



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Sept 21, 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 158.00-160.00
A grade heifers 158.00-159.00

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	87.08-94.12	90.97	107.50	93.05
Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.23-93.86	91.55	98.25	94.00
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.03-94.17	91.16	107.50	93.32
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.04-95.18	90.60	102.25	92.83
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.88-91.09	84.70	94.75	91.82
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.17-94.84	89.59	102.25	92.52
Cows-all weights	25.58-42.60	34.60	73.00	35.27
Bulls-all weights	40.88-59.09	50.01	114.00	52.57

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	105.06-114.66	110.34	118.25
900-999	111.90-119.56	115.74	122.50
800-899	113.36-123.83	119.94	127.10
700-799	105.10-127.33	118.93	135.50
600-699	111.15-131.89	124.10	142.50
500-599	117.10-144.76	134.23	158.00
400-499	123.60-155.18	142.51	169.00
-399	126.92-169.92	149.98	222.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	97.14-108.75	104.04	113.50
800-899	104.27-114.45	111.21	120.75
700-799	103.53-121.76	114.91	132.00
600-699	102.76-124.51	116.69	134.50
500-599	104.88-126.24	117.13	134.00
400-499	113.78-141.24	130.68	154.00
300-399	112.16-142.77	129.49	165.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Sept 16, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	86.00-94.50	110.00
Good & choice heifers	86.00-96.00	
Cows	32.00-40.00	
Bulls	48.00	

Denfield Livestock – Sept 19, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	88.00-96.00 top 100.00	Good & Choice Heifers	88.00-95.00
Plain Steers	80.00-85.00	Plain Heifers	75.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	48.00-60.00	Good Fed Cows	45.00-55.00
Good Hol Bulls	40.00-45.00	D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-45.00
Stocker steers 600-700	115.00-133.50	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-32.00
Stocker steers 1000-1200	100.00-112.00	Stocker heifers 600-700	115.00-129.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Sept 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	98.00-111.60	105.39	900+	95.75-109.25	112.00
900-999	104.25-118.00	118.00	800-899	103.00-115.00	115.00
800-899	115.00-123.25	125.00	700-799	100.50-122.25	122.25
700-799	110.00-126.00	134.00	600-699	115.00-127.75	127.75
600-699	116.50-136.00	136.00	500-599	115.00-134.00	134.00
500-599	119.00-148.00	155.00	400-499	120.00-141.00	141.00
400-499	142.00-159.50	159.50	300-399	115.00-162.00	162.00
300-399	142.00-172.00	173.00			

Stocker sale at: Temiskaming Livestock- Sept 18 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	88.75-112.00	112.00	600-699	96.50-122.50	123.00
600-699	106.50-127.50	127.50	500-599	85.00-127.75	129.00
500-599	125.00-144.50	149.50	400-499	125.00-142.00	142.00
400-499	131.50-149.00	155.50	300-399	119.00-14050.	140.50
399-	136.00-157.50	157.50	299-	128.00-131.50	131.50

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- Sept 19, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	105.60-115.00	116.00	900+	106.60-112.60	112.60
900-999	114.50-121.50	121.50	800-899	101.00-114.00	120.75
800-899	115.00-127.10	127.10	700-799	104.00-125.00	132.00
700-799	117.50-135.50	135.50	600-699	109.00-129.50	134.50
600-699	128.50-137.25	138.00	500-599	92.00-121.00	134.00
500-599	127.00-158.00	158.00	400-499	116.00-140.50	140.50
400-499	146.50-155.00	155.00	300-399	100.00-157.00	157.00

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. Sept 19, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	95.00-113.00	700-799	90.00-116.00
600-699	61.00-126.50	600-699	68.00-105.00
500-599	79.00-143.50	500-599	92.50-130.00
400-499	93.50-155.00	400-499	73.00-142.00
-399	116.00-129.00	300-399	125.00-129.00

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Sept 20, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	106.25-111.25	113.00	+900	93.00-110.00	110.00
900-999	112.50-117.50	119.00	800-899	109.50-110.50	110.50
800-899	114.00-121.50	121.50			
700-799	116.50-121.50	121.50			
600-699	112.00-127.00	127.00			
500-599	113.00-131.00	131.00			

400-499 130.00-154.50 154.50

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Sept 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	93.00-116.00	118.00	700-799	94.00-113.00	113.00
600-699	101.50-126.00	126.00	600-699	104.00-121.50	121.50
500-599	110.00-131.00	131.00	500-599	89.50-126.00	128.00
400-499	125.00-149.50	149.50	400-499	70.00-122.00	127.00
-400	136.00-171.00	174.00	300-399	68.00-112.00	165.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Sept 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	90.00-100.00	105.50	900+	82.50-99.50	108.50
900-999	98.75-108.75	108.75	800-899	89.50-11.00	110.00
800-899	99.50-120.50	120.50	700-799	103.50-119.25	119.25
700-799	109.50-128.25	128.25	600-699	108.00-118.75	118.75
600-699	112.50-127.00	133.50	500-599	111.00-125.25	131.00
500-599	130.50-145.00	148.00	400-499	115.00-140.00	143.00
400-499	134.00-159.50	169.00	300-399	117.00-136.00	141.00
-400	136.00-162.00	162.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock – Sept 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	111.00-120.00	120.00	700-799	90.00-118.00	118.00
600-699	117.00-142.50	142.50	600-699	111.00-124.00	124.00
500-599	119.00-145.00	153.00	500-599	120.00-130.00	130.00
400-499	115.00-150.00	161.00	400-499	121.00-142.00	143.00
-400	126.00-222.00	222.00	300-399	116.00-146.00	146.00
			-299	105.00-188.00	210.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co- Sept 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	105.00-117.50	900+	103.50-112.75
900-999	103.50-117.50	800-899	111.25-112.75
800-899	117.00-125.00	700-799	112.85-118.00
700-799	114.00-127.25	600-699	117.00-133.00
600-699	132.50-134.50	500-599	114.50

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **D.H. Hickson (Hoards Stn) - Sept 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	70.50-110.00	900+	91.00-113.50
900-999	76.50-118.50	800-899	105.50-116.75
800-899	110.50-125.00	700-799	94.00-126.25
700-799	105.00-130.00	600-699	85.50-130.00
600-699	91.00-130.00	500-599	113.50-126.00
500-499	116.00-150.50	400-499	129.00-136.00

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

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	107.25-117.60	118.25	900+	105.70-112.00	112.00
900-999	117.00-120.85	122.25	800-899	109.00-118.85	118.85
800-899	117.85-127.00	127.00	700-800	119.50	

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock- Sept 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	83.00-117.00	600-699	74.00-120.75
600-699	82.00-127.00	500-599	104.00-122.00
500-599	85.00-137.50	400-499	90.00-154.00
400-499	120.00-152.00	300-399	106.00-129.50
-399	121.00-176.00	-299	121.00-147.00

Stocker sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co.- Sept 18 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	109.00-114.00	114.00	900+	104.00-110.75	110.75
900-999	114.00-121.00	122.50	800-899	106.75-111.50	111.50
800-899	121.85-122.25	122.25			

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Sept 19, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.25-110.75	113.50	900+	86.00-103.50	109.50
900-999	106.25-114.25	116.00	800-899	109.50-114.75	114.75
800-899	111.50-122.75	122.75	700-799	109.00-120.75	120.75
700-799	117.50-125.75	125.75	600-699	112.0-119.00	119.00
600-699	114.00-132.00	132.00	500-599	90.00-114.00	114.00
500-599	113.50-118.00	135.50			

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., Sept 20, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	110.50-119.50	900+	94.50-105.00
800-899	102.50-126.25	800-899	105.00-117.00
700-799	80.00-133.00	700-799	97.25-126.00
600-699	107.50-133.00	600-699	88.00-124.75
500-599	112.00-150.25	500-599	111.00-130.00
400-499	119.00-155.00	400-499	107.00-130.00

Stocker sale at: **Galetta Livestock Sales Sept 20, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	104.00-117.50	700-799	112.00
600-699	101.00-137.50	600-699	105.00-127.50
500-599	111.00-160.50	500-599	98.50-145.00
400-499	100.00-155.00	400-499	110.00-132.50
399-	127.00-158.00	300-399	140.00-140.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Sept 21, 2006**

Steers	Live	82.50-86.00	Flat rail	137.00-140.65
Heifers	Live	83.25-86.10	Flat rail	N/T

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

Week Ending Sept 21, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	154.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Sept 21, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	136.00-137.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Sept 2, 2006	1.6703	1.5938
Aug 26, 2006	1.7318	1.6098

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	143.24	133.63

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sept 16, 2006	862	782
Sept 17, 2005	837	778

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Sept 16, 2006		
Grand Total	63,949	2,364,602	87%
Alberta Slaughter	41,856	1,492,472	82%
Ontario Slaughter	13,308	483,628	104%

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Aug 2006	Aug 2005
Steers	3,997	4,987
Heifers	2,335	2,610
Cows	1,610	2,069
Bulls	592	814

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Sept 23, 2006		
Grand Total	655,000	661,000	641,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Sept 16	Jan 1 – Aug 26
Total	202,734 tonnes	24,537 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 16	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	689,682 tonnes	848,870 tonnes	-18.8%
Non-fed	155,213 tonnes	116,938 tonnes	+33.7%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 9	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	85,124 tonnes	72,526 tonnes	+17.4%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 –July 31		Jan 1 – Sept 16	
Pure bred	219	Slaughter steers & heifers	444,857
Non-pure bred	24,971	Feeder steers & heifers	215,912

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 2, 06	Week ending Aug 26,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	35	273	7,257

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		
Oct	90.10 +0.35	Sep	116.05 -0.37	Dec	2.552 -2.0	Nov	5.492 -8.6	Spot	89.49 +0.04
Dec	89.80 +0.45	Oct	115.05 +0.90	Mar	2.684 -1.4	Jan	5.622 -9.2	Dec	89.72 +0.05
Feb	90.80 +0.47	Nov	113.65 +0.52	May	2.756 -1.2	Mar	5.734 -8.6	Mar	89.98 +0.05
Apr	90.15 +0.05	Jan	111.05 +0.60	Jul	2.832 -0.6	May	5.830 -8.4	Jun	90.25 +0.05

SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES

September 24th-30th:

Sept 25-	7:00 pm	Tri=County	Yearlings
Sept 28-	10:00 am	South River	Calves/Yearlings
Sept 28-	10:00 am	Warton	Yearlings
Sept 29-	9:00 am	Keady	Yearlings (overnight stand)
Sept 29-	7:00 pm	Cargill	Heifer sale, all breeds
Sept 30-	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock (Leo's)	Stocker and Yearlings

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association has been informed that there is confusion in the marketplace regarding the use of CCIA bar code ear tags. Please be advised of the following:

CCIA bar code ear tags will continue to be accepted until December 30, 2007. Beyond that date, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will require all cattle moving anywhere within the system to have RFID ear tags.

Feedlot operators should be aware that calves being purchased now, and going to market after December 30, 2007, will require CCIA-approved RFID ear tags.

Comments for the week ending Sept 21, 2006

The fed cattle market was under pressure this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,608 down 164 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$91.16 down \$2.16 and the average heifer price was \$89.59 down \$2.93 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a moderate demand with prices ranging from barely steady to \$2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows sold slightly easier this week. There were 1,897 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, 41 less than last week. The average price was \$34.60 down \$0.67 from last week and \$0.23 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on an active trade with prices steady to \$1.00 lower early to midweek and up to \$1.00-\$2.00 higher at the end of the week.

All classes of replacement cattle sold actively this week. The total number of stockers sold was 10,455 up 3,033 head from last week and 356 head less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that all classes of replacement cattle sold on continued strong demand with prices remaining firm and steady with 1 report of lightweight cattle trading stronger.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week were \$158.00-\$160.00 for steers which was on average \$2.00 lower than last week. Heifers were reported as trading at \$158.00-\$159.00 averaging \$1.50 lower than the previous week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was very light to moderate with prices \$1.00 lower than last week. Steers sold \$82.50-\$86.00 live and \$137-\$140.65 dressed. Heifers traded \$83.25-\$86.10 live.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a handful of sales in the north late Thursday and early Friday at \$136.00-\$137.00 dressed which is \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than last week. Trade of any volume is not expected until late on Friday, after the Cattle on Feed report is released. Asking prices at the time of reporting are \$90.00 live and \$140.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a good week with all cuts well sold. Kills have remained steady. Prices are lower which is reflected in the live cattle market pricing.