



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday May 11, 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 159.00-160.00
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	87.49-96.68	92.66	105.00	93.61
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.92-98.06	93.18	102.75	92.18
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.02-96.87	92.32	105.00	93.20
Large Frame Heifers +1000	82.26-95.54	91.28	100.25	90.50
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.11-99.55	92.53	102.75	80.07
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	80.75-96.63	91.15	102.75	87.37
Cows-all weights	26.21-42.07	34.26	68.00	33.16
Bulls-all weights	40.47-53.72	47.04	101.00	48.44

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	88.18-98.25	95.27	104.75
900-999	100.72-107.38	104.31	110.25
800-899	98.88-116.18	109.09	124.00
700-799	105.87-124.26	117.13	131.00
600-699	105.37-135.89	123.97	146.50
500-599	106.92-140.37	128.32	149.50
400-499	111.43-140.48	127.91	150.00
-399	108.69-161.42	131.32	275.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	85.55-96.36	90.52	104.00
800-899	87.92-107.00	98.02	113.50
700-799	90.39-114.15	105.01	118.50
600-699	100.22-122.12	113.17	127.00
500-599	105.23-126.50	116.42	134.00
400-499	105.99-126.88	118.44	137.00
300-399	108.02-125.53	116.49	138.00

At Talbotville Livestock: May 6, 2006- 395 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-97.00	102.00
Good & choice heifers	85.00-95.25	
Cows	30.00-42.50	58.50
Bulls	37.00-46.00	

Denfield Livestock – May 9, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-98.00
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Choice Heifers	97.00-100.25
Good Heifers	90.00-95.00
Good Fed Cows	45.00-50.00
Med Cows	30.00-40.00
Shells	15.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Holstein bull calves.	185.00-275.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 5, 2006. - 1,623 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	62.00-93.00	97.00	900+	83.25-94.75	103.50
900-1000	95.50-106.50	106.50	800-900	88.50-108.25	108.25
800-900	105.00-116.00	116.00	700-800	97.00-112.75	112.75
700-800	106.50-120.75	120.75	600-700	103.00-122.75	127.00
600-700	111.50-130.00	133.00	500-600	113.00-134.00	134.00
500-600	120.50-137.00	141.00	400-500	114.00-129.00	134.00
400-500	116.00-141.00	150.00	300-400	113.00-126.00	126.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 9, 2006 – 1,875 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	101.50	900+	84.50-99.00
900-999	106.75-109.50	800-899	94.00-113.50
800-899	110.00-124.00	700-799	91.00-115.10
700-799	116.00-131.00	600-699	104.50-126.00
600-699	120.50-146.50	500-599	104.00-131.00
500-599	122.00-149.50	400-499	108.00-137.00
400-499	100.00-149.00	300-399	88.00-132.00
Under 400	130.00-141.00		

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 9, 2006 - 220 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	79.00-116.00	700-799	70.00-110.00
600-699	73.00-130.00	600-699	70.00-111.50
500-599	93.00-143.50	500-599	85.00-121.00
400-499	110.50-148.00	400-499	81.00-120.00
399 & less	122.00-132.00	300-399	101.00-119.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 10, 2006- 433 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	92.00-98.50	104.25	+900	92.00-94.25	94.25
900-999	97.00-105.00	108.00	700-800	84.75-109.75	109.75
800-899	96.25-109.75	109.75	500-600	109.50-114.50	119.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 11, 2006- 1,126 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	50.00-95.50	95.50	900+	49.50-93.00	93.00
900-999	91.00-102.50	102.50	800-899	64.00-97.00	103.00
800-899	96.00-110.50	110.50	700-799	84.00-116.50	116.50
700-799	107.50-119.00	123.00	600-699	99.00-119.0	119.00
600-699	111.00-130.50	130.50	500-599	106.00-125.50	129.00
500-599	113.00-136.75	146.00	400-499	110.00-130.75	130.75
400-499	109.00-143.00	143.00	300-399	109.00-121.00	127.00
399-	118.50-149.00	149.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –May 11, 2006- 487 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
900-999	105.00-110.25	110.25	900+	102.25-104.00	104.00
800-899	104.00-114.25	114.25	800-899	94.85-107.00	107.00
700-799	118.00-126.50	126.50	700-799	100.00-114.50	114.50
600-699	120.00-135.50	136.00	600-699	115.00-121.75	122.00
500-599	115.00-133.50	133.50	500-599	118.50-125.00	125.00
400-499	130.00-134.00	134.00	400-499	123.00-127.00	127.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker sale: **Hoards Station- Quinte Cattlemen’s Assoc., May 5, 2006- 1,053 stockers, Vaccinated.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	90.50-104.50	900-999	95.75
800-899	92.50-116.00	800-899	94.00-96.75
700-799	97.50-124.75	700-799	95.00-118.50
600-699	114.50-140.00	600-699	104.00-124.75
500-599	108.50-148.00	500-599	108.00-130.50
400-499	118.00-146.00	400-499	116.50-130.50
		399-	126.00-131.50

Stocker Sale: **Algoma Co-operative Livestock Sales, THESSALON- May 6, 2006- 200 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-700	108.00-123.00	600-700	99.80-110.00
500-600	111.00-130.00	500-600	104.00-119.00
400-500	122.00-142.00	400-500	111.00-115.00
400 & under	135.00-142.00	400 & under	122.00

Stocker sale: **South River-Parry Sound District Co-operative Assoc. May 9, 06 -141 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-800	110.25-122.00 top 125.00	600-800	93.25-100.25 top 104.00
400-600	110.00-120.25 top 123.50	400-600	96.00-105.50 top 112.00

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market, Sat May 6, 2006- 200 cows/cow calf pairs.

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$1000-\$1300	\$750-\$950
Avg quality bred cows	\$700-\$950	\$600-\$800
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1400-1800	\$900-\$1200
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800-\$1100	\$700-\$900

Excellent quality breeding stock sold at premium while other classes of cows sold on a very active trade at higher prices.

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

Week Ending May 11, 2006 Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers 156.00-158.25

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday May 11, 2006
Steers Live 83.25-86.00 Flat rail 137.35-140.50
Heifers Live 81.75-86.25 Flat rail 139.00-141.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday May 11, 2006
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers: Live 77.00-78.50
Rail 124.00-125.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 29, 2006	1.6748	1.5999
April 22, 2006	1.6560	1.5800

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	146.63	127.48

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 6, 2006	806	752
May 7, 2005	806	765

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago	
Grand Total	May 6, 2006	65,962	1,149,308	88%
Alberta Slaughter		40,614	706,257	80%
Ontario Slaughter		13,634	237,843	106%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	May 6, 2006	Year Ago	
Grand Total	May 13, 2006	708,000	627,000	654,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– May 6	Mexico Jan 1 – Apr 15
Total	94,153 tonnes	8,137 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

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

Fed
Non-fed

Jan 1 – May 6
324,429 tonnes
87,247 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

Last Year Same Time
412,231 tonnes
58,132 tonnes

% Change
-21.3%
+50.1%

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			
Jun	77.40 +0.95	May	102.40 +0.57	May	2.482 +10.4	May	6.000 -2.6	Spot	90.16 -0.65
Aug	78.62 +0.67	Aug	106.15 +0.45	July	2.582 +11.2	Jul	6.130 +0.0	Jun	90.22 -0.69
Oct	82.35 +0.60	Sep	105.65 +0.60	Sep	2.684 +10.4	Aug	6.194 +1.0	Sep	90.46 -0.69
Dec	83.87 +0.42	Oct	104.67 +0.22	Dec	2.816 +10.4	Sep	6.232 +1.2	Dec	90.70 -0.69

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Comments for the week ending May 11, 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 1,627, up 494 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$92.32 down \$0.88 and the average heifer price was \$91.15 up \$3.78 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices steady to \$4.00 higher.

There were 2,253 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$34.26 up \$1.10 from last week and up \$6.54 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

Replacement cattle saw lighter volume again this week. Total stockers sold was 7,735 down 20.1% from last week and 20% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that stockers sold actively on a strong demand with prices steady to stronger with shortkeeps selling up to \$4.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were on average \$1.00 lower than the previous week. Steers were reported as \$159.00 - \$160.00.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices fully steady early in the week to \$2.00 lower by the end of the week. Steers sold at \$83.25 to 86.00 live and \$137.35-140.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$81.75 to \$86.25 live and \$139.00-141.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw business develop mid week in the north. An active trade with large volume sold at prices \$2.00 lower than last week from \$124.00-\$125.00 dressed. Active trade in the south became evident in the second half of the week with prices remaining steady to the previous week from \$77.00-\$78.50 live.

Local beef trade reported no change in the movement of beef. End cuts remain hard to move while middle cuts are in high demand. Pricing on the end cuts is steady with middle cuts selling at strong prices.

