



WEEKLY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – FOR THE WEEK ENDING THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2025

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:

A Grade Steers	450.00
A Grade Heifers	450.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

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

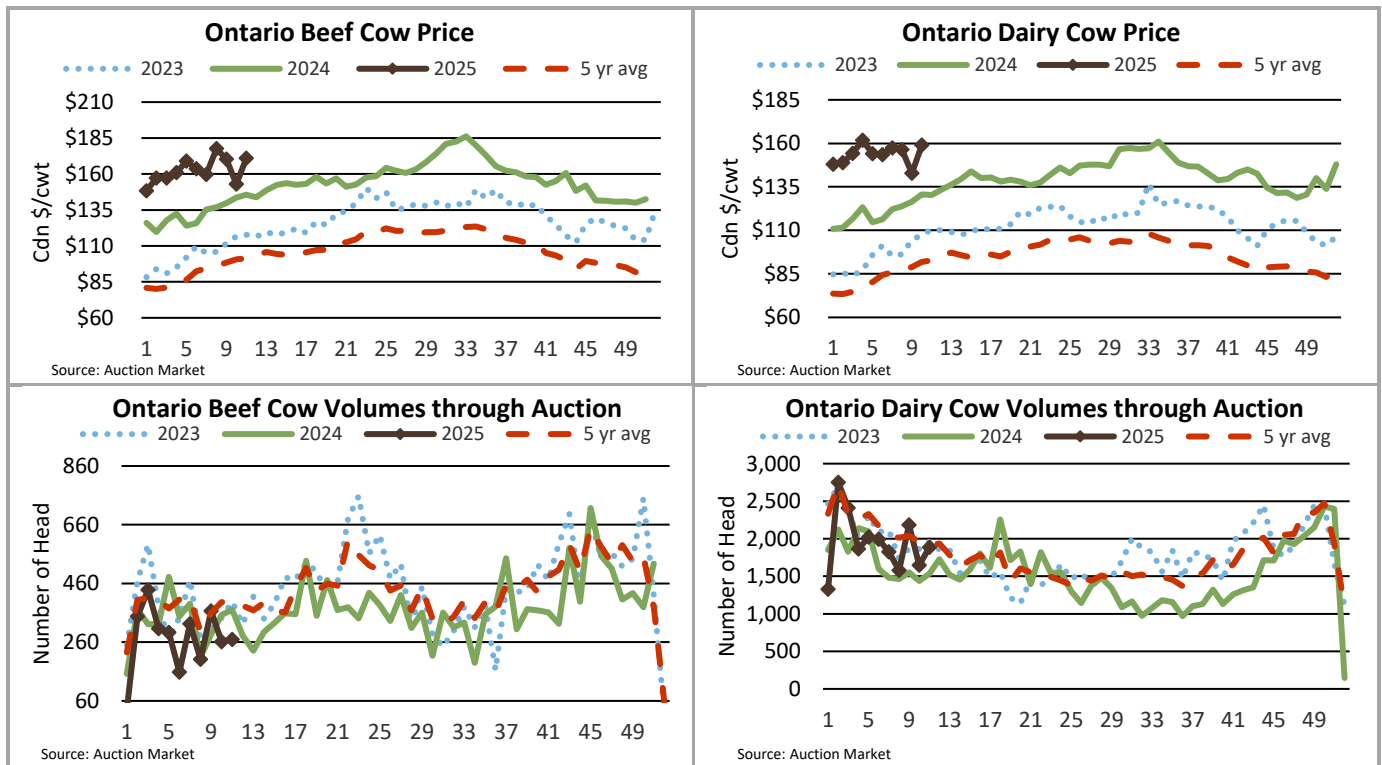
FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	93	265.18-280.99	273.79	287.00	231.16
Medium Frame Steers +1250	74	254.26-275.11	267.80	289.00	231.03
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	163	260.64-279.67	271.49	289.00	231.01
Large Frame Heifers +1000	126	254.77-277.07	266.65	344.00	230.37
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	154	257.31-273.71	267.14	337.50	232.57
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	280	254.98-277.59	267.37	344.00	233.96
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	36	226.93-251.54	236.46	271.00	297.57
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	127	176.38-238.77	212.20	275.00	184.83
Cows - All Weights	2154	136.11-185.08	159.90	240.00	144.43
Bulls - All Weights	103	229.62-278.83	254.61	434.12	202.95

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	427	320.78-349.90	336.76	363.00	325.60
900-999	205	343.71-361.78	353.01	368.00	348.54
800-899	178	335.14-372.83	358.41	390.50	346.50
700-799	337	350.51-417.20	390.07	520.00	375.10
600-699	458	412.01-497.19	460.22	602.50	396.05
500-599	714	478.89-506.03	493.30	555.00	420.35
400-499	146	405.68-514.44	477.56	580.00	432.95
<399	45	468.09-629.61	581.87	1280.00	615.24

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	151	274.59-324.90	303.20	383.49	293.34
800-899	130	301.54-348.82	333.26	464.29	316.49
700-799	265	313.65-384.09	361.87	410.00	331.43
600-699	293	338.17-398.67	368.89	460.00	357.06
500-599	363	332.27-424.64	382.86	460.00	396.12
400-499	182	332.80-442.27	396.78	510.00	425.46
300-399	54	383.65-458.55	412.20	530.00	372.20
<299	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: **Mar 8, 2025– 132 cows, 8 bulls, 56 veal, 6 fed cattle, 28 stockers**

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	145.00-193.00	159.37	210.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	196.96-303.74	244.17	303.74
Veal Calves 600 lbs & over	240.00-285.00	263.50	285.00
Veal Calves 125 lbs & under	600.00-1200.00	942.62	1250.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Mar 11, 2025 – 81 Fed Cattle, 95 Cows, 8 Bulls, 6 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	259.00-276.50	268.16	289.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	265.00-276.50	269.56	293.00
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250 lbs	224.50-271.00	240.14	271.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	191.00-275.00	232.59	275.00
Cows	145.00-195.00	169.19	220.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	148.00-217.00	178.50	217.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **Mar 12, 2025 – 24 Veal, 246 Cows, 4 Bulls, 60 Fed cattle, 63 Stockers**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	151.00-270.99	236.10	270.99
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	155.00-241.99	224.19	241.99
Cows	110.00-229.99	169.50	229.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	262.99-350.00	286.20	350.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: **Mar 7, 2025 – 622 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	296.00-332.00	314.70	341.00	900+	293.00-333.00	312.79	333.00
900-999	307.00-337.00	324.58	354.00	800-899	299.00-362.00	344.19	362.00
800-899	349.00-390.50	372.03	390.50	700-799	305.00-386.31	369.72	386.31
700-799	335.00-417.00	394.06	417.00	600-699	295.00-375.00	335.00	375.00
600-699	380.00-429.00	401.99	442.50	500-599	317.50-420.00	367.10	435.00
500-599	345.00-470.00	407.83	470.00	400-499	330.00-437.50	398.65	437.50
400-499	345.00-495.00	420.75	495.00				

There will be no stocker sale on Friday April 18th due to Good Friday Holiday.

Stocker sale at **Temiskaming Livestock Sales: Mar 10, 2025 - 58 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	310.00-372.50	340.45	372.50				
				500-599	230.00-350.00	318.21	350.00

Stocker sale at **Hoard's Station Sale Barn: Mar 11, 2025: 121 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	250.00-426.99	377.00	426.99	600-699	314.99-360.00	349.19	360.00
500-599	250.00-454.99	383.30	454.99	500-599	250.00-392.49	338.09	392.49
				400-499	260.00-454.99	389.50	454.99

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market: Mar 11, 2025: 1,485 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	345.00-358.00	352.97	358.00				
900-999	352.50-368.00	361.16	368.00	900+	282.50-330.00	316.20	335.00
800-899	370.00-380.00	377.19	380.00	800-899	340.00-369.00	362.42	369.00
700-799	382.00-437.00	419.98	437.00	700-799	360.00-400.00	380.96	410.00
600-699	535.00-594.00	555.79	602.50	600-699	387.00-427.50	409.82	460.00
500-599	514.45-518.20	515.51	555.00	500-599	405.00-460.00	434.74	460.00
400-499	520.00-580.00	553.24	580.00	400-499	400.00-510.00	456.32	510.00
300-399	420.00-620.00	577.00	620.00	300-399	380.00-530.00	434.00	530.00

Stocker sale at **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: Mar 11, 2025: 207 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
				900+	200.00-310.00	257.79	383.49
800-899	239.99-372.50	340.49	372.50	800-899	204.99-375.70	285.00	464.29
700-799	322.50-415.00	371.70	415.00	700-799	254.99-385.00	341.69	385.00
600-699	320.00-450.00	406.70	450.00	600-699	275.00-354.99	309.10	354.99
500-599	350.00-484.99	414.40	484.99	500-599	250.00-389.99	337.80	389.99
400-499	339.99-490.00	458.99	490.00	400-499	220.00-429.99	349.10	429.99

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: Mar 12, 2025 - 316 Stockers**

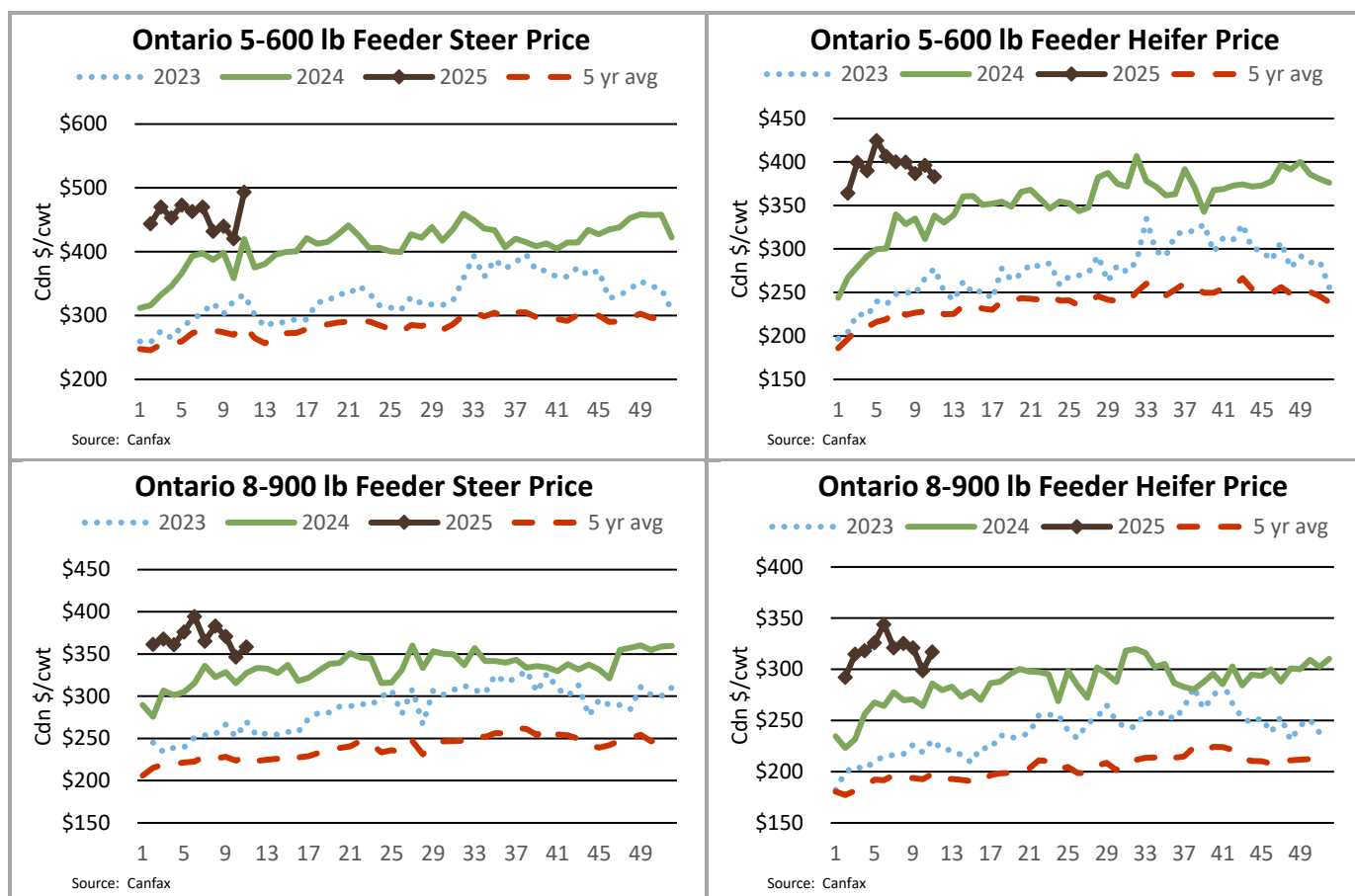
Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	335.00-363.00	351.05	363.00				
900-999	361.00-367.00	363.98	367.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: Mar 13, 2025 - 379 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	240.00-350.00	290.00	350.00	900+	220.00-292.50	268.86	292.50
800-899	270.00-362.50	318.33	362.50	800-899	255.00-295.00	284.44	295.00
700-799	325.00-412.50	370.97	520.00	700-799	255.00-370.00	320.00	370.00
600-699	345.00-465.00	413.43	465.00	600-699	345.00-395.00	371.82	430.00
500-599	380.00-450.00	421.59	450.00	500-599	340.00-400.00	366.28	400.00
				400-499	350.00-385.00	366.67	400.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc: Mar 13, 2025 - 658 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	320.00-365.00	350.71	379.00				
700-799	339.00-410.00	372.05	420.00	700-799	307.50-370.00	349.96	370.00
600-699	355.00-464.00	427.93	475.00	600-699	300.00-387.50	340.35	399.00
500-599	415.00-502.50	463.34	510.00	500-599	315.00-442.00	379.19	442.00
400-499	405.00-520.00	484.36	545.00	400-499	335.00-447.50	402.44	479.00
<399	440.00-512.50	486.09	530.00	300-399	365.00-440.00	393.17	470.00



WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS - ONTARIO (USDA)

	Week ending Mar 1, 2025	Week ending Feb 22, 2025	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported through Ontario ports to the U.S.	4,738	2,502	38,419
Steers & Heifers & Cows	4,661	2,471	37,814
Bulls	77	31	605

LIVE CATTLE - CANADA (AAFC/USDA)

IMPORTS			EXPORTS	
Import % change from 2024 YTD			Export % change from 2024 YTD	
Jan 1- Jan 31/2025			Jan 1- Feb 22/25	
Pure bred	114	-74%	Processing steers, heifers & cows	106,316 27%
Non-pure bred	22,360	29%	Feeder cattle & calves	26,359 47%
			Bulls	2,345 -18%

FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING - Canfax/CBGA

	Week Ending Mar 8, 2025	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
ONTARIO	9,784	-503	99,171	-5%	-3.7%
CANADA	54,148	-561	544,539	-1%	-10.5%
Western Processing	42,682	11	429,378	0%	-12.3%
Eastern Processing	11,466	-572	115,161	-5%	-3.2%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – Canfax/CBGA

	CANADA		ONTARIO	
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Week ending	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
08-Mar-25	954	862	989	869
01-Mar-25	942	859	978	864
09-Mar-24	957	858	984	869

DOMESTIC BEEF PRODUCTION – CANADA (million pounds) (Canfax/CBGA)

	March 8, 2025	Wk ago chg	YTD	YTD chg
Fed	42.0	0.5%	413.0	-12.4%
Non-Fed	6.8	-4.6%	75.8	-6.4%
Total	48.8	-0.3%	488.8	-11.5%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Mar 15, 2025	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	587,000	578,000	597,000

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending March 13, 2025	450.50	N/A

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending March 13, 2025

Steers	Live- FOB	274.00-274.00	Rail- FOB	448.00-453.50
Heifers	Live- FOB	N/A	Rail- FOB	447.00-453.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending March 13, 2025

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	200.00
	Rail	N/A

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five-Day Average	318.89	306.92

CANADIAN BEEF EXPORTS JANUARY/2025 (AAFC)

	Tonnes	% chg	vol chg		Tonnes	% chg	vol chg
United States	31,437	-7%	-2,471	Mexico	3,233	-1%	-27
Japan	4,675	28%	1,028	South Korea	1,897	69%	776
Vietnam	837	0%	2	Total	43,729	-1%	-248

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	Jan 1 – Mar 1, 2025	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	17,484	14,976	17%
Australia	5,339	2,835	88%
New Zealand	5,219	4,138	26%
Uruguay	2,972	5,532	-46%
Mexico	1,369	1,351	1%
Non-CUSMA	17,436	15,038	16%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	1,711	2,574	-34%
Total	51,530	46,444	11%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Apr	203.18	+1.13	Mar	281.98	+1.75	Mar	4.454	-8.0
Jun	199.35	+1.08	Apr	281.20	+1.23	May	4.584	-6.6
Aug	196.70	+0.75	May	282.65	+1.13	Jul	4.674	-4.6
Oct	197.28	+0.73	Aug	286.55	+0.95	Sep	4.444	-2.0
Dec	198.58	+0.58	Sep	285.70	+0.85	Dec	4.510	-1.2
Feb	199.53	+0.55	Oct	284.30	+0.73	Mar	4.634	-0.6
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
Mar	9.992	+2.4	Mar	5.456	-1.4	Spot	69.56	+0.23
May	10.160	+5.2	May	5.570	-5.4	Mar	69.57	+0.22
Jul	10.300	+5.0	Jul	5.730	-5.2	Jun	69.87	+0.22
Aug	10.266	+5.0	Sep	5.896	-5.0	Sep	70.17	+0.24
Sep	10.126	+5.2	Dec	6.132	-4.0	Dec	70.45	+0.25
Nov	10.180	+6.2	Mar	6.320	-3.0	Mar	70.72	+0.26

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ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

Mar 7	5:00 pm	Keady Livestock Market	Special Bred Cow/Heifer Sale
Mar 8	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Special Bred Cow Sale- In Regular Sale
Mar 14	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Sale
Mar 15	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale
Mar 15	2:00 pm	Maple Hill Auction Ltd	Rollin Acres Charolais Bull Sale
Mar 20	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
Mar 22	11:00 am	David Carsons Farm & Auctions	Beef Cow & Calf Sale

Comments for the week ending March 13, 2025

Fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week at 447 head, were up 276 head from the previous week and 12 head higher than the same time last year. Fed steers averaged \$271.49/cwt, up \$40.48/cwt from last week and \$31.34/cwt above year ago prices. Fed heifers averaged \$267.37/cwt, up \$33.41/cwt from last week and \$28.44/cwt higher than last year. Auction markets reported on Tuesday March 11th, fed steers and heifers sold steady to pre-tariff prices. On March 13th, fed steers and heifers sold \$3.00-\$4.00 higher

In Ontario, dressed sales have been reported at \$450/cwt delivered, \$30/cwt higher than previous week. For the week ending March 8th, Eastern Canadian processing was 1.6% below a year ago and 13.5% below the five-year average. YTD processing is down 3%, with steers down 5% and heifers up 6%, cows down 5% and bulls down 43%. For the week ending March 1st, Eastern fed cattle and cow exports to the US were 4,831

head, 76% above last year and 75% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern fed cattle and cow exports are up 65% from last year.

Cull cow receipts sold through auction markets this week were 2,154 head, up 246 head from last week and up 249 head from last year. Cows averaged \$159.90/cwt, up \$15.47/cwt from last week and up \$26.69/cwt from last year. Beef cow prices averaged \$170.92/cwt, up \$17.92/cwt from the previous week's trade and \$25.41/cwt above year ago prices. Auction markets reported on March 11th cows sold on a strong market at higher prices and bulls sold slightly higher.

Receipts of 3,955 stocker and feeder cattle sold through Ontario auction markets this week, up 1,126 head from the previous week but 1,013 head less than the same week last year. Auction markets reported Friday March 7th that stockers sold easier due to the implementation of American tariffs. This week on March 11th, good quality stockers and feeder cattle sold higher with strong demand. Actual average prices collected this week saw steers from 400-500 lbs trading \$44.61/cwt stronger than last week on average, 500-600 lbs up \$72.95/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$64.17/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$14.97/cwt, 800-900 lbs were up \$11.91/cwt, steers 900-1000 lbs up \$4.47/cwt and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$11.16/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$40.00/cwt from last week on average, 400-500 lbs down \$28.68/cwt, 500-600 lbs down \$13.26/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$11.83/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$30.44/cwt, 800-900 lbs up \$16.77/cwt and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$9.86/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. For the week ending March 1st, Eastern feeder exports to the US were 655 head, 27% lower than last year but 23% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern feeder exports are down 11% from last year.

The Quebec electronic market this week sold at \$450.50 dressed on a picked-up basis.

Alberta fed trade last week saw dressed sales reported from \$430-450/cwt delivered, cattle that traded were being scheduled anywhere from late March to mid-April delivery. Fed basis levels historically strengthened from February to March. For the week ending March 8th, Western Canadian fed processing was 36,119 head, 13.3% lower than last year. Statistics Canada released their quarterly cold storage report last week. Stocks of beef in cold storage as of January 1st are 11.2% larger than last year (bone-in +5.4%; boneless +13.4%). Alberta direct cattle sales on Wednesday March 12th saw light trade develop with dressed sales marked at \$450/cwt delivered, steady to \$20/cwt higher than previous week. On Wednesday morning, the Bank of Canada announced an interest rate cut of 25-basis points to 2.75%. The Canadian dollar continues to work lower.

The U.S. cash cattle trade last week saw dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska at \$315/cwt while live sales ranged from \$200-202/cwt, \$2-4/cwt stronger than the previous week. Live sales in Texas and Kansas were from \$196-197/cwt, steady to \$1/cwt lower. Higher cash prices and winter storm conditions are supporting the live cattle complex. US beef exports for the month of January were 1% larger than last year while beef imports were 52% larger than last year. US Choice and Select cutouts rallied around 0.5% higher than the previous week with Choice at \$313.12/cwt and Select at \$303.51/cwt. Trims and grinds were modestly to marginally higher than the previous week, with 50% trim moving 5% higher, 90% trim up 1%, and 73% ground climbing 3% higher. This week, light trade was reported in Kansas with live sales reported at \$200/cwt, \$3/cwt higher than the previous week.

Moving forward one thing to watch will be US protein exports to China. China increased tariffs on US beef, pork, seafood, and dairy products by 10%. YTD US dairy cow processing is down 5% compared to last year. Based on the latest supply and demand report, 2025 milk production was reduced due to lower expected cow inventories. USDA held its Ag Outlook Forum last week. Corn acres are expected to be 94 million acres, up 3.4 million acres from last year. Corn production for the upcoming crop year is expected to record large. On the weekend, China announced retaliatory tariffs (worth over 2.6 billion dollars) on Canada which are set to go in place on March 20th. China will apply a 100% tariff on Canadian rapeseed oil, rapeseed meal, and pea products. In addition, a 25% duty will also be applied to Canadian aquatic and pork products.