



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday September 1, 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	156.00-158.00
A grade heifers	157.00-159.00	155.00-157.00

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	85.56-99.82	92.38	110.00	91.63
Medium Frame Steers +1250	73.25-92.11	85.44	109.50	86.61
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.31-98.85	90.96	110.00	90.88
Large Frame Heifers +1000	82.24-95.10	89.85	114.00	86.79
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	65.80-90.18	79.99	97.25	77.28
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	76.09-94.82	88.18	114.00	84.80
Cows-all weights	22.88-43.87	33.47	106.50	34.86
Bulls-all weights	37.34-51.90	43.82	77.00	45.43

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	88.91-106.96	101.15	117.75
900-999	103.41-115.23	109.95	120.60
800-899	104.25-119.04	113.73	122.00
700-799	100.22-125.71	116.33	129.29
600-699	105.01-128.99	119.28	138.00
500-599	94.77-134.79	118.89	156.00
400-499	108.09-153.39	135.99	171.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	79.56-100.36	90.85	113.50
800-899	93.76-111.49	102.27	114.75
700-799	89.68-113.18	104.91	117.75
600-699	88.25-116.08	105.22	132.00
500-599	88.88-118.80	106.82	125.00
400-499	88.94-127.75	111.29	156.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday August 27, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.50-102.00	111.50
Good & choice heifers	85.00-101.00	113.50
Cows	25.00-42.00	58.00
Bulls	35.00-55.00	

Revision to the Stockyards- there were 300 cows not 30

Sale on August 31, 2005 at the **Ontario Stockyards – 350 steers, 210 heifers and 300 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	90.00-95.00	109.00
Fancy fed heifers	90.00-95.00	115.00
Cows	37.00-54.00	75.00
Bulls	40.00-50.00	57.00

All classes of steers and heifers traded on a good demand at steady prices.

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Aug 26, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.00-108.00	109.25	900+	90.75-106.75	113.50
900-999	99.00-115.25	115.25	800-899	96.00-114.00	114.75
800-899	100.50-115.75	117.00	700-799	94.00-117.75	117.75
700-799	95.00-124.10	124.10	600-699	102.00-120.00	122.00
600-699	118.50-133.00	138.00	500-599	105.00-124.00	125.00
500-599	99.00-127.75	151.00	400-499	90.00-125.00	136.00

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, August 30, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	113.75-117.75	117.75	900+	89.00-102.25	102.25
900-999	119.10-120.60	120.60	800-899	100.32-112.35	114.50
800-899	120.25-122.00	122.00	700-799	95.00-114.50	117.00
700-799	112.00-129.25	129.29	600-699	97.00-115.00	116.50
600-699	100.00-126.50	126.50	500-599	110.50-118.00	118.00
500-599	115.50-131.00	139.00	400-499	115.00-138.31	138.31
400-499	140.00-154.78	154.78			

Stocker and replacement cattle sold on solid demand resulting in higher prices for select lots.

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 31, 2005

STEERS	Price Range		HEIFERS	Price Range	
+1000	88.00-112.50		+900	100.50-100.50	
900-999	93.00-113.50		800-899	95.00-108.00	
800-899	100.00-122.00		700-799	58.00-110.75	
700-799	100.00-128.50		600-699	90.50-115.00	
600-699	103.00-133.25				

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – September 1, 2005

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STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	79.00-112.50	112.50	+900	55.50-100.75	100.75
900-999	102.00-112.75	112.75	800-899	90.50-114.00	114.00
800-899	100.00-121.75	121.75	700-799	98.00-116.50	116.50
700-799	112.75-128.50	128.50	600-699	89.50-116.00	119.00
600-699	102.00-127.25	127.25	500-599	94.00-115.00	115.00
500-599	98.00-139.00	142.00	400-499	89.00-115.00	133.00
400-499	101.50-147.75	154.50	300-399	97.50-139.00	139.00

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – September 1, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	99.75-110.00	110.00	+900	97.50-110.00	110.00
900-999	103.50-108.25	108.25	800-899	104.00-111.75	111.75
			700-799	103.75-112.25	115.00

Stocker Sale: **Leo's Livestock – September 1, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	87.00-128.00	128.00	600-699	79.00-132.00	132.00
600-699	83.00-131.00	135.00	500-599	71.00-120.50	124.00
500-599	104.00-140.00	156.00	400-499	80.00-133.00	156.00
400-499	104.00-166.00	166.00	300-399	98.00-126.00	138.00
-400	105.00-160.50	169.00			

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
August 20, 2005	834	767
August 21, 2004	829	754

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending August 20, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	72,964	2,408,882	104%
Alberta Slaughter	48,979	1,621,152	99%
Ontario Slaughter	12,661	411,478	105%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Aug 27, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	661,000	661,000	625,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday September 1, 2005**

Steers	Live	78.65-85.00	Flat rail	134.25-136.20
Heifers	Live	78.20-84.00	Flat rail	N/A

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending- August 26, 2005	AAA	AA
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Cutout value	1.6148	1.5216
Last week	1.6290	1.5543

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.54	124.59

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday September 1, 2005**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	81.00-81.50
	Rail	126.00-128.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– August 27	Mexico Jan 1 – July 9
Total	230,770 tonnes	31,624 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	65,580 tonnes	51,827 tonnes	+26.5

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 27	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	757,713 tonnes	757,528 tonnes	+0.0%
Non-fed	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 US					
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Oct	81.20	+0.15	Sep	110.80	+0.85	Sep	2.034	-4.2	Sep	5.884	-7.2	Spot	84.22	-0.30
Dec	84.50	+0.10	Oct	108.57	+0.70	Dec	2.172	-5.0	Nov	5.990	-8.0	Sep	84.18	-0.37
Feb	86.75	+0.27	Nov	108.15	+0.50	Mar	2.284	-5.0	Jan	6.072	-7.6	Dec	84.40	-0.37
Apr	85.32	+0.07	Jan	104.30	+0.42	May	2.350	-4.6	Mar	6.140	-8.6	Mar	84.62	-0.37

Comments for the week ending August 26, 2005

Finished cattle traded better this week than last. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,396. The average fed steer price was \$90.96 up \$0.08 and the average heifer price was \$88.18 up \$3.38 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively on a good demand with prices firm to \$1-3 higher.

Slaughter cows were sluggish again. There were 2,170 head sold through auction markets. This week's

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average price was \$33.47 down another \$1.39 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a fairly good demand with prices steady to slightly higher.

The replacement cattle market experienced solid trade this week. Total stockers sold was 6,497 up 14.9% from last week and 78% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold on a good demand with prices steady to strong. By the end of the week light weight replacement cattle were reported to be \$5-10 easier.

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

In Alberta, cattle trade was limited all week with prices lower to last week. Steers sold at \$78.65-85.00 live and \$134.25-136.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$78.20-84.00 live.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active late in the week with prices \$1-2 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$81.00-81.50 live and \$126.00-128.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was slower this week. Buyers were digging deep for sales. Slow movement could be attributed to kids going back to school and the fall arriving and stores were previously prepared for the Labour Day weekend.