



Weekly Market Information Report for the week ending Thursday, December 22, 2022

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by Beef Farmers of Ontario.

There will not be a report the week ending Dec 30, 2022 due to limited sales during the holidays.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts. Weekly Range:

A Grade Steers	320.00
A Grade Heifers	319.00

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	19	180.68-195.88	188.16	200.25	188.74
Medium Frame Steers +1250	32	185.84-194.92	189.47	205.00	186.48
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	51	184.27-196.21	190.11	205.00	188.60
Large Frame Heifers +1000	48	185.38-203.57	192.08	223.00	184.69
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	65	173.30-197.21	187.08	219.00	186.19
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	113	172.70-199.61	188.43	223.00	185.52
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	13	94.23-147.92	124.16	173.00	167.80
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	46	121.96-152.85	136.93	160.00	136.82
Cows - All Weights	2,142	62.50-100.46	79.13	163.50	83.69
Bulls - All Weights	78	81.27-130.62	104.85	250.00	113.00

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	396	222.59-249.36	236.80	262.00	244.58
900-999	307	234.33-263.49	251.65	275.00	249.70
800-899	147	223.43-255.39	238.65	278.00	222.44
700-799	223	232.40-273.21	256.60	293.00	226.61
600-699	290	247.81-302.21	277.95	311.00	250.29
500-599	216	244.50-297.86	271.48	319.00	250.56
400-499	146	211.52-297.18	260.09	345.00	277.97
-399	45	180.11-288.60	244.61	430.00	269.63

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	237	190.85-222.71	208.52	257.00	198.86
800-899	149	204.39-231.66	221.01	246.00	190.46
700-799	69	177.75-219.29	205.42	246.00	190.78
600-699	154	197.79-235.99	220.42	246.50	202.19
500-599	124	197.45-243.34	223.15	259.00	218.22
400-499	73	156.06-219.88	197.66	260.00	221.76
300-399	46	165.54-225.49	198.78	277.50	195.38
-299	4	125.00-155.00	132.50	155.00	171.83

At **Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: December 17, 2022 – 208 cows, 7 bulls, 24 veal, 6 fed cattle, 13 stockers**

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	66.00-112.00	81.90	130.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	84.00-131.00	111.12	131.00
Veal 125 lbs-	100.00-300.00	147.93	300.00

Closed December 24th & 31st. Regular Sat sale will take place on Wed Dec 28th!!

Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc., December 20, 2022: 64 Fed Cattle, 18 Veal, 95 Cows, 7 Bulls, 24 stockers

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	187.00-200.25	194.16	205.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	190.00-204.00	195.64	219.00
Cows	69.00-90.00	78.64	113.00
Veal calves 600 lbs +	189.00-199.00	194.13	201.00

No sale December 27th. Jan 3, 2023 regular sales resume.

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: December 21, 2022 – 20 veal, 164 Cows, 36 fed cattle, 23 stockers, 12 bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers 1250+ lbs	185.00-194.50	188.50	194.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers 1000+ lbs	169.99-191.99	186.80	191.99
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	125.00-160.00	143.70	160.00
Cows	54.50-113.99	84.79	163.50
Veal 600+ lbs	156.00-214.99	192.39	214.99

124 replacement calves sold between \$5.00-\$480.00 for an average of \$205.00 per head. *Dec 28th- Regular sale and month end stocker sale!*

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: December 16, 2022 – 1,486 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	220.00-244.00	232.19	253.00	900+	201.00-232.00	217.62	257.00
900-999	236.00-263.00	252.46	265.00	800-899	221.00-246.00	237.41	246.00
800-899	242.50-265.00	250.79	278.00	700-799	187.50-246.00	226.25	246.00
700-799	247.50-289.00	270.11	293.00	600-699	204.00-246.50	226.45	246.50
600-699	270.00-311.00	287.62	311.00	500-599	202.50-250.00	230.20	250.00
500-599	247.00-299.50	270.90	319.00	400-499	156.00-227.00	202.18	260.00
400-499	210.00-293.00	265.71	312.00	300-399	192.50-250.00	224.36	277.50
399-	205.00-275.00	253.24	285.00				

Closed Dec 24-31st. Sales will resume Jan 3, 2023.

Stocker sale at: Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: December 20, 2022 – 118 Stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	197.50-237.50	217.79	237.50	600-699	166.99-239.99	219.39	239.99
600-699	155.00-291.99	241.50	281.99	500-599	172.50-210.00	188.50	210.00
500-599	202.49-283.00	257.39	283.00	400-499	117.50-239.99	199.79	239.99
400-499	200.00-295.00	247.90	295.00				

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Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 21, 2022 – 325 stockers

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	241.00-262.00	252.21	262.00	900+	180.00-222.00	212.86	222.00
900-999	242.50-275.00	257.72	275.00	800-899	237.00-242.00	240.13	242.00
800-899	269.00-278.00	272.40	278.00				

Dec 27- Regular Fed Cow/Veal/Lamb Sale, Dec 28- Regular Vacc Stocker Sale, Dec 29- Regular Fed Cattle / Cow / Stocker / Dairy Sale, Jan 3, 2023 regular sales resume.

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: December 22, 2022 – 181 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	100.00-190.00	154.17	200.00	900+	144.00-150.00	147.21	182.50
900-999	205.00-212.50	208.75	212.50	800-899	160.00-187.00	172.29	207.50
800-899	138.00-217.00	182.50	232.50	700-799	152.50-192.50	178.70	192.50
700-799	190.00-225.00	207.50	225.00	600-699	140.00-169.00	160.21	212.50
600-699	250.00-280.00	264.44	280.00	500-599	185.00-215.00	203.33	215.00
500-599	140.00-265.00	228.57	265.00	300-399	125.00-220.00	182.50	220.00
400-499	167.50-265.00	218.19	300.00	299-	125.00-155.00	132.50	155.00
399-	125.00-255.00	187.50	255.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc: December 22, 2022 – 463 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	82.50-175.00	131.08	228.00	900+	130.00-200.00	163.54	200.00
900-999	167.50-234.00	219.00	234.00	800-899	135.00-205.00	174.29	207.00
800-899	202.50-250.00	226.81	250.00	700-799	200.00-213.00	209.06	213.00
700-799	220.00-266.50	251.58	286.50	600-699	218.00-243.00	232.50	246.50
600-699	250.00-310.00	286.22	310.00	500-599	205.00-259.00	235.26	259.00
500-599	272.50-313.00	292.20	313.00	400-499	170.00-222.50	205.03	235.00
400-499	255.00-345.00	288.79	345.00	300-399	150.00-205.00	177.14	205.00
399-	190.00-318.00	260.50	318.00				

Dec 23-Jan 1- Closed for the holidays. Jan 2, 2023- regular schedule resumes!

WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 3, 2022	Week ending Nov 26, 2022	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported through Ontario ports to the U.S.	2,376	2,143	87,512
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,194	2,067	81,870
Bulls	182	76	5,642

CANADIAN- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING-Canfax/CBGA

	Week Ending Dec 17, 2022	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	63,895	-4,396	3,179,988	-6%	+1%
Western Processing	49,701	-5,104	2,518,096	-9%	+1%
Eastern Processing	14,194	+708	661,892	+5%	+0%

ONTARIO- FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING-Canfax/CBGA

	Week Ending Dec 17, 2022	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
Grand Total	12,608	+576	592,896	+4.8%	+0%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA-Canfax/CBGA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 17, 2022	956	834
Dec 10, 2022	955	831
Dec 18, 2021	939	846

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – ONTARIO-Canfax/CBGA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 17, 2022	976	848
Dec 10, 2022	970	860
Dec 18, 2021	945	837

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Dec 24, 2022	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	562,000	625,000	487,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending Dec 22, 2022

Steers	Live FOB	187.75	Rail FOB	304.50-305.50
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail FOB	N/T

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending Dec 22, 2022

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	155.00-158.00
	Rail	246.00-249.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five Day Average	264.36	237.20

BEEF EXPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	United States <i>Jan 1- Oct 31/2022</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	Mexico <i>Jan 1- Oct 31/2022</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
Total	298,758 tonnes	0% or -91 tonnes	21,863 tonnes	+11% or + 2,173 tonnes
	Japan <i>Jan 1- Oct 31/2022</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>	South Korea <i>Jan 1- Oct 31/2022</i>	<i>Change from last year YTD</i>
Total	58,974 tonnes	+15% or + 7,812 tonnes	15,957 tonnes	+65% or + 6,280 tonnes

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA (AAFC)

IMPORTS	<i>Import % change</i> <i>from 2020 YTD</i>	EXPORTS	<i>Export % change</i> <i>from 2021 YTD</i>		
<i>Jan 1- Oct 31/2022</i>		<i>Jan 1- Dec 3/22</i>			
Pure bred	11,059	-24%	Slaughter steers & heifers & cows	456,847	+10%
Non-pure bred	228,632	-34%	Feeder cattle & calves	191,264	+47%
			Bulls	40,440	+15%

BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA (AAFC)

	<i>Jan 1 – Dec 10/22</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fed	1,085,005 tonnes	1,077,342 tonnes	+1%
Non-fed	151,076 tonnes	147,223 tonnes	+3%

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	<i>Jan 1 – Dec 10/22</i>	<i>Last Year Same Time</i>	<i>% Change</i>
United States	102,116 tonnes	96,559 tonnes	+6%
Non-CUSMA	31,481 tonnes	30,366 tonnes	+4%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	14,199 tonnes	14,849 tonnes	-4%
Total	160,338 tonnes	154,403 tonnes	+4%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Dec	156.90	+1.00	Jan	184.00	+0.02	Mar	6.662	+5.6
Feb	157.75	+0.45	Mar	186.75	+0.30	May	6.650	+4.6
Apr	161.82	+0.50	Apr	190.25	+0.35	Jul	6.580	+3.6
Jun	157.85	+0.57	May	193.27	+0.35	Sep	6.166	+1.6
Aug	157.52	+0.50	Aug	202.55	+0.35	Dec	6.016	+0.4
Oct	161.25	+0.35	Sep	204.65	+0.07	Mar	6.100	+0.4
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
Jan	14.790	+11.2	Mar	7.760	+13.6	Spot	73.52	+0.26
Mar	14.844	+12.4	May	7.824	+12.6	Mar	73.57	+0.26
May	14.900	+14.2	Jul	7.862	+11.4	Jun	73.67	+0.26
Jul	14.930	+14.6	Sep	7.926	+11.0	Sep	73.76	+0.25
Aug	14.726	+14.2	Dec	8.044	+10.6	Dec	73.85	+0.24
Sep	14.200	+13.0	Mar	8.104	+10.4	Mar	73.92	+0.21

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SALES

Jan 11/23 11:00 am Kawartha Lakes Community Sales Barn KLC Special Stocker Sale
*Jan 27/23 11:00 am ***changed** Community Livestock Exchange Quinte Cattlemen's 100% Vacc Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending December 22, 2022

Light receipts of 164 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week down 220 head from last week, but 25 more than the same time last year. Fed steers ranged from \$184.27-\$196.21 with a weekly weighted average price of \$190.11 up \$1.51 from the previous week and \$30.85 above year ago prices. Fed heifers sold from \$172.70-\$199.61 averaging \$188.43 up \$2.91 from the week before and \$28.56 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices noted as fully steady to stronger.

The Ontario railgrade market was light this week ahead of the upcoming holiday. Fed steers sold at \$320.00 dressed while heifers traded at \$319.00 cwt dressed which is fully steady to the previous week's trade. The cattle trading on the rail this week are reported to be scheduled for immediate delivery to the week of January 3, 2023.

2,142 fed/cull cows sold through auction markets this week down 828 from the week before but 323 more than the same week last year. Cows ranged from \$62.50-\$100.46 averaging \$79.13 down \$4.56 from the previous week but \$20.62 above last year at this time. Auction markets reported trade as barely steady to start, and by mid-week fully steady to lower trade was reported. The market ended the week with beef cows fully steady while dairy breeds were easier. There were only 252 beef cows sold this week, down 419 head from last week, averaging \$88.90 down \$0.26 from last week's weighted average beef cow price.

Seasonally lighter receipts of 2,626 stocker and feeder cattle sold through auction markets this week down 1,828 head from last week but 719 more than the same time last year. Auction markets reported calves as active with prices fully steady to higher, with quality considered and ended the week on good demand at steady to stronger prices. Yearlings/heavier cattle sold at prices steady on the steers and steady to \$3.00-\$5.00 cwt higher on the heifers. By mid-week trade was steady to barely steady with quality considered and ended the week steady. Actual average prices this week saw steers 400-500 lbs down \$17.88, 500-600 lbs up \$20.92, 600-700 lbs up \$27.66, 700-800 lbs up \$29.99, 800-900 up \$16.21, 900-1000 lbs up \$1.95 while steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$7.78 easier than last week. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$3.40 on average, 400-500 lbs down \$24.10, 500-600 lbs up \$4.93, 600-700 lbs up \$18.23, 700-800 lbs up \$14.64, 800-900 lbs up \$30.55 with heifers 900 lbs and over averaging \$9.66 stronger than last week's weighted average prices.

The Quebec electronic market this week was reported at \$320.00 cwt delivered on a picked-up basis, up \$4.00 cwt from last week's trade on average.

Alberta direct trade this week was reported by Canfax as \$2.00 cwt stronger than the previous week with sales from \$306.00-\$307.00 cwt delivered on a dressed basis. Canfax notes: "Cattle that traded were being scheduled for the second half of January delivery. Light volumes of Alberta cattle traded to the US, depending on freight and dressing percentage, sales to the US are working back to the upper \$180's/cwt FOB lot. With bitterly cold temperatures many producers are primarily focused on keeping cattle bedded and thawing waters. Selling inquires have been light and sale volumes are expected to be very light."

The U.S. cash cattle trade the week ending December 16th was light in the south with sales from \$153.00-\$155.50 live, mainly \$155.00 which is just steady. In the north live trade ranged from \$155.00-\$159.00, mostly \$156.00 which is also steady. Dressed trade ranged from \$245.00-\$248.00 with majority at \$248.00 up \$1.00 cwt. Overall average prices for the week reported by the USDA Mandatory Price Report saw live steers average \$155.69 down \$0.10 from the previous week while heifers averaged \$155.64 live up \$0.09. On the rail steers averaged \$247.80 up \$0.98 with heifers averaging \$247.58 up \$0.79.

This week the U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill early week as a severe winter storm blanketed most feeding states. A few bids in the south on Wednesday were passed in the south at \$153.00 live. A couple of deals in Iowa were noted at \$247.00-\$248.00 dressed which is steady, but not nearly enough to establish a market. Cattle futures were strong on Wednesday which supported the sellers resolve. Thursday, trade was light with sales reported at \$155.00 live in the south, steady to last week. In the north deals ranged from \$156.00-\$158.00 live, steady to \$2.00 higher with dressed deals up \$1.00 cwt at \$249.00. Today a few deals in the south are noted at \$156.00 live up \$1.00 cwt with bids in the north from \$156.00-\$158.00 live, steady to lower than Thursday's trade but sellers are showing no interest. Asking prices are reported at \$156.00-\$157.00 live in the south and \$250.00 plus dressed in the north.