



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday July 7 ,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
July 6/05	853	107	\$1.29	AB,MB,ON	Oct 5/05
June 29/05	840	93	\$1.34	AB,ON,QC,SK	Sept 28/05
June 22/05	820	77	\$1.36	AB,MB,ON,QC	Sept 21/05
June 15/05	809	70	\$1.37	AB,MB,ON,QC,SK	Sept 14/05
June 8/05	787	62	\$1.34	AB,SK.ON.QC	Sept 7/05
June 1/05	775	79	\$1.31	AB,MB,ON,QC	Aug 31/05

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 2:00p.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	149.00-158.00	N/A
A grade heifers	148.00-157.00	N/A

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	84.78-97.58	90.77	115.00	89.39
Medium Frame Steers +1250	74.67-93.13	85.49	107.50	88.30
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.66-98.38	90.28	115.00	89.19
Large Frame Heifers +1000	79.89-96.04	88.97	113.00	87.36
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	67.86-92.38	82.90	101.25	79.94
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	75.94-95.42	87.99	113.00	85.62
Cows-all weights	19.17-36.85	27.63	69.00	26.80
Bulls-all weights	33.88-50.96	42.56	111.00	35.85

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	91.64-98.38	95.48	107.25
900-999	96.11-103.49	99.48	110.75
800-899	74.12-100.79	91.52	113.50
700-799	93.43-108.98	102.82	120.00
600-699	72.36-112.70	97.08	130.00
500-599	88.43-124.26	109.57	136.00
400-499	89.26-123.84	105.71	137.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	84.40-92.80	88.83	108.00

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800-899	87.31-95.12	90.99	105.25
700-799	76.24-93.48	86.77	105.00
600-699	79.82-105.46	92.20	117.50
500-599	75.04-109.46	92.38	120.00
400-499	85.68-116.60	101.81	130.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday July 2, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.00-98.00	106.25
Good & choice heifers	81.00-95.00	102.50
Cows	23.00-34.00	46.00
Bulls	38.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, July 1, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	89.25-98.00	98.00	900+	85.50-96.25	96.25
900-999	78.00-92.50	96.00	800-899	91.50-100.25	105.25
800-899	104.75-110.50	113.50	700-799	90.00-96.00	96.00
700-799	103.00-113.50	114.50	600-699	91.50-111.00	111.00
600-699	92.50-115.00	115.00	500-599	81.00-109.00	110.50
500-599	108.00-131.50	131.50			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, July 5, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top			
+1000	97.75-102.50	102.50			
900-999	104.50-109.25	109.25			

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 6, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	91.25-101.00	107.25	+900	90.50-99.75	108.00
900-999	95.00-104.00	110.75	800-899	87.00-95.00	98.25

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – July 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	106.00-115.50	120.00	700-799	80.00-105.00	105.00
600-699	68.50-123.50	130.00	600-699	80.00-108.75	117.50
500-599	104.00-133.00	135.00	500-599	75.00-113.50	116.50

Stocker Sale: Tricounty Cattle Co. – July 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	96.10-98.35	101.00	800-899	93.35-93.85	93.85
900-999	99.00-105.60	105.60			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday July 7, 2005**

Steers	Live	80.00-85.55	Flat rail	135.00-142.65
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Heifers	Live	82.55-85.55	Flat rail	140.00-141.00
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U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

Week ending July 7, 2005

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	128.00-129.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending – July 1, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.7197	1.6433
Last week	1.7202	1.6508

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	135.80	132.65

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
June 25, 2005	799	742
June 26, 2004	812	750

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending June 25, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	77,434	1,852,580	106%
Alberta Slaughter	52,743	1,248,694	101%
Ontario Slaughter	12,673	315,674	109%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending June 30, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	478,000	475,000	479,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– July 2	Mexico Jan 1 – May 14
Total	179,582 tonnes	25,777 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – June 25, 2005	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	51,574 tonnes	38,835 tonnes	+32.8%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 2, 2005	Last Year Same Time	% Change
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Fed	599,694 tonnes	593,608 tonnes	+1.0%
Non-fed	81,451 tonnes	65,020 tonnes	+25.3%

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			
Aug	79.35	-0.75	Aug	111.97	-0.10	Jul	2.262	-7.4	Jul	6.754	-16.4	Spot	82.00	+0.52
Oct	83.15	-0.25	Sep	111.02	-0.22	Sep	2.346	-7.0	Aug	6.780	-16.4	Sep	82.13	+0.57
Dec	85.12	-0.12	Oct	109.60	+0.00	Dec	2.462	-6.6	Sep	6.812	-18.2	Dec	82.36	+0.57
Feb	87.12	-0.12	Nov	106.97	-0.17	Mar	2.530	-7.0	Nov	6.880	-19.4	Mar	82.58	+0.57

Comments for the week ending July 8, 2005

Cattle sales were strong and active in Ontario this past week. Finished cattle sales on a live weight basis and a dressed weight basis were strong. Volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,842. The average fed steer price was \$90.28 up \$1.09 and the average heifer price was \$87.99 up \$2.37 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices \$2-3 higher. We haven't seen the ninety sent mark on finished steers since the end of February.

Slaughter cows traded strong this week. The volume of cows sold through auction markets was 2,009. This week's average price was \$27.63 up \$0.83 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices \$3-4 higher.

Replacement cattle continued to sell strong. Total stockers sold was 2,703 up 32% from last year at this time. Auction markets reported calves and yearlings sold on a strong active trade with prices \$2-3 higher.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were varied. Steers sold at \$149.00-158.00 and heifers were \$148.00-157.00. The lower prices were evident the first part of the week with the increase late in the week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with prices \$2.00 higher. Steers sold at \$80.00-85.55 live and \$135.00-142.65 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.55-85.55 live and \$140.00-141.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate. Steers and heifers sold at \$128.00-129.00 dressed.