



WEEKLY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – FOR THE WEEK ENDING

THURSDAY APRIL 24, 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 **480.00**
A Grade Heifers **480.00**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

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

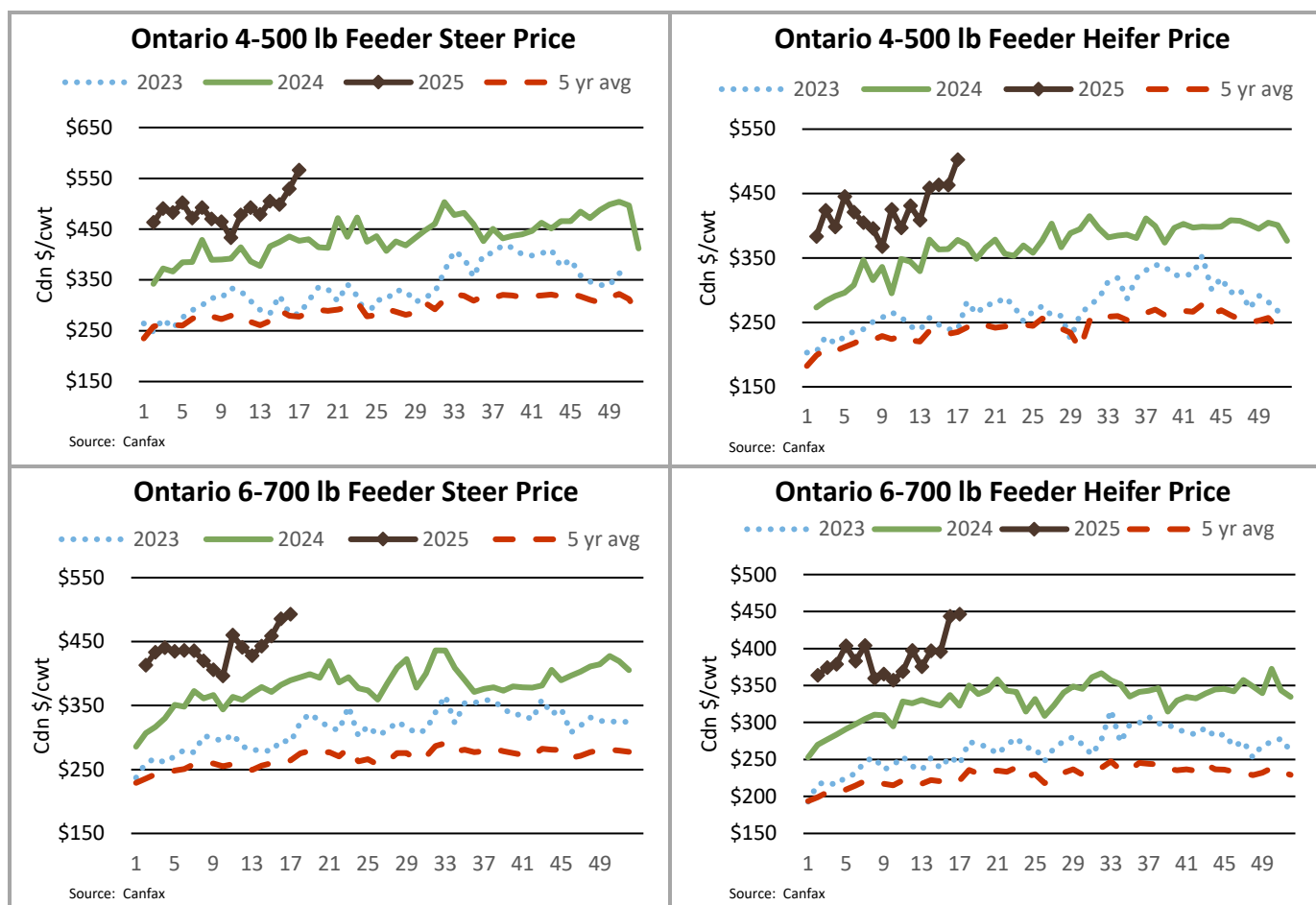
FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	112	280.88-294.22	287.16	303.50	263.60
Medium Frame Steers +1250	85	267.27-289.55	280.03	303.00	281.42
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	197	275.99-294.16	284.44	303.50	277.83
Large Frame Heifers +1000	166	277.84-298.88	289.38	344.00	288.79
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	136	271.04-290.96	282.08	309.00	282.16
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	302	274.30-297.70	286.31	344.00	286.46
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	54	239.96-255.39	248.36	275.00	264.69
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	131	232.35-267.32	247.79	291.00	222.53
Cows - All Weights	1892	143.22-202.39	170.43	265.00	168.73
Bulls - All Weights	128	187.45-249.60	221.44	362.80	213.96

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	366	360.73-383.61	370.94	388.00	373.06
900-999	232	371.76-402.85	391.44	425.00	390.19
800-899	181	372.02-421.62	406.20	485.00	419.01
700-799	345	399.07-470.06	446.13	525.00	460.79
600-699	436	435.00-530.20	492.76	587.00	485.39
500-599	309	457.13-599.51	546.19	631.00	524.81
400-499	116	448.12-632.32	565.99	699.00	529.39
<399	63	470.04-863.29	710.63	1700.00	551.36

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	107	236.65-328.76	287.37	361.00	339.50
800-899	70	270.03-379.46	341.00	392.50	368.26
700-799	135	327.74-432.46	385.73	509.50	401.94
600-699	384	391.78-491.70	446.52	510.00	443.47
500-599	262	411.69-518.70	469.69	561.00	466.35
400-499	155	436.32-556.15	502.65	609.00	462.77
300-399	53	436.04-551.79	495.84	665.00	489.97
<299	18	341.94-720.83	517.34	1270.00	521.87



At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: **Apr 19, 2025– 140 cows, 9 bulls, 30 veal, 1 fed cattle, 10 stockers**

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	154.00-199.00	170.25	212.50
Bulls under 1600 lbs	165.00-265.00	217.43	265.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	215.00-222.50	219.39	222.50
Veal calves 600 lbs & over	210.00-285.00	242.59	285.00
Veal calves 125 lbs & under	1000.00-1750.00	1327.98	1750.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Apr 22, 2025 – 260 Fed Cattle, 3 Cows, 98 Stockers, 13 Bulls, 3 Veals**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	287.50-296.00	293.19	303.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	288.00-297.75	293.19	307.50
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	287.00-291.00	288.95	291.00
Cows	157.00-211.00	178.45	230.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	200.00-230.00	212.89	238.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **Apr 23, 2025 – 51 Fed cattle, 101 Stockers, 140 Cows, 2 Bulls, 27 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	224.00-277.00	244.79	277.00
Cows	119.99-239.99	179.20	239.99
Veal 600 lbs and over	239.99-400.00	296.39	400.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange:** **Apr 17, 2025: 474 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+	305.00-325.00	314.72	335.00				
900-999	335.00-365.00	349.50	400.00	900+	230.00-327.50	290.95	380.00
800-899	315.00-375.00	340.71	405.00	800-899	285.00-350.00	322.22	382.50
700-799	385.00-462.00	421.45	462.00	700-799	335.00-430.00	392.39	430.00
600-699	425.00-480.00	453.40	500.00	600-699	390.00-450.00	412.58	460.00
500-599	450.00-575.00	518.21	575.00	500-599	420.00-520.00	468.69	550.00
400-499	510.00-630.00	572.91	630.00	400-499	500.00-570.00	538.21	570.00
<399	460.00-705.00	592.50	705.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc.:** **Apr 17, 2025: 392 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+	280.00-318.00	302.69	318.00				
900-999	355.00-370.00	366.07	370.00	900+	190.00-333.00	286.88	355.00
800-899	400.00-435.00	415.06	435.00	800-899	300.00-355.00	327.14	360.00
700-799	422.50-475.00	459.88	475.00	700-799	355.00-405.00	386.41	405.00
600-699	445.00-522.00	486.29	560.00	600-699	357.50-460.00	409.58	492.50
500-599	508.00-575.00	552.66	600.00	500-599	450.00-532.50	494.11	548.00
400-499	532.50-600.00	573.50	610.00	400-499	535.00-572.50	555.50	590.00
				300-399	545.00-622.50	581.25	622.50

Stocker sales at **Temiskaming Livestock Sales.:** **Apr 21, 2025 - 74 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>
600-699	400.00-525.00	454.38	525.00	600-699	367.00-475.00	433.44	475.00
500-599	450.00-530.00	496.00	550.00				

Stocker sale at **Hoard's Station Sale Barn:** **Apr 22, 2025: 130 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	389.00-422.49	405.10	422.49				
600-699	395.00-475.00	433.69	475.00	600-699	329.99-459.99	369.09	459.99
500-599	325.00-562.50	463.60	562.50	500-599	320.00-477.50	399.90	477.50
400-499	479.99-600.99	529.10	600.99	400-499	250.00-495.00	397.99	495.00

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market:** **Apr 22, 2025: 612 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+	379.00-386.00	381.82	386.00				
900-999	394.00-425.00	413.77	425.00				
800-899	425.00-440.00	438.39	485.00				
700-799	453.00-511.00	481.61	511.00	700-799	350.00-435.00	396.36	435.00
600-699	517.50-552.50	543.85	552.50	600-699	427.00-501.00	456.95	501.00
500-599	555.00-631.00	605.79	631.00	500-599	450.00-561.00	505.27	561.00
400-499	530.00-680.00	640.00	680.00	400-499	477.50-575.00	537.30	575.00

Stocker sale at **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock:** **Apr 22, 2025: 261 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>
				900+	182.49-350.00	250.49	350.00
800-899	347.50-412.50	392.70	412.50				
700-799	347.50-451.99	429.19	451.99	700-799	352.49-415.00	377.00	415.00
600-699	35000-522.49	455.19	522.49	600-699	314.99-482.50	407.09	482.50
500-599	320.00-584.99	500.99	584.99	500-599	320.00-502.50	441.69	502.50
<399	409.99-654.99	615.80	654.99				

Stocker sale at **Aylmer Stockyards Inc:** **Apr 23, 2025 - 101 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	242.49-379.99	349.29	379.99
				700-799	250.00-420.00	347.90	420.00
				600-699	325.00-495.00	449.69	495.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: Apr 23, 2025 – 359 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	370.00-388.00	376.63	388.00				
900-999	384.00-393.00	388.96	393.00	900+	331.00-361.00	344.33	361.00
700-799	352.50-442.00	422.11	442.00				

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange: Apr 24, 2025 – 589 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	230.00-355.00	294.75	355.00				
900-999	310.00-378.00	349.09	385.00	900+	200.00-327.50	264.33	347.50
800-899	305.00-390.00	360.12	409.00	800-899	265.00-392.50	333.45	392.50
700-799	370.00-450.00	427.26	450.00	700-799	275.00-397.50	345.15	397.50
600-699	320.00-502.50	421.21	550.00	600-699	355.00-465.00	428.55	465.00
500-599	460.00-610.00	547.41	630.00	500-599	405.00-515.00	460.92	515.00
400-499	320.00-575.00	484.71	610.00	400-499	430.00-520.00	469.11	520.00
<399	440.00-740.00	549.38	750.00	<399	410.00-580.00	518.75	580.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Stockyards Inc: Apr 24, 2025 – 743 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	337.50-388.00	377.84	388.00	900+	285.00-335.00	318.37	357.50
800-899	377.50-442.00	420.88	442.00				
700-799	430.00-490.00	467.45	525.00	700-799	365.00-509.50	442.52	509.50
600-699	490.00-550.00	526.46	550.00	600-699	410.00-496.00	458.67	496.00
500-599	502.50-606.00	567.65	606.00	500-599	445.00-522.50	479.10	530.00
400-499	542.50-689.00	622.87	699.00	400-499	520.00-585.00	554.89	600.00
<399	560.00-770.00	698.75	770.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at **Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: Apr 23, 2025 – 336 Head**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	365.00-467.00	426.18	467.00	700-799	360.00-450.00	413.23	450.00
600-699	420.00-536.00	501.47	587.00	600-699	422.50-510.00	463.68	510.00
500-599	420.00-620.00	548.89	620.00	500-599	410.00-540.00	494.00	540.00
400-499	420.00-625.00	553.25	625.00	400-499	460.00-609.00	538.71	609.00
<399	340.00-590.00	552.12	590.00	300-399	460.00-552.50	496.32	552.50
				<299	370.00-590.00	526.21	590.00

WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS - ONTARIO (USDA)

	Week ending Apr 12, 2025	Week ending Mar 30, 2025	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported through Ontario ports to the U.S.	2,491	2,502	62,302
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,446	2,471	61,353
Bulls	45	31	949

LIVE CATTLE – CANADA (AAFC/USDA)

IMPORTS		Import % change from 2024 YTD	EXPORTS		Export % change from 2024 YTD
Jan 1- Feb 28/2025			Jan 1- Apr 5/25		
Pure bred	264	-50%	Processing steers, heifers & cows	200944	19%
Non-pure bred	61,376	42%	Feeder cattle & calves	70750	92%
			Bulls	5051	-4%

FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING - Canfax/CBGA

	Week Ending Apr 19, 2025	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
ONTARIO	8,513	-1,301	160,589	-13%	-1.7%
CANADA	44,927	-10,463	876,137	-19%	-8.5%
Western Processing	35,075	-9,166	690,648	-21%	-10.1%
Eastern Processing	9,852	-1,297	185,489	-12%	-2.0%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS - Canfax/CBGA

	CANADA		ONTARIO	
Week ending	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
19-Apr-25	915	847	982	856
12-Apr-25	930	880	991	864
20-Apr-24	946	857	1007	859

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

	April 19, 2025	Wk ago chg	YTD	YTD chg
Fed	33.5	-22.4%	671.0	-9.8%
Non-Fed	5.7	-11.4%	115.6	-5.6%
Total	39.2	-21.0%	786.6	-9.2%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending Apr 26, 2025	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	555,000	576,000	614,000

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending April 24, 2025	N/A	N/A

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending April 24, 2025

Steers	Live- FOB	N/A	Rail- FOB	477.00-484.50
Heifers	Live- FOB	N/A	Rail- FOB	477.00-484.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending April 24, 2025

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	210.00-241.00
	Rail	N/A

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five-Day Average	332.49	316.57

CANADIAN BEEF EXPORTS Jan 1 - Feb 28/2025 (AAFC)

	Tonnes	% chg	vol chg		Tonnes	% chg	vol chg
United States	59,063	-10%	-6,404	Mexico	6,069	-5%	-299
Japan	7,564	-12%	-989	South Korea	3,190	15%	410
Vietnam	1,232	-32%	-583	Total	79,963	-9%	-8,062

BEEF IMPORTS – CANADA (AAFC)

	Jan 1 – Apr 12, 2025	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	27,490	25,347	8%
Australia	9,236	5,367	72%
New Zealand	9,060	7,863	15%
Uruguay	2,667	7,142	-63%
Mexico	2,752	2,503	10%
Non-CUSMA	29,486	23,709	24%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	3,297	4,254	-22%
Total	83,988	76,185	10%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Apr	214.25	+0.75	May	290.53	+1.45	May	4.786	+1.4
Jun	208.25	+0.25	Aug	294.30	+1.60	Jul	4.854	+1.4
Aug	204.10	n/c	Sep	293.55	+1.78	Sep	4.456	-0.6
Oct	201.98	-0.10	Oct	291.78	+1.90	Dec	4.556	-0.6
Dec	201.95	-0.15	Nov	289.35	+1.93	Mar	4.700	-1.0
Feb	202.45	-0.10	Jan	284.30	+1.70	May	4.790	-1.0
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
May	10.496	-3.2	May	5.300	+0.6	Spot	72.15	+0.06
Jul	10.592	-2.6	Jul	5.450	+0.4	Jun	72.33	-0001
Aug	10.530	-1.2	Sep	5.594	+0.4	Sep	72.66	+0.01
Sep	10.324	+0.4	Dec	5.822	+0.6	Dec	72.93	n/c
Nov	10.350	-0.4	Mar	60016	+0.4	Mar	73.17	n/c
Jan	10.474	n/c	May	6.130	+0.6	Jun	73.36	-0.01

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ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

Apr 26	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Exchange	Bred Cow & Cow Calf Pair Sale
Apr 26	8:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen's Sale	Special Spring Stocker Sale/Cows/Bulls Via DLMS
Apr 30	12:00 pm	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
Apr 30	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 1	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 2	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Grass & Yearling Cattle Sale - Tentative
May 3	10:00 am	Thessalon-Algoma Livestock Co-op	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 7	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn	Peterborough/Victoria Counties Special Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending April 24, 2025

Fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week at 499 head, were up 159 head from the previous week but 81 head lower than the same time last year. Fed steers averaged \$284.44/cwt, up \$6.61/cwt from last week and \$43.04/cwt above last year. Fed heifers averaged \$286.31/cwt, down \$0.15/cwt from last week but \$44.17/cwt higher than last year. Auction markets reported last week that fed steers and heifers continued to sell strong at firm prices. After a long weekend on April 22nd, fed steers and heifers sold actively at stronger prices. On April 24th, fed steers and heifers sold at firm prices.

In Ontario this week, light trade has been reported at \$480/cwt delivered, fully steady with the previous week. For the week ending April 19th, Eastern Canadian processing was 16.5% below a year ago and 23.7% below the five-year average. YTD processing is down 2%, with steers down 2% and heifers up 1%, cows down 3% and bulls down 39%. For the week ending April 12th, Eastern fed cattle and cow exports to the US

were 2,724 head, 16% below last year and 15% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern fed cattle and cow exports are up 52% from last year.

Cull cow receipts sold through auction markets this week were 1,892 head, up 365 head from last week but down 75 head from last year. Cows averaged \$170.43/cwt, up \$1.70/cwt from last week and up \$27.52/cwt from last year. Beef cow prices averaged \$176.94/cwt, up \$2.63/cwt from the previous week's trade and \$23.28/cwt above year ago prices. Auction markets reported this week cull cows traded higher with a good demand.

Receipts of 3,232 stocker and feeder cattle sold through Ontario auction markets this week, down 518 head from the previous week and 2,345 head less than the same week last year. Auction markets reported last week feeder cattle sold actively at steady prices. This week all classes of stockers and feeder cattle sold sharply higher. On April 23rd, stockers continued to sell at higher prices and feeder cattle sold actively at stronger prices. Actual average prices collected this week saw steers from 400-500 lbs trading \$36.60/cwt stronger than last week on average, 500-600 lbs up \$21.38/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$7.37/cwt, 700-800 lbs down \$14.66/cwt, 800-900 lbs were down \$12.81/cwt, steers 900-1000 lbs up \$1.25/cwt and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$2.12/cwt weaker than the previous week's weighted average prices. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$5.87/cwt from last week on average, 400-500 lbs up \$39.88/cwt, 500-600 lbs up \$3.34/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$3.05/cwt, 700-800 lbs down \$16.21/cwt, 800-900 lbs down \$27.26/cwt and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$52.13/cwt weaker than the previous week's weighted average prices. For the week ending April 12th, Eastern feeder exports to the US were 881 head, 52% higher than last year and 110% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern feeder exports are down 14% from last year.

The Quebec electronic market prices are not available at press time.

Alberta fed trade last week saw dressed sales were reported at \$475/cwt delivered. Averaging in the low \$280's/cwt fed prices were holding at record high levels. To a certain degree, the fed market underperformed relative to the non-fed market. Butcher cows traded \$10/cwt higher through commercial auction facilities. For the week ending April 19th, Western Canadian fed processing was 29,745 head, 28.8% lower than last year. On April 23rd Wednesday, light trade develops with dressed sales reported at \$486/cwt delivered, \$11/cwt higher than the previous week. In February, Canadian imports of US feeder cattle totaled just over 38,000 head, 51% higher than last year. Canadian beef exports for the month of February were 18% below last year.

The U.S. cash cattle trade last week saw dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska ranged from \$332-335/cwt, \$5/cwt higher than the previous week. Live sales in the North were from \$212-213/cwt while sales in Texas and Kansas were at \$210/cwt \$4-6/cwt stronger. Fed prices have rebounded right back to record highs. All-fresh beef price for the month of March was reported at \$8.42/lb, a new record high, and 7% higher than last year. Choice and Select cutouts have been mostly stable over the past week, with Choice in a tight \$334-335/cwt and Select ranging from \$314-316/cwt. US corn is very competitive on the global market, supporting exports. The US dollar is under pressure trading at the lowest point in three years. On April 23rd, light trade was reported in Kansas and Texas with live sales ranging from \$210-213/cwt, steady to \$3/cwt higher than the previous week.

USDA released its April 1st cattle on feed report on April 17th. Total heifers and heifer calves on feed at the start of April were 4% lower than last year and accounted for 38% of total on feed inventories. Total steers and steer calves on feed were steady with last year. Cattle on feed inventories on April 1st were 11.6 million head, 2% lower than last year and is the smallest on feed inventory since 2020. Survey fed cattle marketings were 1% higher than last year. Feedlot placements in March were 5% higher than last year and steady with the five-year average. Year over year, the largest increase in placements were in Nebraska (+50,000 head) and Kansas (+30,000 head). Total feedlot placements over the past three months (Jan to Mar) are 216,000 head smaller than last year. This is the smallest first quarter placements receipt since 2015. According to the latest USDA drought monitor map, drought conditions have intensified in the Southern US and are much worse than a year ago. This could have an impact on April feedlot placements.