00-229.00	193.39	229.00	900+	175.00-225.99	212.50	225.99
800-899	152.00-243.50	224.19	243.50	800-899	187.99-240.49	230.69	240.49
700-799	169.99-265.49	241.59	265.49	700-799	169.99-229.99	218.80	229.99
600-699	160.00-277.00	247.90	277.00	600-699	150.00-245.99	231.30	245.99
500-599	164.99-300.99	270.00	300.99	500-599	142.50-260.99	227.80	260.99
400-499	189.99-333.99	284.90	333.99	400-499	160.00-266.99	249.00	266.99
399-	204.99-304.99	251.79	304.99	300-399	175.00-235.00	197.19	235.00

Quinte Cattlemen's Association Stocker Sale - There was an excellent offering of 691 cattle comprised of 307 steers and 384 heifers. Demand was strong and sustained in all categories with extra strength in the lighter steer weights and all heifer weights. Quality consistency resulted in tighter price ranges than usual. There were 37 consignors and 22 purchasing buyers.

Stocker Sale at Algoma Cooperative Livestock Sales- Thessalon: October 22, 2022- 281 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Heifers	Price Range
900-999	189.00-215.00	800-899	180.00-191.00
800-899	185.00-214.00	700-799	N/T
700-799	220.00-253.00	600-699	180.00-192.00
600-699	227.00-283.00	500-599	180.00-230.00
500-599	259.00-333.00	400-499	188.00-256.00
400-499	270.00-335.00	399-	211.00-250.00
399-	261.00-311.00		

Bidding was active!

Stocker sale at **Denfield Livestock Exchange: October 22, 2022 – 404** Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
1000+	200.00-215.00	207.00	215.00	900+	196.00-208.00	201.11	216.00
900-999	230.00-248.00	237.92	248.00	800-899	207.00-252.00	230.47	252.00
800-899	220.00-253.00	243.54	260.00	700-799	213.00-242.00	231.30	242.00
700-799	230.00-263.00	248.97	263.00	600-699	206.00-225.00	213.54	227.00
600-699	230.00-258.00	246.58	258.00	500-599	210.00-215.00	212.81	228.00
500-599	235.00-283.00	251.41	283.00	400-499	217.00-241.00	232.67	241.00

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: October 22, 2022 – 814 Stockers- Presort Sale

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
800-899	282.50-297.00	286.37	297.00	600-699	253.00-290.00	272.78	290.00
700-799	295.00-297.00	296.39	312.00	500-599	270.00-310.00	288.8	315.00
600-699	295.00-316.00	305.58	322.00	400-499	269.00-312.50	294.81	320.00
500-599	298.00-335.00	320.00	355.00	300-399	262.50-312.50	280.00	312.50
400-499	322.00-355.00	338.21	375.00				
399-	331.00-375.00	359.45	375.00				

Bruce Peninsula Charolais Calf Producers Presorted Sale- noting a strong active trade on top quality vaccinated calves.

Stocker sale at Maple Hill Auctions Ltd: October 24, 2022 – 836 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
800-899	222.00-225.00	223.25	225.00	600-699	224.75-245.00	237.94	264.50
700-799	236.00-280.50	237.20	285.00	500-599	234.50-290.00	261.38	290.00
600-699	249.50-270.00	260.56	275.00	400-499	220.00-275.00	239.93	275.00
500-599	269.50-312.50	283.64	323.00				
400-499	259.00-280.50	271.70	319.00				
399-	280.00-330.00	312.00	330.00				

Special Fall Local Vaccinated Calf Sale! Nov 12th @1:00 pm- Commercial Bred Heifer Sale!

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock Market: October 25, 2022 – 1,061 Stockers – Presort Sale

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	285.00-298.00	292.58	298.00	700-799	204.00-244.00	224.58	244.00
600-699	285.00-312.50	297.29	317.50	600-699	232.00-248.00	243.95	310.00
500-599	287.50-325.00	313.13	357.50	500-599	235.00-310.00	293.80	325.00
400-499	315.00-382.00	358.81	390.00	400-499	257.50-345.00	312.45	345.00
399-	375.00-390.00	379.11	290.00	300-399	336.00-345.00	340.63	345.00
				299-	320.00-340.00	330.00	340.00

Georgian Bay Charolais Calf Producers-Presort Sale – A good offering of fully vaccinated, presorted calves sold at prices fully steady to Saturday's presorted sale!

Stocker sale at Aylmer Stockyards Inc, October 26, 2022 – 118 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
500-599	227.49-277.99	261.60	277.99	400-499	204.99-260.00	242.89	260.00
400-499	225.00-260.99	249.90	260.99				
399-	162.50-287.50	241.90	287.50				

Stocker sale at Vankleek Livestock Exchange, October 26, 2022 – 250 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
800-899	132.50-243.00	186.67	243.00	800-899	145.00-180.00	163.37	180.00
700-799	165.00-272.00	221.21	272.00	700-799	140.00-210.00	186.05	2100
600-699	212.50-261.00	225.92	261.00	600-699	182.50-222.50	197.56	222.50
500-599	199.00-268.00	228.25	270.00	500-599	177.50-232.00	197.74	232.00
400-499	207.50-285.00	231.15	285.00	400-499	170.00-232.50	190.42	232.50
399-	115.00-280.00	182.49	280.00				

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: October 27, 2022–658 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Тор	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Тор
600-699	300.00-317.50	309.04	317.50	700-799	190.00-212.00	194.40	212.00
500-599	315.00-350.00	325.36	350.00	600-699	200.00-225.00	209.65	225.00
400-499	287.50-335.00	317.92	335.00	500-599	227.00-260.00	242.42	285.00
399-	335.00-340.00	337.73	340.00	400-499	260.00-305.00	292.08	305.00
				300-399	285.00-315.00	305.28	360.00

Bluewater Black Calf Producers – Presorted sale- selling on a strong active trade.

Stocker sale at Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op- Wiarton: October 27, 2022- 524 stockers

Price Range	Heifers	Price Range
255.00-285.00	500-650	252.00-286.00
285.00-324.50	300-500	253.00-309.00
268.00-328.00		
335.00-400.00		
223.00-313.00		
	255.00-285.00 285.00-324.50 268.00-328.00 335.00-400.00	255.00-285.00 500-650 285.00-324.50 300-500 268.00-328.00 335.00-400.00

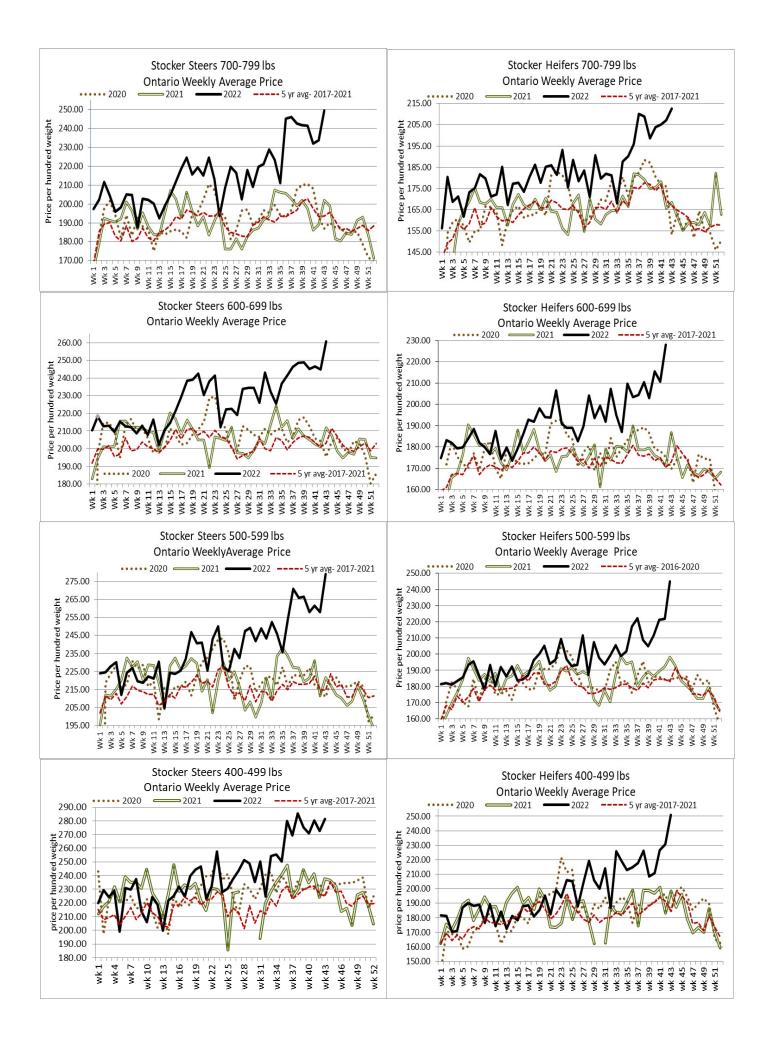
Top quality fresh weaned calves, Charolais, Red Angus, Black Angus, Hereford & Simmental, sold at strong prices on par with positive current market trends!

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Ottawa Livestock Exchange, October 20, 2022- 50 Bred cows, 12 Cow calf pairs (prices are per head & per pair)

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$2300-\$2850	\$1700-\$2200
Avg quality bred cows	\$1800-\$2300	\$1300-\$1675
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$2700-\$3100	\$1800-\$2250
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$2000-\$2675	\$1500-\$1775

A good sale was reported!



WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Oct. 8, 2022	Week ending Oct. 1, 2022	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported	1,821	1,544	69,564
through Ontario ports to the U.S.			
Steers & Heifers & Cows	1,701	1,427	64,982
Bulls	120	117	4,582

CANADIAN- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING- Thanksgiving Monday previous week

	Week Ending Oct 22, 2022	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	63,297	+3,817	2,652,032	+6%	-0%
Western Processing	49,039	+220	2,101,433	+0%	-0%
Eastern Processing	14.258	+3.597	550.599	+34%	+0%

ONTARIO- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING- Thanksgiving Monday previous week

	Week Ending Oct 22, 2022	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	12,883	+3,319	493,361	+34.7%	+0.2%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Oct 22 2022	972	870
Oct 15, 2022	972	877
Oct 23, 2021	951	853

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – ONTARIO

	Steers	Heifers
Oct 22 2022	963	818
Oct 15, 2022	953	800
Oct 23, 2021	944	828

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Oct 29, 2022	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	668,000	673,000	668,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending Oct 27, 2022

 Steers
 Live FOB
 185.50-186.25
 Rail FOB
 300.50

 Heifers
 Live FOB
 177.00-186.25
 Rail FOB
 300.00-300.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending Oct 27, 2022 Choice and Select Steers and Heifers: Live 148.00-155.00

Rail 234.00-242.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	259.28	227.57

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	United States Jan 1- Aug 31/2022	Change from last year YTD	Mexico Jan 1- Aug 31/2022	Change from last year YTD
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	rs	Import % change from 2020 YTD	EXPORTS		Export % change from 2021 YTD
Jan 1- Aug 31	1/2022		Jan 1- Oct 8/22		
Pure bred	9,628	-22%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	368,978	+12%
Non-pure bred	137,755	-50%	Feeder cattle & calves	168,999	+77%
			Bulls	32,824	+10%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA (AAFC)

	Jan 1 – Oct 15/22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	901,092 tonnes	895,727 tonnes	+1%
Non-fed	121,944 tonnes	121,436 tonnes	+0%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	Jan 1 – Oct 15/22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	83,853 tonnes	79,154 tonnes	+6%
Non-CUSMA	25,463 tonnes	26,751 tonnes	-5%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	11,198 tonnes	11,802 tonnes	-5%
Total	130,439 tonnes	128,423 tonnes	+2%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures *today* were as follows:

Live Cattle	•		Feeder (Cattle		Corn		
Oct	150.37	-1.02	Nov	177.87	-0.25	Dec	6.806	-1.4
Dec	153.00	-0.42	Jan	180.37	-0.07	Mar	6.866	-1.0
Feb	156.32	-0.52	Mar	182.57	+0.12	May	6.862	-0.6
Apr	159.22	-0.27	Apr	186.47	+0.15	Jul	6.804	-0.4
Jun	154.42	-0.35	May	189.35	+0.07	Sep	6.344	-0.4
Aug	153.62	-0.37	Aug	200.62	-0.10	Dec	6.210	-0.6
Soybeans			Soft Red	l Winter Wheat	t	Canadia	n \$	
Nov	13.876	+5.4	Dec	8.292	-9.2	Spot	73.48	-0.24
Jan	14.002	+6.6	Mar	8.490	-9.0	Dec	73.51	-0.22
Mar	14.090	+7.0	May	8.600	-8.4	Mar	73.64	-0.22
May	14.162	+6.6	Jul	8.614	-7.0	Jun	73.81	-0.20
Jul	14.194	+7.0	Sep	8.676	-6.2	Sep	73.95	-0.21
Aug	14.050	+7.4	Dec	8.756	-6.0	Dec	74.08	-0.17

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Oct 29	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Central Ont. Calf Producers Sale-owner lots
Nov 1	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special All Vaccinated Calf Sale
Nov 2	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Vacc Calf Sale
Nov 4	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Local Calf Sale
Nov 4	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Angus Influence Sale (in regular sale)
Nov 4	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Local Calf & Yearling Sale
Nov 5	8:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen's- Stratton	Stocker Sale, Cows & bulls at 8:00 am
Nov 5	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Annual Local Vaccinated Calf Sale

Nov 11 9:00 am Keady Livestock Market Nov 12 12:00 pm Ontario Stockyards Inc Nov 12 1:00 pm Maple Hill Auctions Ltd Special Grass & Yard Fed Yearling Sale Bred Cow & Cow/Calf Pair Sale Commercial Bred Heifer Sale

Comments for the week ending October 27, 2022

341 fed steers and heifers sold through Ontario auction markets this week down just 13 from the previous week and 30 fewer than the same time last year. Fed steers traded from \$165.96-\$185.33 averaging \$178.94 up \$1.28 from last week and \$22.24 above year ago prices. Fed heifers sold from \$161.33-\$184.64 averaging \$175.81 up \$2.52 from last week and \$22.12 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as active with prices steady to stronger with quality considered, with one market noting sales up by \$5.00 cwt in spots. The market ended the week with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 cwt higher. Top prices reached this week were \$195.50 live cwt for steers and \$199.25 for heifers.

The Ontario railgrade market continued flat at \$303.00 dressed for steers and \$302.00 for heifers on limited volumes. Cattle sold this week were for delivery the week of November 7th to start, to November 14th by mid- week. By Thursday, the market was quiet as local packer bids at \$303.00 dressed did not attract seller's attention. There are reports of a few cattle being sold to the U.S. from Ontario at \$235.00 USD cwt delivered which works back to around \$186.00 CDN cwt live on a picked up basis. Average prices continue steady for the sixth consecutive week and remain \$33.00 stronger than this time last year.

Lighter volumes of fed/cull cows came to market with some pressure on prices this week. There were 2,472 head sold through auction markets, down 296 from last week but 67 more than the same week last year. Cows sold from \$65.18-\$106.12 averaging \$83.39 down \$10.30 cwt from last week but still \$21.91 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported trade as softer to under pressure for the most part with comments on beef cows and good quality trading steady to higher and plainer types and dairy breeds lower. The market ended the week under pressure at lower prices. 560 beef cows sold this week down 127 head from last week, averaging \$88.75 down \$12.31 cwt from last week's beef cow weighted average price.

10,200 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auctions this week which is fully steady to last week but 2,146 more than the same week last year, with several special sales included this week. Auction markets reported calves as active on a steady to stronger trade, with top quality calves noted in a few special sales included this week with higher prices. Yearlings sold on a strong active trade with prices reported as steady to strong, with heifers noted as higher and with premiums. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs up \$8.93 from last week, 500-600 lbs up \$21.07, 600-700 lbs up \$15.95, 700-800 lbs up \$15.83, 800-900 lbs down \$8.83, 900-1000 lbs down \$6.88 and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$2.09 easier than last week on average. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$25.43 on average, 400-500 lbs up \$20.48, 500-600 lbs up \$23.33, 600-700 lbs up \$17.28, 700-800 lbs up \$5.43, 800-900 lbs up \$5.69 and heifers 900 lbs plus averaged \$1.56 below last week's weighted average price. Steers are averaging \$40.00-\$55.00 stronger than last year at this time, while heifers are up by \$40.00-\$50.00 cwt.

Alberta direct trade was light this week with prices reported at \$302.00 cwt delivered on a dressed basis. Canfax notes that depending on which packer that purchased the cattle, delivery dates were from late November to early December. Canfax also notes that U.S. packers were purchasing cattle at \$233.00 USD cwt delivered which is at a premium to local trade.

The U.S. cash cattle trade the week ending October 21st was strong with business in the south up \$3.00 cwt from \$146.00-\$148.00 live, majority at \$148.00. In the north some live trade was reported from \$150.00-\$153.00 while dressed deals ranged from \$234.00-\$238.00 dressed, mainly \$236.00 up \$3.00-\$4.00 cwt. Actual average prices reported by the USDA Mandatory Price Report saw live steers average \$150.07 up \$3.08 from the previous week while heifers averaged \$149.86 up \$2.91. On the rail steers averaged \$235.28 up \$3.68 with heifers averaging \$235.52 up \$3.97.

This week the U.S. cash cattle trade was limited until Thursday, with just a couple of deals in parts of the north reported from \$151.00-\$153.00 live and \$236.00 dressed, steady but certainly not enough sold to establish a market. Smaller show lists this week and stronger boxed beef prices had sellers holding out for higher prices. By Thursday, moderate to active trade developed with stronger prices again this week. In the south trade is reported at \$150.00 cwt live up \$2.00 from last week. In the north some live deals ranged from \$151.00-\$155.00 with dressed trade from \$236.00-\$242.00, mainly \$240.00 cwt up \$4.00-\$5.00 cwt from last week on average, with a couple of deals to a regional buyer at \$244.00 with immediate delivery. Today the market is quiet and it appears the bulk of trade is completed.