

Daily Market Information Report

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

Thursday December 31, 2009

Wishing you all the best in 2010, Happy New Year!

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE PRICES

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

A grade steers 141.00-145.00
A grade heifers 140.00-144.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange** –630 fed cattle, 350 cows, 100 stockers, 20 veal

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	83.00-88.00	96.75
Good fed heifers	83.00-87.00	88.00
Good Cows	39.00-46.00	51.00
Steers 700+	88.00-100.00	
Lightweight steers	102.00-140.00	
Heifers 700+	78.00-94.00	
Lightweight heifers	93.00-108.00	

Cows sold on a good strong active trade. Fed steers and heifers sold at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher. Stockers traded on a good firm market.

Today at **Ontario Stockyards Inc-** 650 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	70.00-87.50	77.56	93.00	900+	74.00-77.00	75.45	84.50
900-999	61.00-94.00	87.73	94.00	800-899	76.00-86.00	80.57	88.00
800-899	90.50-101.00	95.53	102.00	700-799	71.00-86.00	82.95	86.00
700-799	94.00-107.50	100.83	107.50	600-699	88.75-96.50	92.11	104.00
600-699	100.00-113.25	105.80	113.25	500-599	87.50-103.50	95.14	118.25
500-599	99.00-116.75	108.00	116.75	400-499	96.00-108.00	101.63	114.00
400-499	108.00-125.00	115.62	125.00	300-399	88.00-99.00	93.67	116.50
399-	116.00-129.50	124.25	129.50				

Replacement cattle sold actively at fully steady prices.

Today at: **Brussels Livestock:** 92 veal

	Price Range	Top
Veal: Good Beef calves	95.00-110.00	115.00
Good Holsteins	80.00-87.00	92.00
Heavy Holsteins	80.00-85.00	86.50

Veal traded at prices \$2.00-\$5.00 lower.

Ontario Auction Sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	79.00-86.50	83.32	91.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	81.50-87.25	84.52	91.00
Cows	31.94-43.63	38.57	51.50
Bulls	46.72-49.50	50.17	58.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	N/T	N/T	N/T

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange –Dec 30, 2009 – 464 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	87.25-94.75	91.23	95.00	900+	87.00-89.75	88.28	89.75
900-999	90.75-97.50	94.75	97.50	800-899	85.50-89.50	87.13	89.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw prices \$1.50-\$3.00 stronger than last week.

Steers	Live	79.40	Flat rail	133.00-133.85
Heifers	Live	77.86-79.25	Flat rail	132.10-133.85

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

US cash cattle trade was very quiet following yesterday's active trading. It appears that business is finished for the year.

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

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	138.77	133.08
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.27	-0.24
Current 5 day average:	138.92	132.34

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	86.00	+1.40	Jan	95.85	+0.72	Mar	4.144	+0.6	Jan	10.396	+3.4	Spot	95.58	+0.82
Feb	86.17	+1.12	Mar	96.25	+1.37	May	4.242	+0.6	Mar	10.484	+4.0	Mar	95.62	+0.87
Apr	89.80	+0.85	Apr	97.62	+1.45	Jul	4.330	+0.6	May	10.536	+4.2	Jun	95.61	+0.87
Jun	87.72	+1.10	May	98.75	+1.50	Sep	4.374	+0.2	Jul	10.592	+4.4	Sep	95.58	+0.86
Aug	87.70	+1.00	Aug	99.75	+0.97	Dec	4.406	-1.2	Aug	10.435	+3.6	Dec	95.52	+0.87
Oct	89.70	+0.50	Sep	98.90	+0.70	Mar	4.496	-1.2	Sep	10.332	+2.2	Mar	95.45	+0.87

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