



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Sept 28, 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 153.00-158.00
A grade heifers 152.00-157.00

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	86.91-92.42	89.98	100.50	90.97
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.81-93.87	89.81	98.75	91.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	86.55-92.91	90.13	100.50	91.16
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.80-91.80	89.33	117.00	90.60
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	77.46-90.24	85.21	92.75	84.70
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	83.16-91.80	88.28	117.00	89.59
Cows-all weights	25.81-42.01	34.18	88.00	34.60
Bulls-all weights	40.85-61.35	51.76	118.00	50.01

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	103.53-113.43	108.80	117.00
900-999	107.23-114.90	111.27	120.25
800-899	108.43-118.80	114.91	123.50
700-799	111.85-126.08	120.01	131.75
600-699	110.93-130.78	121.30	138.00
500-599	121.74-148.12	136.67	159.00
400-499	132.10-161.38	149.30	173.50
-399	107.55-159.05	137.98	195.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	93.66-105.83	100.17	112.75
800-899	102.72-114.58	108.70	118.50
700-799	103.97-118.12	113.11	123.75
600-699	100.11-120.45	112.14	130.50
500-599	104.72-129.25	118.68	145.50
400-499	113.62-137.75	127.19	147.00
300-399	111.62-138.67	128.32	157.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Sept 23, 2006- 500 head.

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	84.50-94.00	
Good & choice heifers	84.00-94.00	
Cows	33.00-44.00	61.00
Bulls	44.00	

Denfield Livestock – Sept 26, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-94.00	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00 top 98.50
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	50.00-60.00	Good Fed Cows	40.00-45.00
Good Hol Bulls	40.00-45.00	D1 & D2 Cows	32.00-38.00
Hol bull calves	150.00-250.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Sept 22, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	95.50-111.25	111.25	900+	91.25-112.75	112.75
900-999	99.50-109.50	113.50	800-899	103.25-117.50	117.50
800-899	103.50-116.75	117.50	700-799	105.00-119.50	119.50
700-799	110.00-128.00	128.00	600-699	107.00-120.50	130.50
600-699	118.00-133.50	135.50	500-599	109.50-132.00	145.50
500-599	126.00-144.00	153.00	400-499	124.00-147.00	147.00
400-499	139.00-166.00	166.00	300-399	112.00-132.00	135.00
300-399	159.00-176.00	176.00			

Stocker sale at: Temiskaming Livestock- Sept 25 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	124.50-130.00	600-699	106.00-120.50
500-599	130.50-141.00	500-599	111.50-126.50
400-499	133.00-154.00	400-499	80.00-135.00
399-	134.00-148.50	300-399	118.00-135.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- Sept 26, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	104.25-113.75	113.75	900+	101.00-109.25	109.25
900-999	110.10-114.75	114.75	800-899	108.50-115.50	115.50
800-899	113.50-120.75	120.75	700-799	105.50-117.00	123.00
700-799	113.00-131.75	131.75	600-699	104.50-125.00	125.00
600-699	114.50-129.00	136.00	500-599	106.00-130.50	130.50
500-599	129.00-159.00	159.00	400-499	114.50-131.00	135.00
400-499	143.00-157.00	165.00	300-399	124.00-144.00	144.00
-399	151.00-178.50	178.50			

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. Sept 26, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	87.00-126.00	600-699	89.50-121.00
600-699	91.50-135.00	500-599	72.00-134.50
500-599	90.00-154.50	400-499	108.00-138.00
400-499	89.00-159.50		
-399	78.00-158.00		

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Sept 27, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	102.00-109.00	109.00	+900	94.00-103.75	103.75
900-999	102.50-114.25	116.50	800-899	103.50-110.00	112.00
800-899	104.00-116.00	118.50	700-799	106.00-121.00	123.75
700-799	108.00-121.00	126.00	600-699	106.50-113.75	113.75
600-699	114.50-129.00	129.00	500-599	120.00-130.50	130.50
500-599	120.00-139.50	142.50			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Sept 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	107.00-117.50	117.50	700-799	83.00-109.00	109.00
600-699	107.00-128.00	138.00	600-699	79.00-106.00	113.00
500-599	108.00-144.50	146.00	500-599	102.50-139.00	139.00
400-499	120.00-149.50	149.50	400-499	104.50-144.00	144.00
-400	144.00-157.00	175.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Sept 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	59.00-93.00	93.00	900+	68.00-95.75	99.50
900-999	97.50-105.75	105.75	800-899	96.25-111.00	114.75
800-899	98.00-118.50	120.00	700-799	91.00-117.50	121.25
700-799	111.00-122.00	122.00	600-699	105.00-120.25	123.50
600-699	111.50-129.50	138.00	500-599	111.00-125.50	125.50
500-599	134.00-153.00	154.00	400-499	92.00-126.00	135.00
400-499	144.00-173.50	173.50	300-399	112.00-136.00	136.00
-400	126.00-160.00	195.00	-299	105.00-130.00	132.00

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock – Sept 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	97.00-127.00	127.00	700-799	89.00-115.00	115.00
600-699	106.00-134.00	134.00	600-699	94.00-122.50	122.50
500-599	103.00-143.00	151.00	500-599	109.00-129.00	133.00
400-499	108.00-152.00	154.00	400-499	106.00-139.00	143.00
-400	40.00-151.00	155.00	300-399	65.00-139.00	139.00
			-299	68.00-138.00	138.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co- Sept 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	105.25-113.00	900+	105.00-106.50
800-899	109.50-119.50	800-899	109.00-110.75
700-799	116.00-119.50	700-799	113.00-121.00
600-699	114.50-117.00		

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock - Sept 22, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	106.75-115.50	117.00	900+	108.50
900-999	116.75-120.25	120.25	800-899	112.50
800-899	114.10-120.75	121.00	700-800	119.50

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Exchange - Sept 22, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	104.00-105.00	900+	95.75-110.00
900-999	106.00-117.50	800-899	101.00-118.50
800-899	112.50-123.50	700-799	113.25-121.00
700-799	121.00-126.25	600-699	76.00-118.50
600-699	108.50-133.00	500-599	75.00-118.00
500-499	121.00-137.00		

Stocker Sale at: **Wiarnton, Grey Bruce Livestock Cooperative, Sept 28, 06**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	100.75-106.50	1000+	71.00-99.00
900-999	101.50-105.75	900-999	103.00-110.50
800-899	104.00-114.75	800-899	100.50-115.00
700-799	109.00-124.00	700-799	104.25-106.50

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards Inc Sept 22, 2006 – 150 bred cows, 16 cow/calf pairs

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$700-\$1000	\$650-\$850
Avg quality bred cows	\$600-\$800	\$500-\$750
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1000-\$1250	\$800-\$1000
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800-\$1000	\$650-\$850

Bred cows sold steady according to the quality.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday Sept 28, 2006

Steers	Live	83.00-84.55	Flat rail	138.00-139.25
Heifers	Live	83.45-84.50	Flat rail	140.00-140.80

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

Week Ending Sept 28, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	152.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday Sept 28, 2006

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T (Friday - 90.00-91.50)
	Rail	137.00-139.00 (Friday - 139.00)

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Sept 9, 2006	1.6506	1.5796
Sept 2, 2006	1.6703	1.5938

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	140.75	132.35

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Sept 23, 2006	859	799
Sept 24, 2005	834	776

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Sept 23, 2006	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	67,577	2,432,179	88%
Alberta Slaughter	45,089	1,537,561	82%
Ontario Slaughter	13,361	496,989	104%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending Sept 30, 2006	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	639,000	655,000	611,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – Sept 23	Mexico Jan 1 – Sept 2
Total	199,427 tonnes	24,599 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	710,079 tonnes	871,467 tonnes	-18.5%
Non-fed	159,454 tonnes	121,229 tonnes	+31.5%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 16	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	87,131 tonnes	74,097 tonnes	+17.6%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – July 31		Jan 1 – Sept 23	
Pure bred	219	Slaughter steers & heifers	462,169
Non-pure bred	24,971	Feeder steers & heifers	216,660

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 16, 06	Week ending Sept 9,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	78	35	7,335

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	90.65 -0.02	Oct	112.90 -0.32	Dec	2.624 -1.6	Nov	5.474 -5.2	Spot	89.47 -0.62
Dec	89.85 +0.07	Nov	110.85 -0.67	Mar	2.752 -2.2	Jan	5.622 -4.4	Dec	89.67 -0.66
Feb	90.65 +0.20	Jan	108.45 -0.52	May	2.826 -2.4	Mar	5.730 -4.4	Mar	89.93 -0.66
Apr	89.89 +0.27	Mar	105.95 -0.42	Jul	2.906 -1.2	May	5.864 -3.4	Jun	90.20 -0.66

SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALES- September 30th- October 7th

Sept 30-	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange(Leo's)	Stocker and Yearlings
Oct 2-	7:00 pm	Tri-County Cattle Co	Yearlings
Oct 3-	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Ltd	Yearlings
Oct 4-	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-operative	Peterborough/Victoria County Cattlemen's Sale
Oct 4-	12:00 pm	Galetta Livestock Sales	Vaccinated Sale
Oct 6-	9:00 am	Keady Livestock	Yearlings- Overnight Stand.
Oct 6-	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Exchange	Calves- Vaccinated & Non-vaccinated.
Oct 6-	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Char & Exotic X- Yearling steers & heifers
Oct 7-	9:00 am	Rainy River	Calves
Oct 7-	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Yearlings/ Bred Cows

Comments for the week ending Sept 28, 2006

The fed cattle market was under pressure again this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,223 down 385 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$90.13 down \$1.03 and the average heifer price was \$88.28 down \$1.31 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices under pressure up to \$2.00 lower. One auction reported steady to stronger prices on a light run, late in the week.

Slaughter cows sold on a good demand this week. There were 2,166 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets, 263 less than last week. The average price was \$34.18 down \$0.50 from last week and \$3.13 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold actively with prices steady to fully steady up to midweek and steady to stronger at the end of the week.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand this week. The total number of stockers sold was 8,437 down 2,018 head from last week and 888 head less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that calves sold steady to higher while yearlings and shortkeeps traded barely steady to under pressure. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$149.30 up \$6.79 and heifers 500-600 lbs averaged \$118.68 up \$1.55 over last week. Steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$114.91 down \$5.03 and heifers 800 lbs + averaged \$104.47 down \$3.12 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for steers this week were \$156.00-158.00 last Friday to \$153.00-156.00 for Monday and the rest of the week, which was on average \$3.50 lower than the previous week. Heifers sold \$156.00-\$157.00 Friday and reported sales were \$152.00-\$155.00 by Monday, which remained steady through the week. Heifers were on average \$4.00 lower than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light with prices \$0.50-\$1.00 lower. Steers sold \$83.00-84.55 live and \$138.00-139.25 dressed. Heifers traded \$83.45-84.50 live and \$140.00-140.80 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade saw a handful of sales in the north late Thursday at \$137.00-\$139.00 dressed which is steady to last week. At the time of reporting on Friday, business had not developed but is expected to be steady to last week. Asking prices were \$92.00 live and \$143.00-145.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported a steady week for movement of cuts and kills.