



Weekly Market Information Report

Week ending Thursday February 8, 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 154.00-159.00
A grade heifers 153.00-158.00

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	87.71-95.27	91.87	101.25	89.78
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.36-96.53	91.72	102.75	89.13
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.34-95.83	91.68	102.75	90.00
Large Frame Heifers +1000	86.80-95.63	91.60	98.75	90.29
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.83-93.72	88.63	98.00	88.25
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.37-95.57	90.99	98.75	89.77
Cows-all weights	27.54-42.36	34.57	79.00	32.34
Bulls-all weights	44.93-61.59	52.76	85.00	42.06

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
1000+	94.15-104.82	99.23	106.25	93.34
900-999	103.48-109.00	106.76	110.25	100.61
800-899	92.31-104.93	99.91	111.00	99.60
700-799	96.09-104.74	100.37	111.00	102.58
600-699	99.96-114.40	108.97	125.75	104.76
500-599	110.65-124.46	117.13	132.75	112.27
400-499	104.20-126.49	117.52	135.00	112.46
-399	105.55-129.10	118.36	148.00	98.83

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
900+	87.97-95.61	91.69	102.50	86.99
800-899	92.38-100.62	96.06	104.00	83.96
700-799	84.52-100.10	93.95	119.00	89.50
600-699	91.29-104.33	97.51	114.00	91.12
500-599	91.62-109.55	101.98	123.00	98.14
400-499	95.16-111.31	104.06	117.00	103.38
300-399	108.40-122.25	114.74	130.75	100.17
-299	88.15-110.77	99.26	125.00	101.15

At Talbotville Livestock: February 3, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	85.50-96.50	100.25
Good & choice heifers	86.00-93.50	
Cows	34.00-41.50	62.50
Bulls	38.00-45.50	
Veal	70.00-85.50	

Denfield Livestock – February 6, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-95.00	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-50.00	Good Hol Bull Calves	\$100.00-\$150.00
D1 & D2 Cows	35.00-43.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker sale at: Brussels Livestock, Feb 2, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.25-106.00	106.00	900+	89.50-98.50	102.50
900-999	94.50-105.50	105.50	800-899	94.50-101.75	104.00
800-899	95.50-108.50	108.50	700-799	86.00-102.50	105.50
700-799	102.00-107.50	107.50	600-699	97.00-110.50	110.50
600-699	104.00-116.50	120.00	500-599	97.00-113.00	113.00
500-599	114.00-125.00	125.00	400-499	106.00-116.50	117.00
400-499	101.00-131.00	133.00	300-399	111.00-113.00	113.00
300-399	75.00-137.00	137.00			

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Feb 7, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.50-106.25	106.25	+900	93.00-95.50	95.50
900-999	106.00-110.25	110.25	600-699	93.00-106.00	106.00
800-899	92.00-111.00	111.00			
700-799	99.75-111.00	111.00			
600-699	101.00-107.25	107.25			
500-599	116.00-132.00	132.00			

Stocker sale: Ontario Livestock Exchange, Feb 7, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	94.50-106.25	106.25	+900	93.00-95.50	95.50
900-999	106.00-110.25	110.25	600-699	93.00-106.00	106.00
800-899	92.00-111.00	111.00			
700-799	99.75-111.00	111.00			
600-699	101.00-107.25	107.25			
500-599	116.00-132.00	132.00			

Stocker Sale: Ontario Stockyards – Feb 8, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	91.00-101.00	101.00	700-799	89.50-99.00	99.00
700-799	92.75-104.50	110.00	600-699	85.50-99.50	114.00
600-699	110.00-125.75	125.75	500-599	95.00-113.50	113.50
500-599	113.00-129.00	132.75	400-499	90.00-110.00	114.00
400-499	122.00-134.00	135.00	300-399	105.00-130.75	130.75
399-	121.00-135.00	137.50			

Stocker Sale: Ottawa Livestock Exchange– Feb 8, 2007

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	96.00-104.00	104.00	600-699	93.00-102.00	108.00
600-699	97.00-118.00	118.00	500-599	88.00-110.00	123.00
500-599	95.00-121.00	127.00	400-499	84.00-109.00	115.00
400-499	94.00-124.00	124.00	900-399	95.00-123.00	123.00
399-	65.00-122.00	122.00			

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending [Thursday Feb 8, 2007](#)

Steers	Live	87.25-89.40	Flat rail	147.50-148.35
Heifers	Live	88.00	Flat rail	147.00-148.50

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

Week Ending Feb 8, 2007	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	155.00-156.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending [Thursday Feb 8, 2007](#)

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	89.00-91.00
	Rail	142.00-145.50

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	142.55	135.66

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Feb 3, 2007	860	795
Feb 4, 2006	855	800

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Feb 3, 2007		
Grand Total	67,535	319,766	103%
Alberta Slaughter	43,744	206,181	110%
Ontario Slaughter	13,413	64,292	100%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Feb 10, 2007		
Grand Total	623,000	645,000	585,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Feb 3	Jan 1 – Jan 13
Total	25,553 tonnes	553 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Feb 3	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	89,308 tonnes	85,571 tonnes	+4.4%
Non-fed	26,487 tonnes	26,075 tonnes	+1.6%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Jan 27	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	4,885 tonnes	4,847 tonnes	+0.8%
Non-NAFTA	4,397 tonnes	4,560 tonnes	-3.6%
Total	9,500 tonnes	9,878 tonnes	-3.8%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS

Jan 1 –Nov 30/06

Pure bred	471
Non-pure bred	32,726

EXPORTS

Jan 1 – Feb 3

Slaughter steers & heifers	85,021
Feeder steers & heifers	39,340

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending Jan 27, 07

Week ending Jan 20, 07

Year to date.

Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	0
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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			
Feb	93.20 -0.15	Mar	98.77 -0.10	Mar	4.062 +6.4	Mar	7.492 +5.4	Spot	85.35 +0.78
Apr	94.80 -0.07	Apr	100.27 -0.47	May	4.180 +6.2	May	7.654 +5.2	Mar	85.44 +0.78
Jun	91.92 +0.17	May	101.70 -0.50	Jul	4.242 +6.4	Jul	7.784 +4.6	Jun	85.67 +0.78
Aug	89.05 +0.17	Aug	102.92 -0.72	Sep	4.096 +4.2	Aug	7.830 +4.4	Sep	85.91 +0.78

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Comments for the week ending February 8, 2007

The extreme cold and severe winter weather we experienced this week greatly reduced the volume of live cattle movement in Ontario. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 989, down 743 from last week. The average fed steer price was \$91.68 up \$1.68 and the average heifer price was \$90.99 up \$1.22 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market saw higher prices this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 1,524 down 586 from last week. The average price was \$34.57 up \$2.23 from last week and \$9.50 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows traded actively on good demand with prices strong to \$4.00 higher.

Replacement cattle were stronger this week. There were 2,223 replacements sold through auction markets, down 450 from last week and 1,011 less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with lightweight replacements trading steady to fully steady. Shortkeeps or heavier replacements sold steady to \$3.00 higher. Steers 700-800 lbs averaged \$100.37 down \$2.21 from last week, all other weight classes were steady to higher. Steers 900 lbs+ averaged \$103.60 up \$7.95 with heifers 800 lbs+ averaging \$93.63 up \$7.42 from last weeks average.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for steers were \$154.00-\$159.00 and heifers \$153.00-\$158.00 which was fully steady to last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was light to active with prices \$0.50 higher. Steers traded \$87.25-\$89.40 live and \$147.50-\$148.35 dressed. Heifers sold \$88.00 live and \$147.00-\$148.50 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate in Nebraska on Thursday with prices \$7.00 higher than last week as steers and heifers sold \$91.00 live and \$142.00-\$145.50 dressed. At time of reporting (Friday) business had not yet surfaced but active trade is expected late afternoon, especially in the south which has been at a standstill all week. Asking prices are \$92.00-\$93.00 live and \$145.00-\$148.00 dressed.

