

Daily Market Information Report



The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association will be closed from December 25th to January 1st inclusive.

This is the last daily market report until Wednesday January 2, 2008.

The Board of Directors, Advisory Council and Staff of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association would like to wish you and yours a very safe and happy Holiday Season!

Friday December 21, 2007

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

A grade steers	133.00-136.00
A grade heifers	132.00-135.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** : 825 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	73.50-89.50	81.02	93.00	900+	70.00-88.00	80.02	90.00
900-999	82.00-92.25	87.52	92.50	800-899	75.00-87.25	82.06	88.00
800-899	78.50-91.50	90.07	91.50	700-799	74.00-84.75	79.58	92.75
700-799	86.00-97.00	93.39	103.50	600-699	81.00-99.00	95.08	99.00
600-699	88.00-110.75	99.34	110.75	500-599	78.00-101.00	91.27	101.00
500-599	88.00-108.00	101.08	111.00	400-499	74.00-101.00	90.91	110.00
400-499	77.00-110.00	100.01	121.00	300-399	88.50-89.00	88.78	101.00
399-	105.00-126.00	112.62	126.00				

Calves and yearlings sold on a steady market.

Ontario auction sales on **Thursday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers	69.31-80.88	75.35	83.50
Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers	46.94-78.17	62.51	83.50
Cows	23.37-44.14	33.38	68.00
Bulls	26.49-46.62	37.05	54.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards** - Dec 20, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	68.00-88.75	81.00	88.75	900+	65.00-87.50	81.05	87.50
900-999	80.50-93.25	89.09	93.25	800-899	70.50-87.75	79.14	87.75
800-899	82.00-90.00	86.54	95.25	700-799	76.00-87.50	83.54	87.50
700-799	83.00-91.50	87.66	96.00	600-699	70.00-91.00	81.67	100.00
600-699	83.50-98.00	91.38	101.50	500-599	80.00-92.75	86.65	107.00
500-599	81.00-106.75	91.75	116.75	400-499	79.00-100.00	89.02	110.50
400-499	84.50-114.00	100.54	117.00	300-399	77.00-106.00	92.76	106.00
399-	75.00-108.00	92.47	108.00	299-	62.50-87.50	77.93	87.50

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange**— Dec. 20, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	72.00-86.00	78.13	98.00	600-699	65.00-89.00	75.87	89.00
600-699	70.00-103.00	86.62	103.00	500-599	48.00-83.00	64.95	85.50
500-599	59.00-97.00	75.08	105.00	400-499	50.00-82.00	65.82	84.00
400-499	70.00-90.00	79.87	90.00	300-399	63.00-75.00	68.77	80.00
399-	76.00-100.00	85.10	100.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Thursday was very light with prices \$1.50 lower than last week.

Steers	Live	82.00-82.25	Flat rail	138.60-140.35
Heifers	Live	82.55-84.05	Flat rail	N/T

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending Dec 20, 2007 **Price Range**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 125.00-127.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade was quiet with just a few clean up sales in Nebraska. Yesterday's moderate to active trade saw prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower at \$91.00-\$92.00 live and \$144.00 dressed. This week's US slaughter is estimated at 663,000 head which is 47,000 more than this time last year, despite early rumors of cutting kills drastically this week.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	NT
	Rail	144.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 14, 2007	1.5256	1.4525
Dec 7, 2007	1.5109	1.4483
Nov 30, 2007	1.4869	1.4147
Nov 23, 2007	1.4461	1.4097

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	148.08	136.04
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.31	-0.39
Current 5 day average:	149.32	135.96

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		\$/bu US ¢/bu			
Dec	92.10 -0.27	Jan	103.82 -0.12	Mar	4.434 +6.0	Jan	11.774 +16.6	Spot	100.74 +0.63
Feb	95.52 -0.17	Mar	106.27 -0.67	May	4.536 +5.6	Mar	11.960 +16.2	Mar	100.83 +0.68
Apr	97.60 -0.32	Apr	108.80 -0.52	Jul	4.624 +6.4	May	12.120 +16.2	Jun	100.79 +0.68
Jun	94.37 +0.15	May	110.00 -0.65	Sep	4.616 +8.0	Jul	12.194 +18.0	Sep	100.74 +0.68

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Auction Markets Holiday Sale Schedules.

Brussels Livestock	Dec 25 & 26- Closed Dec 27- Veal, Lambs, Goats & Sheep Dec 28- Stockers Jan 1, 08- No Sale-open to receive cattle for Jan 2 sale. Jan 2, 08- Fed cattle and cows.
Carson Sales Arena	Dec 22- Beef Cow & Calf Sale-stockers at 11, followed by breeder bulls, beef cow dispersals & bred cows. Dec 25 & 26- Closed Jan 1, 08- Closed
D. H. Hickson Ltd.	Dec 25- Closed Jan 1, 08- Closed
Denfield Livestock Sales Ltd.	Dec 25- Closed Jan 1, 08- Closed
Kawartha Lakes Cooperative Auction Market	Open every Saturday throughout the Holidays.
Keady Livestock Market Ltd.	Dec 18- Last Sale Dec 19-Jan 14, 08- Closed, no sales Jan 15, 2008- First Sale
Ontario Livestock Exchange Inc.	Dec 21- Electronic Sale Cattle/Hog Closed Dec 25 Dec 26- No sale, Receive after 3 pm for Thursday Dec 27- Regular Thursday Sale Dec 28- Electronic Sale Cattle/Hogs Dec 31 & Jan 1, 08- Closed Jan 2, 08- Veal 9:30 am, Sheep & Lambs to follow, Special Stocker Sale at 1 pm. Jan 3, 08- regular schedule resumes
Ontario Stockyards Inc.	Dec 22-26- Closed Dec 27- 9 am-Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Veal & Meat Cows. Dec 28- Jan 2, 08- No Sales- Closed Jan 3, 08- 9:00 am- Sheep, Lambs, Goats, Veal, Meat Cows, Butchers, Stockers.
Ottawa Livestock Exchange/ Embrun	Dec 24,25,26- Closed Dec 27 & 28- Open Dec 31, Jan 1 & 2, 08- Closed
Selby Livestock Sales	Dec 22-Jan 1, 08- Closed, No Sales.
Talbotville Livestock Exchange	Dec 22- No sale- closed until Dec 28 Dec 29- Regular Sale Scheduled.
Temiskaming Livestock Exchange	Dec 24- Closed Dec 31- Closed
Tri-County Cattle Co. Ltd.	Dec 20- Last Sale Dec 21- Jan 9, 08- No sales scheduled Jan 10, 08- First Sale
Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange Ltd	Dec 22 to Jan 1, 08 inclusive- Closed Jan 2, 08 – Open, Special Day