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Thursday August 18, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers Unestablished
A grade heifers Unestablished

Today at the Ontario Stockyards

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	106.00-114.75	114.75	800-899	102.50-114.00	114.00
800-899	112.00-117.25	117.25	700-799	103.00-120.25	120.25
700-799	112.00-126.00	126.00	600-699	103.50-120.00	120.00
600-699	110.00-126.00	126.00	500-599	94.50-119.50	128.00
500-599	120.00-136.00	144.00			

Most classes of replacement cattle sold steady to strong, while some heavier and plainer types traded at easier prices.

Today at the Ontario Livestock Exchange 450 fed cattle, 350 cows & 200 stockers

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	92.00-103.50	106.50
Good fed heifers	89.00-98.00	104.50
Cows	29.00-47.00	54.00
Holstein steers	50.00-77.00	80.00
Stocker steers +700	86.00-117.00	
Lightweight steers	115.00-143.00	
Stocker heifers + 700	89.00-113.00	
Lightweight heifers	105.00-135.00	

Fed cattle sold \$1-2 lower, cows were barely steady and a good run of stockers sold on a good trade.

Ontario Auction Sales on Wednesday saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	88.00-98.25	93.59	104.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	80.00-97.50	90.61	101.00
Cows	24.00-48.38	36.86	60.00

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 17, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	99.75-106.25	112.50	+900	91.75-95.75	101.00
900-999	99.50-107.00	111.00	800-899	90.00-100.00	100.00
800-899	99.00-110.00	113.00			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday was moderately active with prices steady to \$1-2 lower than last week.

Steers	Live	81.50-84.65	Flat rail	137.00-139.00
Heifers	Live	82.75-84.35	Flat rail	136.80-137.25

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active with prices steady to \$2 lower than last week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	77.50-79.00
	Rail	124.00-125.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	134.39	126.49
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.30	-0.72
Current 5 day average:	134.76	127.80

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn		Soybeans			Canadian \$			
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		\$/bu US		¢/bu				
Aug	76.75	+0.62	Aug	110.37	+0.12	Sep	2.112	-1.6	Aug	6.430	+2.0	Spot	82.03	-0.46
Oct	80.75	+0.35	Sep	108.55	+0.92	Dec	2.246	-1.6	Sep	6.096	-5.2	Sep	82.08	-0.47
Dec	83.87	+0.60	Oct	107.05	+0.72	Mar	2.344	-1.6	Nov	6.202	-4.4	Dec	82.31	-0.47
Feb	86.15	+0.57	Nov	105.75	+0.80	May	2.406	-1.4	Jan	6.270	-4.4	Mar	82.54	-0.47

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