



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday May 18, 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	90.43-98.20	94.44	106.25	92.66
Medium Frame Steers +1250	80.10-96.69	90.80	99.50	93.18
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.66-97.87	93.93	106.25	92.32
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.58-97.46	92.48	106.00	91.28
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.16-94.82	85.36	100.00	92.53
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.26-97.74	91.44	106.00	91.15
Cows-all weights	23.70-40.37	31.67	74.00	34.26
Bulls-all weights	39.71-55.67	47.04	106.00	47.04

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	92.00-101.87	97.73	106.50
900-999	98.55-107.51	103.44	116.75
800-899	100.35-112.70	107.53	118.00
700-799	104.19-122.31	136.50	114.61
600-699	105.59-128.21	119.39	143.00
500-599	113.00-141.14	129.05	160.00
400-499	113.74-145.06	131.93	155.00
-399	117.68-167.08	137.00	340.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	87.58-98.71	93.38	104.00
800-899	92.88-104.20	99.03	111.00
700-799	98.39-112.88	107.14	124.00
600-699	97.61-119.26	110.37	129.50
500-599	104.08-124.65	115.48	133.00
400-499	104.47-128.74	118.87	144.00
300-399	103.31-126.36	115.26	152.00

At Talbotville Livestock: May 13, 2006- 608 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-98.00	103.25
Good & choice heifers	84.00-96.00	97.50
Cows	32.50-45.00	58.50
Bulls	40.00-55.00	

Denfield Livestock – May 16, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	93.00-97.00
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.50
Good Heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-40.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-40.00
Good Holstein Bull Calves	200.00-300.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 12, 2006. - 1,626 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.25-100.75	104.50	900+	92.75-101.00	103.00
900-1000	96.25-106.50	116.75	800-900	94.00-104.00	104.00
800-900	104.00-113.50	113.50	700-800	100.00-115.00	124.00
700-800	107.00-120.00	129.75	600-700	103.50-124.00	125.00
600-700	112.00-131.00	134.00	500-600	110.00-129.00	129.00
500-600	119.00-136.00	140.00	400-500	115.50-134.00	144.00
400-500	127.00-145.00	148.00	300-400	101.00-134.00	152.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 16, 2006 – 1,661 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	101.75-106.50	900+	95.00-100.00
900-999	105.00-113.50	800-899	100.25-107.00
800-899	106.00-115.50	700-799	107.00-116.00
700-799	106.00-136.50	600-699	112.00-125.00
600-699	120.00-143.00	500-599	113.50-132.50
500-599	133.50-154.00	400-499	114.00-136.00
400-499	132.00-151.00	300-399	113.00-136.00
Under 400	135.00-151.00		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 16, 2006 - 342 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	80.00-112.50	700-799	85.00-112.50
600-699	70.00-130.50	600-699	66.50-121.00
500-599	76.00-140.00	500-599	78.00-126.50
400-499	73.00-145.00	400-499	87.00-129.00
399 & less	95.00-146.00		

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 17, 2006- 654 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	93.25-102.75	103.50	+900	91.75-101.75	101.75
900-999	96.50-104.25	108.50	800-899	96.00-106.25	106.25
800-899	96.75-105.75	105.75	700-799	101.00-110.50	110.50
700-799	104.00-112.75	123.50	600-699	104.50-110.00	113.50
600-699	108.00-126.00	126.00	500-599	110.50-117.50	117.50
500-599	112.50-131.50	131.50			

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards – May 18, 2006- 1,405 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	62.00-90.00	96.75	900+	57.00-90.50	95.50
900-999	85.00-103.00	111.00	800-899	85.00-101.75	104.50
800-899	90.25-113.25	117.00	700-799	111.75-106.34	111.75
700-799	100.00-126.25	127.00	600-699	97.00-116.25	129.50
600-699	103.50-127.00	133.50	500-599	105.00-125.00	133.00
500-599	121.00-145.25	160.00	400-499	106.00-129.00	133.00
400-499	122.00-150.00	155.00	300-399	106.00-135.50	135.50
399-	129.00-158.00	162.00			

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-county Cattle –May 18, 2006- 411 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.50-105.00	105.00	900+	98.50-101.50	101.50
900-999	97.00-101.50	103.00	800-899	99.00-104.60	104.60
800-899	101.00-115.00	115.00	700-799	85.00-107.50	107.50
700-799	116.50-123.25	123.25	600-699	80.00-104.75	121.00
600-699	107.50-123.00	123.00	500-599	91.00-107.50	111.00
500-599	101.00-137.00	137.00	400-499	92.00-118.00	121.00
400-499	102.00-135.50	135.50	300-399	99.00-112.00	134.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards- 960 stockers- Vaccinated Sale**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.00-99.00	99.00	900+	90.50-94.50	94.50
900-999	101.50-108.75	110.50	800-899	95.00-103.25	111.00
800-899	105.50-114.50	114.50	700-799	105.00-116.00	121.50
700-799	111.50-123.00	126.75	600-699	104.00-119.50	129.00
600-699	110.00-120.00	139.00	500-599	116.25-126.00	132.50
500-599	122.00-141.00	149.00	400-499	114.00-139.50	139.50

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Market- May 17, 06 - 401 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	100.00-108.50	800-899	80.00-104.75
800-899	85.50-118.00	700-799	67.50-114.00
700-799	101.50-121.00	600-699	77.00-122.00
600-699	101.50-131.00	500-599	95.00-125.00
500-599	91.00-142.00	400-499	84.50-135.00
400-499	119.00-154.00	300-399	117.00-120.00
399-	130.00-150.00		

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

Week Ending May 18, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	157.00-157.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday May 18, 2006**

Steers	Live	82.50-84.50	Flat rail	137.25-139.50
Heifers	Live	83.00-84.85	Flat rail	137.25-139.00

Fed
Non-fed

Jan 1 – May 13
344,498 tonnes
91,382 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

Last Year Same Time
438,506 tonnes
61,039 tonnes

% Change
-21.4%
+49.7%

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	77.22	-0.57	May	103.05	-0.45	July	2.526	-7.4	Jul	5.864	-11.4	Spot	89.21	+0.04
Aug	78.57	-0.52	Aug	106.22	-0.22	Sep	2.634	-7.6	Aug	5.930	-11.4	Jun	89.27	+0.04
Oct	82.25	-0.60	Sep	105.95	-0.17	Dec	2.770	-8.2	Sep	5.984	-12.0	Sep	89.52	+0.04
Dec	84.17	-0.57	Oct	104.87	-0.07	Mar	2.866	-7.4	Nov	6.104	-10.4	Dec	89.77	+0.04

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Comments for the week ending May 18, 2006

The finished cattle market sold on an active trade this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,525, down 102 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.93 up \$1.61 and the average heifer price was \$91.44 up \$0.29 from last week. Last year at this time steers averaged \$85.62, \$8.31 lower and heifers averaged \$84.05, \$7.39 lower than the current prices. Auction markets reported that this week fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices remaining steady.

There were 2,402 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$31.67 down \$2.59 from last week and up \$5.86 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold on a good demand with prices steady to strong early in the week and barely steady to steady as the week progressed.

Replacement cattle saw active trade this week with slightly higher volume. Total stockers sold was 8,495 up 9.8% from last week and 10% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that stockers sold actively with prices remaining steady on most classes. Grass type and good quality stockers sold strong.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$159.00-\$160.00 for steers which was fully steady to last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices fully steady early in the week to \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower by Thursday. Steers sold at \$82.50-84.50 live and \$137.25-139.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$83.75-\$84.85 live and \$137.25-139.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was slow getting started this week. Scattered sales in the north on Thursday saw dressed cattle selling for \$126.00 which is \$2.00 higher than last week. Early Friday business saw prices of \$79.00 live and \$124.00-126.00 dressed, slightly higher than last week.