



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday July 27, 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 156.00
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	87.09-94.50	90.94	106.50	92.91
Medium Frame Steers +1250	79.44-94.89	89.07	97.25	93.02
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.91-95.18	90.88	106.50	93.05
Large Frame Heifers +1000	80.66-93.48	89.83	97.00	92.70
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	71.70-92.04	84.32	99.25	85.73
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	79.26-93.37	88.92	99.25	91.47
Cows-all weights	31.18-50.64	40.58	76.00	39.66
Bulls-all weights	47.75-60.89	54.30	81.00	55.48

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	98.55-103.96	101.41	106.75
900-999	104.09-108.75	106.82	115.00
800-899	97.91-109.38	103.81	122.25
700-799	102.69-119.18	113.09	127.00
600-699	106.14-134.49	121.47	146.00
500-599	106.72-144.89	128.88	151.50
400-499	114.52-148.27	136.75	161.00
-399	108.91-156.13	136.20	220.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	93.13-99.87	97.22	106.00
800-899	93.98-107.49	102.38	116.00
700-799	101.88-112.99	108.64	122.00
600-699	101.94-121.71	113.24	130.00
500-599	102.25-129.27	117.06	146.00
400-499	106.42-135.59	122.35	147.00
300-399	94.00-108.03	100.43	157.00

At Talbotville Livestock: July 22, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.50-94.50	99.75
Good & choice heifers	84.00-93.50	99.50
Cows	37.00-48.50	59.50
Bulls	40.00-58.00	

Denfield Livestock – July 25, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	90.00-95.00 top 99.50
Good Steers	85.00-90.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00
Choice Exotic Cross Heifers	90.00-95.00
Good Heifers	84.00-88.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-55.00
Good Holstein Bulls	35.00-45.00
Good Beef Cows	40.00-55.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at : **Brussels Livestock, July 21, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	101.25-104.25	105.00	900+	98.00-102.00	106.00
900-1000	99.00-110.25	110.25	800-900	92.00-108.25	109.50
800-900	104.50-114.00	122.25	700-800	108.50-115.00	117.50
700-800	109.75-119.00	119.00	600-700	116.00-130.00	130.00
600-700	114.25-146.00	146.00	500-600	118.00-129.00	139.00
500-600	127.00-151.50	151.50	400-500	129.00-140.50	140.50
400-500	129.00-155.00	155.00			
-400	100.00-122.00	122.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- July 25, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	112.20-115.00	900+	99.00-104.75
800-899	113.00-119.00	800-899	85.50-110.50
600-699	130.50-136.00	600-699	96.00-108.00
500-599	111.00-140.00	500-599	110.00-130.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. July 25, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	64.00-126.50	700-799	96.00-122.00
600-699	89.00-137.00	600-699	97.50-129.50
500-599	83.00-151.00	500-599	84.50-132.50
400-499	120.00-151.00	400-499	114.00-147.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 26, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	101.00-106.00	106.75	+900	92.00-103.00	105.25
900-999	103.25-106.25	106.25	800-899	88.50-106.50	106.50

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – July 27, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	93.00-110.50	800-899	87.50-104.00
700-799	97.00-115.00	700-799	94.00-114.75
600-699	103.00-135.00	600-699	99.50-120.50
500-599	90.50-151.00	500-599	86.50-134.00
400-499	118.50-161.00	400-499	91.50-142.00
-399	117.00-161.00	300-399	113.00-157.00

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

Week Ending July 27, 2006

Price Range

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers

152.50-153.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday July 27, 2006

Steers Live 81.00-84.00

Flat rail 138.25-139.05

Heifers Live 83.15

Flat rail 138.25

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday July 27, 2006

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:

Live N/T (79.00-81.00 Friday)

Rail 126.00 (126.00-127.00 Friday)

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	141.42	123.96

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
July 15, 2006	1.7833	1.6099
July 8, 2006	1.7649	1.6079

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
July 22, 2006	829	759
July 23, 2005	820	743

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	July 22, 2006		
Grand Total	58,246	1,873,996	88%
Alberta Slaughter	36,538	1,168,676	81%
Ontario Slaughter	12,617	381,468	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	July 29, 2006		
Grand Total	669,000	657,000	637,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– July 22	Jan 1 – July 1
Total	152,000 tonnes	19,618 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	537,728 tonnes	670,362 tonnes	-19.8%
Non-fed	127,995 tonnes	89,864 tonnes	+42.4%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 15	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	67,123 tonnes	59,938 tonnes	+12.0%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – May 31		Jan 1 – July 22	
Pure bred	117	Slaughter steers & heifers	354,471
Non-pure bred	13,856	Feeder steers & heifers	190,387

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending July 15,2006	Week ending July 8, 2006
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	953	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	83.35 -0.12	Aug	114.15 -0.05	Sep	2.372 -0.4	Aug	5.764 +2.4	Spot	88.33 +0.33
Oct	88.15 +0.30	Sep	114.17 +0.05	Dec	2.534 -0.6	Sep	5.840 +3.2	Sept	88.48 +0.35
Dec	88.45 +0.15	Oct	114.07 +0.15	Mar	2.672 -1.0	Nov	5.980 +3.0	Dec	88.75 +0.35
Feb	90.37 -0.25	Nov	112.87 +0.27	May	2.770 -0.6	Jan	6.104 +3.0	Mar	89.02 +0.35

Comments for the week ending July 27, 2006

The finished cattle market was under pressure this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,287, up 168 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$90.88 down \$2.17 and the average heifer price was \$88.92 down \$2.55 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold from a dull to good demand with prices ranging from barely steady to \$2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows saw another strong week of trade. There were 1,941 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, up 341 head from last week. The average price was \$40.58 up \$0.92 from last week and \$2.24 higher than last year at this time, with this being the highest weekly average price since June 5, 2003. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a strong active trade with prices ranging from fully steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold slightly softer this week. The total number of stockers sold was 2,440 up 3% from last week and down 40% from last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady to easier. Steers 900 lbs plus averaged \$103.77 down \$0.43 and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$99.33 down \$0.88 from last week. Steers 500-600 lbs averaged \$128.88 down \$3.35 and heifers 500-600 lbs averaged \$117.06 up \$2.52 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices for steers, reported by producers for Monday July 24th was \$156.00, which is on average \$4.50 lower than the previous week. There are no reports on heifer pricing this week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was very light with prices \$0.50 lower on Wednesday to \$2.50 lower on Thursday. Steers sold \$81.00-\$84.00 live and \$138.25-\$139.05 dressed and heifers sold \$83.15 live and \$138.25 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate to active by Friday morning with pricing reported as steady to last week. Steers and heifers sold from \$79.00-\$80.00 live and \$126.00-\$127.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reports that all cuts are moving, yet kills are still down due to a lower demand and falling prices of boxed meat. With the reduction of kills, inventory is decreasing.

