



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 19, 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 180.00-184.00
A grade heifers 179.00-183.00

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	101.63-109.46	106.08	116.00	107.57
Medium Frame Steers +1250	99.55-110.16	106.34	112.00	107.42
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	101.99-110.98	106.53	116.00	107.63
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	97.44-108.76	103.60	115.50	106.74
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.81-108.22	102.01	113.25	103.04
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	95.68-109.20	103.25	115.50	106.26
Cows- All Weights	33.03-51.40	42.33	86.00	37.89
Bulls- All Weights	44.42-61.57	54.68	122.00	46.01

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	100.46-107.69	104.72	114.50	104.85
900-999	102.84-111.36	107.83	114.50	110.76
800-899	104.30-115.00	110.68	125.00	110.09
700-799	107.18-119.99	114.57	128.00	112.96
600-699	111.46-130.90	122.50	143.00	121.31
500-599	115.08-136.90	128.06	145.50	124.96
400-499	114.88-137.23	128.14	151.50	126.19
-399	112.99-143.75	128.26	180.00	125.87

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
900+	98.47-105.99	102.93	108.60	99.08
800-899	98.70-109.31	104.82	114.75	101.65
700-799	99.88-113.07	107.65	120.75	104.51
600-699	101.63-118.35	111.29	134.50	109.04
500-599	105.77-124.23	116.19	140.00	113.87
400-499	105.57-123.37	116.60	140.00	114.72
300-399	105.13-131.03	119.42	142.50	113.79
-299	93.33-136.73	110.85	170.00	126.21

At Talbotville Livestock: April 14, 2007

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	102.00-112.00	114.75
Good & choice heifers	99.00-108.00	113.00
Cows	37.00-44.00	67.50
Bulls (good heavy bologna bulls)	45.00-55.00	
Veal	70.00-85.00	

Denfield Livestock – April 17, 2007

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	105.00-112.00	Good & Choice Heifers	104.00-113.50
Plain Steers	85.00-95.00	Plain Heifers	80.00-90.00
Good Fed Cows	45.00-60.00	Good Hol Bulls	40.00-48.00
D1 & D2 Cows	37.00-44.00	Good Beef Bulls	50.00-62.00
D3 & D4 Cows	30.00-35.00	Good Hol Bull Calves	\$150.00-\$225.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Plainer Calves	\$75.00-\$150.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 13, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	96.00-106.25	102.29	109.50	900+	102.25-107.75	105.55	107.75
900-999	100.50-109.50	107.14	109.50	800-899	102.00-108.00	106.34	108.00
800-899	105.50-115.75	110.33	115.75	700-799	103.00-112.50	108.28	112.50
700-799	108.00-118.00	113.17	122.00	600-699	102.25-122.00	112.83	134.50
600-699	112.00-135.50	124.40	136.00	500-599	109.00-129.75	118.85	129.75
500-599	113.50-136.00	127.23	138.00	400-499	103.50-122.00	114.98	131.00
400-499	116.50-137.00	129.89	141.50	300-399	117.00-142.50	129.42	142.50
399-	129.00-138.00	132.44	163.00				

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock – April 17, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	104.50-114.00	111.39	114.00	900+	87.00-104.00	94.20	106.75
800-899	105.50-114.00	111.40	116.00	800-899	104.00-111.00	107.39	111.00
700-799	108.00-118.25	114.31	124.00	700-799	99.25-115.50	106.88	115.50
600-699	118.25-131.00	124.48	132.50	600-699	105.50-124.00	115.53	124.00
500-599	122.00-136.50	132.18	145.50	500-599	112.00-124.50	121.09	124.50
400-499	126.50-140.50	135.83	140.50	400-499	100.00-123.00	115.56	126.50
399-	101.00-139.00	118.67	139.00	300-399	98.00-133.00	124.25	133.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 18, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	103.00-109.50	106.61	109.50	+900	103.00-105.75	104.72	105.75
900-999	105.75-114.00	109.87	114.50	800-899	103.75-109.00	106.99	111.50
800-899	108.75-119.75	116.49	119.75	700-799	106.50-114.25	111.16	114.25
700-799	107.00-120.00	112.36	120.00	600-699	103.50-114.00	109.86	114.00
600-699	110.50-120.00	118.77	120.00				
500-599	120.50-127.50	123.50	127.50				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 19, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	78.00-97.50	91.23	101.00	800-899	80.00-108.75	95.45	108.75
900-999	90.00-105.00	98.29	110.00	700-799	100.00-111.50	108.17	120.00
800-899	94.00-109.00	102.82	114.00	600-699	100.00-111.00	105.45	119.00
700-799	105.00-119.50	114.31	123.00	500-599	100.00-121.00	109.02	126.00
600-699	104.00-133.50	118.32	137.75	400-499	100.00-118.00	108.94	119.00
500-599	115.00-141.25	128.77	143.00	300-399	99.00-129.50	117.95	129.50
400-499	99.50-133.00	118.75	151.50				

Stocker sale: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 19, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	110.50-114.50	113.11	114.50	+900	100.50-108.60	106.66	108.60
900-999	99.00-109.00	106.27	109.00	800-899	88.00-106.50	101.21	106.50
800-899	103.00-113.00	110.04	113.00	700-799	102.00-109.50	105.46	109.50
700-799	106.50-119.00	113.38	119.00	600-699	99.00-119.50	111.74	119.50
600-699	108.50-133.00	124.89	135.50	500-599	100.50-118.00	111.90	118.00
500-599	116.50-136.00	127.11	136.00	400-499	118.00-120.50	119.77	120.50
400-499	117.50-135.75	131.65	135.75				

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE-SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Denfield Livestock, April 14, 07**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
999+	95.00-100.00	900+	95.00-105.00
900-999	95.00-108.00	800-899	95.00-110.00
800-899	100.00-110.00	700-799	100.00-112.00
700-799	105.00-120.00	600-699	105.00-118.00
600-699	110.00-122.00	500-599	110.00-122.00
500-599	110.00-130.00	400-499	115.00-130.00
400-499	115.00-140.00	300-399	120.00-140.00
399-	120.00-150.00		

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock Auction- April 14, 2007**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	103.50-107.00	106.55	107.00	800-899	87.00-101.00	92.88	101.00
800-899	100.00-116.75	109.85	116.75	700-799	95.50-108.25	105.66	108.25
700-799	104.00-111.00	109.09	111.00	600-699	94.25-111.50	106.69	111.50
600-699	101.00-127.75	116.81	127.75	500-599	100.00-123.00	115.16	123.00
500-599	104.00-134.50	120.60	134.50	400-499	103.00-123.00	116.06	123.00
400-499	111.50-139.00	125.57	139.00	300-399	103.00-121.50	115.00	121.50
399-	100.00-119.00	113.12	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock. Apr 16, 2007** Vaccinated Stocker Sale

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	105.00-106.75	105.44	110.00	800-899	102.50-110.50	106.86	110.50
800-899	107.00-115.00	110.85	115.00	700-799	99.00-114.25	109.43	118.00
700-799	112.50-124.00	118.49	124.00	600-699	108.00-127.00	118.04	129.00
600-699	119.00-133.00	126.58	138.00	500-599	116.00-134.00	127.24	140.00
500-599	121.00-143.00	135.66	143.00	400-499	129.00-140.00	133.82	140.00
400-499	131.50-147.50	137.46	147.50	300-399	120.00-137.00	131.29	137.00
399-	114.05-149.00	130.83	149.00				

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards – April 17, 2007** Vaccinated Stocker Sale

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	103.00-107.50	105.92	107.50	900+	88.50-100.00	93.73	102.00
800-899	102.50-115.75	110.21	125.00	800-899	100.00-114.75	108.59	114.75
700-799	110.75-128.00	119.93	128.00	700-799	110.00-120.75	114.52	120.75
600-699	120.00-130.00	127.07	143.00	600-699	109.25-120.00	114.68	125.50
500-599	120.00-144.50	135.52	144.50	500-599	111.00-129.50	121.04	129.50
400-499	110.00-138.00	128.94	145.00	400-499	113.00-129.00	121.99	129.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 19, 2007**

Steers	Live	98.00-100.75	Flat rail	166.15-169.00
Heifers	Live	98.00-101.25	Flat rail	166.15-166.65

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

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Price Range

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	180.00-183.25
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U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

Week Ending **Thursday April 19, 2007**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	96.00-96.50
	Rail	154.00-156.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 31, 2007	1.8872	1.8178
March 24, 2007	1.9012	1.8116
March 17, 2007	1.8261	1.7910

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	167.71	156.17

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Apr 14, 2007	830	765
Apr 15, 2006	809	758

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	March 2007	March 2006
Steers	3,772	4,246
Heifers	2,590	2,871
Cows	2,052	2,734
Bulls	577	621

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Apr 14, 2007		
Grand Total	60,750	948,012	100%
Alberta Slaughter	40,173	614,813	106%
Ontario Slaughter	12,742	192,067	97%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 21, 2007		
Grand Total	647,000	614,000	627,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Apr 14	Jan 1 – Mar 24
Total	84,1518 tonnes	7,614 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Apr 14	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	266,652 tonnes	268,646 tonnes	-0.7%
Non-fed	73,887 tonnes	73,836 tonnes	+0.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 –April 7	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	19,611 tonnes	17,103 tonnes	+14.7%
Non-NAFTA	18,135 tonnes	13,080 tonnes	+38.6%
Total	38,129 tonnes	30,892 tonnes	+23.4%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	IMPORTS		EXPORTS
	Jan 1 – Feb 28		Jan 1 – Apr 7
Pure bred	2,141	Slaughter steers & heifers	280,077
Non-pure bred	6,273	Feeder steers & heifers	130,513

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Apr, 07	Week ending Mar 31, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle imported from the U.S. into Ontario	0	0	0

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Apr 7, 07	Week ending Mar 31, 07	Year to date.
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the U.S.	1,187	1,766	32,447

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					
Apr	95.62 -0.82	Apr	107.05 -0.25	May	3.604 -10.6	May	7.232 +5.0	Spot	89.13	+0.51		
Jun	92.27 -0.45	May	107.45 -0.62	Jul	3.720 -10.2	Jul	7.402 +5.2	Jun	89.28	+0.51		
Aug	90.62 -0.20	Aug	110.75 -0.40	Sep	3.704 -6.6	Aug	7.470 +4.6	Sep	89.49	+0.51		
Oct	94.40 -0.27	Sep	109.80 -0.40	Dec	3.746 -5.2	Sep	7.534 +4.4	Dec	89.71	+0.51		

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Special Spring Sales

April 25, 07	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market	Stocker Sale
April 28, 07	9:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen's Auction Sale	Stocker Sale
April 28, 07	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending April 19, 2007

The fed cattle market was a little easier this week. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,006 which is 133 less than last week. The average fed steer price was \$106.53 down \$1.10 from last week. The average heifer price was \$103.25 down \$3.01 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold actively with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher early in the week to steady for the remainder of the week.

Slaughter cows continued to sell stronger this week. The volume of slaughter cows sold through auction markets was 1,651 down 429 from last week. The average price was \$42.33 up \$4.44 from last week and \$11.05 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that cows sold on a good strong active trade with prices \$2.00-\$5.00 higher

Replacement cattle sold on a strong demand this week. There were 8,953 replacements sold through auction markets, up 35.9% from last week and 14% higher than last year. Auction markets reported a strong active trade on all classes of replacements with prices steady to \$5.00 higher on lightweight cattle and steady to \$2.00 higher on heavier cattle. Actual average prices were \$1.00-\$5.00 higher on lightweight cattle and steady to \$3.40 higher on heavier cattle with the exception of steers averaging 900-1000 lbs which were down \$2.93 to average \$107.83.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$180.00-\$184.00 for steers, averaging \$2.50 higher. Heifers traded from \$179.00-\$183.00 which is \$3.00 higher than last weeks average price.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with softer prices. Steers traded \$98.00-\$100.75 live and \$166.15-\$169.00 flat rail. Heifers sold \$98.00-\$101.25 live and \$166.15-\$166.65 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Thursday afternoon with prices \$3.00-\$4.00 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold from \$154.00-\$156.00 dressed with majority trading at \$155.00. Late Thursday evening active trade evolved in the south with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than last week. Steers and heifers sold \$96.00-\$96.50 live. Business Friday was only light cleanup in the south and finished in the north.

Local beef trade reported this week as starting off slow but certainly picking up as the week progressed, which is attributed to the more seasonable weather as well as retailers holding out to later in the week hoping prices would decrease, which they did not. End cuts are moving but slowly, however middle cuts, especially strips, ribs and tenderloins are moving quickly. Prices on the middle cuts are strong while end cut pricing is lower. Kills this week have increased very slightly as the seasonal demand picks up. Inventory is reported as in very good shape.