



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Aug 24, 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 159.00-161.00
A grade heifers 158.00-160.00

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	89.96-95.55	93.18	106.00	94.67
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.91-95.63	92.83	99.75	94.84
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.74-96.05	93.24	106.00	94.81
Large Frame Heifers +1000	81.66-94.70	90.76	100.50	93.54
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	80.79-92.61	89.18	95.50	90.50
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.38-95.34	90.86	100.50	108.50
Cows-all weights	30.33-50.60	40.76	79.00	40.62
Bulls-all weights	45.59-58.41	51.59	98.50	56.60

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	99.38-107.64	104.22	116.00
900-999	107.05-114.36	111.11	118.20
800-899	112.05-122.19	118.19	130.00
700-799	109.47-128.21	120.20	134.50
600-699	106.73-137.00	122.46	150.00
500-599	121.75-146.47	137.95	159.00
400-499	125.75-160.02	146.60	175.00
-399	106.92-175.54	142.43	245.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	93.11-104.81	99.76	110.50
800-899	96.38-110.44	105.06	116.50
700-799	97.45-116.77	109.66	124.00
600-699	100.61-122.70	113.56	129.50
500-599	109.45-131.04	119.92	159.00
400-499	111.50-134.91	124.46	154.00
300-399	110.39-146.58	132.86	162.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Aug 19, 2006- 474 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	89.00-96.50	105.25
Good & choice heifers	88.00-96.00	101.50
Cows	38.00-46.50	63.50
Bulls	45.00-55.00	

Denfield Livestock – Aug 22, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	92.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	92.00-95.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	45.00-60.00	Good Beef Cows	45.00-55.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-40.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-34.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stockers: Brussels Livestock, Aug 18, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	102.00-108.50	108.50	900+	99.00-106.00	110.50
900-1000	101.75-109.75	113.75	800-900	95.00-111.50	114.00
800-900	111.25-120.50	120.50	700-800	110.75-123.00	123.00
700-800	127.00-131.50	132.00	600-700	118.00-129.00	129.00
600-700	117.50-133.50	140.00	500-600	126.25-136.00	136.00
500-600	126.00-147.50	156.50	400-500	123.00-142.00	142.00
400-500	145.00-154.00	164.00			

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- Aug 22, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
+1000	108.50-113.25		
900-999	116.50-118.20	900+	97.25-106.85
800-899	116.50-125.50	800-899	103.25-108.00
700-799	120.00-134.50	600-699	118.50-129.50
500-599	124.00-140.25	500-599	122.00-127.00

All stocker cattle sold on continued strong demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. Aug 22, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	94.00-119.50	600-699	73.00-119.00
700-799	73.00-132.50	500-599	86.50-146.00
600-699	107.00-136.50		
500-599	78.00-145.00		

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 23, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	102.00-109.25	113.75	+900	100.25-105.00	105.00
900-999	106.25-115.50	116.00	800-899	101.75-116.50	116.50
700-799	114.25-128.75	128.75	700-799	114.00-116.00	116.00

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – Aug 24, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	75.00-109.50	800-899	98.00-110.00
900-999	101.50-110.50	700-799	105.50-120.00
800-899	113.00-120.00	600-699	100.00-125.50
700-799	112.00-126.00	500-599	111.00-130.00
600-699	114.00-137.00	400-499	105.00-127.50
500-599	133.50-149.00		
400-499	146.00-166.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday Aug 24, 2006

Steers	Live	81.80-86.50	Flat rail	140.00-141.00
Heifers	Live	81.55-86.50	Flat rail	137.00-141.00

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS

Jan 1 – June 30

Pure bred	181
Non-pure bred	20,506

EXPORTS

Jan 1 – Aug 19

Slaughter steers & heifers	387,624
Feeder steers & heifers	199,881

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending Aug 12,06

Week ending Aug 5, 06

Year to date.

Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	275	266	6,432
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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	88.65	+0.52	Aug	116.52	+0.27	Sep	2.250	-2.4	Sep	5.430	-8.4	Spot	90.16	+0.09
Oct	92.17	-0.15	Sep	116.35	+0.12	Dec	2.416	-2.4	Nov	5.570	-8.0	Sept	90.23	+0.09
Dec	91.75	+0.32	Oct	117.27	+0.10	Mar	2.564	-2.0	Jan	5.696	-8.2	Dec	90.49	+0.09
Feb	92.12	+0.20	Nov	117.22	+0.05	May	2.660	-2.2	Mar	5.802	-6.6	Mar	90.76	+0.09

Comments for the week ending Aug 24, 2006

The fed cattle market sold under some pressure this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,721. The average fed steer price was \$93.24 down \$1.57 and the average heifer price was \$90.86 down \$2.40 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a dull demand with prices barely steady to \$2 lower.

Slaughter cows traded similar to last week. There were 2,176 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, 217 more than last week. The average price was \$40.76 up \$0.14 from last week and \$5.90 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good demand with prices steady, although at the beginning of the week one market reported cows sold very strong.

Replacement cattle sold quite strong this week. The total number of stockers sold was 3,311 up 19.1% from last week but 41% less from last year at this time. Auction markets reported yearlings sold at steady prices and calves and light weight grass types sold strong with prices \$2.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices held steady with steers selling from \$159.00-161.00 and heifers \$158.00-160.00.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices holding about steady. Steers sold \$81.80-86.50 live and \$140.00-141.00 dressed and heifers sold \$81.55-86.50 live and \$137.00-141.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident at all. At the time of this report (Friday morning) packers were showing some interest with trade expected to develop later in the afternoon. Asking prices from producers remained firm at \$88 live and \$140 dressed.

Local beef trade reports big changes because retailers are bought through the Sept long weekend which is expected to result in a decline of movement. Middle cuts are a struggle to move while end cuts are in big demand.