



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday September 8, 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	N/A	158.00-160.00
A grade heifers	N/A	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	86.67-95.46	91.37	108.00	92.38
Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.75-95.00	89.71	104.25	85.44
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.04-95.82	91.30	108.00	90.96
Large Frame Heifers +1000	80.00-94.32	89.39	101.25	89.85
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	76.10-93.37	87.49	104.25	79.99
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	78.77-94.31	88.83	104.25	88.18
Cows-all weights	23.93-43.22	33.51	108.00	33.47
Bulls-all weights	37.28-55.15	45.19	92.00	43.82

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	95.05-106.94	102.03	116.00
900-999	99.92-113.74	108.11	120.50
800-899	108.99-120.03	114.53	124.50
700-799	105.14-125.11	116.97	130.00
600-699	103.44-126.47	117.84	133.00
500-599	100.42-137.46	123.05	147.00
400-499	110.78-149.09	134.27	160.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	87.31-103.17	96.13	118.25
800-899	94.97-111.99	104.95	115.35
700-799	95.56-112.94	106.69	119.25
600-699	89.69-114.55	105.82	127.75
500-599	89.28-117.58	106.40	123.00
400-499	98.73-127.84	115.95	149.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday September 3, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.00-98.00	115.00
Good & choice heifers	83.00-96.00	112.50
Cows	24.00-35.00	51.00
Bulls	37.00-46.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Sept 2, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.50-108.75	110.50	900+	89.00-107.00	118.25
900-999	107.25-120.00	120.50	800-899	100.00-112.75	112.75
800-899	112.50-123.50	123.50	700-799	94.00-114.25	118.25
700-799	104.00-130.00	130.00	600-699	85.50-117.00	127.75
600-699	106.00-128.25	128.25	500-599	103.50-123.00	123.00
500-599	113.00-140.00	140.00	400-499	105.00-131.50	146.00
400-499	122.00-149.50	156.00			
-400	127.00-161.00	167.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, September 6, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	107.00-116.00	116.00	900+	98.00-108.50	108.50
900-999	105.00-114.60	115.00	800-899	104.00-115.35	115.35
800-899	113.50-121.75	124.50	700-799	104.50-119.25	119.25
700-799	118.00-130.00	130.00	600-699	103.25-119.50	119.50
600-699	118.50-126.50	131.00	500-599	95.00-118.50	118.50

Good quality stocker cattle sold on a moderate demand at steady prices.

Sale at: Denfield Livestock – September 6, 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	92.00-97.25
Good heifers	84.00-88.00
Plain heifers	60.00-70.00
Good fed cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00
Good beef bulls	40.00-50.00

The market traded on a strong demand at steady prices on the fed cattle with the fancy cattle at premium prices. A good offering of stockers traded strong. Cows were fully steady to higher and holstein calves were higher.

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, September 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	100.00-106.00	106.00	+900	99.00-100.00	100.00

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900-999	101.00-113.00	117.50	800-899	72.50-102.50	102.50
700-799	110.50-124.00	124.00			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes – September 7, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	84.50-107.75	107.75	+900	74.00-103.00	103.00
900-999	69.00-114.00	114.00	800-899	78.00-109.75	109.75
800-899	113.00-124.00	124.00	700-799	80.00-111.50	111.50
700-799	99.25-129.75	129.75	600-699	84.00-117.00	117.00
600-699	100.00-129.00	129.00	500-599	96.00-112.00	112.00
500-599	79.00-140.00	140.00	400-499	103.00-121.75	121.75
400-499	90.00-151.00	151.00	300-399	108.50-130.00	130.00

Stocker sale: **Warton – September 8, 2005 - 1,119 yearling cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	111.25-114.50	115.50	900-999	101.50-109.25	109.50
900-999	108.25-112.50	117.50	800-899	98.00-113.00	113.50
800-899	105.00-120.50	121.00	700-799	107.25-115.50	116.75
700-799	107.50-117.50	127.00			

Good to strong sale with above average quality cattle in good condition

QUEBEC STOCKER SALES

Sawyerville – September 1, 2005 – 780 head

STEERS	Price Range		HEIFERS	Price Range	
+900	82.00-116.00		700-799	60.00-127.00	
800-899	94.00-124.00		600-699	50.00-130.00	
700-799	60.00-132.00		500-599	50.00-132.00	
600-699	68.00-143.00		400-499	50.00-132.00	
500-599	60.00-152.00				
400-499	68.00-158.00				

St. Isidore – September 2, 2005 – 1,165 head

STEERS	Price Range		HEIFERS	Price Range	
+900	80.00-123.00		800-899	64.00-114.00	
800-899	90.00-133.00		700-799	70.00-121.00	
700-799	70.00-143.00		600-699	60.00-132.00	
600-699	70.00-151.00		500-599	62.00-132.00	
500-599	70.00-156.00		400-499	80.00-138.00	
400-499	66.00-161.00				

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
August 27, 2005	831	773
August 28, 2004	824	756

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending August 27, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	76,414	2,485,296	104%
Alberta Slaughter	51,901	1,673,053	99%
Ontario Slaughter	13,337	424,815	105%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Sept 3, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	636,000	644,000	642,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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Steers	Live	81.65-83.00	Flat rail	135.80-137.30
Heifers	Live	82.35-84.20	Flat rail	136.00-136.50

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending- September 2, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.6189	1.5280
Last week	1.6148	1.5216

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.62	123.70

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	81.50
	Rail	128.00-129.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2- Sept 3	Mexico Jan 1 - July 9
Total	237,711 tonnes	32,673 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 - Aug 27	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	66,750 tonnes	52,674 tonnes	+26.7

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 - Aug 27		Jan 1 - Sept 3

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Pure bred	555	Slaughter steers & heifers	53,524
Non pure bred	12,462	Feeder steers & heifers	42,500

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 3	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	803,424 tonnes	805,102 tonnes	-0.2%
Non-fed	109,631 tonnes	89,725 tonnes	+22.2%

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			
Oct	84.82	+1.37	Sep	114.57	+1.12	Sep	2.030	+0.2	Sep	5.804	-10.0	Spot	84.96	+0.34
Dec	87.80	+1.25	Oct	113.17	+1.02	Dec	2.160	-0.2	Nov	5.900	-10.4	Sep	84.96	+0.32
Feb	89.15	+0.77	Nov	112.42	+1.10	Mar	2.272	+0.0	Jan	5.986	-9.6	Dec	85.16	+0.32
Apr	87.50	+0.80	Jan	108.70	+1.07	May	2.340	+0.0	Mar	6.070	-9.4	Mar	85.38	+0.32



Comments for the week ending September 8, 2005

Finished cattle traded steady to a touch better this week than last. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,641. The average fed steer price was \$91.30 up \$0.34 and the average heifer price was \$88.83 up \$0.65 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively on a strong demand with prices steady.

Slaughter cows held steady with last week. There were 1,979 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$33.51 up \$0.04 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices fully steady.

The replacement cattle market was similar to finished cattle and cows seeing steady money. Total stockers sold was 6,470 down 0.4% from last week and 46% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold actively with prices steady to strong.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were not established this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was fairly slow all week with prices \$1-2 lower. Steers sold at \$81.65-83.00 live and

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\$135.80-137.30 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.35-84.20 live and \$136.00-136.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active late in the week with prices \$1 higher than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$81.00 live and \$128.00-130.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was somewhat better than last week. Considering the time of year movement was reasonable. Some of the middle cuts are not moving well.