

# Daily Market Information Report



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**Friday January 4, 2008**

## ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

**A grade steers** 131.00-136.00  
**A grade heifers** 130.00-135.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Brussels Livestock** : 330 stockers

| STEERS  | Price Range   | Avg    | Top    | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg   | Top   |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|-------|
| 1000+   | 81.50-89.25   | 85.02  | 89.25  | 900+    | 74.00-83.00 | 78.66 | 86.75 |
| 900-999 | 86.25-96.75   | 91.63  | 96.75  | 800-899 | 77.50-88.00 | 83.48 | 88.00 |
| 800-899 | 89.50-98.75   | 94.77  | 98.75  | 700-799 | 88.25-90.00 | 88.72 | 90.00 |
| 700-799 | 95.00-102.25  | 100.36 | 102.25 | 600-699 | 69.00-85.00 | 77.89 | 88.00 |
| 600-699 | 96.00-104.50  | 99.11  | 104.50 | 500-599 | 80.50-82.50 | 82.00 | 82.50 |
| 500-599 | 100.00-110.50 | 105.22 | 110.50 |         |             |       |       |
| 400-499 | 76.00-92.00   | 79.20  | 106.00 |         |             |       |       |

Calves traded on a steady market with yearlings selling on a strong active trade.

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

|                                | Price Range | Average | Top   |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers  | 74.36-82.31 | 77.65   | 87.00 |
| Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers | 53.78-84.70 | 76.35   | 89.00 |
| Cows                           | 30.17-48.73 | 39.03   | 68.50 |
| Bulls                          | 41.68-54.13 | 46.81   | 65.00 |

## ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Thursday was very light with some clean up trade expected today. Steers sold \$1.75 lower than last week.

|                |      |             |           |               |
|----------------|------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Steers</b>  | Live | 80.85-83.25 | Flat rail | 139.00-141.60 |
| <b>Heifers</b> | Live | 82.75-84.35 | Flat rail | 142.00        |

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

Week Ending Thurs Jan 3, 2008 **Price Range**

**A1, A2 Steers & Heifers** 131.00-134.75

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

US cash cattle trade was quiet today following yesterday's active trade, with just a few clean up sales today in the north. Thursday saw prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher in the south and \$3.00-\$4.00 higher in the north as cattle sold for \$95.00 live and \$150.00-\$152.00 dressed. Business today was steady.

**Choice and select steers and heifers:** Live N/T  
Rail 150.00-152.00

## CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

| Week Ending  | AAA    | AA     |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| Dec 21, 2007 | 1.5000 | 1.4493 |
| Dec 14, 2007 | 1.5256 | 1.4525 |
| Dec 7, 2007  | 1.5109 | 1.4483 |

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

|   |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | <b>Choice</b> | <b>Select</b> |
| <b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)   | 148.50        | 137.17        |
| <b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close) | +0.12         | -0.60         |
| <b>Current 5 day average:</b>           | 147.68        | 136.53        |

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE**

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

| <b>Live Cattle</b> |       |       | <b>Feeder Cattle</b> |        |       | <b>Corn</b> |       | <b>Soybeans</b> |            | <b>Canadian \$</b> |      |             |       |       |
|--------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|------|-------------|-------|-------|
| \$/cwt US          |       |       | \$/cwt US            |        |       | \$/bu US    | ¢/bu  | \$/bu US        | ¢/bu       |                    |      |             |       |       |
| <b>Feb</b>         | 94.55 | -0.22 | <b>Jan</b>           | 100.32 | -1.47 | <b>Mar</b>  | 4.666 | +0.6            | <b>Jan</b> | 12.490             | -2.4 | <b>Spot</b> | 99.85 | -1.18 |
| <b>Apr</b>         | 96.95 | -0.10 | <b>Mar</b>           | 103.35 | -0.57 | <b>May</b>  | 4.780 | +1.2            | <b>Mar</b> | 12.624             | -5.0 | <b>Mar</b>  | 99.88 | -1.16 |
| <b>Jun</b>         | 94.05 | -0.02 | <b>Apr</b>           | 106.35 | -0.52 | <b>Jul</b>  | 4.876 | +1.2            | <b>May</b> | 12.794             | -5.0 | <b>Jun</b>  | 99.85 | -1.16 |
| <b>Aug</b>         | 95.42 | +0.07 | <b>May</b>           | 108.10 | -0.32 | <b>Sep</b>  | 4.862 | +2.2            | <b>Jul</b> | 12.896             | -1.2 | <b>Sep</b>  | 99.80 | -1.17 |

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**Special Fall Sales**

|                       |                                 |  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Jan 12, 2008 11:00 am | Ottawa Livestock Exchange       | 1000-1200 Stockers and Yearlings                     |
| Jan 16, 2008 11:00 am | Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt | 800 Peterborough/Victoria<br>County Cattlemen's Sale |
| Jan 18, 2008 11:00 am | D. H. Hickson Ltd.              | Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc.<br>Vaccinated & Catalogued |