



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday October 6, 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	157.00-161.00	160.00-162.00
A grade heifers	155.00-158.00	159.00-161.00

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Ontario auction sales this **week** saw weighted average price ranges for **FED CATTLE**

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
Large Frame Steers +1250	86.44-96.12	91.90	103.25	91.76
Medium Frame Steers +1250	79.96-94.00	88.89	108.50	88.32
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	84.80-95.64	91.34	108.50	90.62
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.76-97.57	91.87	103.00	87.34
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	67.53-94.33	85.17	96.25	81.03
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	80.17-96.50	90.88	103.00	86.37
Cows-all weights	19.79-39.68	30.67	70.50	31.05
Bulls-all weights	36.54-53.91	44.05	87.00	45.07

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	102.28-114.57	109.76	130.00
900-999	111.93-120.68	117.04	128.50
800-899	107.29-124.69	117.97	129.00
700-799	100.37-124.51	117.69	132.50
600-699	107.97-131.98	121.68	139.50
500-599	110.50-140.37	127.92	154.00
400-499	110.55-150.67	135.09	166.00
-399	113.53-155.42	137.45	202.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	86.24-108.46	98.61	115.25
800-899	101.21-113.43	109.16	118.25
700-799	93.33-114.34	106.88	120.50
600-699	94.17-115.81	106.38	131.00
500-599	100.96-122.75	113.30	139.00
400-499	101.07-127.59	116.23	142.50

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300-399	99.20-132.08	117.41	154.00
-299	97.63-128.98	116.24	145.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday October 1, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	78.00-92.00	104.50
Good & choice heifers	80.00-94.00	106.00
Cows	27.00-34.00	42.00
Bulls	30.00-45.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, September 30, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	86.50-108.00	130.00	900+	91.00-112.00	112.00
900-999	98.00-112.75	128.50	800-899	97.00-115.00	115.00
800-899	109.00-126.00	128.50	700-799	99.00-115.75	115.75
700-799	105.50-125.00	129.00	600-699	98.00-113.75	122.50
600-699	121.00-137.25	139.50	500-599	107.00-122.00	122.00
500-599	120.00-144.50	154.00	400-499	98.00-131.50	131.50
400-499	124.00-155.00	156.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, September 30, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	117.25-122.10	122.10	+900	109.75-113.35	113.35
900-999	121.00-123.00	124.85	800-899	118.25	118.25
800-899	122.25-124.25	124.25			

Stocker Sale: Leo's Livestock, October 1, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	107.00-128.50	131.00	600-699	101.00-120.00	131.00
600-699	119.00-136.50	137.00	500-599	109.00-124.00	124.00
500-599	119.50-146.00	149.00	400-499	108.00-127.00	135.00
400-499	125.00-155.00	160.00	300-399	116.00-136.00	136.00

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, October 4, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	114.50-124.60	124.60	+900	90.50-112.85	112.85
800-899	119.25-125.60	125.60	800-899	107.00-116.00	116.00
700-799	110.00-129.50	132.50	700-799	107.00-118.85	118.85
600-699	98.00-127.00	127.00	600-699	94.00-122.75	122.75
500-599	116.00-145.00	145.00	500-599	105.00-130.00	130.00

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Stocker Sale: **D.H. Hickson, October 4, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	75.00-123.50	123.50	500-599	61.00-116.00	116.00
500-599	74.00-138.50	138.50	400-499	63.00-120.50	142.50
400-499	75.00-164.00	164.00	300-399	75.00-140.50	140.50

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards, October 4, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	105.50-114.00	114.00	+900	65.50-115.00	115.00
900-999	102.50-119.00	119.00	800-899	105.00-114.00	114.00
800-899	105.00-129.00	129.00	700-799	102.50-115.50	115.50
700-799	111.50-123.50	128.50	600-699	107.00-119.00	119.00
600-699	105.00-128.50	128.50	500-599	106.50-123.00	123.00
500-599	117.00-133.75	141.00			

Sale: **Denfield Livestock – October 4, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	95.00-100.00
Good steers	87.00-92.00
Plain steers	70.00-80.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	95.00-100.00
Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good cows	38.00-44.00
D1 & D2 cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 cows	20.00-25.00
Good bulls	45.00-65.00

The market traded on a strong demand at prices \$2 higher on the good fed cattle. A good offering of cows sold fully steady.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, October 5, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.25-112.75	119.50	+900	94.50-110.75	115.25
900-999	107.25-119.50	124.00	800-899	113.00-117.25	117.25
800-899	108.50-117.00	124.50			

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes, October 5, 2005**

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STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	67.00-107.50	107.50	+900	68.00-110.00	110.00
900-999	92.50-124.25	124.25	800-899	84.50-108.75	108.75
800-899	103.00-129.00	129.00	700-799	70.00-115.00	115.00
700-799	93.00-125.00	125.00	600-699	85.00-124.50	124.50
600-699	108.00-135.00	135.00	500-599	104.00-126.00	126.00
500-599	120.00-145.00	145.00	400-499	106.50-126.00	126.00
400-499	116.50-166.00	166.00			

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
September 24, 2005	834	776
September 25, 2004	827	773

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Sept 24, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	73,043	2,776,636	104%
Alberta Slaughter	47,938	1,869,910	99%
Ontario Slaughter	13,226	475,078	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Oct 1, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	606,000	639,000	635,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday October 6, 2005**

Steers	Live	82.20-87.00	Flat rail	137.60-143.00
Heifers	Live	83.40-85.80	Flat rail	N/T

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	140.96	128.98

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday October 6, 2005**

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

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 2– Oct 1	Jan 1 – Aug 13

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Total	265,104 tonnes	34,566 tonnes
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BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 24	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	76,801 tonnes	58,657 tonnes	+30.9

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Sept 10		Jan 1 – Oct 1
Pure bred	576	Slaughter steers & heifers	96,412
Non pure bred	14,846	Feeder steers & heifers	79,225

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Oct 1	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	892,762 tonnes	898,796 tonnes	-0.7%
Non-fed	125,975 tonnes	100,158 tonnes	+25.8%

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	90.25	+0.52	Oct	118.32	+0.75	Dec	2.024	-1.6	Nov	5.642	+0.0	Spot	85.11	+0.50
Dec	91.10	+0.32	Nov	116.65	+0.37	Mar	2.154	-1.4	Jan	5.760	-0.4	Dec	85.31	+0.51
Feb	93.05	+0.67	Jan	113.82	+0.50	May	2.234	-1.4	Mar	5.836	+0.2	Mar	85.55	+0.51
Apr	89.57	+0.42	Mar	109.27	+0.42	July	2.304	-1.4	May	5.892	+0.6	May	85.80	+0.51



Comments for the week ending October 6, 2005

The finished cattle market was fairly strong this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,568. The average fed steer price was \$91.34 up \$0.72 and the average heifer price was \$90.88 up \$4.51 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices \$1-2 higher.

Slaughter cows sold under some pressure again this week. There were 2,344 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$30.67 down \$0.38 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a moderate demand with prices barely steady to fully steady.

Replacement cattle were a bit softer. Total stockers sold was 11,836 up 26.9% from last week and 5% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good quality replacement cattle sold actively with prices steady to strong. Medium quality replacement cattle sold barely steady to \$5 lower.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$2.00-3.50 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$157.00-161.00 and heifers were \$155.00-158.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with prices \$1-3 lower. Steers sold at \$82.20-87.00 live and

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\$137.60-143.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.40-85.80 live.

U.S. cash cattle trade was untested all week. Trade was expected as packers appeared to be short bought however, the asking prices and the bids had a spread of \$6.00 with neither side budging.