



# Weekly Market Information Report

## Week ending Thursday September 29, 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>	160.00-162.00	161.00-164.00
<b>A grade heifers</b>	159.00-161.00	160.00-163.00

### 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	87.08-95.90	91.76	107.00	92.97
Medium Frame Steers +1250	78.72-93.73	88.32	102.50	92.75
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.11-94.80	90.62	107.00	93.01
Large Frame Heifers +1000	78.71-93.10	87.34	102.75	92.13
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	67.24-90.50	81.03	105.25	88.81
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	75.82-94.76	86.37	105.25	91.47
Cows-all weights	21.63-40.93	31.05	134.00	34.37
Bulls-all weights	36.82-53.20	45.07	82.50	45.50

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>1000+</b>	108.00-118.04	112.45	125.75
<b>900-999</b>	115.00-121.83	119.06	125.25
<b>800-899</b>	115.78-126.33	121.82	131.25
<b>700-799</b>	108.35-126.42	119.95	134.00
<b>600-699</b>	107.32-130.52	119.55	141.00
<b>500-599</b>	109.95-141.62	128.70	157.00
<b>400-499</b>	116.18-153.90	136.88	164.50

<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>900+</b>	87.50-106.42	99.62	115.25
<b>800-899</b>	105.64-115.55	110.97	120.50
<b>700-799</b>	99.39-116.39	109.14	121.75
<b>600-699</b>	100.07-119.02	111.98	125.50
<b>500-599</b>	97.67-122.16	111.97	133.00
<b>400-499</b>	96.53-129.22	115.46	147.00

**At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday September 24, 2005**

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	81.00-98.50	108.00
Good & choice heifers	80.00-98.00	103.00
Cows	29.00-41.00	55.00
Bulls	35.00-47.50	

**Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, September 23, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	97.00-111.75	115.00	900+	67.00-108.25	108.25
900-999	108.00-115.25	120.00	800-899	96.00-113.00	113.00
800-899	112.50-125.00	125.00	700-799	98.00-117.25	117.25
700-799	107.50-127.25	131.00	600-699	99.00-114.50	125.50
600-699	113.50-131.00	135.00	500-599	104.25-128.00	133.00
500-599	120.00-144.00	144.00	400-499	101.00-134.00	147.00
400-499	128.00-151.00	151.00			

**Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, September 23, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	118.75-125.75	125.75	+900	105.50-112.70	112.70
900-999	119.50-124.60	125.10	800-899	115.00-116.50	116.50
800-899	123.60-131.25	131.25	700-799	113.75-115.75	115.75

**Stocker Sale: Kawartha Lakes, September 23, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	98.00-110.50	800-899	82.00-115.50
900-999	107.00-118.50	700-799	71.00-109.50
800-899	90.50-127.25	600-699	70.00-119.25
700-799	104.00-129.50	500-599	66.00-114.50
600-699	70.75-126.50		
500-599	97.00-139.00		

**Stocker Sale: Tricounty Cattle, Sept 26, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	115.50-120.75	123.10	+900	109.50-115.25	115.25
900-999	114.75-123.75	125.25	800-899	112.00-118.75	120.50
800-899	124.00-124.85	124.85	700-799	99.00-121.75	121.75

**Stocker Sale: South River, September 22, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-800	95.00-109.00	120.00	600-800	84.00-97.00	101.00
400-600	133.00-159.00		400-600	113.00-127.00	133.00
-400	115.00-167.00	169.00	-400	98.00-111.00	130.00

A good quality offering of replacements.

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Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock Market, September 27, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.50-116.35	116.35			
900-999	117.25-120.50	121.75	+900	87.00-112.00	112.00
800-899	118.00-128.25	128.25	800-899	113.25-118.60	118.60
700-799	116.00-129.75	132.50	700-799	111.00-118.35	118.35
600-699	112.00-134.50	141.00	600-699	105.50-125.50	125.50
500-599	113.00-152.00	157.00	500-599	111.00-126.50	127.00

Stocker Sale: **D.H. Hickson, September 27, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	60.00-118.50	118.50	600-699	85.50-114.00	114.00
600-699	65.00-136.00	136.00	500-599	80.00-127.50	127.50
500-599	72.50-143.50	143.50	400-499	80.00-128.50	146.00
400-499	80.00-164.50	164.50			

Sale: **Denfield Livestock – September 27, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	95.00-100.00
Good steers	86.00-90.00
Plain steers	75.00-80.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	95.00-100.00
Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain heifers	75.00-80.00
Good cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00
Good bulls	40.00-45.00

The market traded on a strong demand on the good fed cattle. Cows traded active at steady prices. Stockers were strong.

**ONTARIO BRED COW SALE**

Ontario Stockyards: **September 23, 2005**

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$700 – 850	\$600 – 750
Avg quality bred cows	\$600 – 700	\$500 – 600
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1,000 – 1,200	\$800 – 950
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800 - 950	\$700 - 850

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	STEERS	HEIFERS
September 17, 2005	837	778
September 18, 2004	839	758

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Sept 17, 2005		

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<b>Grand Total</b>	77,545	2,703,593	104%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	52,699	1,821,972	100%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	13,445	461,852	104%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending Sept 24, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	642,000	652,000	619,000

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUTOUT VALUE**

<b>Week ending-September 23, 2005</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>Cutout value</b>	1.6300	1.5500
<b>Last week</b>	1.6307	1.5549

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending [Thursday September 29, 2005](#)

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.60-87.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.00-144.50
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.75-86.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.00-142.75

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	137.47	125.14

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

Week ending [Thursday September 29, 2005](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	86.00-87.50
	<b>Rail</b>	135.00-137.00

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 2- Sept 24	Mexico Jan 1 - July 30
<b>Total</b>	258,598 tonnes	34,402 tonnes

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 - Sept 17	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	75,588 tonnes	57,675 tonnes	+31.1

**LIVE CATTLE**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
	Jan 1 - Sept 10		Jan 1 - Sept 24
<b>Pure bred</b>	576	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	87,351
<b>Non pure bred</b>	14,846	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	70,174

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Sept 24	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	871,467 tonnes	873,781 tonnes	-0.3%
<b>Non-fed</b>	121,229 tonnes	97,684 tonnes	+24.1%

**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>Oct</b>	89.12	+0.70	<b>Oct</b>	115.42	+0.25	<b>Dec</b>	2.054	+2.0	<b>Nov</b>	5.732	+12.6	<b>Spot</b>	86.07	+0.71
<b>Dec</b>	90.00	-0.05	<b>Nov</b>	114.95	+0.27	<b>Mar</b>	2.176	+1.2	<b>Jan</b>	5.832	+13.0	<b>Dec</b>	86.24	+0.69
<b>Feb</b>	91.77	+0.25	<b>Jan</b>	112.27	+0.40	<b>May</b>	2.256	+1.6	<b>Mar</b>	5.906	+12.4	<b>Mar</b>	86.47	+0.69
<b>Apr</b>	89.02	+0.12	<b>Mar</b>	107.27	+0.30	<b>July</b>	2.326	+2.0	<b>May</b>	5.970	+13.4	<b>May</b>	86.70	+0.69



**Comments for the week ending September 29, 2005**

The finished cattle market continues to see a strong demand with prices not as strong. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,161. The average fed steer price was \$90.62 down \$2.39 and the average heifer price was \$86.37 down \$5.10 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices ranging from \$2 lower to \$2 higher depending on the sale.

Slaughter cows felt the pressure this week after several weeks of stronger trade. There were 2,688 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$31.05 down \$3.32 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold under pressure with prices barely steady to \$3 lower.

Replacement cattle continued to sell strong. Total stockers sold was 9,325 down 13.7% from last week but 17% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported all classes of replacement cattle sold actively with prices steady to strong. There is a lot of good quality replacement cattle entering the sales rings.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$1.50 lower than last week's increase. Steers sold at \$160.00-162.00 and heifers were \$159.00-161.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was fairly active with prices steady to \$1 higher. Steers sold at \$84.60-87.00 live and \$142.00-144.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$84.75-86.35 live and \$142.00-142.75 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderately active with prices steady. Steers and heifers sold at \$86.00-87.50 live and \$135.00-137.00 dressed.

Local beef trade is starting the downward swing that it typically experiences for this time of year. It took more energy to move meat this week. With Thanksgiving only a week away consumers are thinking about turkeys.