



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday April 27, 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 164.00
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	87.60-96.77	92.30	105.50	94.39
Medium Frame Steers +1250	79.55-96.68	90.19	112.50	92.52
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.99-96.85	91.94	112.50	93.97
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.65-95.36	90.93	102.25	91.30
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.64-96.84	87.76	100.50	86.23
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81.41-97.21	90.44	102.25	90.42
Cows-all weights	26.06-41.56	33.47	63.00	31.28
Bulls-all weights	38.11-51.60	44.45	97.00	44.29

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	89.96-100.06	95.61	107.85
900-999	97.19-108.29	103.82	114.00
800-899	102.48-113.41	108.96	119.50
700-799	107.65-122.98	116.61	130.75
600-699	108.95-132.87	123.92	143.25
500-599	114.61-140.88	129.11	152.00
400-499	119.03-146.24	134.23	156.00
-399	103.03-166.57	130.30	320.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	83.00-96.96	91.21	106.25
800-899	92.20-105.31	100.80	112.75
700-799	96.24-111.90	106.11	129.00
600-699	102.50-119.05	112.60	127.00
500-599	104.99-125.20	117.22	136.00
400-499	107.11-128.11	119.30	141.00
300-399	98.67-123.57	114.14	138.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 22, 2006- 675 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-97.50	102.25
Good & choice heifers	84.50-96.00	103.00
Cows	25.00-38.50	55.50
Bulls	35.00-46.00	

Fed steers and heifers sold at prices steady to stronger. Cows and bulls sold on a good strong market.

Denfield Livestock – April 25, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-92.00
Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-38.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-52.00
Good Holstein Bulls	30.00-40.00
Stocker steers 500-600 lbs	120.00-130.00
Stocker heifers 500-600 lbs	120.00-125.00
Good hol bull calves	175.00-300.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stockers: Brussels Livestock, April 21, 2006- 1980 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	90.50-102.25	103.25	900+	88.00-100.00	103.50
900-1000	94.25-110.00	110.50	800-900	88.00-108.00	112.75
800-900	96.25-111.75	116.50	700-800	92.50-114.00	116.00
700-800	103.00-119.25	126.75	600-700	107.00-118.25	127.00
600-700	107.50-133.75	137.50	500-600	111.50-124.00	127.50
500-600	120.25-140.25	143.00	400-500	114.50-130.25	130.25
400-500	127.00-155.50	155.50	300-400	85.00-128.50	137.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- April 25, 2006- 1,644 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	86.00-101.75	900+	80.00-106.25
900-999	99.00-109.50	800-899	101.00-107.25
800-899	107.00-119.50	700-799	106.00-113.50
700-799	112.00-130.75	600-699	100.50-121.00
600-699	120.00-143.25	500-599	96.00-132.00
500-599	115.00-152.00	400-499	115.50-134.50
400-499	134.00-151.00	300-399	95.00-136.00
Under 400	124.00-147.00		

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 25, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	68.00-134.50	600-699	77.00-121.00
500-599	80.50-144.00	500-599	70.00-120.00
400-499	103.00-146.00	400-499	81.00-121.00
399-	122.00-141.00		

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 26, 2006- 967 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	93.50-100.25	100.75	+900	90.50-93.75	101.25
900-999	95.00-106.75	109.50	800-899	91.00-99.75	99.75
800-899	99.00-111.50	115.25	700-799	90.00-112.25	112.25
700-799	99.00-114.25	120.50	600-699	110.00-122.00	122.00
600-699	115.00-127.50	127.50	500-599	111.00-123.00	123.00
500-599	111.00-137.00	143.50	400-499	108.50-112.50	112.50

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – April 27, 2006 – 1373 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	77.00-97.00	97.00	900+	69.50-91.00	91.00
800-899	88.00-108.00	108.00	800-899	75.00-100.75	102.50
700-799	101.50-120.00	124.00	700-799	90.00-110.75	110.75
600-699	109.00-129.50	130.50	600-699	105.50-118.50	120.50
500-599	114.50-144.00	146.00	500-599	113.75-130.00	136.00
400-499	126.00-143.50	149.00	400-499	115.00-134.00	134.00
399-	123.00-134.00	134.00	300-399	95.00-105.00	106.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –April 27, 2006 – 766 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	88.00-107.85	900+	75.00-99.00
900-999	111.35-114.00	800-899	95.50-108.75
800-899	109.75-116.25	700-799	95.50-118.50
700-799	116.75-128.50	600-699	108.50-120.00
600-699	120.00-135.00	500-599	118.50-122.50
500-599	128.00-139.75	400-499	114.50-126.75
400-499	137.50-147.75	300-399	94.00-117.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker Sale: **Keady Livestock, Friday April 21, 06- 828 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	100.25-104.00	800-899	106.00-107.00
900-999	108.25-112.50	700-799	106.60-114.00
800-899	113.25-115.60	600-699	119.00-123.75
700-799	121.60-127.10	500-599	110.00-124.50
600-699	120.00-137.25	400-499	100.00-123.00
500-599	124.50-139.50		

Stocker Sale: **Selby Livestock Sales Ltd- Friday April 21, 06- 544 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	94.75-111.50	800-899	91.00-103.00
700-799	100.00-124.75	700-799	65.00-108.50
600-699	97.00-133.25	600-699	99.00-114.75
500-599	105.00-142.00	500-599	93.00-124.00
400-499	88.50-147.00	400-499	93.50-122.50
399 & less	99.00-130.00	300-399	107.00-129.00

Stocker Sale: **Temiskaming Livestock , Friday April 21, 06- 695 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	91.50-98.00	800-899	85.75-98.75
900-999	96.75-101.25	700-799	87.25-105.75
800-899	96.50-103.00	600-699	98.50-117.25
700-799	108.25-123.25	500-599	102.50-123.00
600-699	120.00-134.00	400-499	100.00-124.00
500-599	114.00-140.75	300-399	105.50-122.00
400-499	128.00-156.00		
399 & less	118.00-147.50		

Stocker Sale: **Brussels Livestock, April 24, 2006.- 1,187 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	97.50-100.25	100.25	900+	88.00-94.00	94.00
900-1000	102.50-104.75	104.75	800-900	99.00-110.50	110.50
800-900	106.00-111.00	115.00	700-800	108.50-117.50	117.50
700-800	114.75-122.50	123.75	600-700	109.00-122.00	122.00
600-700	122.00-137.25	137.25	500-600	105.00-127.50	132.50
500-600	128.50-145.25	151.00	400-500	115.00-128.00	136.00
400-500	140.00-150.00	153.00	300-400	115.00-134.00	134.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., April 26, 2006- 585 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	54.00-93.00	+900	76.50-84.50
900-999	64.50-104.50	800-899	79.50-93.25
800-899	89.50-111.75	700-799	70.50-110.00
700-799	101.00-119.00	600-699	85.00-119.00
600-699	89.00-140.00	500-599	108.50-129.50
500-599	113.00-144.00	400-499	90.00-141.00
400-499	110.00-144.00	300-399	106.00-133.00
399-	91.00-141.00		

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)

Week Ending April 20, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	159.00-159.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending [Thursday April 27, 2006](#)

Steers	Live	81.40-84.55	Flat rail	137.50-140.00
Heifers	Live	81.75-85.55	Flat rail	138.00-138.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending [Thursday April 27, 2006](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	79.00-80.00
	Rail	127.00-130.00

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	March 2006	March 2005
Steers	4,246	4,735
Heifers	2,871	3,170
Cows	2,734	3,428
Bulls	621	900

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 22, 2006	808	751
April 23, 2005	799	777

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	65,044	1,016,717	89%
Alberta Slaughter	41,213	624,690	80%
Ontario Slaughter	13,114	210,326	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	April 22, 2006	April 22, 2006	Year Ago
Grand Total		679,000	621,000	625,000

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	145.34	129.74

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
Total	Jan 1 – April 22 84,232 tonnes	Jan 1 – Apr 1 7,326 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 15	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	31,001 tonnes	35,253 tonnes	-12.1%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	286,719 tonnes	361,271 tonnes	-20.8%
Non-fed	78,494 tonnes	51,900 tonnes	+51.2%

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	79.20 +0.37	May	100.52 -0.50	May	2.382 +7.0	May	5.872 +12.0	Spot	89.36 +0.28
Jun	73.50 +0.20	Aug	102.07 -0.22	July	2.490 +6.2	Jul	5.010 +10.4	Jun	89.47 +0.29
Aug	75.55 +0.40	Sep	101.50 -0.15	Sep	2.596 +6.4	Aug	6.064 +11.0	Sep	89.71 +0.29
Oct	79.65 +0.50	Oct	100.80 -0.15	Dec	2.716 +5.6	Sep	6.120 +11.4	Dec	89.94 +0.29

Comments for the week ending April 27, 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 1,567, down 71 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$91.94 down \$2.03 and the average heifer price was \$90.44 up \$0.02 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with prices ranging from steady at the first of the week to barely steady to \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower as the week progressed.

There were 2,300 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$33.47 up \$2.19 from last week and up \$7.84 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold actively with prices steady to \$2.00 to \$5.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold actively this week. Total stockers sold was 11,532 up 46.4% from last week and 37% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that lightweight and grass type cattle sold on a brisk demand with prices steady to stronger. Shortkeeps and heavier, fleshier replacements were reported as steady to under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported early in the week, were on average \$2.00 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$164.00 and heifers were not reported.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower than last week. Steers sold at \$81.40 to 84.55 live and \$137.50-140.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$81.75 to \$85.55 live and \$138.00 to \$138.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active in the second half of the week. Live cattle sold \$3.00 lower from \$79.00-\$80.00 with dressed cattle selling \$3.00 to \$4.00 lower from \$127.00 to \$130.00.

Local beef trade reported little change from last week. End cuts are still moving slowly while the middle cuts are selling so strong that inventory is sold out. Kills will not increase to meet the middle cut demands until the end cuts show improved sales.