

Daily Market Information Report



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Friday January 2, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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 Livestock Exchange** – 330 fed cattle, 360 cows, 25 stockers, 20 Veal

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	102.00-106.50	111.50
Good fed heifers	101.00-105.00	106.50
Good Cows	42.00-59.00	85.50
Holstein Steers	73.00-86.50	91.50
Steers 800+	92.00-94.50	
Heifers 700+	88.00-91.50	

Cows sold on a real good demand with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Fed steers and heifers traded at prices \$2.00 higher. Holstein steers also sold \$2.00 higher. Stockers traded steady.

Ontario Auction Sales on Thursday saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	95.00-105.75	102.27	105.75
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	96.00-705.75	102.29	107.25
Cows	30.33-47.50	40.93	54.00
Bulls	55.00-57.38	56.46	60.00
Veal calves 600 lbs +	99.23-127.87	113.94	143.00
Veal calves 125 lbs & under	N/T		

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Dec 31, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	105.00-109.00	106.49	109.00	900+	97.00-97.75	97.31	97.75
900-999	104.00-108.75	106.51	108.75				

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET

Week Ending January 1, 2009

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 170.25-170.75

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade prices for this week are as follows:

Steers	Live	83.00-85.75	Flat rail	142.00-144.35
Heifers	Live	84.50-85.75	Flat rail	144.35

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade saw light activity in the north with sales \$3.00 higher than last week. Sharply higher cattle futures encouraged sellers to raise asking prices to \$88.00-\$90.00 live and \$140.00 plus dressed. Active trade is expected in all area's later today as most sellers are holding out for more money.

Choice and select steers and heifers: Live N/T
 Rail 138.00

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

Cutout Values: (noon estimate) **Choice** **Select**
 143.30 136.07
Change: (from yesterday's close) +0.11 +0.54
Current 5 day average: 143.83 135.16

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							
Feb	87.10	+1.05	Jan	95.60	+1.55	Mar	4.122	+5.2	Jan	9.700	-2.2	Spot	82.39	+0.01
Apr	90.75	+1.65	Mar	95.52	+1.85	May	4.226	+5.0	Mar	9.770	-3.0	Mar	82.37	+0.13
Jun	88.00	+1.80	Apr	96.15	+1.70	Jul	4.330	+5.0	May	9.884	-3.0	Jun	82.50	+0.12
Aug	87.85	+2.12	May	97.85	+2.25	Sep	4.430	+5.0	Jul	10.000	-2.6	Sep	82.66	+0.11
Oct	90.80	+1.60	Aug	99.25	+1.80	Dec	4.562	+4.6	Aug	10.022	-2.6	Dec	82.79	+0.15
Dec	92.00	+1.50	Sep	99.75	+2.00	Mar	4.680	+4.0	Sep	10.032	-3.4	Mar	82.87	+0.15

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