



# Weekly Market Information Report

## Week ending Thursday August 11, 2005



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

### 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
<b>A grade steers</b>	159.00-163.00	155.00-162.00
<b>A grade heifers</b>	158.00-161.00	154.00-160.00

### 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	89.26-99.58	95.12	107.00	92.36
Medium Frame Steers +1250	78.90-96.53	90.18	101.00	90.60
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.65-99.58	94.33	107.00	92.35
Large Frame Heifers +1000	81.90-97.33	91.35	114.50	91.04
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	68.91-100.72	87.63	122.00	83.77
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	78.83-98.84	90.14	122.00	89.95
Cows-all weights	26.13-49.56	37.97	79.00	35.72
Bulls-all weights	40.01-57.12	48.15	88.00	47.20

### **STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>1000+</b>	89.29-104.12	97.95	112.50
<b>900-999</b>	96.37-108.95	104.06	113.25
<b>800-899</b>	107.20-118.16	113.74	126.25
<b>700-799</b>	102.93-121.16	112.85	125.00
<b>600-699</b>	101.97-124.18	115.30	129.00
<b>500-599</b>	101.61-132.17	120.96	145.50
<b>400-499</b>	101.65-139.20	123.24	147.50

<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>900+</b>	80.84-101.13	91.88	111.25
<b>800-899</b>	93.76-109.44	103.13	112.85
<b>700-799</b>	98.09-113.72	107.71	119.00
<b>600-699</b>	92.94-114.70	106.46	118.50
<b>500-599</b>	83.97-116.42	102.99	127.00
<b>400-499</b>	91.49-121.81	109.41	146.00

**At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 6, 2005**

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-102.00	110.25
Good & choice heifers	85.00-99.00	108.75
Cows	27.00-41.00	55.00
Bulls	38.50-55.00	

**Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Aug 5, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.50-105.25	105.25	900+	91.75-101.75	103.00
900-999	98.00-107.50	112.50	800-899	95.00-106.50	106.50
800-899	100.25-113.00	118.25	700-799	103.50-113.50	113.50
700-799	108.50-123.75	123.75	600-699	100.00-115.50	115.50
600-699	112.50-124.75	124.75	500-599	99.00-118.00	127.00
500-599	111.50-130.25	130.25	400-499	100.00-117.00	117.00

**Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, August 9, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS		
+1000	96.75-99.00	99.00	900+	67.00-96.00	96.00
900-999	103.00-113.25	113.25	800-899	99.00-112.85	112.85
800-899	116.75-126.25	126.25	700-799	88.50-115.00	115.00
700-799	120.00-125.00	125.00	600-699	111.00-125.00	125.00
600-699	111.00-125.00	125.00	500-599	85.00-123.00	123.00

A good selection of stocker cattle sold on strong demand with prices running steady to slightly higher.

**Denfield Livestock – August 9, 2005**

	Price Range	
Choice steers	95.00-100.00	
Good steers	88.00-94.00	
Plain steers	70.00-80.00	
Choice exotic cross heifers	95.00-100.00	
Good heifers	88.00-93.00	
Plain aged heifers	70.00-80.00	
Good cows	40.00-55.00	
D1 & D2 cows	32.00-40.00	
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-25.00	
Bulls	42.00-58.00	

**Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 10, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.50-106.75	108.50	+900	90.00-104.25	110.00
900-999	96.50-106.75	111.25			

**Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – August 11, 2005**

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<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	78.00-104.50	104.50	<b>900+</b>	60.00-104.00	104.00
<b>900-999</b>	94.50-113.25	113.25	<b>800-899</b>	88.50-111.75	111.75
<b>800-899</b>	105.25-118.00	118.00	<b>700-799</b>	103.50-118.00	119.00
<b>700-799</b>	94.75-121.50	121.50	<b>600-699</b>	92.00-118.00	118.50
<b>600-699</b>	101.50-125.00	129.00	<b>500-599</b>	70.00-115.50	120.00
<b>500-599</b>	110.75-131.00	140.00	<b>400-499</b>	89.00-121.00	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	119.00-147.00	147.00	<b>300-399</b>	94.00-124.00	130.00

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – August 11, 2005**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	109.75-112.50	112.50	<b>900+</b>	98.25-105.00	111.25
<b>900-999</b>	107.00-109.00	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	98.50-111.25	111.25
			<b>600-699</b>	98.75-106.00	110.00

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>STEERS</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>
<b>July 30, 2005</b>	821	754
<b>July 31, 2004</b>	816	744

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending July 30, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	68,076	2,203,376	105%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	44,518	1,482,949	100%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	12,407	375,926	106%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 6, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	616,000	644,000	629,000

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday August 11, 2005**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.75-85.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	138.00-141.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	82.25-84.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	140.00

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	132.93	126.05

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

Week ending **Thursday August 11, 2005**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	<b>80.50</b>
	<b>Rail</b>	<b>127.00-128.00</b>

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 2– August 6	Mexico Jan 1 – June 18
<b>Total</b>	<b>211,056 tonnes</b>	<b>28,977 tonnes</b>

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – July 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,702 tonnes</b>	<b>45,277 tonnes</b>	<b>+29.7</b>

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Aug 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	<b>712,921 tonnes</b>	<b>708,466 tonnes</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>
<b>Non-fed</b>	<b>94,602 tonnes</b>	<b>78,753 tonnes</b>	<b>+20.1%</b>

**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					
<b>Aug</b>	79.07	-1.20	<b>Aug</b>	109.27	-0.50	<b>Sep</b>	2.176	-7.2	<b>Aug</b>	6.430	+2.0	<b>Spot</b>	83.66	+0.37
<b>Oct</b>	80.07	-1.05	<b>Sep</b>	106.62	-1.15	<b>Dec</b>	2.310	-7.2	<b>Sep</b>	6.404	-2.6	<b>Sep</b>	83.72	+0.41
<b>Dec</b>	82.80	-1.05	<b>Oct</b>	105.72	-1.15	<b>Mar</b>	2.396	-7.4	<b>Nov</b>	6.480	-2.2	<b>Dec</b>	83.95	+0.41
<b>Feb</b>	85.45	-0.60	<b>Nov</b>	104.60	-0.77	<b>May</b>	2.454	-6.6	<b>Jan</b>	6.532	-1.4	<b>Mar</b>	84.18	+0.41



**Please note the change in stocker sale date for Thessalon is now Tuesday August 16, 2005**

**Comments for the week ending August 12, 2005**

The live cattle market was strong this week after last week's soft decline. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,571. The average fed steer price was \$94.33 up \$1.98 and the average heifer price was \$90.14 up \$0.19 from last week. Heifers hit the nineties again after falling back into the eighties for two weeks. Steers have been over the ninety cent range for five weeks now. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a very strong demand with prices \$2-3 higher.

The volume of cows sold through auction markets was 2,265. That is the highest volume we have seen since December 2004. There has been a strong demand for cows. This week's average price was \$37.97 up \$2.25 from last week and \$17.34 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good

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offering of cows were available for the strong demand. Depending on the auction barn, price reports varied from fully steady to stronger as well as \$5-8 higher. Overall prices were reflective of the high demand.

Replacement cattle sold strong. This week the lighter cattle were substantially higher although the heavy weights showed a nice increase as well. Total stockers sold was 4,859 up 18.9% from last week and 47% over last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good selection of replacement cattle sold on a strong demand with prices \$2-4 higher than last week.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices regained last week's decline of \$2.50. Steers sold at \$159.00-163.00 and heifers were \$158.00-161.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was fairly light with prices steady to \$1 lower. Steers sold at \$81.75-85.15 live and \$138.00-141.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.25-84.35 live and \$140.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly light. Steers and heifers sold at \$80.50 live and \$127.00-128.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was very strong this week with excellent meat movement however there was a lot of fluctuation in the price.