



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday March 16, 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	87.05-95.55	91.87	114.00	94.80
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.20-96.10	91.83	107.00	92.26
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.21-95.70	91.81	114.00	94.50
Large Frame Heifers +1000	81.23-95.39	90.89	99.00	93.56
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	73.35-93.79	86.36	97.75	88.55
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.54-95.24	90.01	99.00	93.30
Cows-all weights	22.77-37.56	29.62	74.00	29.91
Bulls-all weights	34.65-52.73	43.76	84.75	42.45

### STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	90.58-103.02	97.33	113.75
900-999	97.95-106.09	102.87	111.50
800-899	97.91-113.01	106.60	118.00
700-799	108.23-123.61	118.24	129.00
600-699	111.11-133.98	125.33	139.00
500-599	111.09-139.64	127.98	149.50
400-499	112.83-142.74	130.29	153.00
-399	106.85-146.35	125.25	317.00

  

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	86.43-96.51	92.68	104.00
800-899	98.03-104.04	101.20	109.00
700-799	97.24-114.06	107.72	122.00
600-699	102.52-120.07	112.93	127.00
500-599	107.34-121.98	116.89	129.50
400-499	104.58-124.55	116.09	133.00
300-399	99.86-120.50	110.38	135.00

### Denfield Livestock – March 14, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 top 104.75
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	86.00-91.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	35.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-30.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Stocker Strs- 700-800 lb	100.00-120.00
Good Stocker Hfrs- 700-800 lb	100.00-115.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-295.00

Stockers sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 10, 2006.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	99.25-110.25	113.75	<b>900+</b>	95.25-101.50	104.00
<b>900-1000</b>	99.75-109.00	111.50	<b>800-900</b>	98.75-105.25	105.50
<b>800-900</b>	101.00-115.50	115.50	<b>700-800</b>	96.25-107.75	108.00
<b>700-800</b>	111.50-128.00	128.00	<b>600-700</b>	100.00-120.00	120.00
<b>600-700</b>	114.50-129.50	132.00	<b>500-600</b>	111.00-128.00	129.50
<b>500-600</b>	122.00-137.00	142.00	<b>400-500</b>	93.00-121.00	122.00
<b>400-500</b>	126.50-153.00	153.00	<b>300-400</b>	116.00-126.00	126.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- March 14, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	98.50-106.25	<b>900+</b>	85.50-100.75
<b>800-899</b>	99.50-113.25	<b>800-899</b>	104.00-105.00
<b>700-799</b>	114.50-127.00	<b>700-799</b>	103.00-111.00
<b>600-699</b>	127.00-136.00	<b>600-699</b>	118.00-125.00
<b>500-599</b>	129.50-146.00	<b>500-599</b>	118.00-129.00
<b>400-499</b>	129.00-151.00	<b>400-499</b>	123.00-133.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. March 14, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	60.00-99.50	<b>700-799</b>	73.00-105.50
<b>700-799</b>	92.50-97.00	<b>600-699</b>	84.50-110.50
<b>600-699</b>	85.50-125.50	<b>500-599</b>	70.00-114.50
<b>500-599</b>	86.00-129.00	<b>400-499</b>	102.00-131.50
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-132.00		

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards, March 14, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	105.25-107.75	<b>900+</b>	80.00-98.00
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-118.00	<b>800-899</b>	101.00-109.00
<b>700-799</b>	108.00-124.75	<b>700-799</b>	101.50-122.00
<b>600-699</b>	123.00-139.00	<b>600-699</b>	102.00-124.50
<b>500-599</b>	124.00-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	116.00-126.00
<b>400-499</b>	146.00	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-121.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 15 , 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	88.75-100.25	105.00	<b>+900</b>	90.75-95.23	103.75
<b>900-999</b>	97.25-106.00	107.25	<b>800-899</b>	95.75-102.00	102.75
<b>800-899</b>	99.25-113.50	113.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.75-104.25	104.22
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-99.50	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	106.50-117.50	120.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market – March 15, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>800-899</b>	85.00-115.50	115.50	<b>800-899</b>	102.50-104.00	104.00
<b>700-799</b>	91.50-126.50	126.50	<b>700-799</b>	93.50-115.50	115.50
<b>600-699</b>	95.00-136.50	136.50	<b>600-699</b>	99.50-122.00	122.00
<b>500-599</b>	106.00-149.50	149.50	<b>500-599</b>	111.50-123.50	123.50
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-152.50	152.50	<b>400-499</b>	104.50-127.00	127.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – March 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	45.00-91.00	94.00	900+	55.0-76.00	80.00
900-999	99.00-106.00	106.00	800-899	93.50-99.50	101.50
800-899	90.50-109.75	115.00	700-799	90.00-108.50	112.00
700-799	111.25-124.00	124.00	600-699	98.00-121.50	127.00
600-699	115.00-136.75	136.75	500-599	108.00-124.50	124.50
500-599	109.25-145.50	147.00	400-499	110.00-130.00	130.00
400-499	115.00-148.00	149.50	300-399	116.50-127.00	127.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –March 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	96.50-103.00	900+	95.75-98.50
900-999	96.00-100.50	800-899	95.50-101.50
800-899	102.00-110.00	700-799	95.50-102.00
700-799	114.50-129.00	600-699	107.75-116.50
600-699	117.50-125.00	500-599	105.50-117.50
500-599	118.00-125.50		

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday March 16, 2006**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.00-87.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.00-145.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.00-87.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	144.00-145.00

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
March 11, 2006	852	788
March 12, 2005	837	793

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week End	YTD	% of
	Mar 11, 2006		Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	68,039	634,574	91%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	42,431	388,815	84%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	13,657	131,582	106%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending	Mar 11, 2006	Year Ago
	Mar 18, 2006		
<b>Grand Total</b>	623,000	619,000	592,000

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	146.06	134.56

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

Week ending **Thursday March 16, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	85.50-86.50
	<b>Rail</b>	136.00-137.50

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 11	Jan 1 – 21
<b>Total</b>	52,620	1,565

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	19,364	22,430	-13.7%

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	179,313 tonnes	217,936 tonnes	-17.7%
<b>Non-fed</b>	50,735 tonnes	32,753 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		\$/bu US ¢/bu			
<b>Apr</b>	83.02	-0.40	<b>Mar</b>	104.47 -0.32	<b>May</b>	2.214 -3.0	<b>May</b>	5.764 +0.2	<b>Spot</b>	86.29 -0.48
<b>Jun</b>	77.87 -0.67	<b>Apr</b>	105.65 -0.10	<b>July</b>	2.322 -2.6	<b>Jul</b>	5.890 +0.6	<b>Jun</b>	86.52 -0.46	
<b>Aug</b>	79.90 -0.32	<b>May</b>	106.20 -0.10	<b>Sep</b>	2.414 -2.6	<b>Aug</b>	5.932 -0.6	<b>Sep</b>	86.76 -0.46	
<b>Oct</b>	84.10 +0.02	<b>Aug</b>	107.75 -0.02	<b>Dec</b>	2.532 -2.4	<b>Sep</b>	5.964 +0.4	<b>Dec</b>	87.00 -0.46	

### **Comments for the week ending March 16, 2006**

The finished cattle market sold under pressure this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,040. The average fed steer price was \$91.81 down \$2.69 and the average heifer price was \$90.01 down \$3.29 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand this week. There were 2,197 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$29.62 down \$0.29 from last week and up \$6.79 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices steady at the beginning of the week to \$2.00 higher later in the week.

Replacement cattle sold on mixed demand. Total stockers sold was 6,927 up 40.6% from last week and 56% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported stockers sold on a strong active trade with the calves selling steady across the board and the yearlings trading slightly easier to under pressure.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with prices \$1.25 to \$2.00 lower. Steers sold at \$85.00- 87.00 live and \$142.00-145.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$84.00-87.35 live and \$144.00-145.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw business in the north develop on Thursday with prices steady to last week. Trade in the south did not develop until midday Friday with prices remaining steady. Steers and heifers sold at \$85.50-\$86.00 live and \$136.00-\$137.50 dressed.

Local beef trade reports that the market is quiet, due to march break. Prices on end cuts are lower but medium cuts and loins are doing well. Kill numbers remain steady.

