



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday December 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 147.00-151.00
A grade heifers 146.00-150.00

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	82.36-89.02	85.35	96.25	85.05
Medium Frame Steers +1250	81.11-89.72	86.50	94.00	87.07
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	81.60-89.48	85.78	96.25	85.47
Large Frame Heifers +1000	80.24-88.69	85.51	96.00	84.46
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.38-81.94	77.06	87.75	81.73
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	76.45-87.70	83.58	96.00	83.96
Cows-all weights	19.82-33.42	26.89	60.00	28.52
Bulls-all weights	33.59-45.40	40.32	99.50	38.90

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	86.98-96.32	92.98	102.75	95.43
900-999	90.42-100.16	96.39	104.50	99.68
800-899	87.52-106.45	97.13	112.75	97.63
700-799	83.85-109.38	101.83	120.00	101.61
600-699	96.96-120.07	109.13	125.00	108.06
500-599	98.14-125.00	112.66	138.00	113.26
400-499	98.03-125.28	114.09	140.00	117.16
-399	92.57-122.38	109.39	215.00	114.81

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	80.07-93.08	87.88	102.50	90.90
800-899	90.38-100.77	96.00	107.00	91.50
700-799	88.47-102.52	96.09	107.00	94.15
600-699	89.67-109.35	100.34	119.00	100.75
500-599	88.82-114.05	102.21	126.00	102.65
400-499	91.15-114.45	105.32	130.00	102.04
300-399	90.35-115.73	106.11	128.50	99.17
-299	83.77-115.53	95.38	155.00	100.65

At Talbotville Livestock: Dec 16, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	82.00-91.00	93.75
Good & choice heifers	78.00-87.50	92.50
Cows	27.00-37.50	66.50
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	33.00-44.50	
Veal	70.00-88.50	

Denfield Livestock – Dec 19, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	83.00-93.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	60.00-70.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-50.00	Good Fed Cows	38.00-44.00
Good Hol Bulls	35.00-40.00	D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-36.00
Good Hol bull calves	\$100.00-\$210.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Steers 500-600 lbs	115.00-122.00	Heifers 500-600 lbs	110.00-115.00
Steers 600-800 lbs	90.00-110.00	Heifers 600-800 lbs	90.00-105.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	88.50-99.75	99.75	900+	85.00-96.25	102.50
900-999	95.50-101.50	102.50	800-899	92.00-103.00	107.00
800-899	90.00-111.00	112.75	700-799	92.50-105.50	106.00
700-799	92.00-110.50	120.00	600-699	90.00-109.00	119.00
600-699	99.50-124.00	124.00	500-599	90.00-113.00	121.00
500-599	96.00-126.00	129.50	400-499	89.00-108.00	113.00
400-499	101.00-121.00	121.00	300-399	88.00-105.00	121.00
300-399	78.00-108.00	121.00			

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Dec 19, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	108.50-112.50	112.50	700-799	91.00-102.00	102.00
600-699	100.00-120.00	125.00	600-699	99.00-111.50	111.50
500-599	125.25-133.50	133.50	500-599	84.00-120.00	123.00
400-499	111.00-140.00	140.00	400-499	104.00-127.00	130.00
399-	133.00-145.00	145.00	300-399	105.0-128.50	128.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Dec 20, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	87.00-98.25	102.75	+900	87.00-92.00	92.00
900-999	92.75-103.50	104.50			
800-899	96.50-107.75	107.75			
700-799	98.50-107.50	107.50			
600-699	99.00-108.25	108.25			
500-599	104.00-111.00	111.00			

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

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	80.00-106.00	106.00	600-699	76.00-105.00	111.00
600-699	92.00-120.00	125.00	500-599	96.00-114.00	114.00
500-599	89.00-120.00	120.00	400-499	80.00-101.00	115.00
400-499	88.00-111.00	121.00			
399-	103.00-109.00	120.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) – Dec 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	99.00-108.00	108.00	600-699	88.00-94.00	94.00
600-699	105.00-115.00	115.00	500-599	93.00-108.00	108.00
500-599	95.00-114.00	114.00	400-499	83.00-113.00	119.00
400-499	81.00-126.00	127.00	300-399	99.00-115.00	115.00
399-	82.00-130.00	215.00	299-	77.00-155.00	155.00

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

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	81.00-87.00	92.00	900+	48.50-82.00	92.50
900-999	85.00-97.50	102.75	800-899	85.50-97.50	97.50
800-899	88.00-106.75	106.75	700-799	84.00-107.00	107.00
700-799	101.00-116.75	116.75	600-699	99.50-117.50	117.50
600-699	104.00-124.50	124.50	500-599	93.50-118.50	122.50
500-599	93.00-124.50	138.00	400-499	95.00-121.00	121.00
400-499	98.00-129.00	129.00	300-399	60.00-117.00	117.00
-399	100.00-122.00	122.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co.– Dec 21, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	93.00-97.75	900+	84.00-90.50
600-699	107.00-111.00	500-599	97.00-110.00
500-599	114.00-120.50		

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards Inc- Dec 15, 2006 357 cows, 9 cow/calf pairs, 8 bulls

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$900.00-1200.00	\$800.00-950.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$650.00-900.00	\$400.00-650.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$900.00-1100.00	\$800.00-1000.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800.00-900.00	\$600.00-800.00

Top quality cows and cow/calf pairs sold very strong, all others sold steady.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday Dec 21, 2006**

Steers	Live	81.50-85.65	Flat rail	140.20-143.30
Heifers	Live	84.30-85.90	Flat rail	140.00-142.85

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

Week Ending Dec 21, 2006	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	146.25-147.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending **Thursday Dec 21, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	135.00-136.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 9, 2006	1.5969	1.5201
Dec 2, 2006	1.6136	1.5251

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	143.19	126.34

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Nov 2006	Nov 2005
Steers	4,419	5,788
Heifers	3,491	3,813
Cows	2,527	2,622
Bulls	1,022	962

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 16, 2006	838	787
Dec 17, 2005	851	780

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 16, 2006		
Grand Total	65,541	3,211,561	90%
Alberta Slaughter	42,329	2,042,622	87%
Ontario Slaughter	13,088	653,174	103%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Dec 23, 2006		
Grand Total	615,000	645,000	607,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Dec 16	Jan 1 – Nov 25
Total	266,436 tonnes	33,617 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Dec 9	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	933,343 tonnes	1,090,875 tonnes	-14.4%
Non-fed	218,463 tonnes	178,721 tonnes	+22.2%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 9	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	77,309 tonnes	42,216 tonnes	+83.1%
Non-NAFTA	38,010 tonnes	55,130 tonnes	-31.1%
Total	116,487 tonnes	100,481 tonnes	+15.3%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
	Jan 1 –Oct 31	Jan 1 – Dec 9
Pure bred	400	Slaughter steers & heifers 676,849
Non-pure bred	31,012	Feeder steers & heifers 280,246

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 9, 06	Week ending Dec 2,06	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	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		
Dec	87.02 -0.27	Jan	97.32 -0.92	Mar	3.840 +6.2	Jan	6.594 +9.2	Spot	86.48 -0.15
Feb	89.82 -0.05	Mar	95.20 -1.20	May	3.914 +6.0	Mar	6.742 +8.4	Mar	86.56 -0.27
Apr	91.47 -0.42	Apr	97.00 -0.70	Jul	3.966 +5.4	May	6.874 +8.6	Jun	86.80 -0.27
Jun	87.77 -0.32	May	97.95 -0.75	Sep	3.812 +3.6	Jul	6.986 +8.4	Sep	87.04 -0.27

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Comments for the week ending Dec 21, 2006

The finished cattle market was extremely light this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 546 which is 1,369 lower than last week. The average fed steer price was \$85.78 up \$0.30 and the average heifer price was \$83.58 down \$0.38 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a steady market with prices \$1.00 higher by the end of the week.

Slaughter cows saw an easier trade in both volume and prices this week. There were 1,733 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets which is 811 lower than last week but fully steady for this time of year. The average price was \$26.89 down \$1.63 from last week and \$1.20 higher than a year ago. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good steady trade.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand this week. The total number of stockers sold was 4,188 down 50% from last week and steady to last year at this time. Heifers over 500 lbs sold steady to \$1.94 higher while heifers 300-400 lbs gained \$6.94 to average \$106.11. Steers 400-500 lbs and 900+ were \$3.00 lower with the balance of weight categories remaining steady. Auction markets reported strong active trade with shortkeeps steady to strong and light weight cattle steady to \$5.00 higher. Plainer types sold easier.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$147.00-\$151.00 for steers and \$146.00-\$150.00 for heifers which is \$2.50 lower on average than last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices steady to last week. Steers traded \$81.50-\$85.65 live and \$140.20-\$143.30 dressed. Heifers sold \$84.30-\$85.90 live and \$141.00-\$142.85 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet most of the week as the US was hit with a major snow storm. Some scattered sales took place on Thursday at prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher from \$135.00-\$136.00 dressed. Significant volume was expected to develop midday Friday but was not evident at time of reporting.

The Ontario Cattlemen's Association office will be closed from December 25 until January 1, 2007 inclusive. The last market report will be on December 22 and reports will resume on January 2, 2007. The Board of Directors, Advisory Council and Staff of Ontario Cattlemen's Association wish you and yours a very happy and safe Holiday Season.

Auction Markets Holiday Sale Schedules.

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Brussels Livestock	Dec 25 & 26- Closed Dec 28 & 29- Regular sales. Jan 1/07- Receiving Cattle Jan 2/07- Regular Sale
D. H. Hickson Ltd.	Dec 25-Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 2/07- Regular Sale
Denfield Livestock Sales Ltd.	Dec 25-Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 2/07- Regular Sale.
Galetta Livestock Sales	Dec 23- Closed Dec 30- Regular Sale
Kawartha Lakes Cooperative Auction Market	Dec 23-Closed Dec 30- Regular Sale
Keady Livestock Market Ltd.	Dec 25 & 26- Closed Jan 1 & 2/07- Closed Jan 9/07- Regular Sale
Ontario Livestock Exchange Inc.	Dec 18-23- Regular Schedule Dec 25& 26- Closed Dec 27- Veal, Horses, Sheep & Lambs plus Feeders at 1:00 pm Dec 28- Regular Sale Jan 2/07- Regular Sale
Ontario Stockyards Inc.	Dec 18-24- Regular Schedule Dec 25 & 26- Closed Dec 27 & 28- Regular Sales Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 2-07- Sheep, Lambs Goats & Veal.
Ottawa Livestock Exchange/ Embrun	Dec 25 & Jan1/07- Closed Dec 28- Regular Sale. 10:30 am
Selby Livestock Sales	Dec 25 & Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 8/07- Regular Sale
Talbotville Livestock Exchange	Dec 23- Closed Dec 30- Regular Sale
Temiskaming Livestock Exchange	Dec 25- Closed Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 8/07- Regular Sale
Tri-County Cattle Co. Ltd.	Dec 21- Regular Sale Dec 28 & Jan 4/07- Closed Jan 11/07- Regular Sale
Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange	Dec 22-Jan 1/07- Closed Jan 2/07- Open 5:00 pm