



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday June 1, 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 163.00-165.00
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	90.65-99.29	95.56	109.50	95.85
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.46-98.35	93.79	112.00	95.57
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.38-99.11	95.28	112.00	96.22
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.73-99.24	94.24	105.00	94.45
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.99-97.04	90.46	108.50	88.75
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.56-98.48	93.28	108.50	93.33
Cows-all weights	24.23-39.82	31.78	75.50	30.54
Bulls-all weights	39.98-54.22	46.63	102.00	45.10

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	99.33-105.71	102.53	107.50
900-999	102.31-108.62	105.75	112.00
800-899	102.28-115.73	109.15	125.00
700-799	104.58-121.18	113.40	125.50
600-699	111.25-132.18	123.77	139.50
500-599	111.52-142.42	130.82	151.00
400-499	117.78-145.34	133.97	153.50
-399	124.52-190.42	155.33	320.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	84.85-102.07	94.47	109.00
800-899	94.99-108.64	103.89	112.50
700-799	101.96-112.78	108.14	128.00
600-699	103.34-118.44	111.28	131.00
500-599	108.25-126.27	117.88	135.00
400-499	108.26-132.01	122.35	140.00
300-399	105.77-130.48	120.36	139.50

At Talbotville Livestock: May 27, 2006- 605 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-102.50	113.75
Good & choice heifers	87.00-98.00	104.00
Cows	25.00-38.00	47.50
Bulls	35.00-43.00	

Denfield Livestock – May 30, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00 sales to 104.00
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	80.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-95.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-34.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Shells	10.00-20.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-60.00
Good Holstein Bulls	30.00-35.00
Stocker steers 500-650 lbs	120.00-140.00
Stocker heifers 500-650 lbs	120.00-130.00
Good Holstein Bull Calves	200.00-320.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 26, 2006. - 1,029 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.00-107.50	107.50	900+	91.85-105.00	105.00
900-1000	103.50-111.00	111.00	800-900	99.00-108.25	110.00
800-900	104.00-117.00	118.25	700-800	97.50-115.00	128.00
700-800	114.50-125.50	125.50	600-700	112.00-124.50	126.00
600-700	114.50-130.00	131.00	500-600	115.00-132.00	132.00
500-600	120.00-139.00	140.50	400-500	127.50-139.50	139.50
400-500	128.00-147.00	153.50	300-400	110.00-139.50	139.50

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 30, 2006 – 742 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	98.35-106.60	900+	103.00-105.00
900-999	105.00-112.00	800-899	94.00-112.50
800-899	110.00-124.00	700-799	113.50-115.00
700-799	115.75-122.25	600-699	109.00-122.50
600-699	118.50-139.50	500-599	121.50-135.00
500-599	123.00-151.00	400-499	107.00-136.00
400-499	134.00-153.00	300-399	113.00-136.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 30, 2006 - 193 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	75.00-112.00	700-799	84.00-107.00
600-699	90.00-127.00	600-699	86.00-111.50
500-599	104.00-145.00	500-599	94.00-121.50
400-499	123.00-147.50	400-499	89.00-130.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 31, 2006- 416 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	103.50-107.00	107.50	+900	97.00-104.75	109.00
900-999	104.50-106.50	108.25	800-899	101.00-108.50	108.50
800-899	104.00-111.50	111.50	700-799	106.75-112.50	112.50
700-799	109.25-120.75	120.75	600-699	106.75-116.75	116.75
600-699	118.00-135.00	135.00	500-599	112.50-129.00	129.00
500-599	114.00-121.00	126.50	400-499	108.75-120.00	120.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – June 1, 2006- 1,060 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	85.00-98.00	98.00	900+	55.00-102.25	102.25
900-999	95.50-105.50	105.50	800-899	75.00-105.75	105.75
800-899	100.00-114.00	114.00	700-799	99.50-116.75	116.75
700-799	104.50-120.75	122.50	600-699	107.50-119.75	120.50
600-699	112.00-132.00	133.00	500-599	114.00-130.00	133.00
500-599	113.50-146.00	146.00	400-499	118.00-140.00	140.00
400-499	131.00-153.50	153.50	300-399	110.00-134.00	134.00
399-	121.00-152.00	152.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –June 1, 2006- 254 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	103.85-104.60	104.60	900+	96.25-102.50	103.00
900-999	103.60-109.00	109.00	800-899	97.00-106.50	106.50
800-899	105.50		700-799	109.50-114.50	114.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALE

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Cooperative Auction- May 31, 2006 – 269 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	117.75-125.00	800-899	96.25-99.25
700-799	103.50-125.25	700-799	102.25
600-699	116.00-134.00	600-699	97.50-121.00
500-599	115.00-143.00	500-599	110.00-125.00
400-499	97.00-147.50	400-499	86.00-131.00
Under 400	124.00-130.00	300-399	91.50-124.00

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

Week Ending June 1, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	162.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday June 1, 2006**

Steers	Live	84.75-86.75	Flat rail	141.00-143.45
Heifers	Live	85.00-86.75	Flat rail	141.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday June 1, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	82.00-83.50 (Friday June 2 prices)
	Rail	128.00-131.00(Fri June 2, prices)

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
May 20, 2006	1.6990	1.6106
May 13, 2006	1.6977	1.6182

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

Choice	Select
600-900	600-900

Current 5 day average: 149.32 128.91

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 27, 2006	808	734
May 28, 2005	811	749

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	May 27, 2006		
Grand Total	56,516	1,344,918	88%
Alberta Slaughter	34,979	828,684	80%
Ontario Slaughter	11,280	276,987	105%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Year Ago
	June 3, 2006	May 27, 2006
Grand Total	609,000	568,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – May 27	Jan 1 – May 6
Total	109,761 tonnes	11,507 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	46,364 tonnes	45,817 tonnes	+1.2%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 27	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	380,552 tonnes	483,145 tonnes	-21.2%
Non-fed	98,968 tonnes	66,686 tonnes	+48.4%

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	80.32 +0.35	Aug	110.22 +0.25	July	2.594 +5.0	Jul	6.090 +22.2	Spot	90.82 +0.10
Aug	81.30 +0.60	Sep	109.37 +0.37	Sep	2.710 +4.6	Aug	6.146 +21.0	Jun	90.84 +0.08
Oct	84.95 +0.40	Oct	108.40 +0.20	Dec	2.850 +4.2	Sep	6.210 +20.6	Sep	91.06 +0.07
Dec	86.97 +0.20	Nov	107.40 +0.10	Mar	2.950 +4.2	Nov	6.332 +20.6	Dec	91.30 +0.07

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Comments for the week ending June 1, 2006

The finished cattle market sold on a strong demand this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,509, up 274 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$95.28 down \$0.94 and the average heifer price was \$93.28 down \$0.05 from last

week. Auction markets reported that fed cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices remaining steady to firm with some \$3.00 higher.

There were 2,097 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$31.78 up \$1.24 from last week and fully steady to two weeks ago. Cows are also up \$7.36 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold up to \$2.00 lower early in the week with the market changing to strong active trade with prices firm to \$3.00 higher as the week progressed.

Replacement cattle sold on a good demand this week. Total stockers sold was 4,598 down 0.8% from last week and 17% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that all replacement cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices fully steady to \$3.00 higher. Steers 900+ averaged 103.55 up \$1.66 over last week and heifers 800+ averaged \$99.16 up \$2.79 over last week. Lightweight cattle saw increases on average from \$3.97-\$5.44 for steers and \$2.00-\$5.22 for heifers.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$163.00-165.00 for steers which was \$4.50 higher than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices steady to \$0.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$84.75-86.75 live and \$141.00-143.45 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$85.00-86.75 live and \$141.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade did not get started until late Friday afternoon with prices in the north \$3.00 higher than last week at \$128.00-\$131.00 dressed. The south saw sales at \$82.00-83.50 live, \$1.50-2.00 higher than last week.

Local beef trade reported all cuts are moving well and prices are up slightly to compensate for strong cattle prices.