



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday June 29, 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 166.00-168.00

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	90.18-100.03	96.12	112.50	97.01
Medium Frame Steers +1250	77.72-97.42	88.04	103.50	95.10
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.30-101.64	95.69	112.50	96.43
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.63-97.26	92.69	104.50	95.08
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	69.37-97.29	83.96	107.25	91.21
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.18-97.92	91.55	107.25	93.99
Cows-all weights	27.56-45.55	36.29	84.50	37.32
Bulls-all weights	43.51-57.17	51.10	88.00	52.22

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	100.36-107.14	103.95	112.25
900-999	105.31-113.50	110.31	118.10
800-899	109.42-119.74	116.30	124.50
700-799	104.15-125.88	116.91	133.50
600-699	115.65-136.34	128.11	145.00
500-599	123.79-145.24	135.86	152.00
400-499	121.91-152.67	139.02	165.00
-399	145.48-215.33	178.09	280.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	96.65-108.65	103.18	114.25
800-899	105.60-111.36	108.64	117.25
700-799	106.88-117.72	113.41	125.00
600-699	107.34-125.39	117.55	132.50
500-599	115.90-132.74	125.21	140.00
400-499	115.78-136.71	129.36	151.00
300-399	113.11-133.06	123.86	153.00

At Talbotville Livestock: June 24, 2006- 468 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	90.00-98.00	99.75
Good & choice heifers	88.50-98.50	100.00
Cows	33.00-41.50	58.50
Bulls	38.50-50.00	

Denfield Livestock – June 27, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.00
Good Steers	88.00-93.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-93.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	45.00-55.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-45.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-35.00
Good Beef Bulls	45.00-65.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-45.00

Fed steers and heifers sold on a good demand at steady prices. A good offering of cows sold at prices \$3-5 higher. A light run of stockers sold strong and holstein bull calves sold strong.

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stockers: Brussels Livestock, June 23, 2006 - 909 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.75-108.00	111.00	900+	99.00-108.00	109.75
900-1000	103.25-111.75	114.00	800-900	106.00-117.25	117.25
800-900	115.50-118.00	118.00	700-800	116.00-125.00	125.00
700-800	114.00-130.50	133.25	600-700	111.00-128.00	128.00
600-700	122.50-137.00	137.00	500-600	120.50-136.00	140.00
500-600	116.00-150.50	150.50	400-500	125.00-133.00	141.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- June 27, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	108.30-112.25	800-899	102.00-112.00
900-999	115.60-118.10	700-799	106.50-116.50
800-899	116.50-124.50	600-699	114.50-121.50
700-799	108.50-125.50	500-599	120.00-136.50
600-699	131.50-133.00		
500-599	139.00-145.00		
400-499	122.00-165.00		

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. June 27, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	100.50-119.50	600-699	109.50-132.50
700-799	103.00-125.00	500-599	113.00-130.00
600-699	109.50-134.50		
500-599	126.50-149.50		

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, June 28, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.50-109.00	110.00	+900	101.00-108.75	111.00
900-999	105.50-111.75	116.00	800-899	105.50-111.50	111.50

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – June 29, 2006- 450 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	86.00-115.50	800-899	110.00-111.50
800-899	108.00-120.75	700-799	97.00-115.00
700-799	116.50-133.50	600-699	109.50-121.50
600-699	123.00-145.00	500-599	118.00-135.75
500-599	132.00-152.00	400-499	125.00-151.00
400-499	138.00-165.00		

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –June 29, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	95.50-102.85	900+	98.00-114.25
		800-899	106.10-107.25

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

Week Ending June 29, 2006	<u>Price Range</u>
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	162.00-163.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday June 29, 2006			
Steers	Live	88.70-90.50	Flat rail 146.90-148.00
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail 148.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday June 29, 2006			
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:			
	Live		\$84.00
	Rail		\$131.00-132.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
June 17, 2006	1.7846	1.6354
June 10, 2006	1.7476	1.6179

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	153.31	130.43

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
June 24, 2006	813	735
June 25, 2005	799	743

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	June 24, 2006		
Grand Total	69,724	1,628,478	88%
Alberta Slaughter	45,465	1,601,296	81%
Ontario Slaughter	13,352	330,955	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	July 1, 2006		
Grand Total	701,000	709,000	654,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– June 24	Jan 1 – June 3
Total	132,208 tonnes	16,060 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – June 17	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	56,822 tonnes	53,596 tonnes	+6.0%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – June 24	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	464,208 tonnes	581,093 tonnes	-20.1%
Non-fed	114,229 tonnes	79,025 tonnes	+44.5%

LIVE CATTLE

	IMPORTS		EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – Apr 30		Jan 1 – June 24
Pure bred	114	Slaughter steers & heifers	330,241
Non-pure bred	10,107	Feeder steers & heifers	175,934

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	84.55 +0.70	Aug	115.20 +0.20	July	2.354 +7.0	Jul	5.946 +13.0	Spot	89.50 -0.58
Aug	85.67 +0.10	Sep	114.87 -0.52	Sep	2.460 +6.2	Aug	6.004 +11.4	Jun	89.71 -0.59
Oct	89.67 +0.27	Oct	113.55 -0.95	Dec	2.602 +5.6	Sep	6.080 +11.6	Sep	89.95 -0.59
Dec	89.90 +0.32	Nov	111.50 -1.00	Mar	2.720 +5.6	Nov	6.224 +13.0	Dec	90.19 -0.59

Comments for the week ending June 29, 2006

The finished cattle market sold steady and firm with lower volume traded. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,021, down 524 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$95.69 down \$0.74 and the average heifer price was \$91.55 down \$2.44 from last week. Auction markets reported that fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices steady.

Slaughter cows sold about steady to a bit softer this week. There were 2,005 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets. The average price was \$36.29 down \$1.03 from last week and \$9.49 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good offering of cows sold steady to \$3 higher.

Replacement cattle saw another strong week of trade. The total number of stockers sold was 3,100 up 10.5% from last week and 83% higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong demand on all replacement cattle with prices \$3-4 higher. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$139.02 up \$10.41 over last week and heifers 500-600 lbs averaged \$125.21 up \$7.89 over last week.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were \$166.00-168.00 for steers which was steady with last week's trade. No report on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with prices steady to \$1.50 higher than last week. Steers sold 86.85-90.50 live and 146.80-148.00 dressed and heifers sold 87.75-89.65 live and 146.80-148.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active with prices \$2.00 higher than last week as steers and heifers sold at \$84.00 live and \$131.00-132.00 dressed.

Local beef trade is about steady with the last couple of weeks. Most cuts are moving well particularly the middle cuts thanks to the great barbecuing weather.