



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday October 13, 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	157.00-160.00	157.00-161.00
A grade heifers	156.00-157.00	155.00-158.00

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	86.33-96.61	91.64	104.50	91.90
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.70-95.53	90.90	101.75	88.89
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.25-96.60	91.70	104.50	91.34
Large Frame Heifers +1000	77.70-93.92	87.99	105.00	91.87
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	59.65-89.65	75.27	102.00	85.17
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	73.06-93.01	86.37	105.00	90.88
Cows-all weights	20.51-37.62	29.31	70.00	30.67
Bulls-all weights	35.99-52.86	44.04	86.00	44.05

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	107.32-118.75	114.63	123.85
900-999	113.79-121.87	118.33	127.60
800-899	110.31-123.02	117.08	130.75
700-799	101.32-123.41	114.28	133.00
600-699	108.34-135.28	122.34	146.00
500-599	115.83-144.41	131.70	159.00
400-499	113.95-152.79	137.09	166.00
-399	107.47-149.95	128.41	166.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	87.36-104.92	97.55	113.50
800-899	99.61-111.54	106.77	116.25
700-799	94.65-111.95	103.92	118.00
600-699	87.09-113.92	102.67	122.00
500-599	90.72-123.61	110.83	133.00
400-499	92.97-127.28	112.51	145.00

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300-399	107.85-137.12	120.24	158.50
-299	94.56-126.21	111.70	150.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday October 8, 2005

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	81.00-95.00	105.50
Good & choice heifers	80.00-94.00	
Cows	27.00-35.50	
Bulls	35.00-55.00	

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, October 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.50-107.00	115.00	900+	91.00-108.50	108.50
900-999	102.50-113.50	119.50	800-899	97.50-111.00	116.00
800-899	111.50-123.00	126.75	700-799	101.00-116.50	116.50
700-799	108.00-126.00	128.75	600-699	88.25-116.25	122.00
600-699	115.25-139.00	139.25	500-599	103.00-127.50	132.50
500-599	117.50-147.25	148.00	400-499	99.00-131.50	131.50
400-499	105.00-149.00	149.00			

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock, October 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	112.75-123.85	123.85	900+	110.00-113.50	113.50
900-999	122.20-127.60	127.60	800-899	114.00-115.25	115.25
800-899	122.00-130.75	130.75	700-799	115.60-118.00	118.00

Stocker Sale: Temiskaming Livestock, October 7, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	92.00-124.25	124.25	600-699	94.50-112.25	112.25
500-599	129.50-150.50	155.75	500-599	106.75-133.00	133.00
400-499	123.00-154.25	158.75	400-499	106.00-133.50	145.00
-400	120.00-164.25	164.25	300-399	125.00-158.50	158.50

Stocker Sale: Keady Livestock Market, October 11, 2005

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	122.50-123.00	123.00			
900-999	115.00-124.00	124.00	+900	87.50-102.50	102.50
800-899	117.50-127.25	127.25	800-899	102.00-116.25	116.25
700-799	102.00-127.75	130.00	700-799	107.50-116.10	116.10
600-699	95.00-133.50	135.00	600-699	101.00-116.75	117.50

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500-599	112.00-145.50	145.50	500-599	106.00-126.00	126.00
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Stocker Sale: **D.H. Hickson, October 11, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	92.50-129.50	129.50	600-699	70.00-118.00	118.00
500-599	84.50-145.00	145.00	500-599	65.00-127.50	127.50
400-499	82.00-166.00	166.00	400-499	65.50-121.00	121.00

Sale: **Denfield Livestock – October 11, 2005**

	Price Range
Choice steers	95.00-100.00
Good steers	88.00-92.00
Plain steers	80.00-85.00
Choice exotic cross heifers	95.00-100.00
Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good cows	35.00-45.00
D1 & D2 cows	32.00-36.00
D3 & D4 cows	25.00-30.00
Good bulls	35.00-45.00

The market traded on a good demand at higher prices. A good offering of cows traded steady.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, October 12, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	99.50-116.50	116.50	+900	91.25-107.50	107.50
900-999	108.00-117.50	117.50	700-799	88.50-108.75	110.50
800-899	106.50-116.25	120.25	500-599	104.00-122.00	122.00
700-799	96.50-116.50	124.00			

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	STEERS	HEIFERS
October 1, 2005	822	768
October 2, 2004	842	770

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Oct. 1, 2005	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	73,336	2,849,972	103%
Alberta Slaughter	48,207	1,918,117	99%

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Ontario Slaughter	13,204	488,282	104%
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USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Oct 8, 2005	Last Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	625,000	606,000	624,000

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending [Thursday October 13, 2005](#)

Steers	Live	84.00-86.75	Flat rail	143.00-143.25
Heifers	Live	85.00-86.45	Flat rail	142.00-144.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

	AAA	AA
Week ending October 1, 2005	1.6280	1.5195
Previous Week	1.6412	1.5398

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	143.16	130.02

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending [Thursday October 13, 2005](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	\$139.00-140.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 2– Oct 1	Mexico Jan 1 – Aug 20
Total	265,104 tonnes	36,168 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Oct 1	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	77,624 tonnes	59,985 tonnes	+29.4

LIVE CATTLE

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Sept 10		Jan 1 – Oct 8
Pure bred	576	Slaughter steers & heifers	113,254
Non pure bred	14,846	Feeder steers & heifers	96,832

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Oct 8	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	913,205 tonnes	922,385 tonnes	-1.0%
Non-fed	130,140 tonnes	102,684 tonnes	+26.7%

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	89.27	-2.17	Oct	117.67	-1.90	Dec	2.034	+0.0	Nov	5.894	+1.2	Spot	84.31	-0.15
Dec	89.57	-2.37	Nov	115.77	-2.10	Mar	2.162	+0.0	Jan	6.004	-1.0	Dec	84.45	-0.13
Feb	91.70	-2.05	Jan	112.87	-2.10	May	2.240	+0.0	Mar	6.080	+2.0	Mar	84.68	-0.14
Apr	88.85	-1.45	Mar	108.80	-1.40	July	2.304	-0.2	May	6.114	+0.6	Jun	84.93	-0.14



Comments for the week ending October 13, 2005

The finished cattle market was steady to lower. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,871. The average fed steer price was \$91.70 up \$0.36 and the average heifer price was \$86.37 down \$4.51 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices ranging from barely steady to \$1 higher. It is likely that we will continue to see the lower heifer prices because of the more stringent rules on exporting live heifers.

Slaughter cows continued the downward swing this week. There were 2,153 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$29.31 down \$1.36 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady to \$2 easier.

Replacement cattle sold actively this week. Total stockers sold was 9,899 down 16.4% from last week and 57% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported replacement cattle sold actively with prices steady to strong. We are seeing the same trend on the replacement heifers as the live finished heifers. The price on all weight categories is lower where as most steer weight categories were higher.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were steady to \$0.50 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$157.00-160.00 and heifers were \$156.00-157.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with prices \$1-2 higher. Steers sold at \$84.00-86.75 live and \$143.00-143.25 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$85.00-86.45 live and \$142.00-144.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade turned active in the north on Thursday. At the time of this report there was still no trade evident in the south. Packers appear to be short bought and producers are holding for more money.

Local beef trade is moving well. With one less packer (Lakeside) competing to put meat on the shelves it makes it easier for other packers to move product. Prices are strong.