



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday July 20, 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 160.00-161.00
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	88.53-95.46	92.91	105.00	94.34
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.97-95.77	93.02	98.25	93.90
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.86-95.63	93.05	105.00	94.21
Large Frame Heifers +1000	88.19-96.58	92.70	102.00	93.47
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	69.78-96.82	85.73	103.75	85.61
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.97-96.54	91.47	103.75	92.44
Cows-all weights	31.29-48.74	39.66	80.50	39.79
Bulls-all weights	47.76-62.63	55.48	112.00	55.05

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	98.40-106.47	103.14	114.00
900-999	98.99-109.52	106.00	117.50
800-899	107.41-117.47	112.86	128.00
700-799	108.68-124.23	117.63	131.75
600-699	107.18-130.28	120.19	136.50
500-599	113.75-142.13	132.23	154.00
400-499	117.23-154.43	140.11	163.00
-399	130.43-151.68	140.31	285.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	92.75-102.62	98.95	113.50
800-899	98.63-106.34	102.88	110.00
700-799	94.12-114.73	105.12	132.50
600-699	101.93-122.55	113.84	132.50
500-599	99.18-127.17	114.54	137.00
400-499	113.94-134.06	127.37	144.50
300-399	115.80-129.21	123.21	147.00

At Talbotville Livestock: July 15, 2006- 296 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-95.50	110.75
Good & choice heifers	85.00-93.00	107.75
Cows	35.00-47.50	59.50
Bulls	45.00-60.00	

Fancy, high yielding fed cattle sold strong while good and choice steers and heifers traded barely steady. Cows sold on a stronger market while bulls sold strong and steady.

Denfield Livestock – July 18, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	90.00-96.00
Good Steers	85.00-90.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	90.00-96.00
Good Heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00
Holstein Bulls	40.00-48.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-37.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Shells	15.00-20.00
Stocker Steers 800-1000 lbs	95.00-104.00
Stocker Heifers 800-900 lbs	95.00-100.00
Holstein Bull Calves	175.00-280.00
Good Bred Cows	\$700.00-\$1000.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 14, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.75-106.00	106.00	900+	94.50-104.00	113.50
900-1000	102.50-110.75	114.00	800-900	101.00-108.00	110.00
800-900	103.00-117.25	120.50	700-800	103.00-124.00	132.50
700-800	108.00-123.00	127.50	600-700	109.50-132.50	132.50
600-700	116.50-135.00	136.50	500-600	119.00-137.00	137.00
500-600	132.00-145.00	146.50	400-500	120.00-144.50	144.50
400-500	138.00-161.00	161.00			
-400	152.00-159.00	165.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- July 18, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
500-599	120.00-129.00	800-899	87.00-99.50
400-499	136.00-138.00	700-799	102.50-113.00
		400-499	125.00-128.50

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. July 18, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	66.00-124.00	700-799	64.00-120.00
600-699	116.50-131.00	600-699	83.00-126.00
500-599	74.00-145.00	500-599	82.00-126.00
400-499	90.00-145.50	400-499	120.00-131.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 19, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	101.50-107.75	+900	97.00-108.25
900-999	99.00-111.25	800-899	87.50-108.25
800-899	101.50-110.00	500-599	89.00-130.00
700-799	78.00-110.25	400-499	105.50-141.00
500-599	134.00-140.50		

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – July 20, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	95.00-114.00	900+	68.50-106.50
900-999	111.50-117.50	800-899	99.00-103.00
800-899	116.00-128.00	700-799	94.75-108.75
700-799	120.50-131.75	600-699	103.00-123.75
600-699	112.00-135.00	500-599	90.75-126.50
500-599	108.00-154.00	400-499	109.00-120.00
400-499	145.00-163.00	300-399	100.00-147.00
-399	135.00-158.00		

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle – July 20, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	90.00-103.50	900+	98.00-100.00
900-999	108.00-109.00	800-899	103.00-105.85
800-899	109.75-115.00	700-799	105.00-110.00
700-799	110.50-119.25		
500-599	122.50-135.25		

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

Week Ending July 20, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	154.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday July 20, 2006			
Steers	Live	83.65-85.25	Flat rail 138.80-140.60
Heifers	Live	82.25-85.25	Flat rail 138.80-140.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday July 20, 2006			
Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:			
	Live	80.00-80.50 (Friday, late afternoon)	
	Rail	127.00 (Friday, late afternoon)	

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	147.39	125.89

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
July 8, 2006	1.7649	1.6079
July 1, 2006	1.7554	1.6207

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
July 15, 2006	825	759
July 16, 2005	811	735

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	June 2006	June 2005
Steers	4,403	5,732
Heifers	2,775	3,398
Cows	2,001	2,561

Bulls

871

1,065

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending July 15, 2006	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	63,062	1,815,750	88%
Alberta Slaughter	39,903	1,132,138	81%
Ontario Slaughter	13,186	368,851	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending July 22, 2006	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	657,000	687,000	651,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – July 16	Mexico Jan 1 – June 24
Total	147,145 tonnes	18,761 tonnes

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 8	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	65,357 tonnes	58,425 tonnes	+11.9%

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 15	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	519,764 tonnes	648,767 tonnes	-19.9%
Non-fed	124,963 tonnes	87,198 tonnes	+43.3%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Apr 30		Jan 1 – July 15	
Pure bred	114	Slaughter steers & heifers	346,566
Non-pure bred	10,107	Feeder steers & heifers	186,690

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending July 1, 2006	Week ending July 8, 2006
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	799	489

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			
Aug	84.27 +0.42	Aug	115.62 +0.35	Sep	2.372 -5.2	Aug	5.770 -7.2	Spot	87.88 -0.56
Oct	88.22 +0.30	Sep	115.52 +0.42	Dec	2.534 -5.6	Sep	5.844 -7.2	Sept	88.04 -0.51
Dec	88.77 +0.07	Oct	115.22 +0.52	Mar	2.674 -4.6	Nov	5.984 -7.0	Dec	88.31 -0.51
Feb	91.17 +0.12	Nov	113.30 +0.52	May	2.760 -5.4	Jan	6.100 -7.4	Mar	88.57 -0.51

Comments for the week ending July 20, 2006

The finished cattle market was lower in both volume and price this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,119, down 462 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.05 down \$1.16 and the average heifer price was \$91.47 down \$0.97 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on dull and selective demand with prices barely steady to \$2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows continued to sell strong this week. There were 1600 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, down 143 head from last week. The average price was \$39.66 down \$0.31 from last week and \$0.43 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold actively with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand. The total number of stockers sold was 2,369 down 16.8% from last week and 18% lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported lightweight cattle as selling steady to strong. Shortkeep steers were steady to \$2.00 higher while shortkeep heifers were steady to under pressure. Steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$109.17 up \$3.69 and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$103.49, down \$3.28 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices for steers, reported by producers, were \$160.00-161.00. The weekly average of \$160.50 is \$2.00 lower than last week. There are no reports on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with the market barely steady to under pressure. Steers sold \$83.65-\$85.25 live and \$138.80-\$140.60 dressed and heifers sold \$82.25-\$85.25 live and \$138.80-\$140.50 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was still at a standstill at the time of this report. Cattle buyers and sellers are playing the waiting game with bids \$5.00-\$7.00 lower than asking prices, with feedlot managers holding firm to asking prices of \$83.00 live and \$130.00-\$132.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reports that sales were down this week, partially due to the heat and humidity we have been experiencing. Kills have been cut back until sale volumes increase.