



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 10, 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 139.00-147.00
A grade heifers 138.00-147.00

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	78.17-85.18	82.00	89.00	83.68
Medium Frame Steers +1250	79.08-85.41	82.60	86.00	84.13
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	78.65-85.51	82.37	89.00	83.95
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	78.83-85.19	82.71	87.75	85.39
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	76.06-84.82	81.51	86.25	84.48
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	78.66-85.32	82.63	87.75	85.14
Cows- All Weights	29.26-48.21	38.82	78.00	38.76
Bulls- All Weights	45.89-56.58	51.14	66.00	50.84

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	490	72.45-84.53	79.45	90.00	80.71
900-999	823	80.93-89.33	85.60	93.10	85.41
800-899	782	80.66-90.70	85.90	94.85	84.80
700-799	718	80.29-96.64	88.53	109.00	88.38
600-699	543	83.95-102.92	94.82	112.00	93.40
500-599	355	85.58-107.90	97.28	115.50	96.13
400-499	190	83.29-106.69	96.58	115.00	107.43
-399	78	83.07-112.94	98.87	134.00	99.08

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	381	70.53-81.16	76.69	84.75	77.25
900-999	447	74.82-82.27	79.68	84.75	81.30
800-899	573	74.39-84.08	79.62	89.50	85.17
700-799	538	72.01-85.41	80.42	100.00	85.76
600-699	409	75.40-90.95	83.35	101.50	87.55
500-599	249	74.86-94.57	86.56	107.00	88.38
400-499	35	79.30-91.56	84.60	110.00	97.06
-399	17	96.00-117.76	106.19	133.00	99.80

At Talbotville Livestock: April 5, 2008- 302 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	79.00-86.50	88.50
Good & choice heifers	77.00-86.00	
Export Cows	37.00-48.00	
Good Cows	33.00-42.50	
Bulls	40.50-55.00	
Good veal	55.00-65.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market: April 5, 2008

	Price Range	Avg	Top
Cows	22.00-48.00	35.29	48.00
Bulls all weights	38.88-59.56	49.50	62.00

At Denfield Livestock – April 8, 2008

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	80.00-89.00	Good & Choice Heifers	80.00-89.00
Plain steers	65.00-75.00	Plain Heifers	65.00-70.00
Good fed cows	40.00-50.00	Good beef bulls	45.00-60.00
D1 & D2 cows	35.00-43.00	Good Holstein bulls	40.00-45.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-35.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$175.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 4, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	68.50-77.25	74.41	86.00	900+	69.00-80.50	74.75	81.00
900-999	74.00-86.00	80.09	86.00	800-899	70.00-80.50	76.73	84.75
800-899	78.50-93.25	85.25	93.25	700-799	70.00-82.00	75.91	83.50
700-799	70.50-88.75	78.33	91.00	600-699	66.50-87.50	78.35	98.00
600-699	69.00-94.25	84.04	98.00	500-599	70.00-87.00	79.51	99.00
500-599	89.50-106.50	97.53	108.00	400-499	81.00-94.00	89.82	107.00
400-499	89.00-115.00	105.28	115.00	300-399	83.00-93.00	86.40	93.00

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd, April 8, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	48.00-86.50	70.25	86.50	600-699	56.50-93.50	80.14	93.50
600-699	69.00-95.50	83.46	95.50	500-599	73.00-91.00	85.59	91.00
500-599	60.00-109.00	91.82	109.00	400-499	65.00-93.00	85.25	93.00
400-499	64.00-104.00	88.00	104.00				

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market, April 8, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	73.00-86.00	82.64	86.00	900+	69.50-78.00	75.39	78.00
900-999	83.25-88.75	87.53	88.75	800-899	76.00-84.50	80.41	84.50
800-899	85.00-91.00	87.61	91.00	700-799	79.50-89.50	84.09	89.50
700-799	90.00-106.75	99.26	106.75	600-699	77.00-87.50	83.95	87.50
600-699	86.00-112.00	104.34	112.00	500-599	85.00-101.50	91.60	101.50
500-599	101.50-113.00	106.75	113.00	400-499	79.00-101.00	93.94	101.00
400-499	93.00-113.00	106.26	113.00	300-399	99.00-101.00	100.56	101.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange April 9, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	76.00-88.75	83.18	90.00	900+	74.25-84.50	80.89	84.75
900-999	84.25-91.25	88.04	91.25	800-899	81.50-84.25	83.56	84.25
800-899	77.00-88.50	82.96	88.50	700-799	81.00-84.25	82.56	84.25
700-799	77.00-87.00	80.67	87.00	600-699	73.00-75.50	74.65	87.00
600-699	84.00-85.00	84.42	85.00	500-599	72.50-78.00	76.29	80.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 10, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	64.00-79.50	71.87	79.50	900+	65.50-70.00	67.03	70.00
900-999	65.00-80.00	74.33	80.50	800-899	69.00-78.50	76.26	79.50
800-899	75.00-82.50	79.56	85.50	700-799	69.00-80.50	75.38	82.00
700-799	84.00-96.75	90.50	96.75	600-699	72.00-84.50	80.98	92.50
600-699	87.00-103.50	95.53	110.00	500-599	80.00-95.00	87.95	96.00
500-599	87.00-115.00	101.28	115.00	400-499	76.00-96.25	85.36	103.00
400-499	82.00-104.00	90.97	107.00				
399-	97.00-111.00	101.85	114.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 10, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	60.00-79.00	68.88	90.00	700-799	50.00-81.00	71.95	81.00
600-699	74.00-89.00	81.10	95.00	600-699	49.00-74.00	65.20	75.00
500-599	51.00-86.00	70.85	91.00	500-599	70.00-80.50	76.70	80.50
400-499	75.00-105.00	89.10	105.00	400-499	41.00-77.00	62.00	78.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 10, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	75.00-100.000	86.71	100.00	600-699	63.00-75.00	67.94	75.00
500-599	68.00-102.00	86.67	108.00	500-599	61.00-87.00	71.57	87.00
399-	85.00-134.00	111.77	134.00	299-	96.00-133.00	113.33	133.00

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 10, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	71.25-80.50	75.43	83.00	900+	60.00-79.00	65.59	79.00
900-999	86.75-93.10	88.68	93.10	700-799	76.75-83.00	81.33	83.00
800-899	83.50-94.85	91.22	94.85	600-699	65.50-86.25	81.01	86.25
700-799	90.50-109.00	101.09	109.00	500-599	80.00-87.00	81.89	87.00
600-699	88.50-109.50	100.60	109.50	400-499	85.50-95.00	92.93	95.00
500-599	75.50-101.25	81.94	101.25				
400-499	101.75-104.25	102.88	104.25				

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 8, 2008** Vaccinated stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	70.50-79.50	75.68	79.50	900+	76.00-81.00	78.66	82.00
900-999	70.00-88.25	82.38	88.25	800-899	69.00-82.50	77.45	82.50
800-899	80.00-89.50	83.77	89.50	700-799	79.50-86.00	83.68	87.00
700-799	82.00-96.50	89.14	100.50	600-699	83.00-88.75	86.64	94.25
600-699	95.00-107.50	100.08	107.50	500-599	82.00-98.50	89.59	98.50
500-599	104.25-115.50	108.42	115.50	400-499	80.00-100.00	92.25	100.00
400-499	109.00-109.50	109.31	109.50				

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards Inc- April 4, 2008 176 cows

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$650.00-\$740.00	N/T
Avg quality bred cows	\$525.00-\$650.00	N/T

An average quality offering of cows bred 7-9 months sold actively to a good selection of buyers.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending [Thursday April 10, 2008](#)

Steers	Live	82.90-86.00	Flat rail	139.00-140.85
Heifers	Live	83.50-85.00	Flat rail	140.50-140.85

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

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Price Range

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers [137.75-139.75](#)

U.S. TRADE (U.S. funds)

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	N/T (Today-87.00)
	Rail	N/T (Today-142.00)

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	139.63	139.05

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 5, 2008	859	795
April 7, 2007	832	776

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	April 5, 2008		
Grand Total	57,921	832,490	94%
Alberta Slaughter	38,462	566,932	99%
Ontario Slaughter	11,228	155,729	87%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 12, 2008		
Grand Total	645,000	624,000	613,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 5	Jan 1 – March 8
Total	71,104 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 5	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	230,059 tonnes	248,968 tonnes	-7.6%
Non-fed	71,455 tonnes	69,996 tonnes	+2.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – March 29	Last Year Same Time	% Change
US	25,479 tonnes	16,942 tonnes	+50.4%
Non-NAFTA	9,767 tonnes	17,147 tonnes	-43.0%
Total	35,550 tonnes	34,686 tonnes	+2.5%

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IMPORTS

Jan 1 – Feb 29

Pure bred	103
Non-pure bred	7,615

EXPORTS

Jan 1 – April 5

Slaughter steers & heifers	246,335
Feeder steers & heifers	209,421

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending Mar 29, 08

Week ending Mar 22, 08

Year to Date

Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the US.

3,849

4,566

67,615

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending Mar 29, 08

Week ending Mar 22, 08

Year to Date

Live slaughter cattle imported from the US into Ontario

0

0

0

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	88.70	+0.22	Apr	99.50 +0.37	May	5.842 -10.0	May	13.324 -23.4	Spot	97.76 -0.53
Jun	89.77 -0.02	May	103.05 +0.70	Jul	5.974 -10.0	Jul	13.492 -23.4	Jun	97.65 -0.52	
Aug	96.17 +0.60	Aug	106.62 +0.92	Sep	6.054 -8.6	Aug	13.380 -22.0	Sep	97.48 -0.51	
Oct	101.82 +0.67	Sep	107.57 +1.12	Dec	6.040 -7.2	Sep	13.044 -13.4	Dec	97.32 -0.52	
Dec	102.92 +0.12	Oct	108.25 +1.00	Mar	6.146 -4.4	Nov	12.624 -8.4	Mar	97.14 -0.52	
Feb	104.65 -0.15	Nov	108.00 +1.25	May	6.176 -4.4	Jan	12.760 -8.0	Jun	96.91 -0.52	

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[Upcoming Special Spring Sales](#)

April 12 2:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	All Breed Bull Sale
April 14 10:00 am	Brussels Livestock 1000 hd	Vaccinated calves & yearling sale
		Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers
April 18 12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Stocker- Calves & Yearlings
April 23 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stockers
April 29 11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker sale.

Comments for the week ending April 10, 2008

The fed cattle market was under pressure this week. The volume of fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 2,001 down 409 from last week. The average price for steers was \$82.37 down \$1.58 from last week and \$25.26 lower than the same time last year. Heifers averaged \$82.63 down \$2.51 from last week and \$23.63 lower than the same time last year. Auction markets reported steady trade early week with prices trending lower as the week progressed. Demand was moderate and selective with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market held steady this week. There were 2,798 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 76 from last week and 718 more than last year at this time. The average price for slaughter cows was \$38.82 up \$0.06 from last week. Auction markets reported active trading with prices steady to last week's decline.

The replacement cattle market traded on a mixed demand this week. There were 6,628 replacement cattle sold through auction markets up 14% from last week and steady to the same time last year. Auction markets reported moderate to active trading with most classes steady to \$2.00 lower. Actual average prices saw most classes of steers trading steady while all categories of heifers averaged \$1.00-\$5.50 lower. Medium quality cattle were reported as under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$139.00-\$147.00 for steers and \$138.00-\$147.00 for heifers, with average prices \$2.50 and \$1.50 lower than last week, respectively. Prices declined as the week progressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light on Wednesday with prices steady to last week. Thursday saw light trade with prices \$0.50-\$1.00 higher. Steers traded from \$82.90-\$86.00 live and \$139.00-\$140.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$83.50-\$85.00 live and \$140.50-\$140.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was untested until Friday afternoon where light to moderate trade was reported in the north with prices averaging \$4.00 higher than last week's weighted average at \$142.00 dressed. Business in the south was light with prices \$2.00 higher on average with sales at \$87.00 live. Trade is expected to continue late today.