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**Wednesday December 31, 2008**

## ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

**A grade steers** 168.00-173.00  
**A grade heifers** 167.00-172.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards-** 175 steers & heifers, 120 cows, 6 bulls, 10 veal.

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	100.00-105.00	105.75
Fancy fed heifers	100.00-105.00	107.25
Export Cows	40.00-50.00	54.00
Good Cows	40.00-50.00	53.00
Bulls	45.00-55.00	60.00

Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady prices. A light run of top quality steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$2.00-\$4.00 higher. Veal sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange-** 184 stockers

	Price Range	Top
Steers +1000	103.00-109.00	
Steers 800-1000	104.00-108.75	
Heifers +800	92.00-97.75	

A light offering of stockers sold actively at higher prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock:** 100 veal

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef	110.00-130.00	145.00
Good Holsteins	95.00-105.00	120.00
Med Holsteins	85.00-95.00	
Heavy Holsteins	90.00-100.00	

Veal sold on a very strong demand at steady prices.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	91.50-105.50	102.13	105.75
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	99.50-105.25	103.17	106.00
Cows	29.54-50.61	41.22	85.00
Bulls- all weights	40.27-55.96	48.62	64.00
Veal 600 lbs +	99.00-125.50	112.03	141.50
Veal 125 lbs & under	40.00-90.00	69.968	105.00

**At Denfield Livestock – Dec 30, 2008**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice steers</b>	90.00-103.00	<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	90.00-104.50
<b>Plain steer</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	48.00-60.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$65.00-\$135.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	40.00-50.50	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	\$10.00-\$60.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	30.00-40.00	<b>Steers 450-600 lbs</b>	100.00-105.00
<b>Shells</b>	20.00-30.00	<b>Heifers 450-600 lbs</b>	100.00-105.00

Fed cattle traded on a strong demand with the good fed cattle selling a good \$4.00 higher across the board. A good run of cows sold actively at higher prices. A light run of stockers sold strong at fully steady prices. Good Holstein bull calves sold steady.

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
<b>Cutout Values:</b> (noon estimate)	143.24	135.63
<b>Change:</b> (from yesterday's close)	-0.18	+0.23
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	144.05	135.19

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

U.S. cash cattle trade remained generally quiet today with just a few scattered bids at \$83.00 live and \$132.00-\$134.00 dressed. Asking prices remain firm at \$88.00-\$89.00 live and \$138.00-\$140.00 dressed. Significant trade is not expected until Friday.

<b>Choice and select steers and heifers:</b>	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

**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>Dec</b>	84.47    -1.40	<b>Jan</b>	94.05    +0.07	<b>Mar</b>	4.070    +10.6	<b>Jan</b>	9.722    +26.4	<b>Spot</b>	82.07	+0.45
<b>Feb</b>	86.05    +0.15	<b>Mar</b>	93.67    -0.15	<b>May</b>	4.176    +11.2	<b>Mar</b>	9.800    +27.0	<b>Mar</b>	82.24	+0.65
<b>Apr</b>	89.10    -0.30	<b>Apr</b>	94.45    -0.30	<b>Jul</b>	4.280    +11.0	<b>May</b>	9.914    +26.6	<b>Jun</b>	82.38	+0.64
<b>Jun</b>	86.20    +0.22	<b>May</b>	95.60    -0.20	<b>Sep</b>	4.380    +11.0	<b>Jul</b>	10.026    +26.4	<b>Sep</b>	82.55	+0.67
<b>Aug</b>	85.72    -0.25	<b>Aug</b>	97.45    -0.25	<b>Dec</b>	4.514    +10.6	<b>Aug</b>	10.050    +26.2	<b>Dec</b>	82.64	+0.62
<b>Oct</b>	89.20    +0.12	<b>Sep</b>	97.75    +0.00	<b>Mar</b>	4.640    +11.0	<b>Sep</b>	10.066    +26.2	<b>Mar</b>	82.72	+0.62

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**Changes to the OBCFPP Licenced Dealers List**

Effective Immediately: Newly Licenced Country Dealers:

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*“On behalf of the Ontario Cattlemen's Association I would like to wish you and yours a safe and Happy New Year!”*

*All the best in 2009!*

The next report will be Friday January 2, 2009