



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday August 18, 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
A grade steers	158.00-160.00	159.00-163.00
A grade heifers	157.00-159.00	158.00-161.00

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	87.69-98.69	92.70	106.50	95.12
Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.21-96.14	91.28	104.50	90.18
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.33-98.35	92.42	106.50	94.33
Large Frame Heifers +1000	77.94-94.04	88.08	104.50	91.35
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	61.81-89.34	81.46	95.25	87.63
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.49-94.19	87.10	104.50	90.14
Cows-all weights	24.24-46.25	34.95	91.50	37.97
Bulls-all weights	40.66-55.77	48.04	117.00	48.15

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	88.65-104.61	98.30	112.50
900-999	100.99-110.82	106.35	120.00
800-899	104.56-119.17	114.00	124.85
700-799	107.94-124.64	117.67	131.00
600-699	95.15-124.96	114.27	131.50
500-599	100.23-139.76	121.38	148.50
400-499	100.06-146.74	127.01	159.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	73.47-96.49	87.77	108.00
800-899	93.17-108.75	102.60	115.00
700-799	89.83-112.78	104.14	120.25
600-699	89.74-116.26	105.72	124.00
500-599	88.69-120.53	107.62	133.00
400-499	87.94-122.46	109.14	145.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 13, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.00-94.50	104.25
Good & choice heifers	85.00-95.00	104.25
Cows	33.00-42.00	54.50
Bulls	45.00-55.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Aug 12, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	82.00-107.00	107.00	900+	82.75-100.85	104.50
900-999	99.25-110.00	120.00	800-899	90.00-104.75	111.25
800-899	101.00-118.50	118.50	700-799	96.00-113.00	117.00
700-799	111.50-125.75	125.75	600-699	94.00-113.50	124.00
600-699	114.00-123.00	130.00	500-599	106.50-126.50	126.50
500-599	115.50-140.00	140.00	400-499	114.00-128.00	128.00

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, August 16, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS		
900-999	110.50-114.85	114.85	800-899	101.85-113.10	113.10
800-899	117.60-124.00	124.00	700-799	109.25-114.35	114.35
700-799	117.75-131.00	131.00	600-699	80.00-119.00	121.50
600-699	96.00-126.50	131.50	500-599	111.00-125.25	125.25
500-599	113.00-136.00	138.00			

All classes of replacement cattle sold on a sharp demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker Sale: Thessalon, August 16, 2005 – very active bidding

STEERS	Price Range		HEIFERS		
900-999	104.00-116.00		800-899	105.00-113.00	
800-899	115.00-122.00		700-799	111.00-115.00	
700-799	113.00-124.00		600-699	113.00-119.00	
600-699	117.00-126.00		400-599	118.00-130.00	
500-599	101.00-130.00				

Denfield Livestock – August 16, 2005

	Price Range	
Choice steers	95.00-100.00	
Good steers	85.00-90.00	
Plain steers	70.00-80.00	
Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-100.00	
Good heifers	84.00-88.00	
Plain heifers	70.00-75.00	
Good cows	40.00-58.00	
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-40.00	
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00	
Good fed bulls	50.00-70.00	

The market traded on a good demand at steady prices on the fancy cattle with the second cut cattle \$2-3 lower. A good offering of cows traded actively at strong prices. Stockers were strong and holstein bull calves were steady.

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Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 17, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	99.75-106.25	112.50	+900	91.75-95.75	101.00
900-999	99.50-107.00	111.00	800-899	90.00-100.00	100.00
800-899	99.00-110.00	113.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – August 18, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	64.00-100.00	102.00	900+	80.00-108.00	108.00
900-999	102.00-114.75	114.75	800-899	101.00-114.00	114.00
800-899	103.00-117.25	117.25	700-799	98.00-120.25	120.25
700-799	104.25-126.00	126.00	600-699	103.00-120.00	120.00
600-699	102.50-125.50	126.00	500-599	86.00-119.50	129.00
500-599	110.00-138.00	145.00	400-499	84.00-116.00	125.00
400-499	118.00-155.00	159.00	300-399	89.00-127.75	139.00

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – August 18, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.25-111.75	111.75	800-899	85.00-101.00	101.00
900-999	104.25-119.00	119.00	700-799	90.50-119.00	119.00
800-899	115.50-124.85	124.85			
700-799	120.50-129.00	129.00			

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
August 6, 2005	828	777
August 7, 2004	824	759

PROVINCIALY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

	July 2005	July 2004
Steers	4,675	5,378
Heifers	2,565	2,349
Cows	2,150	1,998
Bulls	750	1,023

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending August 6, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	61,961	2,265,585	105%
Alberta Slaughter	41,991	1,524,996	100%
Ontario Slaughter	10,360	386,478	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Aug 13, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	629,000	616,000	643,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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Steers	Live	81.50-84.65	Flat rail	137.00-139.85
Heifers	Live	82.25-84.65	Flat rail	136.80-139.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending- August 12, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.6542	1.5610
Last reported week	1.7039	1.5984

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.70	127.53

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	77.50-80.00
	Rail	124.00-125.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 2– August 13	Jan 1 – June 25
Total	217,578 tonnes	29,825 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 6	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	61,462 tonnes	48,518 tonnes	+26.7

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 13	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	734,695 tonnes	732,688 tonnes	+0.3%
Non-fed	97,697 tonnes	81,471 tonnes	+19.9%

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 US					
Aug	80.47	+0.70	Aug	110.60	+0.22	Sep	2.102	-1.0	Sep	5.972	-12.4	Spot	82.53	+0.50
Oct	82.10	+1.35	Sep	108.97	+0.42	Dec	2.234	-1.2	Nov	6.074	-12.6	Sep	82.53	+0.45
Dec	84.82	+0.95	Oct	107.65	+0.60	Mar	2.330	-1.4	Jan	6.136	-13.2	Dec	82.76	+0.45
Feb	86.85	+0.70	Nov	106.40	+0.65	May	2.392	-1.4	Mar	6.204	-12.4	Mar	82.99	+0.45



Comments for the week ending August 19, 2005

Finished cattle were softer this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,701. The average fed steer price was \$92.42 down \$1.92 and the average heifer price was \$87.10 down \$3.04 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle traded on a good demand with prices \$1-3 lower.

A strong volume of cows were on offer as 2,226 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$34.95 down \$3.02 from last week and \$12.81 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good offering of cows were available with pricing steady at the beginning of the week then dropping as the week went on.

Replacement cattle sold about steady with last week. Total stockers sold was 5,412 up 11.4% from last week and 60% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good selection of replacement cattle sold on a sharp demand with prices fully steady. Heavy and plainer types were easier.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$1.50 – 2.00 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$158.00-160.00 and heifers were \$157.00-159.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady to \$1-2 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$81.50-84.65 live and \$137.00-139.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.25-84.65 live and \$136.80-139.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was very active with prices \$2 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$77.50-79.00 live and \$124.00-125.00 dressed.

Local beef trade saw beef moving well but prices fluctuated.