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ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

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|------------------------|---------------|
| A grade steers | 131.00-136.00 |
| A grade heifers | 130.00-134.00 |

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at: **Brussels Livestock – 360 fed cattle, 150 cows.**

| | Price Range | Top |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Choice steers & heifers | 77.00-80.00 | 82.75 |
| Second cut cattle | 75.00-77.00 | |
| Good Beef Cows | 38.00-45.00 | 48.50 |

Fed steers and heifers traded \$1.00 higher. Cows sold strong with prices \$3.00-\$5.00 higher.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange: 181 Veal, 55 Cows, 239 Stockers**

| | Price Range | Top Price |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Cows | 32.00-49.00 | 56.00 |
| Veal: Good Hol | 90.00-100.00 | |
| Good Beef | 93.00-102.00 | 128.00 |
| Med Hol | 78.00-89.00 | |
| Plain Hol | 75.00-79.00 | |
| Steers 900+ | 88.00-95.25 | |
| Steers 800-900 | 87.00-93.00 | |

Veal traded on a strong market. Cows sold very strong with prices \$1.00 higher than last week. Stockers continued to sell strong.

At Talbotville Livestock: Dec 29, 2007- 484 head

| | Price Range | Top |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| Good steers | 78.00-85.00 | 86.50 |
| Good heifers | 76.00-82.00 | 83.75 |
| Good Cows | 24.00-32.00 | 43.00 |

Fed steers and heifers sold stronger. Cows sold strong with export qualifying cows selling strong.

At Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market: Dec 29, 2007

| | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Cows | 17.50-37.00 | 27.64 | 40.00 |
| Bulls all weights | 36.85-63.85 | 52.00 | 76.50 |

Ontario auction sales on **Thursday Dec 27, 2007** saw weighted prices for:

| | Price Range | Average | Top Price |
|---|--------------|---------|-----------|
| Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers | 69.46-78.20 | 74.16 | 87.00 |
| Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers | 61.88-81.75 | 74.16 | 84.00 |
| Cows | 25.96-45.15 | 35.60 | 65.00 |
| Bulls- all weights | 41.25-52.14 | 47.48 | 61.00 |
| Veal 600 + | 73.72-100.05 | 86.68 | 114.50 |
| Veal Calves under 125 lbs | 82.00-165.00 | 115.00 | 200.00 |

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 28, 2007** – 398 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| 1000+ | 64.06-86.50 | 74.73 | 91.50 | 900+ | 71.00-79.00 | 76.06 | 79.00 |
| 900-999 | 85.42-88.46 | 87.33 | 92.00 | 800-899 | 78.00-82.00 | 78.83 | 82.00 |
| 800-899 | 80.96-87.92 | 85.58 | 91.50 | 700-799 | 76.68-82.09 | 80.38 | 82.75 |
| 700-799 | 89.55-92.81 | 90.91 | 94.00 | 600-699 | 72.00-80.00 | 78.22 | 80.50 |
| 600-699 | 86.85-93.65 | 89.95 | 96.50 | 500-599 | 77.57-94.80 | 86.81 | 95.00 |
| 500-599 | 85.23-106.63 | 95.72 | 107.50 | 400-499 | 75.30-85.89 | 81.47 | 103.00 |
| 400-499 | 89.78-113.25 | 102.75 | 117.00 | | | | |

Calves and yearlings both traded on a steady market.

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

| | Week ending Dec 15, 07 | Week ending Dec 8, 07 | Year to date. |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario | 0 | 0 | 5,053 |

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

| | Week ending Dec 15, 07 | Week ending Dec 8, 07 | Year to date. |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S. | 5,355 | 4,603 | 110,326 |

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

| | Steers | Heifers |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Dec 15, 2007 | 867 | 801 |
| Dec 16, 2006 | 853 | 787 |

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

| | Week Ending | YTD | % of Yr. Ago |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Dec 15, 2007 | | |
| Grand Total | 61,287 | 3,097,299 | 96% |
| Alberta Slaughter | 41,110 | 2,091,850 | 102% |
| Ontario Slaughter | 11,376 | 584,246 | 89% |

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

| | Week Ending | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|----------|
| | Dec 29, 2007 | | |
| Grand Total | 483,000 | 657,000 | 525,000 |

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was quiet due to the New Year Holiday with light trade expected to develop later today. Last week saw prices steady to barely steady with the week previous with lighter volumes.

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|----------------|------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Steers | Live | Last week-84.01-84.35 | Flat rail | Last week- 138.00-141.35 |
| Heifers | Live | Last week-83.75-84.65 | Flat rail | Last week- 138.00 |

