



WEEKLY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – FOR THE WEEK ENDING

THURSDAY MAY 1, 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:

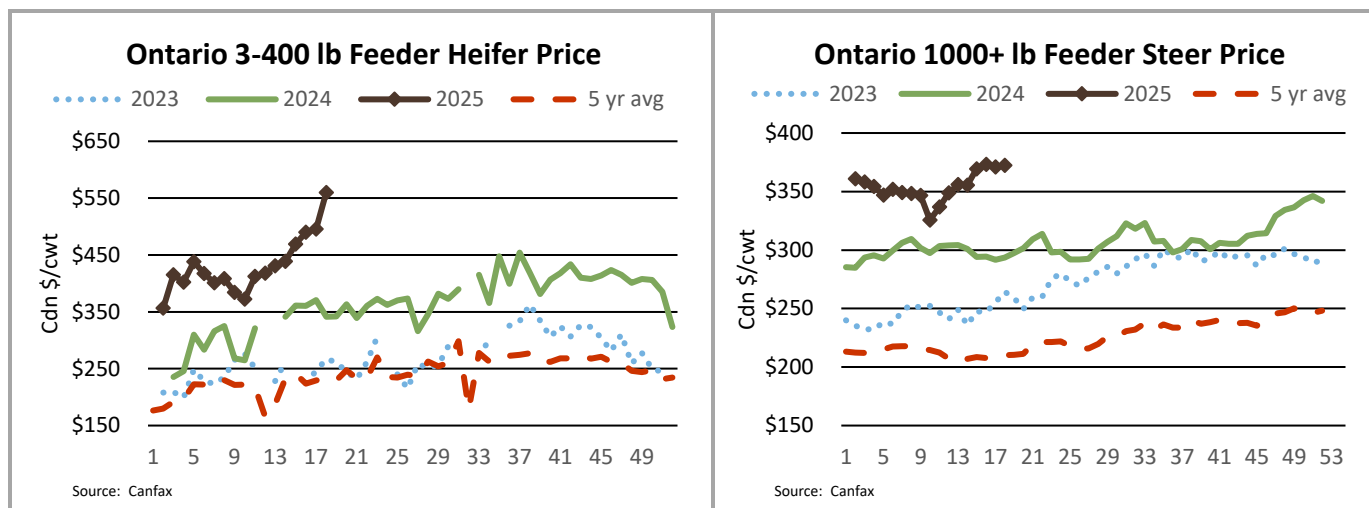
FED CATTLE	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	79	276.74-300.72	291.59	319.00	287.16
Medium Frame Steers +1250	93	273.27-294.85	283.41	299.50	280.03
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	171	272.27-296.94	286.23	319.00	284.44
Large Frame Heifers +1000	95	280.89-302.88	293.05	313.50	289.38
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	163	272.80-292.80	283.31	310.00	282.08
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	258	273.94-296.86	287.08	313.50	286.31
Fed steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250	40	253.45-266.13	260.88	290.50	248.36
Fed heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000	127	199.68-254.41	228.19	290.00	247.79
Cows - All Weights	2020	150.05-219.68	197.93	396.09	170.43
Bulls - All Weights	184	197.55-269.98	228.61	404.89	221.44

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
1000+	863	353.54-385.51	372.30	389.00	370.94
900-999	485	362.65-396.84	381.24	425.00	391.44
800-899	717	387.22-446.44	427.48	482.50	406.20
700-799	1026	420.96-498.73	466.72	527.00	446.13
600-699	824	413.26-548.01	500.94	610.00	492.76
500-599	619	471.06-608.50	560.70	660.00	546.19
400-499	195	465.97-625.32	564.25	677.50	565.99
<399	68	559.78-868.38	764.58	1910.00	710.63

STOCKERS - Large and Medium Frame

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last Week Avg
+900	403	302.27-365.07	338.44	377.00	287.37
800-899	367	337.82-393.71	370.86	465.00	341.00
700-799	609	358.83-446.52	409.50	490.00	385.73
600-699	850	389.06-507.44	456.54	555.00	446.52
500-599	565	409.15-539.04	486.19	597.00	469.69
400-499	295	427.80-566.55	510.78	629.99	502.65
300-399	58	478.02-640.26	560.00	950.00	495.84
<299	13	498.08-703.46	624.61	1000.00	517.34



At Kawartha Lakes Community Sale Barn: **Apr 26, 2025 – 203 cows, 15 bulls, 92 veal, 4 fed cattle, 53 stockers**

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Cows	160.00-221.00	178.15	295.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	184.21-401.61	234.27	401.61
Bulls over 1600 lbs	222.50-244.00	227.40	244.00
Veal calves 600 lbs & over	202.50-267.00	231.93	267.00
Veal calves 125 lbs & under	1100.00-1700.00	1308.11	1700.00

At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc.: **Apr 29, 2025 – 204 Fed Cattle, 70 Cows, 7 Bulls, 14 Veals**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250 lbs	282.50-296.50	290.94	319.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	286.75-300.00	293.16	310.00
Fed Steers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1250 lbs	285.50-290.50	288.96	290.50
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	219.00-290.00	257.94	290.00
Cows	160.00-234.00	191.39	250.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	175.00-239.00	216.00	239.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	198.00-235.00	219.00	235.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	249.00-265.00	257.08	270.00

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **Apr 30, 2025 – 54 Fed cattle, 127 Stockers, 148 Cows, 3 Bulls, 26 Veal**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	191.99-270.00	237.40	270.00
Cows	129.00-237.99	182.69	237.99
Veal 600 lbs and over	242.49-395.00	298.60	395.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Brussels Livestock: **Apr 25, 2025 – 2,053 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	345.00-384.00	363.93	389.00	900+	319.00-371.75	349.53	373.50
900-999	350.00-398.50	376.74	425.00	800-899	339.00-393.00	372.06	393.00
800-899	397.50-448.00	433.96	455.00	700-799	380.00-445.74	408.77	445.74
700-799	430.00-490.00	464.44	490.00	600-699	395.00-525.00	450.58	527.50
600-699	435.00-547.00	502.39	579.00	500-599	452.50-547.50	507.77	597.00
500-599	530.00-620.00	573.39	660.00	400-499	440.00-525.00	503.06	590.00
400-499	545.00-645.00	596.56	645.00				
<399	570.00-710.00	628.33	710.00				

Stocker sales at Embrun Livestock Exchange: **Apr 28, 2025 – 32 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
<399	705.00-1910.00	1591.67	1910.00				

Stocker sales at Temiskaming Livestock Sales: **Apr 28, 2025 - 74 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
700-799	415.00-415.00	415.00	415.00				
600-699	375.00-510.00	421.88	540.00	600-699	367.00-475.00	433.44	475.00

Stocker sales at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **Apr 28, 2025 - 60 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
600-699	430.00-470.00	446.23	470.00	600-699	390.00-442.50	417.56	442.50
500-599	437.50-527.50	493.97	527.50				

Stocker sale at Hoard's Station Sale Barn: **Apr 29, 2025: 183 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
				900+	160.00-224.00	188.70	314.99
700-799	212.99-425.00	332.79	425.00	700-799	360.00-402.50	374.90	402.50
600-699	304.99-475.00	419.59	475.00	600-699	329.99-484.99	402.40	484.99
500-599	395.00-577.50	486.89	577.50	500-599	329.99-515.00	435.50	515.00
400-499	502.50-645.00	557.69	645.00	400-499	310.00-559.99	493.40	559.99

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: **Apr 29, 2025: 1,049 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	350.00-380.00	372.14	380.00				
900-999	400.00-409.00	404.26	409.00	900+	310.00-350.00	334.87	350.00
800-899	428.00-482.50	459.31	482.50	800-899	360.00-400.00	378.89	415.00
700-799	450.00-507.50	478.21	507.50	700-799	430.00-470.00	449.51	490.00
600-699	520.00-610.00	565.54	610.00	600-699	430.00-527.50	481.53	555.00
500-599	570.00-660.00	622.02	660.00	500-599	472.50-545.00	509.03	545.00
400-499	617.50-677.50	630.60	677.50	400-499	490.00-582.50	545.38	582.50
				300-399	495.00-610.00	560.88	610.00

Stocker sale at Renfrew Pontiac Livestock: **Apr 29, 2025: 225 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	345.00-445.00	391.10	445.00				
700-799	337.50-487.00	443.79	487.00				
600-699	429.99-532.50	486.89	532.50	600-699	279.99-507.50	422.20	507.50
500-599	422.49-634.99	528.30	634.99	500-599	354.99-540.00	486.50	540.00
400-499	490.00-654.99	594.89	654.99	400-499	360.00-600.00	502.40	600.00
				300-399	515.00-650.00	563.60	650.00

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **Apr 30, 2025 - 738 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	361.00-388.50	378.71	388.50				
900-999	377.00-395.00	385.43	395.00				
800-899	402.00-430.00	418.69	430.00				

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **May 1, 2025 - 705 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	265.00-372.50	311.25	372.50				
900-999	265.00-345.00	311.35	385.00	900+	240.00-360.00	299.55	360.00
800-899	305.00-390.00	358.50	460.00	800-899	265.00-350.00	322.95	350.00
700-799	375.00-425.00	393.78	450.00	700-799	275.00-365.00	330.06	380.00
600-699	375.00-542.50	456.30	542.50	600-699	350.00-442.50	398.30	482.50
500-599	450.00-560.00	510.17	600.00	500-599	400.00-530.00	468.55	530.00
400-499	490.00-610.00	587.86	610.00	400-499	475.00-610.00	527.86	610.00
<399	645.00-710.00	680.00	710.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at Keady Livestock Market: **April 25, 2025 – 1,185 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
900-999	422.50-422.50	422.50	422.50	800-899	397.50-436.00	411.04	465.00
800-899	452.00-457.50	454.24	465.00	700-799	445.00-460.00	454.04	460.00
700-799	487.50-527.00	504.86	527.00	600-699	490.00-545.00	511.60	555.00
600-699	520.00-550.00	541.29	565.00	500-599	510.00-550.00	527.62	550.00
500-599	596.00-638.00	620.30	638.00	400-499	510.00-540.00	530.00	540.00

A good offering of northern produced calves sold on solid demand at steady prices

Stocker sale at Aylmer Stockyards Inc: **Apr 30, 2025 – 127 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
				500-599	450.00-450.00	450.00	450.00
				400-499	490.00-629.99	534.19	629.99

Stocker sale at Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange: **Apr 30, 2025 – 271 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
800-899	380.00-450.00	403.74	450.00	800-899	340.00-392.50	361.01	392.50
700-799	405.00-465.00	423.17	465.00	700-799	327.50-440.00	370.56	440.00
600-699	422.50-563.00	475.81	563.00	600-699	415.00-480.00	441.41	480.00
500-599	467.50-590.00	520.68	590.00	500-599	400.00-540.00	455.13	540.00
400-499	440.00-620.00	535.48	620.00	400-499	472.50-525.00	490.25	525.00

WEEKLY LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS - ONTARIO (USDA)

	Week ending Apr 19, 2025	Week ending Apr 12, 2025	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported through Ontario ports to the U.S.	2,546	2,502	64,848
Steers & Heifers & Cows	2,393	2,471	63,746
Bulls	153	31	1,102

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 12/25	
Pure bred	264 -50%	Processing steers, heifers & cows	205,783 13%
Non-pure bred	61,376 42%	Feeder cattle & calves	71,735 75%
		Bulls	5,426 -9%

FEDERALLY INSPECTED PROCESSING - Canfax/CBGA

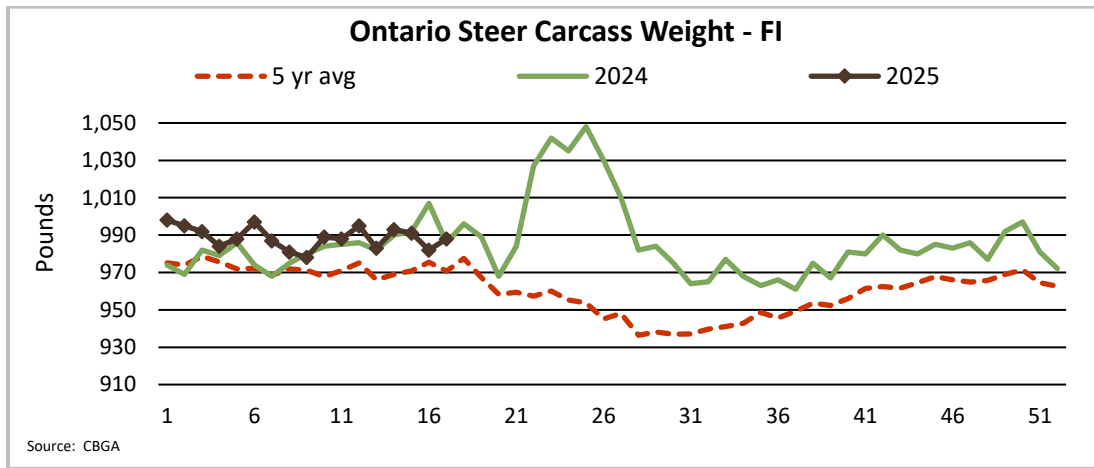
	Week Ending Apr 26, 2025	# of hd change from week ago	YTD	% Change (Week Ago)	% Change (Year Ago)
ONTARIO	9,900	1,387	170,489	16%	-3.9%
CANADA	52,739	7,812	928,876	17%	-8.9%
Western Processing	41,366	6,291	732,014	18%	-10.2%
Eastern Processing	11,373	1,521	196,862	15%	-3.9%

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – Canfax/CBGA

CANADA

ONTARIO

Week ending	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
26-Apr-25	901	884	988	875
19-Apr-25	915	847	982	856
27-Apr-24	908	861	986	870



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

	April 26, 2025	Wk ago chg	YTD	YTD chg
Fed	40.5	20.9%	711.2	-10.0%
Non-Fed	6.0	4.1%	121.6	-6.5%
Total	46.4	18.5%	832.8	-9.5%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE PROCESSING VOLUME

	Week Ending May 3, 2025	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	559,000	555,000	622,000

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

	Price	Change from Last Week
For the week ending May 1, 2025	N/A	N/A

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta's direct trade: for the week ending May 1, 2025

<i>Steers</i>	Live- FOB	N/A	Rail- FOB	484.00-488.50
<i>Heifers</i>	Live- FOB	N/A	Rail- FOB	485.50-488.50

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

The U.S. cash cattle trade: for the week ending May 1, 2025

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	215.00-224.50
	Rail	342.00-352.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current Five-Day Average	343.20	322.32

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 19, 2025	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	29,497	27,397	8%
Australia	9,900	8,614	15%
New Zealand	9,822	5,741	71%
Uruguay	2,769	7,324	-62%
Mexico	2,932	2,818	4%
Non-CUSMA	31,490	25,110	25%
EU-27 (beef/veal total)	3,559	4,575	-22%
Total	89,969	81,579	10%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

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

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		
Jun	211.10	+1.45	May	294.95	+1.73	May	4.612	-3.0
Aug	206.78	+2.13	Aug	296.90	+2.45	Jul	4.690	-3.2
Oct	204.48	+2.25	Sep	295.55	+2.70	Sep	4.400	+2.6
Dec	204.25	+1.98	Oct	293.35	+2.75	Dec	4.502	+3.0
Feb	204.65	+1.75	Nov	290.73	+2.75	Mar	4.644	+2.6
Apr	204.85	+1.73	Jan	285.60	+2.80	May	4.734	+2.4
Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
May	10.486	+8.4	May	5.264	+11.2	Spot	72.42	+0.22
Jul	10.580	+7.6	Jul	5.430	+12.0	Jun	72.56	+0.17
Aug	10.512	+7.0	Sep	5.566	+11.4	Sep	72.89	+0.18
Sep	10.274	+6.6	Dec	5.786	+10.4	Dec	73.20	+0.21
Nov	10.304	+6.4	Mar	5.972	+9.2	Mar	73.44	+0.19
Jan	10.420	+6.2	May	6.072	+8.4	Jun	73.65	+0.21

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ONTARIO STOCKER AND BRED COW SPRING SALES

May 2	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Special Grass & Yearling Cattle Sale
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
May 23	1:00 pm	Maple Hill Auction Ltd	Bred Cows, Cow/Calf Pairs, & Bull Sale
May 27	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 28	12:00 pm	Aylmer Stockyards Inc	Special Spring Stocker Sale
May 28	1:00 pm	Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Special Spring Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending May 1, 2025

Fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week at 430 head, were down 69 head from the previous week and 153 head lower than the same time last year. Fed steers averaged \$286.23/cwt, up \$1.79/cwt from last week and \$41.51/cwt above last year. Fed heifers averaged \$287.08/cwt, up \$0.77/cwt from last week and \$46.29/cwt higher than last year. Auction markets reported on April 29th, fed steers and heifers sold actively at steady prices. On Thursday May 1st, fed steers and heifers sold \$3.00-\$4.00 higher.

In Ontario, very light trade has been reported at \$480/cwt delivered, steady with last week. For the week ending April 26th, Eastern Canadian processing was 26.8% below a year ago and 17.8% below the five-year average. YTD processing is down 4%, with steers down 4% and heifers up 1%, cows down 4% and bulls down 40%. For the week ending April 19th, Eastern fed cattle and cow exports to the US were 2,735 head,

9% below last year and steady with the five-year average. YTD Eastern fed cattle and cow exports are up 48% from last year.

Cull cow receipts sold through auction markets this week were 2,020 head, up 128 head from last week but down 772 head from last year. Cows averaged \$180.85/cwt, up \$10.42/cwt from last week and up \$38.85/cwt from last year. Beef cow prices averaged \$197.93/cwt, up \$20.99/cwt from the previous week's trade and \$39.79/cwt above year ago prices. Auction markets reported on April 29th, cull cows sold slightly higher. Beef cow sold higher while dairy cows held steady on the market.

Large receipts of 7,957 stocker and feeder cattle sold through Ontario auction markets this week, up 4,725 head from the previous week but 24 head less than the same week last year. Auction markets reported last week that stockers continued to sell at higher prices. This week on April 29th, all classes of stockers and feeder cattle sold fully steady. On Thursday, all classes of stockers and feeder cattle sold sharply higher. Actual average prices collected this week saw steers from 400-500 lbs trading \$1.74/cwt weaker than last week on average, 500-600 lbs up \$14.51/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$8.18/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$20.59/cwt, 800-900 lbs were up \$21.28/cwt, steers 900-1000 lbs down \$10.20/cwt and steers 1000 lbs plus averaged \$1.36/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. Heifers from 300-400 lbs were up \$64.16/cwt from last week on average, 400-500 lbs up \$8.13/cwt, 500-600 lbs up \$16.50/cwt, 600-700 lbs up \$10.02/cwt, 700-800 lbs up \$23.77/cwt, 800-900 lbs up \$29.86/cwt and heifers 900 lbs and over averaged \$51.07/cwt stronger than the previous week's weighted average prices. For the week ending April 19th, Eastern feeder exports to the US were 628 head, 4% higher than last year and 20% above the five-year average. YTD Eastern feeder exports are down 13% from last year.

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

Alberta fed trade last week saw light trade develop with weighted average prices advancing \$5/cwt. Dressed sales were from \$480-486/cwt delivered. Fed prices are \$30/cwt higher than last year. The Alberta cash basis reached -\$7.36/cwt this week, the strongest basis this year and strongest since September of 2024. For the week ending April 26th, Western Canadian fed processing was 35,869 head, 8.8% lower than last year. Canada's annual inflation rate was 2.3% in March, down from 2.6% in February and below Bank of Canada expectations of 2.5%. This week on April 30th, light trade developed with dressed sales ranging from \$487-490/cwt delivered, \$4-7/cwt higher than last week. Asking prices have been reported anywhere from \$490/cwt to \$500/cwt delivered.

The U.S. cash cattle trade last week saw dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska ranged from \$335-342/cwt (mostly \$340/cwt), \$5-7/cwt higher than the previous week. Live sales in the North were at \$217/cwt, \$4/cwt stronger while sales in Texas and Kansas ranged from \$212-213/cwt, \$2-3/cwt higher. Lean 90% trim was barely steady with the previous week, 73% ground was 3.9% stronger, while 50% trim softened 7%. This week, active trade was reported in all four major feeding states on April 30th. Dressed sales in Iowa and Nebraska ranged from \$340-350/cwt (mostly \$348-350/cwt), \$8-10/cwt higher than the previous week. Live sales in the North were at \$222/cwt, \$5/cwt higher while sales in Texas and Kansas were at \$218/cwt, \$6/cwt stronger.

USDA released their March cold storage report recently. Total beef in cold storage was 0.7% higher than last year. Boneless beef in cold storage was down 0.2% while beef cuts were up 10.2%. Cattle processing was estimated at 555,000 head, for the end of April, this is the smallest processing since 2020. Packers have been limiting weekly kills in an effort to support boxed beef prices. YTD US beef production is 0.2% larger than last year but 3.2% below the five-year average. For the week ending of April 25th, Choice was at \$333.70/cwt and Select was at \$316.35/cwt. On April 28th, Choice cutout values had a strong day closing \$6/cwt higher. Boxed beef load counts on the spot market for 0-21-day delivery totaled 69 loads on April 28th, the smallest load count seen this year. Despite lighter processing receipts, US by-products have chopped sideways since the beginning of the year. US by-product values were reported at \$11.83/cwt, 2% higher than last year.