



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Wednesday April 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.

A grade steers 160.00-161.00
A grade heifers Not reported

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	87.28-95.59	91.88	101.25	92.46
Medium Frame Steers +1250	81.94-95.67	89.92	98.25	92.76
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.33-95.81	91.47	101.25	92.70
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.47-96.26	91.39	103.00	90.32
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.45-93.83	88.43	98.00	84.51
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.74-95.56	90.49	103.00	89.38
Cows-all weights	22.55-39.09	31.17	67.00	29.69
Bulls-all weights	37.25-50.08	43.17	82.50	44.07

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	94.73-101.68	98.41	105.50
900-999	96.95-106.97	101.94	110.25
800-899	99.70-114.91	108.15	118.60
700-799	107.23-120.99	114.53	126.00
600-699	118.03-135.32	127.41	140.50
500-599	117.89-139.40	130.08	150.50
400-499	123.25-147.07	135.41	156.00
-399	120.00-146.86	136.89	240.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	83.93-99.21	92.81	108.75
800-899	89.62-101.25	95.77	107.50
700-799	93.52-109.42	101.38	123.25
600-699	103.55-119.29	112.00	125.00
500-599	109.13-124.91	117.50	129.75
400-499	105.08-130.49	120.27	140.00
300-399	115.49-124.31	119.25	131.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 8, 2006- 518 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.00-96.00	101.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-97.00	
Cows	25.00-38.00	49.50
Bulls	35.00-46.50	

Denfield Livestock – April 11, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 top 102.00
Good Steers	88.00-94.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00 top 102.00
Good Heifers	88.00-93.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Good Beef Bulls	38.00-45.00
Good Holstein Bulls	30.00-37.00
Good stocker steer	105.00-120.00
Good stocker heifer	105.00-115.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-275.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 7, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	91.50-101.50	101.50	900+	92.75-102.25	108.75
900-1000	97.75-107.25	107.25	800-900	86.50-100.00	106.00
800-900	97.00-118.60	118.60	700-800	91.50-109.25	123.25
700-800	102.00-122.25	123.00	600-700	107.00-119.75	120.50
600-700	105.00-131.00	135.50	500-600	105.00-129.75	129.75
500-600	114.25-135.00	139.50	400-500	107.00-128.50	134.00
400-500	102.00-136.00	147.00	300-400	123.00-126.00	126.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- April 11, 2006- 817 head**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	104.75-104.85	900+	65.50-103.50
900-999	96.50-104.50	800-899	99.75-106.75
800-899	101.00-115.00	700-799	98.25-113.50
700-799	112.00-126.00	600-699	101.25-124.00
600-699	124.00-138.00	500-599	105.00-126.00
500-599	128.25-148.00	400-499	110.00-130.00
400-499	135.00-149.00	300-399	118.00-131.00
Under 400	120.00-149.00		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 11, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	95.00-108.00	600-699	93.50-105.50
600-699	60.00-126.00	500-599	65.00-116.00
500-599	84.50-146.00	400-499	63.00-126.00
400-499	88.00-156.00	300-399	90.00-125.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 12, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	97.00-103.25	105.50	+900	87.00-98.00	98.00
900-999	96.50-107.75	110.25	800-899	92.50-95.50	100.50
800-899	95.75-109.50	109.50	700-799	92.50-113.50	113.50
700-799	93.00-125.00	125.00	600-699	94.50-124.25	124.5
600-699	115.50-137.75	138.00	500-599	116.50-126.50	126.50
500-599	129.00-150.50	150.50	400-499	95.00-133.00	133.00
400-499	119.00-142.00	142.00			

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending		
	April 15, 2006	April 8, 2006	Year Ago
Grand Total	N/A	636,000	586,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 1, 2006	1.6568	1.6151
March 25, 2006	1.6831	1.6142

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	139.01	127.77

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– April 8	Mexico Jan 1 – Mar 18
Total	74,392	6,776

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 1	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	26,672	31,464	-15.2%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 8	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	253,395	311,241	-18.6%
Non-fed	69,797	45,100	+54.8%

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							
Apr	81.87	+0.12	Apr	102.17	+0.82	May	2.362	-0.6	May	5.630	+2.4	Spot	86.79	-0.36
Jun	75.27	-0.37	May	102.90	+1.25	Jul	2.484	-0.2	Jul	5.776	+3.0	Jun	86.90	-0.40
Aug	77.20	-0.20	Aug	104.05	+0.72	Sep	2.574	-0.4	Aug	5.824	+2.0	Sep	87.12	-0.40
Oct	80.47	-0.20	Sep	103.52	+0.52	Dec	2.684	-0.6	Sep	5.872	+2.4	Dec	87.33	-0.40

Comments for the week ending April 12, 2006

The finished cattle market sold slightly lower this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,304, down 46 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$91.47 down \$1.23 and the average heifer price was \$90.49 up \$1.11 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with choice cattle selling from steady to \$2.00 lower. Fancier cattle were reported as selling stronger and aged and plain cattle were under pressure.

There were 1,171 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$31.17 up \$1.48 from last week and up \$7.36 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold on an active trade with prices ranging from steady to stronger.

Replacement cattle sold on a good demand this week. Total stockers sold was 5,882 down 24.3% from last week and 15% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that lightweight and grass type cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices barely steady to steady. Shortkeeps and heavier, fleshier replacements were reported as steady to under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were on average \$2.50 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$160.00 to \$161.00 and heifers were not reported.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices \$1.00 to \$1.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$84.00 to 84.50 live and \$139.50-145.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.20-85.95 live and \$139.50-145.20 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate with prices \$4.00 - \$5.00 higher on the dressed cattle and \$4.00 higher on live. Steers and heifers sold 84.00-84.50 live and \$133.00-\$134.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a very good week. All cuts are moving well at steady prices with the exception of middle cuts which are moving extremely well with prices gaining strength. A good amount of movement this week has inventory decreasing.