



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday February 9, 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	163.00-169.00	168.00-175.00
A grade heifers	163.00-169.00	168.00-175.00

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	92.70-101.69	97.23	117.50	99.54
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.13-98.29	95.94	110.50	99.38
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.53-101.53	97.03	117.50	99.23
Large Frame Heifers +1000	89.42-100.50	95.42	104.00	99.22
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	75.65-95.43	87.51	111.50	95.04
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	86.89-100.02	93.44	111.50	98.36
Cows-all weights	19.64-30.86	25.07	67.00	24.19
Bulls-all weights	30.88-44.20	37.47	65.00	41.58

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	101.53-109.12	105.31	111.75
900-999	106.01-114.88	111.55	118.00
800-899	106.50-118.47	113.23	132.00
700-799	103.16-124.22	114.75	135.50
600-699	108.58-135.20	123.44	142.50
500-599	110.49-140.50	128.50	148.00
400-499	108.70-142.00	130.59	152.00
-399	113.54-150.35	128.58	267.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	85.39-102.34	94.87	110.75
800-899	93.27-108.71	103.02	113.00
700-799	84.74-113.75	103.56	130.50
600-699	93.27-119.12	109.39	124.00
500-599	99.99-123.15	114.82	133.00
400-499	101.82-124.12	113.04	137.50
300-399	103.71-122.35	112.84	136.00

At Talbotville Livestock: February 4, 2006- 284 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	96.00-103.00	106.75
Good & choice heifers	95.00-102.00	106.25
Cows	26.00-36.00	
Bulls	30.00-40.00	

A light offering of fed cattle sold at prices \$2.00 to \$4.00 lower. Cows sold \$2.00 lower.

Stocker Sale: Brussels Livestock, February 3, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	107.75-111.50	111.75	900+	98.00-110.75	110.75
900-999	104.50-116.00	118.00	800-899	102.00-113.00	113.00
800-899	102.00-116.50	123.00	700-799	101.00-115.00	115.00
700-799	105.00-124.50	135.50	600-699	104.00-120.00	124.00
600-699	115.25-136.50	137.50	500-599	116.00-123.75	123.75
500-599	115.25-145.75	148.00	400-499	117.50-130.00	130.00
400-499	120.00-151.50	151.50	300-399	118.00-121.00	121.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- February 7, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	113.00-114.00	800-899	100.50-104.00
700-799	125.50-129.50	700-799	104.00

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. February 7, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	108.50-120.50	800-899	69.00-94.00
700-799	95.00-124.00	600-699	67.00-121.50
600-699	82.00-129.50	500-599	69.50-127.50
500-599	76.50-145.50	400-499	75.00-126.50

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, February 8, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	106.75-111.50	111.50	+900	92.00-99.75	99.75
900-999	108.50-116.00	117.75	700-799	76.00-121.00	121.00
600-699	109.00-132.00	132.00	500-599	118.00-121.00	121.00
400-499	112.00-142.00	150.50	300-399	123.00-131.00	131.00

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – February 9, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	112.00-122.50	132.00	800-899	89.00-110.75	110.75
700-799	111.00-134.00	134.00	700-799	85.00-119.00	130.50
600-699	118.00-142.50	142.50	600-699	100.50-118.00	122.00
500-599	126.00-144.00	148.00	500-599	113.00-126.00	133.00
400-499	123.00-146.00	152.00	400-499	104.00-121.00	130.00

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)**Week Ending February 2, 2006****Price Range**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 173.00-174.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday February 9, 2006

Steers	Live	84.75-87.25	Flat rail	143.75-148.25
Heifers	Live	84.75-89.35	Flat rail	145.00-147.55

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
February 4, 2006	855	800
February 5, 2005	831	772

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of
	Feb 4/06		Yr. Ago
Grand Total	64,488	309,030	88%
Alberta Slaughter	38,725	187,129	80%
Ontario Slaughter	13,591	64,529	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Feb 4, 2006	Year Ago
	Feb 11,2006		
Grand Total	585,000	599,000	575,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	146.56	135.77

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday February 9 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	90.00
	Rail	140.00-143.00

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Feb 4	Jan 1 – Dec 17
Total	25,125 tonnes	50,390 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 28	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	7,319 tonnes	13,418 tonnes	-45.5%

LIVE CATTLE

	IMPORTS		EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – Nov 30		Jan 1 – Feb 4
Pure bred	774	Slaughter steers & heifers	65,891
Non pure bred	19,481	Feeder steers & heifers	37,487

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 –Feb 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	85,571 tonnes	109,000 tonnes	-21.5%
Non-fed	26,075 tonnes	16,832 tonnes	+54.9%

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			
Feb	92.90	+0.65	Mar	109.65 +0.80	Mar	2.212 -4.2	Mar	5.030 -4.6	Spot	86.66 -0.58
Apr	90.60	+0.45	Apr	110.65 +0.82	May	2.316 -4.4	May	5.970 -4.6	Mar	86.72 -0.61
Jun	84.65	+0.17	May	110.77 +0.35	July	2.404 -4.2	Jul	6.080 -2.2	Jun	86.95 -0.61
Aug	84.12	+0.27	Aug	111.10 +0.60	Sep	2.474 -3.2	Aug	6.074 -6.4	Sep	87.15 -0.61

Comments for the week ending February 9, 2006

The finished cattle market was under pressure again this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was light at 864, partly due to bad weather conditions. The average fed steer price was \$97.03 down \$2.20 and the average heifer price was \$87.51 down \$10.85 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold barely steady to \$1.00 to \$4.00 lower overall.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand. There were 1,812 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$27.97 up \$0.86 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady to \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle continued to sell on a good demand. Total stockers sold was 3,234 down 27.9% from last week. Auction markets reported stockers sold actively with calves selling steady to strong and yearlings trading steady to slightly easier.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices were \$5.50 lower. Steers and heifers sold at \$163.00-169.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices \$2.00 -3.00 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$84.75-87.25 live and \$143.75-148.25 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$84.75-89.35 live and \$145.00-147.55 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident until Thursday when trade was moderate with prices \$2.00 lower. Steers and heifers sold at \$90.00 live and \$140.00-143.00 dressed.

Local beef trade was light, partially due to the bad weather conditions. Kills were reduced this week and prices are starting to reflect a downward trend. Loins are selling strong while other cuts are moving slowly.