



# Weekly Market Information Report

## Week ending Thursday August 25, 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>	156.00-158.00	158.00-160.00
<b>A grade heifers</b>	155.00-157.00	157.00-159.00

### 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	85.61-97.65	91.63	105.25	92.70
Medium Frame Steers +1250	76.65-92.55	86.61	103.00	91.28
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	84.42-97.65	90.88	105.25	92.42
Large Frame Heifers +1000	79.07-93.56	86.79	100.00	88.08
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	61.05-86.92	77.28	98.00	81.46
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.50-92.85	84.80	100.00	87.10
Cows-all weights	23.71-45.37	34.86	81.00	34.95
Bulls-all weights	37.49-53.09	45.43	92.50	48.04

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>1000+</b>	92.35-105.29	100.50	113.50
<b>900-999</b>	100.18-113.61	106.50	122.50
<b>800-899</b>	97.68-116.35	109.94	123.00
<b>700-799</b>	101.28-123.53	115.56	128.50
<b>600-699</b>	99.04-126.11	115.02	132.00
<b>500-599</b>	97.78-135.26	119.16	155.00
<b>400-499</b>	102.76-151.35	129.44	166.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>900+</b>	77.41-97.61	87.89	110.50
<b>800-899</b>	91.19-110.86	102.10	118.00
<b>700-799</b>	86.02-111.00	101.63	116.50
<b>600-699</b>	89.30-115.69	105.35	125.00
<b>500-599</b>	91.51-117.90	107.28	134.00
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-128.67	111.07	153.00

**At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 20, 2005**

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-98.50	105.00
Good & choice heifers	85.00-92.00	
Cows	24.00-37.00	51.00
Bulls	40.00-55.00	

**Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Aug 19, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	92.50-104.00	109.00	900+	87.25-102.50	110.50
900-999	100.50-109.50	122.50	800-899	96.00-111.50	118.00
800-899	105.00-115.50	115.50	700-799	103.50-116.50	116.50
700-799	113.25-126.75	126.75	600-699	104.25-119.50	120.00
600-699	118.00-130.00	130.00	500-599	105.00-120.00	127.00
500-599	111.50-128.50	139.00	400-499	115.00-138.00	138.00

**Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, August 23, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	109.60-112.60	112.60	900+	93.50-104.00	104.00
900-999	105.75-119.10	120.30	800-899	101.00-115.85	115.85
800-899	101.50-118.25	123.00	700-799	98.50-112.25	113.25
700-799	119.75-128.50	128.50	600-699	93.00-110.00	110.00
600-699	82.00-123.50	128.00	500-599	75.00-116.75	116.75
500-599	98.00-134.50	134.50	400-499	96.00-112.50	112.50

Stocker and replacement cattle sold on good demand at steady to previous prices

**Denfield Livestock – August 23, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	90.00-95.00
Good steers	82.00-88.00
Plain steers	70.00-80.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-95.00
Good heifers	80.00-88.00
Plain heifers	65.00-75.00
Good cows	45.00-55.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-25.00
Good fed bulls	40.00-51.00

The market traded on a good demand at steady prices on all classes of fed cattle with the fancy cattle selling at premium prices. A good offering of cows sold strong at steady prices. Stockers sold strong.

**Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 24, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	98.25-109.00	113.50	+900	76.00-101.00	101.00
900-999	99.75-111.75	114.00	800-899	78.25-112.25	112.25
800-899	96.50-112.25	112.25	700-799	95.50-108.25	108.25

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Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – August 25, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	99.50-114.00	114.50	800-899	84.00-111.75	111.75
800-899	103.00-119.00	123.00	700-799	87.50-112.00	115.75
700-799	106.00-127.50	127.50	600-699	98.00-119.50	119.50
600-699	109.00-127.50	127.50	500-599	98.00-114.50	116.00
500-599	109.00-137.00	137.00	400-499	97.50-127.00	127.00
400-499	115.00-166.00	166.00	300-399	101.00-131.00	136.00

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – August 25, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	110.75-113.25	113.25	+900	97.10-105.25	105.25
700-799	113.00-120.00		800-899	101.00-103.00	103.00

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	STEERS	HEIFERS
August 13, 2005	834	748
August 14, 2004	819	757

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending August 13, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	70,300	2,335,885	104%
Alberta Slaughter	47,177	1,572,173	99%
Ontario Slaughter	12,339	398,817	106%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 20, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	661,000	629,000	637,000

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday August 25, 2005**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	82.25-84.65	<b>Flat rail</b>	136.70-140.50
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	82.50-84.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	136.70-141.00

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE**

Week ending- August 19, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.6290	1.5543
Last week	1.6542	1.5610

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
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	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	133.25	124.91

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

Week ending **Thursday August 25, 2005**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	79.00-82.00
	<b>Rail</b>	125.00-129.00

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 2– August 20	Mexico Jan 1 – July 2
<b>Total</b>	224,198 tonnes	30,548 tonnes

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Aug 13	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	63,301 tonnes	50,215 tonnes	+26.1

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Aug 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	757,713 tonnes	757,528 tonnes	+0.0%
<b>Non-fed</b>	101,456 tonnes	84,264 tonnes	+20.4%

**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>	82.37	+0.87	<b>Sep</b>	111.45	+1.50	<b>Sep</b>	2.036	-2.4	<b>Sep</b>	5.910	+4.0	<b>Spot</b>	83.44	-0.57
<b>Oct</b>	83.05	+0.92	<b>Oct</b>	109.87	+1.27	<b>Dec</b>	2.176	-2.0	<b>Nov</b>	6.020	+4.2	<b>Sep</b>	83.50	-0.55
<b>Dec</b>	85.95	+0.90	<b>Nov</b>	109.25	+1.52	<b>Mar</b>	2.276	-1.6	<b>Jan</b>	6.092	+5.0	<b>Dec</b>	83.72	-0.55
<b>Feb</b>	87.92	+0.77	<b>Jan</b>	105.15	+1.05	<b>May</b>	2.340	-1.2	<b>Mar</b>	6.156	+5.0	<b>Mar</b>	83.94	-0.55



**Comments for the week ending August 26, 2005**

Finished cattle were under pressure this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,413. The average fed steer price was \$90.88 down \$1.54 and the average heifer price was \$84.80 down \$2.30 from last week. Auction markets reported at the beginning of the week fed cattle traded on a dull demand with prices \$1-3 lower and by Thursday trade was more active with prices firm.

A good number of cows were sold through the sale barns again this week with pricing holding steady. There were 2,606 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$34.86 down \$0.09 from last week and \$12.90 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good offering of cows were available with pricing steady.

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Replacement cattle sold strong this week. Total stockers sold was 5,653 up 4.5% from last week and 54% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold on a good demand with prices firm to higher.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$2.00 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$156.00-158.00 and heifers were \$155.00-157.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with prices steady to last week. Steers sold at \$82.25-84.65 live and \$136.70-140.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.50-84.75 live and \$136.70-141.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active with prices \$3-4 higher than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$79.00-82.00 live and \$128.00-129.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was slower this week. Buyers seem to be prepared for the Labour Day weekend.