



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday January 4, 2007

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 152.00-156.00
A grade heifers 151.00-153.00

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	85.45-93.41	89.51	102.25	85.35
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.65-94.51	90.55	99.00	86.50
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.59-94.61	89.95	102.25	85.78
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.71-94.16	89.84	102.75	85.51
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	76.03-92.71	84.92	99.00	77.06
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.97-94.38	89.31	102.75	83.58
Cows-all weights	23.90-38.76	31.43	54.50	26.89
Bulls-all weights	42.54-62.77	51.50	83.00	40.32

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	94.67-103.28	99.45	106.25	92.98
900-999	86.33-102.07	94.40	105.00	96.39
800-899	88.64-102.48	96.13	107.00	97.13
700-799	94.50-110.66	102.57	115.50	101.83
600-699	95.18-115.11	106.46	126.00	109.13
500-599	94.56-121.94	110.02	134.00	112.66
400-499	102.92-132.39	119.25	146.00	114.09
-399	87.24-129.95	111.00	145.00	109.39

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	73.25-89.62	82.02	102.50	87.88
800-899	86.30-101.69	95.54	106.75	96.00
700-799	80.91-114.74	96.30	133.25	96.09
600-699	83.32-107.91	98.51	118.50	100.34
500-599	89.80-113.92	103.88	123.00	102.21
400-499	89.55-118.30	107.72	133.00	105.32
300-399	101.20-117.65	111.01	140.00	106.11
-299	95.00-122.50	109.00	148.00	95.38

At Talbotville Livestock: Dec 30, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.00-94.00	98.50
Good & choice heifers	84.00-89.75	
Cows	28.00-38.50	58.50

Denfield Livestock – Jan 2, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	88.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-45.00	Good Fed Cows	35.00-45.00
Good Hol Bulls	35.00-40.00	D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-35.00
Good Hol bull calves	125.00-240.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-28.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Dec 29, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	93.25-101.745	101.75	900+	79.00-93.75	102.50
900-999	87.00-103.00	103.00	800-899	90.00-106.75	106.75
800-899	95.00-105.00	105.00	700-799	95.50-133.25	133.25
700-799	104.50-115.50	115.50	600-699	105.00-118.50	118.50
600-699	106.00-122.00	125.00	500-599	101.00-119.00	123.00
500-599	110.00-124.50	127.50	400-499	95.00-119.00	119.00
400-499	114.00-133.00	133.00	300-399	103.00-115.00	115.00

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 3, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	97.50-106.25	106.25	+900	83.00-98.75	93.65
900-999	84.00-105.00	105.00			
800-899	89.00-106.00	106.00			
700-799	75.00-102.00	102.00			
600-699	85.00-101.00	115.50			
500-599	95.50-123.00	123.00			

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – Jan 4, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	74.00-99.00	107.00	900+	79.00-95.00	95.00
700-799	102.00-114.00	114.00	800-899	93.00-110.50	110.50
600-699	100.25-115.75	117.75	700-799	107.00-114.00	114.00
500-599	99.00-134.00	134.00	600-699	95.00-114.00	128.50
400-499	110.00-136.00	138.50	500-599	98.00-124.00	124.00
399-	128.00-142.00	142.00	400-499		

Stocker Sale: Ottawa Livestock Exchange (Leo's) – Jan 4, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799			600-699	68.00-94.00	100.00
600-699	99.00-115.00	115.00	500-599	71.00-105.00	112.00
500-599	98.00-114.00	118.00	400-499	88.00-114.00	114.00
400-499	107.00-124.00	124.00	300-399	83.00-105.00	105.00
399-	24.00-122.00	139.00	299-		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADEWeek ending **Thursday Jan 4, 2007**

Steers	Live	84.60-88.70	Flat rail	145.00-146.00
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	142.00-145.35

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Dec 9	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	78,493 tonnes	43,317 tonnes	+81.2%
Non-NAFTA	38,096 tonnes	55,635 tonnes	-31.5%
Total	117,757 tonnes	102,116 tonnes	+15.3%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Oct 31		Jan 1 – Dec 16	
Pure bred	400	Slaughter steers & heifers	692,493
Non-pure bred	31,012	Feeder steers & heifers	287,036

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 16, 06	Week ending Dec 9,06	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					
Feb	92.57	+0.35	Jan	98.65	-0.82	Mar	3.682	+6.0	Jan	6.674	+4.6	Spot	85.27	+0.32
Apr	94.12	+0.52	Mar	97.65	-0.95	May	3.776	+6.0	Mar	6.820	+6.4	Mar	85.43	+0.32
Jun	88.92	+0.07	Apr	98.75	-0.57	Jul	3.836	+6.4	May	6.950	+5.4	Jun	85.67	+0.32
Aug	87.80	-0.10	May	99.47	-0.65	Sep	3.714	+5.4	Jul	7.070	+6.2	Sep	85.91	+0.32

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Comments for the week ending January 4, 2007

The finished cattle market was light the last two weeks. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week was 1,549 which is 815 higher than last week. The average fed steer price was \$89.95 up \$4.17 from two weeks ago and the average heifer price was \$89.31 up \$5.73 from two weeks ago. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively on a strong demand with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than last week.

The volume of slaughter cows was light over the last two weeks with only 1,810 head last week and 974 head the week previous, which is down 1,182 from the same time period last year. The average price was \$31.43 up \$4.54 from two weeks ago and fully steady to last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good strong demand with prices steady to \$4.00 higher.

Replacement cattle volume was light over the past two weeks with only 1,329 head over the holiday season and 1,483 head this week, down 46% from the same time last year. The week during the holiday's saw stronger prices in all categories with the exception of lightweight heifers which were \$7.00 lower, all other classes were up \$2.00-\$7.00 over the previous week. This week saw lower prices than last week but steady to \$5.00 higher than two weeks ago. Auction markets reported this week that replacements continued to sell actively on a strong demand with prices steady on lightweight cattle and firm to \$4.00 higher on shortkeeps.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$152.00-\$156.00 for steers and \$151.00-\$153.00 for heifers, averaging \$5.00-\$6.00 higher than two weeks ago.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to moderate with prices steady to softer. Steers traded \$84.60-\$88.70 live and \$145.00-\$146.00 dressed. Heifers sold \$142.00-\$145.35 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet until late Thursday with limited sales in Nebraska at \$140.50-\$142.00 dressed. Many storm stressed cattle were removed from showlists this week which could result in light trade volume, leaving packers short bought next week. Business on Friday had not yet developed at time of reporting with asking prices at \$92.00-\$93.00 live and \$142.00-\$145.00 dressed.