



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday January 12, 2006

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	173.00-177.00	173.00-178.00
A grade heifers	173.00-177.00	173.00-178.00

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	95.72-105.49	101.18	112.25	102.85
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.87-105.77	100.21	111.00	99.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	94.92-106.40	101.11	112.25	102.39
Large Frame Heifers +1000	91.52-105.10	100.67	108.00	101.03
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	76.27-104.02	96.85	105.75	96.91
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	88.59-105.14	99.85	108.00	100.27
Cows-all weights	22.23-37.53	29.63	83.00	31.11
Bulls-all weights	32.37-50.74	39.36	89.00	46.70

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	104.28-116.03	110.54	122.75
900-999	111.30-119.27	115.59	124.00
800-899	101.04-119.70	112.20	125.00
700-799	107.53-123.24	116.60	130.00
600-699	105.40-127.13	118.32	139.00
500-599	110.47-137.73	125.70	151.00
400-499	101.37-138.53	124.79	149.00
-399	95.05-143.36	116.85	257.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	90.43-107.02	99.87	120.75
800-899	94.77-109.44	102.44	118.50
700-799	90.32-110.75	102.64	117.50
600-699	96.00-113.71	107.69	123.00
500-599	96.30-122.00	111.29	132.00
400-499	90.94-122.31	109.72	129.00
300-399	89.01-118.20	106.83	137.00

At Talbotville Livestock: January 7, 2006 – 395 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	94.00-103.50	110.50
Good & choice heifers	95.00-102.00	104.50
Cows	28.00-37.50	47.50
Bulls	35.00-48.00	

Fed cattle sold on a mixed type demand. American types sold lower.

Stocker Sale: Brussel's Livestock, January 6, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.25-114.50	121.50	900+	97.50-112.75	120.75
900-999	111.25-116.25	117.50	800-899	99.50-112.75	115.00
800-899	100.00-121.00	121.00	700-799	98.00-113.00	117.50
700-799	109.50-128.00	128.00	600-699	99.50-117.00	123.00
600-699	116.00-129.75	129.75	500-599	98.00-122.00	124.00
500-599	110.00-136.00	138.00	400-499	91.00-122.00	122.00
400-499	105.00-136.50	139.50	300-399	85.00-115.00	130.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- January 10, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	114.84-119.00	120.20	Over 900	102.50-106.10	106.10
700-799	119.00-125.00	125.00	500-599	106.00-128.00	128.00
600-699	117.00-139.00	139.00	400-499	92.00-122.00	129.00
500-599	120.00-151.00	151.00			

Replacement cattle continue to sell on a solid demand at fully steady prices.

Denfield Livestock – January 10, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	104.00-108.00
Good Steers	95.00-100.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00
Choice American Type	104.00-107.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	104.00-108.00
Good Heifers	95.00-100.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	38.00-44.00
D1 & D2 Cows	28.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	35.00-45.00

Stocker Sale at: D. H. Hickson Ltd. – January 10, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	84.00-127.50	127.50	600-699	73.00-117.00	117.00
500-599	100.00-138.00	138.00	500-599	65.00-121.50	121.50
400-499	73.00-145.00	145.00	400-499	70.00-126.50	126.50

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, January 11, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	106.00-120.25	122.75	+900	99.50-107.75	109.25
900-999	109.50-123.00	124.00	700-799	72.00-108.00	108.00
600-699	103.00-118.50	131.25	500-599	102.50-118.50	118.50

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – January 12, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	110.00-125.00	130.00	700-799	94.00-113.00	117.00
600-699	112.00-127.25	134.50	600-699	101.25-114.00	116.50
500-599	115.00-140.00	141.00	500-599	104.25-123.00	132.00
400-499	105.00-141.00	149.00	400-499	97.00-125.00	128.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday January 12, 2006**

Steers	Live	92.50-95.75	Flat rail	156.50-158.20
Heifers	Live	92.70-96.10	Flat rail	156.25-158.00

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
January 7, 2006	853	791
January 8, 2005	838	773

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of
	Jan 7/06		Yr. Ago
Grand Total	51,780	51,780	83%
Alberta Slaughter	32,107	32,107	78%
Ontario Slaughter	10,906	10,906	94%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Jan 7, 2006	Year Ago
	Jan. 14,2006		
Grand Total	606,000	529,000	595,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	153.84	140.32

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday January 12, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	92.00-95.00
	Rail	147.00-149.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 2– Jan 7	Jan 1 – Nov. 19
Total	4,281 tonnes	47,384 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 31	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	103,176 tonnes	86,908 tonnes	+18.7

LIVE CATTLE

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – Nov 30	Jan 1 – Jan 7
Pure bred	774	Slaughter steers & heifers 9,756
Non pure bred	19,481	Feeder steers & heifers 4,787

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 –Jan 7	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	19,687 tonnes	19,335 tonnes	+1.8%
Non-fed	3,178 tonnes	2,954 tonnes	+7.6%

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					
Feb	95.57	+0.45	Jan	112.47	-0.40	Mar	2.134	+0.6	Jan	5.650	+3.0	Spot	86.09	+0.05
Apr	94.40	+0.45	Mar	111.97	-0.12	May	2.230	+0.6	Mar	5.764	+4.4	Mar	86.34	+0.15
Jun	87.07	-0.05	Apr	112.67	+0.07	July	2.314	+1.0	May	5.854	+4.0	Jun	85.56	+0.15
Aug	85.77	+0.07	May	112.97	-0.02	Sep	2.390	+1.0	Jul	5.950	+4.6	Sep	86.75	+0.15

Comments for the week ending January 12, 2006

The finished cattle market traded on a mixed demand this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,864. The average fed steer price was \$101.11 down \$1.28 and the average heifer price was \$99.85 down \$0.42 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate to good demand with prices holding steady.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand. There were 2,831 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$29.63 down \$1.48 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a steady market.

Replacement cattle continued to sell strong. Total stockers sold was 4,315 up 55.7% from last week. Auction markets reported stockers sold actively on a solid demand at fully steady to higher prices.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were about steady to \$0.50 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$173.00-177.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was only moderately active with prices barely steady. Steers sold at \$92.50-95.75 live and \$156.50-158.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$92.70-96.10 live and \$156.25-158.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was light to moderate with prices steady. Steers and heifers sold at \$92.00-95.00 live and \$147.00-149.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was fairly active with prices holding firm. Kill numbers are down and inventories are clean. End cuts and sides are moving well and strips are moving quickly.