



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday April 28, 2005



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

FEDERAL FED CATTLE SET-ASIDE AUCTION

Auction Week	# Bidders	# Participants this week	Weighted average accepted bid price	Provinces with accepted bids	Scheduled release date
April 27/05	719	31	\$1.16	AB,MB,ON,QC	July 27/05
April 20/05	704	153	\$1.14	AB,SK,MB,ON,QC	July 20/05
April 13/05	669	106	\$1.19	AB, MB, ON	July 13/05
April 6/05	646	66	\$1.25	AB, MB, ON, QC	July 6/05
March 30/05	622	53	\$1.29	AB,SK,MB,ON,QC	June 29/05

To participate in the Fed Cattle Set-Aside program you must register by calling 1-888-292-5856. Auctions run every Monday at 2:00 pm to Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the **week** of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

	Price Range	Last Week
A grade steers	N/T	142.00-144.00
A grade heifers	N/T	140.00-143.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this **week** saw weighted average price ranges for **FED CATTLE**

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
Large Frame Steers +1250	82.09-96.17	88.98	103.25	85.34
Medium Frame Steers +1250	72.44-89.86	82.74	104.75	82.28
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.05-96.67	88.53	104.75	85.22
Large Frame Heifers +1000	77.74-91.95	85.40	97.25	79.38
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	61.47-87.25	77.84	95.50	73.16
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.59-91.86	84.12	97.25	77.77
Cows-all weights	18.63-32.74	25.63	65.00	25.73
Bulls-all weights	27.60-44.84	35.92	87.00	34.39

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	81.86-90.31	87.61	98.75
900-999	86.59-93.44	90.34	98.50
800-899	82.75-98.25	91.22	112.50
700-799	88.05-108.09	100.14	117.75
600-699	93.34-116.69	106.26	126.50
500-599	95.46-122.44	109.99	132.00
400-499	93.85-124.92	110.86	137.00

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HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	69.23-80.30	76.36	92.25
800-899	82.53-95.65	90.48	106.25
700-799	79.98-96.13	88.65	119.50
600-699	79.35-103.34	91.78	109.50
500-599	85.16-105.81	95.99	119.00
400-499	76.20-102.74	91.34	123.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 23, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	75.00-95.00	117.00
Good & choice heifers	70.00-89.50	96.75
Cows	21.00-31.00	42.50
	30.00-45.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, April 22, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	71.00-89.00	90.50	900+	78.50-91.25	92.00
900-999	85.00-95.10	98.00	800-899	81.50-98.00	98.00
800-899	85.00-105.00	107.50	700-799	78.00-93.75	119.50
700-799	93.00-108.00	108.00	600-699	82.00-104.50	109.50
600-699	96.50-116.00	116.00	500-599	86.00-110.50	115.00
500-599	101.50-119.50	120.50	400-499	88.00-106.50	106.50
400-499	100.00-125.00	129.00			

Stocker Sale: Leo's Livestock, April 23, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	72.00-94.50	106.00	700-799	69.00-88.50	88.50
600-699	70.00-113.50	126.50	600-699	74.00-103.50	103.50
500-599	88.00-130.00	132.00	500-599	81.00-103.00	106.00
400-499	89.00-130.00	137.00	400-499	70.00-103.00	108.00

Stocker Sale: Temiskaming Livestock, April 22, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	89.25-94.75	94.75	700-799	84.75-91.75	91.75
700-799	77.25-103.50	103.50	600-699	80.00-94.75	94.75
600-699	85.25-110.25	118.00	500-599	87.25-94.00	97.50
500-599	93.50-115.00	125.50			
400-499	99.00-130.00	130.00			

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, April 25, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	85.75-93.00	93.00	800-899	86.50-97.25	97.25
800-899	88.00-96.00	96.00	700-799	85.00-103.00	103.00
700-799	98.00-115.00	115.00	600-699	89.00-105.00	105.00
600-699	106.50-122.00	122.00	500-599	95.50-117.00	119.00
500-599	111.50-127.00	129.00	400-499	99.00-118.00	123.00
400-499	114.00-134.00	136.00			

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Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock, April 26, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	85.50-100.75	104.00	800-899	83.50-98.75	98.75
700-799	99.50-111.00	111.00	700-799	82.00-99.75	99.75
600-699	103.50-119.00	119.00	600-699	78.00-97.00	99.50
500-599	106.00-125.00	126.00	500-599	96.00-107.00	107.00
400-499	110.00-126.00	126.00	400-499	81.00-103.00	104.00

Stocker Sale: **D. H. Hickson, April 26, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	60.00-117.00	117.00	600-699	58.50-105.50	105.50
500-599	54.00-109.50	117.50	500-599	44.50-98.00	98.00
400-499	59.00-115.00	115.00	400-499	49.00-91.50	91.50

Denfield Livestock: **April 26, 2005**

	Price Range	
Choice steers	90.00-95.00	
Good steers	83.00-88.00	
Plain steers	60.00-70.00	
Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-95.00	
Good heifers	82.00-87.00	
Plain heifers	50.00-70.00	
Good fed cows	35.00-40.00	
D1 & D2 cows	25.00-33.00	
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-25.00	
Good beef bulls	30.00-40.00	
Good Holstein bulls	25.00-30.00	
The market traded at steady prices. A good offering of cows sold actively at stronger prices. Stockers were steady.		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 27, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	86.00-92.00	97.25	+900	82.00-86.75	88.75
900-999	88.00-93.25	95.50			
800-899	83.00-95.25	95.25			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – April 28, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	82.50-95.50	104.25	800-899	79.00-99.00	106.25
700-799	87.50-111.25	111.25	700-799	84.00-98.50	105.00
600-699	95.00-119.00	119.00	600-699	81.50-108.00	108.00
500-599	96.00-130.00	130.00	500-599	80.00-108.50	108.50
400-499	85.00-123.00	137.00	400-499	61.50-101.00	109.00

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle Co. – April 28, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	91.00-94.25	94.85	800-899	92.00-99.10	99.10
800-899	88.50-110.35	112.50	700-799	85.00-99.50	105.25

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700-799	96.50-117.75	117.75	600-699	90.00-106.00	106.00
600-699	106.50-122.00	123.50	500-599	70.00-96.00	113.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending [Thursday April 28, 2005](#)

Steers	Live	78.25-82.05	Flat rail	133.85-136.00
Heifers	Live	78.00-81.90	Flat rail	130.25-136.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending – April 23, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.7896	1.7060
Last week	1.7607	1.6571

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

Week ending [April 28, 2005](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	\$147.00-148.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	160.35	144.23

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
April 16, 2005	815	781
April 17, 2004	845	801

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Apr 16, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	79,520	1,068,999	103%
Alberta Slaughter	55,367	722,053	98%
Ontario Slaughter	12,874	184,501	109%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending April 23, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	600,000	586,000	639,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– Apr 23	Mexico Jan 1 – Feb 26
Total	100,615 tonnes	10,945 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

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	Jan 1 – Apr 16, 2005	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	29,798 tonnes	22,490 tonnes	+32.5%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 –Apr 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	361,271 tonnes	364,114 tonnes	-0.8%
Non-fed	51,900 tonnes	42,323 tonnes	+22.6%

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			
Apr	93.92	+1.57	May	108.67	+0.27	May	2.046	+0.2	May	6.192	+1.2	Spot	79.42	-0.44
Jun	85.62	+0.02	Aug	108.10	-0.05	Jul	2.134	+0.4	Jul	6.262	+1.0	Jun	79.48	-0.42
Aug	86.00	+0.22	Sep	107.40	+0.15	Sep	2.214	+0.6	Aug	6.260	+1.2	Sep	79.65	-0.42
Oct	85.90	+0.22	Oct	106.10	-0.10	Dec	2.306	+0.4	Sep	6.232	+2.6	Dec	79.82	-0.42

Comments for the week ending April 28, 2005

The fed cattle market was active this week. There were 2,124 head of finished steers and heifers sold live through Ontario auction markets. The average fed steer price was \$88.53 up \$3.31 and the average heifer price was \$84.12 up \$6.35. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices \$2-5 higher.

Slaughter cows sold strong again. The volume of cows sold through auction markets was 2,069. This week's average price was \$25.63 down \$0.10. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady with last week.

Good quality replacement cattle sold strong. Total stockers sold live through auction markets was 8,421 up 19.9% from last week and 10% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported strong demand on good quality cattle particularly grass type cattle. Prices were steady to firm.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were unestablished this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady to \$1 higher. Steers sold at \$78.25-82.05 live and \$133.85-136.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$78.00-81.00 live and \$130.25-136.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate in the north only. Trade in the south was not evident this week. Steers and heifers sold at \$147.00-148.00 dressed.

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Local beef trade was strong with good movement of meat. Meat buyers are gearing up for the May long weekend. Prices are very strong.