



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday September 15, 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	157.00-163.00	N/A
A grade heifers	156.00-162.00	N/A

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	87.02-96.43	92.53	109.00	91.37
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.08-96.80	91.05	104.25	89.71
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.93-96.92	92.45	109.00	91.30
Large Frame Heifers +1000	77.04-95.69	89.18	105.25	89.39
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	70.50-90.85	84.49	99.50	87.49
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	73.96-95.60	88.27	105.25	88.83
Cows-all weights	24.03-44.50	34.10	124.00	33.51
Bulls-all weights	37.87-54.19	45.83	103.50	45.19

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	98.00-108.77	104.51	118.25
900-999	103.57-116.14	110.86	121.25
800-899	106.41-123.15	115.47	128.00
700-799	110.26-129.17	121.61	136.00
600-699	107.78-130.79	121.63	139.50
500-599	108.61-138.90	126.21	155.00
400-499	108.51-150.82	130.85	159.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	76.34-98.84	90.04	111.00
800-899	98.44-111.15	105.46	117.00
700-799	100.76-116.45	109.22	126.75
600-699	94.85-120.41	110.07	130.00
500-599	99.06-122.62	112.40	139.00
400-499	90.49-127.51	112.85	136.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday September 10, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	83.00-98.00	112.00
Good & choice heifers	82.00-98.00	104.75
Cows	22.50-41.00	55.00
Bulls	40.00-55.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, Sept 10, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	82.00-105.25	113.00	900+	83.50-106.00	106.00
900-999	101.00-114.25	114.25	800-899	95.00-108.25	110.75
800-899	110.00-123.75	123.75	700-799	98.50-114.50	116.50
700-799	114.25-129.50	135.00	600-699	87.50-117.50	128.50
600-699	112.00-130.00	130.00	500-599	107.50-127.75	127.75
500-599	123.25-141.50	144.00	400-499	101.00-124.00	132.00
400-499	120.00-146.00	147.50			

Stocker Sale: Leo's Livestock, Sept 11, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	107.00-128.00	128.00	600-699	85.00-115.50	115.50
600-699	107.00-132.00	136.00	500-599	97.00-123.00	127.50
500-599	109.00-139.50	140.00	400-499	86.00-135.00	136.00
400-499	108.00-145.00	147.00	300-399	101.00-130.00	132.00

Stocker Sale: Little Current, Sept 9, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	94.50	800-1000	108.00-115.00
800-1000	105.00-126.00	600-800	95.00-123.00
600-800	100.00-137.00	400-600	109.00-131.00
400-600	104.00-153.00		

Stocker Sale: Tricounty Cattle, Sept 12, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	115.00-116.00	116.00	800-899	112.75-117.00	117.00
900-999	106.75-117.00	119.75	700-799	114.60-126.75	126.75
800-899	119.00-120.10	125.50	600-699	129.25-130.00	130.00
700-799	122.50-128.00	128.00			
600-699	139.00-139.50	139.50			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, September 13, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	109.75-119.50	121.25			
800-899	106.25-127.50	127.50	800-899	97.00-112.75	114.00
700-799	118.00-132.25	132.25	700-799	110.00-119.75	119.75
600-699	109.00-133.50	133.50	600-699	103.00-126.00	126.00
500-599	98.00-140.00	155.00	500-599	107.00-125.00	126.00

All classes of stocker cattle sold on a moderate demand at steady prices

Sale at: Denfield Livestock – September 13, 2005

	Price Range	
Choice steers	95.00-100.00	
Good steers	87.00-92.00	
Plain steers	82.00-87.00	
Choice exotic cross heifers	92.00-97.00	
Good heifers	85.00-90.00	
Plain heifers	80.00-85.00	
Good fed cows	40.00-45.00	
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-40.00	
Good beef bulls	35.00-45.00	
The market traded steady on all classes with fancy cattle bringing a premium. Cows sold strong.		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, September 14, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	103.00-109.25	112.25	+900	100.00-106.00	106.00
900-999	103.50-111.00	117.25	800-899	96.50-104.50	106.25

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
September 3, 2005	837	773
September 4, 2004	835	760

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Sept 3, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	74,096	2,559,392	104%
Alberta Slaughter	49,421	1,722,474	99%
Ontario Slaughter	13,128	437,943	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Sept 10, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	577,000	636,000	541,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending-September 9, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.6149	1.5130
Last week	1.6189	1.5280

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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Steers	Live	82.50-86.00	Flat rail	139.00-142.00
Heifers	Live	83.75-85.55	Flat rail	140.00-142.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	137.99	126.89

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	85.00-88.00
	Rail	135.00-138.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– Sept 10	Mexico Jan 1 – July23
Total	244,494 tonnes	32,673 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 3	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	67,845 tonnes	54,615 tonnes	+24.2

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Sept 3		Jan 1 – Sept 10
Pure bred	555	Slaughter steers & heifers	63,831
Non pure bred	12,462	Feeder steers & heifers	49,848

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	824,527 tonnes	824,824 tonnes	+0.0%
Non-fed	113,122 tonnes	92,198 tonnes	+22.7%

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	86.07	-0.30	Sep	114.87	-0.50	Dec	2.062	-0.2	Nov	5.712	+2.4	Spot	84.80	+0.45			
Dec	88.27	-0.62	Oct	112.92	-0.70	Mar	2.186	-0.2	Jan	5.800	+2.2	Sep	84.80	+0.46			
Feb	89.40	-0.50	Nov	112.35	-0.57	May	2.260	-0.2	Mar	5.872	+1.6	Dec	85.01	+0.46			
Apr	87.27	-0.32	Jan	109.07	-0.50	July	2.320	+0.0	May	5.912	+0.6	Mar	85.24	+0.46			

Comments for the week ending [September 15, 2005](#)

Finished cattle traded stronger this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold

through auction markets was 1,931. The average fed steer price was \$92.41 up \$1.11 and the average heifer price was \$88.27 down \$0.56 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively on a stronger market with prices \$1-2 higher.

Slaughter cows regained some strength in the market place. There were 2,084 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$34.39 up \$0.88 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices fully steady to \$2 higher.

Replacement cattle continued to bring strong prices. Total stockers sold was 8,215 up 27% from last week and 46% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold actively with prices fully steady to strong.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$1 higher than two weeks ago. Steers sold at \$157.00-163.00 and heifers were \$156.00-162.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady to \$1 higher. Steers sold at \$82.50-86.00 live and \$139.00-142.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.75-85.55 live and \$140.00-142.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active mid week with prices \$4-6 higher than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$85.00-88.00 live and \$135.00-138.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was strong with good movement of meat particularly the end cuts. The middle cuts are starting to clean up. Strips are sold about one month ahead.