



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Aug 17, 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  
**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	92.55-97.16	94.67	105.25	94.89
Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.52-98.03	94.84	101.00	93.74
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.05-97.37	94.81	105.25	94.57
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.56-97.19	93.54	108.50	88.80
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81.71-96.34	90.50	99.50	84.98
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	86.63-97.53	108.50	93.26	88.56
Cows-all weights	30.93-50.60	40.62	82.00	39.47
Bulls-all weights	49.17-65.55	56.60	123.00	50.68

### **STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame**

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	99.80-109.33	104.59	117.50
900-999	106.68-112.56	109.77	118.50
800-899	106.49-120.91	115.71	125.50
700-799	112.80-125.79	120.06	131.00
600-699	113.03-134.37	126.33	137.25
500-599	122.69-146.45	133.43	154.00
400-499	128.62-159.21	147.74	170.25
-399	84.11-156.77	124.42	179.50

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	95.34-104.32	100.44	122.00
800-899	102.89-111.60	107.00	117.00
700-799	102.82-117.09	109.97	125.00
600-699	99.74-121.86	112.54	135.00
500-599	108.19-127.15	117.90	135.00
400-499	107.86-135.59	123.36	150.00
300-399	116.93-135.32	125.52	152.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Aug 12, 2006- 429 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	88.00-97.50	110.25
Good & choice heifers	86.00-95.00	103.00
Cows	35.00-47.00	57.50
Bulls	53.00-57.50	

**Denfield Livestock – Aug 15, 2006**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	92.00-102.00 top 106.00	<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	90.00-100.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	75.00-85.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	75.00-85.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	55.00-60.00	<b>Good Beef Cows</b>	45.00-50.00 top 55.50
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	35.00-45.00	<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Aug 11, 2006.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	97.00-104.75	105.00	<b>900+</b>	92.25-101.50	107.00
<b>900-1000</b>	102.00-109.00	114.75	<b>800-900</b>	100.25-108.50	112.50
<b>800-900</b>	106.00-118.75	124.00	<b>700-800</b>	103.50-118.00	118.00
<b>700-800</b>	120.50-127.00	127.00	<b>600-700</b>	112.00-128.00	135.00
<b>600-700</b>	123.00-136.00	136.50	<b>500-600</b>	115.00-131.50	135.00
<b>500-600</b>	134.75-146.50	147.50	<b>400-500</b>	114.00-129.50	129.50
<b>400-500</b>	125.00-158.00	165.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Aug 15, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	111.75	<b>900+</b>	103.25-106.00
<b>800-899</b>	109.00-118.50	<b>800-899</b>	109.00-117.00
<b>700-799</b>	125.00-127.50	<b>700-799</b>	106.00-125.00
<b>500-599</b>	136.00-144.50	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-127.00
<b>400-499</b>	157.25-159.50	<b>500-599</b>	104.00-125.00

All replacements sold on a good demand at steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. Aug 15, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	95.00-109.75	<b>900+</b>	91.50-101.00
<b>800-899</b>	101.50-108.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-110.00
<b>700-799</b>	81.00-122.00	<b>700-799</b>	92.50-117.50
<b>600-699</b>	73.00-133.00	<b>600-699</b>	74.00-118.50
<b>500-599</b>	110.00-149.50	<b>500-599</b>	101.50-131.00
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-150.50	<b>400-499</b>	88.00-134.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 16, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	103.50-113.00	117.50	<b>+900</b>	103.50-111.00	111.00
<b>900-999</b>	108.75-117.00	118.50	<b>800-899</b>	104.00-108.75	108.75
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-125.25	125.25	<b>700-799</b>	110.50-116.75	116.75

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Aug 17, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	74.50-109.75	<b>800-899</b>	94.00-109.00
<b>900-999</b>	106.00-110.50	<b>700-799</b>	106.00-125.00
<b>800-899</b>	112.00-119.50	<b>600-699</b>	111.50-125.50
<b>700-799</b>	118.00-131.00	<b>500-599</b>	108.75-132.00
<b>600-699</b>	117.00-137.25	<b>400-499</b>	128.75-139.00
<b>500-599</b>	122.00-154.00	<b>300-399</b>	124.50-133.00
<b>400-499</b>	140.00-165.00		
<b>-399</b>	141.00-157.00		

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –Aug 17, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>1000+</b>	104.85-110.75	<b>+900</b>	100.00-107.00
<b>900-999</b>	111.75-112.25	<b>500-599</b>	107.50-121.75
<b>500-599</b>	123.25-127.50		

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES.**

Stocker Sale at: **Algoma Co-operative Livestock Sales, Thessalon Sales Yard: 865 hd , Aug 15, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>1000+</b>	99.00-116.00	<b>900+</b>	113.00-114.00
<b>900-1000</b>	113.00-125.50	<b>800-900</b>	106.50-120.00
<b>800-900</b>	111.00-129.25	<b>700-800</b>	114.00-124.00
<b>700-800</b>	118.50-129.50	<b>600-700</b>	111.50-124.00
<b>600-700</b>	116.50-141.75	<b>Under 600</b>	104.00-129.00
<b>500-600</b>	119.50-126.50		

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week ending **Thursday Aug 17, 2006**

<b>Steers Live</b>	83.00-87.10	<b>Flat rail</b>	141.15-142.00
<b>Heifers Live</b>	83.00-86.90	<b>Flat rail</b>	139.50-141.50

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

<b>Week Ending Aug 17, 2006</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	157.75-158.50

**U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)**

Week ending **Thursday Aug 17, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	85.50-86.50
	<b>Rail</b>	136.00-136.50

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>July 29, 2006</b>	1.6843	1.5145
<b>July 22, 2006</b>	1.7657	1.5812
<b>July 15, 2006</b>	1.7833	1.6099

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	150.80	139.38

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Aug 12, 2006</b>	849	782
<b>Aug 13, 2005</b>	834	748

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 12, 2006	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	54,049	2,048,539	88%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	36,144	1,281,915	82%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,922	419,191	104%

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 19, 2006	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	689,000	677,000	662,000

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 1 – Aug 12	Mexico Jan 1 – July 22
<b>Total</b>	165,937 tonnes	19,947 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Aug 12	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	591,307 tonnes	734,695 tonnes	-19.5%
<b>Non-fed</b>	137,672 tonnes	97,707 tonnes	+40.9%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – July 29	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	71,359 tonnes	63,496 tonnes	+12.4%

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b> Jan 1 – June 30		<b>EXPORTS</b> Jan 1 – Aug 12	
<b>Pure bred</b>	181	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	378,641
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	20,506	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	196,668

**LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending Aug 5,06	Week ending July 29, 06	Year to date.
<b>Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario</b>	266	78	6,157

**CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE**

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>		<b>Feeder Cattle</b>		<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>						
	\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US		\$/bu US							
<b>Aug</b>	87.17	+0.07	<b>Aug</b>	115.32	-0.25	<b>Sep</b>	2.196	+0.6	<b>Sep</b>	5.470	-4.4	<b>Spot</b>	88.84	-0.34
<b>Oct</b>	90.87	-1.17	<b>Sep</b>	115.97	-0.30	<b>Dec</b>	2.356	+0.2	<b>Nov</b>	5.604	-4.0	<b>Sept</b>	88.89	-0.37
<b>Dec</b>	90.15	-0.75	<b>Oct</b>	116.60	-0.62	<b>Mar</b>	2.500	+0.2	<b>Jan</b>	5.726	-4.4	<b>Dec</b>	89.15	-0.37
<b>Feb</b>	90.22	-0.15	<b>Nov</b>	116.55	-0.15	<b>May</b>	2.592	+0.0	<b>Mar</b>	5.826	-2.6	<b>Mar</b>	89.42	-0.37

## Comments for the week ending Aug 17, 2006

A good week of trade was reported with increases in both volume and prices, right across the board. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,713, up 787 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$94.81 up \$0.24 and the average heifer price was \$93.26 up \$4.70 from last week. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

Slaughter cows saw a larger volume and regained some of last week's price decline. There were 1,959 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, 142 more than last week and 267 less than last year at this time. The average price was \$40.62 up \$1.15 from last week and \$5.67 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a strong demand with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a good demand. The total number of stockers sold was 2,779 up 32.6% from last week but 49% less from last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade on all weights. Calves were reported as selling steady to \$5.00 higher as steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$147.74 up \$13.01 and heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$123.36 up \$11.32 over last week. Shortkeeps were reported as selling steady to stronger as steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$115.71 up \$11.01 and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$102.48 up \$7.93 over last weeks average.

Ontario railgrade prices for steers, reported by producers was \$160.00, which is \$5.50 higher than last weeks pricing.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices \$1.00-\$1.50 lower than last week. Steers sold \$83.00-87.10 live and \$141.15-142.00 dressed and heifers sold \$83.00-86.90 live and \$139.50-141.50 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was very light Thursday and early Friday with prices firm to \$1.00 higher. Steers and heifers sold \$85.50 live and \$136.00 dressed. Majority of trade for the week has not yet developed at the time reporting.

Local beef trade reports that retailers are bought through the Sept long weekend which is expected to result in a decline of movement afterwards. Middle cuts are slowing with prices weakening while end cuts are holding up with prices steady to a little stronger. Kills are remaining steady at this point.