



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday September 22, 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	161.00-164.00	157.00-163.00
A grade heifers	160.00-163.00	156.00-162.00

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	88.48-97.99	92.97	111.75	92.53
Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.54-97.68	92.75	101.00	91.05
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.76-98.14	93.01	111.75	92.45
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.56-95.84	92.13	109.25	89.18
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.40-94.59	88.81	101.75	84.49
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.44-95.78	91.47	109.25	88.27
Cows-all weights	23.92-44.76	34.37	70.00	34.10
Bulls-all weights	39.45-52.49	45.50	95.00	45.83

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	98.14-113.81	107.48	126.85
900-999	94.10-124.75	119.45	129.75
800-899	106.34-125.90	119.22	130.75
700-799	106.77-128.44	121.29	140.00
600-699	102.35-130.30	119.71	142.00
500-599	108.77-141.16	127.23	156.00
400-499	113.01-152.32	134.72	170.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	94.17-108.13	102.89	116.70
800-899	104.28-115.23	111.00	118.00
700-799	97.30-116.41	110.68	126.25
600-699	92.78-118.88	109.55	129.00
500-599	89.23-121.22	108.48	150.00
400-499	94.61-128.60	113.91	143.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday September 17, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	88.50-105.00	114.00
Good & choice heifers	90.00-100.00	110.00
Cows	33.00-46.00	58.00
Bulls	45.00-60.00	
Common & medium bulls	24.00-37.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, September 16, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	84.00-110.00	118.50	900+	97.75-109.50	109.50
900-999	105.75-119.00	119.00	800-899	100.00-114.75	116.50
800-899	95.00-123.10	125.25	700-799	99.50-112.00	115.25
700-799	103.00-125.00	125.00	600-699	99.00-118.50	129.00
600-699	109.00-129.50	129.50	500-599	107.00-123.75	150.00
500-599	121.00-142.50	142.50	400-499	106.50-124.00	135.00
400-499	113.00-141.00	152.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, September 16, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	80.00-127.35	127.35	+900	115.75-116.70	116.70
800-899	109.50-127.25	127.75	800-899	113.75-118.00	118.00
			700-799	106.00-126.25	126.25

Stocker Sale: D.H. Hickson, September 16, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	103.00-117.00	900-999	98.00-120.25
700-799	95.00-118.00	800-899	115.50-127.75
600-699	98.00-119.00	700-799	104.50-131.25
500-599	75.00-124.50	600-699	111.25-132.00
400-499	90.50-135.50	500-599	93.50-131.75

Stocker Sale: Tricounty Cattle, Sept 19, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	121.50-126.85	126.85	+900	105.25-110.35	113.50
900-999	122.35-128.60	129.75	800-899	114.00-115.00	115.25
800-899	124.50-128.35	128.35			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, September 20, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	110.75-122.50	122.50	+900	90.00-106.25	106.25
800-899	105.00-125.25	126.75	800-899	106.50-116.50	116.50
700-799	114.00-133.25	135.00	700-799	104.75-122.35	122.35
600-699	114.00-136.75	139.25	600-699	105.00-125.75	125.75
500-599	111.00-141.00	152.00	500-599	91.00-124.00	124.50

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Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards, September 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	95.00-108.00	109.25			
900-999	105.75-115.50	118.00	+900	91.50-108.75	110.75
800-899	114.00-126.00	128.50	800-899	109.00-114.00	114.00
700-799	116.50-129.00	129.00	700-799	106.50-115.00	116.75
600-699	115.50-132.00	132.00	600-699	103.50-120.25	124.50

Stocker Sale: **D.H. Hickson, September 20, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	75.00-117.50	117.50	600-699	62.50-106.50	106.50
600-699	81.50-133.00	133.00	500-599	70.00-121.50	121.50
500-599	72.00-137.50	137.50	400-499	63.50-140.00	143.00
400-499	74.00-155.00	155.00			

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, September 21, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	99.75-113.50	113.50	700-799	79.00-105.50	115.75
900-999	102.00-113.00	118.50	600-699	84.00-123.25	123.25
600-699	74.00-110.00	116.00			
500-599	85.00-141.00	141.00			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes, September 21, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	107.00-118.50	118.50			
800-899	90.50-127.25	127.25	800-899	82.00-115.50	115.50
700-799	104.00-129.50	129.50	700-799	71.00-109.50	109.50
600-699	70.75-126.50	126.50	600-699	70.00-119.25	119.25
500-599	97.00-139.00	139.00	500-599	66.00-114.50	114.50

Stocker sale: **Little Current: September 17, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	70.00-110.00	800-899	72.00-86.00
700-799	110.00-121.00	700-799	72.00-101.00
600-699	89.00-133.00	600-699	60.00-121.00
500-599	70.00-139.50	500-599	100.00-137.50
400-499	80.00-156.50	400-499	97.00-132.00
300-399	130.00-159.00	300-399	107.50-120.50



Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – September 22, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	93.00-121.00	121.00	800-899	98.50-114.25	114.25
800-899	94.00-125.50	125.50	700-799	94.00-115.00	119.50
700-799	108.50-132.75	132.75	600-699	90.00-116.00	116.00
600-699	107.50-131.00	136.00	500-599	89.00-123.50	140.00
500-599	120.00-149.00	156.00	400-499	100.00-129.00	134.00

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400-499	132.00-170.00	170.00	300-399	85.00-119.75	130.00
-399	130.00-172.50	175.75			

Stocker Sale: **Tricounty Cattle – September 22, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	110.60-113.75	113.75	+900	99.25-108.50	110.00
800-899	117.75-130.75	130.75	800-899	99.25-117.75	117.75
700-799	119.00-140.00	140.00	700-799	96.00-117.60	125.00
600-699	119.00-142.00	142.00	600-699	106.00-125.00	125.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
September 10, 2005	842	756
September 11, 2004	837	764

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Sept 10, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	66,656	2,626,048	104%
Alberta Slaughter	46,799	1,769,273	99%
Ontario Slaughter	10,464	448,407	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Sept 17, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	652,000	574,000	637,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE

Week ending-September 16, 2005	AAA	AA
Cutout value	1.6307	1.5549
Last week	1.6149	1.5130

PROVINCIALY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

August	2005	2004
Steers	4,987	5,681
Heifers	2,610	2,388
Cows	2,069	1,952
Bulls	814	920

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday September 22, 2005**

Steers	Live	82.75-85.90	Flat rail	141.00-142.00
Heifers	Live	82.75-86.60	Flat rail	140.00-141.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	140.92	129.25

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– Sept 17	Mexico Jan 1 – July 30
Total	251,671 tonnes	34,402 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	72,885 tonnes	56,194 tonnes	+29.7

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Sept 10		Jan 1 – Sept 17
Pure bred	576	Slaughter steers & heifers	75,474
Non pure bred	14,846	Feeder steers & heifers	60,509

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 17	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	848,870 tonnes	848,622 tonnes	+0.0%
Non-fed	116,938 tonnes	95,228 tonnes	+22.8%

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	86.77	+0.52	Sep	115.80	+0.35	Dec	2.072	-1.0	Nov	5.740	-6.4	Spot	85.44	-0.01
Dec	88.77	+0.37	Oct	113.97	+0.15	Mar	2.194	-1.0	Jan	5.824	-6.2	Sep	85.63	-0.03
Feb	90.20	+0.25	Nov	113.45	+0.50	May	2.272	-1.0	Mar	5.904	-6.2	Dec	85.86	-0.03
Apr	87.95	+0.12	Jan	110.07	+0.62	July	2.332	-1.2	May	5.960	-6.0	Mar	86.09	-0.03



Comments for the week ending September 22, 2005

Finished cattle started the week on a steady market and softened at the end of the week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,096. The average fed steer price was \$93.01 up \$0.60 and the average heifer price was \$91.47 up \$3.20 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices steady to \$1-2 easier.

Slaughter cows didn't see much change from last week. There were 2,048 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$34.37 down \$0.02 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a strong active trade at steady prices.

Replacement cattle had another strong week of trade. Total stockers sold was 10,811 up 31.6% from last week and 35% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold actively on a strong demand with prices steady to stronger.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$2.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$161.00-164.00 and heifers were \$160.00-163.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was only moderate with prices steady to \$1 lower. Steers sold at \$82.75-85.90 live and \$141.00-142.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$82.75-86.60 live and \$140.00-141.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade remained untested all week. Very unusual. At the time of this report the word is that trade is possibly going to develop later this afternoon.

Local beef trade was steady with the end cuts continuing to move well and the middle cuts are struggling a bit.