



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday March 9, 2006

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

## 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	91.09-99.46	94.80	109.00	96.42
Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.70-98.89	92.26	104.75	95.21
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.41-99.47	94.50	109.00	96.13
Large Frame Heifers +1000	88.90-97.72	93.56	103.50	95.19
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.16-95.63	88.55	105.75	90.37
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	87.39-98.17	93.30	105.75	93.98
Cows-all weights	23.34-37.84	29.91	84.00	29.74
Bulls-all weights	35.74-50.03	42.45	79.50	41.38

### STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	97.42-106.71	103.42	112.00
900-999	102.44-113.33	108.53	116.00
800-899	99.79-114.97	109.18	125.50
700-799	104.75-122.92	115.37	130.00
600-699	114.33-132.64	125.33	139.00
500-599	115.68-141.64	129.38	147.00
400-499	110.79-138.65	127.14	146.75
-399	92.16-158.91	121.88	300.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	93.44-100.99	97.59	107.00
800-899	96.01-106.58	102.18	118.00
700-799	95.22-109.74	105.26	117.50
600-699	100.41-113.80	108.05	120.00
500-599	99.37-119.95	112.27	138.00
400-499	97.24-124.80	112.62	138.00
300-399	96.87-116.19	107.92	141.00

### Stockers: Brussels Livestock, March 3, 2006.

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	102.75-110.50	112.00	900+	98.00-107.00	107.00
900-1000	102.25-112.50	112.50	800-900	99.00-110.50	118.00
800-900	104.50-119.25	125.50	700-800	104.00-113.00	114.00
700-800	106.00-126.50	130.00	600-700	103.00-114.50	120.00
600-700	117.00-135.00	136.50	500-600	100.00-117.75	138.00
500-600	121.00-147.00	147.00	400-500	111.00-131.00	131.00
400-500	117.00-135.00	145.50	300-400	108.00-120.00	129.00

### Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- March 7, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	109.50-112.25	900+	100.00-101.50
800-899	114.00-114.25	800-899	100.50-103.50
700-799	115.50-130.00	700-799	100.50-107.00
600-699	118.00-138.00	600-699	113.00-116.50
500-599	128.00-146.75	500-599	99.00-121.00
400-499	134.00-141.00	400-499	98.00-129.00

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	86.50-102.00	<b>800-899</b>	65.00-97.00
<b>700-799</b>	60.00-113.00	<b>700-799</b>	65.00-109.50
<b>600-699</b>	76.00-117.50	<b>600-699</b>	65.00-106.00
<b>500-599</b>	108.50-140.50	<b>500-599</b>	71.00-119.50
<b>400-499</b>	84.00-133.50	<b>400-499</b>	62.00-125.50

**Denfield Livestock – March 7, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	94.00-100.00
<b>Good Steers</b>	88.00-94.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	95.00-100.75
<b>Good Heifers</b>	88.00-94.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	40.00-50.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-38.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	35.00-50.00
<b>Good Stocker Strs- 700-800 lb</b>	115.00-125.00
<b>Good Stocker Hfrs- 700-800 lb</b>	115.00-120.00
<b>Good hol bull calves</b>	150.00-250.00 top 295.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 8, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	97.50-108.00	109.00	<b>+900</b>	102.25-105.00	105.00
<b>900-999</b>	104.00-116.00	116.00	<b>800-899</b>	101.75-106.00	106.00
<b>800-899</b>	94.50-115.25	123.75	<b>700-799</b>	100.00-108.50	108.50
<b>1700-799</b>	108.25-123.00	123.50	<b>600-699</b>	100.50-112.25	112.25

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – March 9, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	87.00-96.75	96.75	<b>900+</b>	47.00-84.00	
<b>900-999</b>	88.00-104.50	104.50	<b>800-899</b>	94.50-108.00	108.00
<b>800-899</b>	107.00-116.00	116.00	<b>700-799</b>	96.00-117.50	117.50
<b>700-799</b>	107.50-122.00	122.50	<b>600-699</b>	102.50-117.75	117.75
<b>600-699</b>	121.00-139.00	139.00	<b>500-599</b>	107.00-126.25	127.00
<b>500-599</b>	121.00-146.75	147.00	<b>400-499</b>	104.00-124.00	124.00
<b>400-499</b>	114.50-146.75	146.75	<b>300-399</b>	73.00-99.00	116.50

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –March 9, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	103.00-103.25	<b>800-899</b>	96.50-102.00
<b>800-899</b>	96.00-97.50	<b>700-799</b>	99.00-107.50
		<b>600-699</b>	96.75-113.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday March 9, 2006**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	86.00-88.50	<b>Flat rail</b>	145.50-146.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.85-88.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	145.00-146.00

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	AAA	AA
February 25, 2006	1.7380	1.6740
February 18, 2006	1.7194	1.6671

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
March 4, 2006	870	792
March 5, 2005	842	791

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week End	YTD	% of
	Mar 4, 2006		Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	65,662	566,535	92%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	40,948	346,348	85%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	13,313	117,925	107%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending	Feb 25, 2006	Year Ago
	Mar 11, 2006		
<b>Grand Total</b>	619,000	615,000	597,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	148.63	138.21

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

Week ending [Thursday March 9, 2006](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	86.00-86.50
	<b>Rail</b>	135.00-138.00

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 4	Jan 1 –14
<b>Total</b>	47,080	1,110

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Feb 25	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	17,321	21,039	-17.7%

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Mar 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	159,692 tonnes	192,059 tonnes	-16.9%
<b>Non-fed</b>	45,768 tonnes	29,925 tonnes	+52.9%

**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		\$/bu US ¢/bu				
<b>Apr</b>	83.45	-0.52	<b>Mar</b>	101.57 -1.97	<b>Mar</b>	2.260 +2.6	<b>Mar</b>	5.782 +1.6	<b>Spot</b>	86.10	+0.06
<b>Jun</b>	79.10	-0.30	<b>Apr</b>	102.95 -1.67	<b>May</b>	2.344 +2.4	<b>May</b>	5.892 +1.4	<b>Mar</b>	86.10	+0.07
<b>Aug</b>	80.37	-0.05	<b>May</b>	104.10 -1.67	<b>July</b>	2.450 +2.6	<b>Jul</b>	6.004 +0.6	<b>Jun</b>	86.34	+0.07
<b>Oct</b>	84.15	-0.05	<b>Aug</b>	105.52 -1.47	<b>Sep</b>	2.530 +2.4	<b>Aug</b>	6.064 +2.0	<b>Sep</b>	86.58	+0.07

## **Comments for the week ending March 9, 2006**

The finished cattle market sold on a mixed demand this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,252. The average fed steer price was \$94.50 down \$1.63 and the average heifer price was \$93.30 down \$0.68 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices ranging from under pressure to steady, with fancier cattle \$2.00 higher.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand this week. There were 2,272 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$29.91 up \$0.17 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices varying from steady to \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on good demand. Total stockers sold was 4,927 up 36.8% from last week and 207% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported stockers sold actively on a good demand with calves selling steady to \$2.00 higher and yearlings selling slightly easier to stronger.

As of March 3, 06 Better Beef Cargill has chosen to decline reporting railgrade prices to the Ontario Cattlemen's Association, therefore, there are no prices to report this week. The Board of Directors of OCA are working to find an alternative method of acquiring this information accurately and resolve this issue as soon as possible,

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices steady to \$2.00 lower. Steers sold at \$86.00- 88.50 live and \$145.50-146.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$85.85-88.75 live and \$145.00-146.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw business in the north develop on Wednesday with prices \$4.00 - \$5.00 lower than last week. Trade in the south did not develop until midday Friday with prices off \$1.00 to \$1.50 from last week. Steers and heifers sold at \$86.00-\$86.50 live and \$135.00-\$138.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reports that beef trade is light, mostly due to the time of year. Prices remain steady with the middle cuts moving okay, other cuts are moving slower. Due to the lighter movement of beef, kills are not up to capacity at this time.