



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 17, 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** 139.00-145.00  
**A grade heifers** 138.00-142.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	79.66-88.02	83.70	92.00	82.00
Medium Frame Steers +1250	78.46-85.47	82.11	91.00	82.60
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	78.28-86.45	82.80	92.00	82.37
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	79.83-87.30	84.18	90.00	82.71
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	74.84-85.90	81.79	92.00	81.51
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	78.35-87.23	83.76	92.00	82.63
Cows- All Weights	30.29-50.41	40.85	79.00	38.82
Bulls- All Weights	47.20-60.23	54.82	74.00	51.14

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	503	76.79-86.35	83.54	89.25	79.45
<b>900-999</b>	1205	83.49-89.09	87.08	91.25	85.60
<b>800-899</b>	688	80.11-89.35	85.94	95.00	85.90
<b>700-799</b>	862	81.38-98.64	91.72	106.00	88.53
<b>600-699</b>	678	86.95-103.78	95.54	109.50	94.82
<b>500-599</b>	466	82.77-105.52	95.32	117.50	97.28
<b>400-499</b>	223	84.89-105.50	94.56	117.50	96.58
<b>-399</b>	91	82.11-104.03	83.89	157.00	98.87

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	320	74.07-81.35	78.41	85.25	76.69
<b>800-899</b>	407	76.42-83.65	80.70	87.25	79.68
<b>700-799</b>	450	73.06-85.51	79.89	90.00	79.62
<b>600-699</b>	617	94.49-91.95	85.06	102.00	80.42
<b>500-599</b>	527	76.32-93.54	86.63	107.50	83.35
<b>400-499</b>	235	76.42-97.32	87.86	108.00	86.56
<b>300-399</b>	62	79.53-93.68	85.43	104.00	84.60

### **At Talbotville Livestock: April 12, 2008**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	80.50-85.50	88.00
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	79.50-85.00	No fancies on offer
<b>Export Cows</b>	37.00-48.50	Good beef to 62.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	35.00-43.50	
<b>Bulls</b>	45.00-58.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market: April 12, 2008**

	Price Range	Avg	Top
Cows	23.00-51.50	36.23	79.00
Bulls all weights	33.65-50.19	45.38	50.25

**At Denfield Livestock – April 15, 2008**

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	80.00-90.00	Good & Choice Heifers	80.00-91.75
Plain steers	70.00-75.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good fed cows	40.00-50.00	Good beef bulls	45.00-55.00
D1 & D2 cows	38.00-45.00	Good Holstein bulls	45.00-50.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-35.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$220.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Beef type calves	\$200.00-\$300.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 11, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	72.50-83.60	80.45	83.60	900+	73.00-81.75	78.26	81.75
900-999	75.25-84.50	80.75	84.50	800-899	72.00-82.00	78.35	83.00
800-899	68.50-84.00	78.90	84.00	700-799	70.50-85.50	77.32	85.50
700-799	68.00-88.75	78.53	99.00	600-699	68.00-78.25	79.01	94.75
600-699	88.00-103.50	96.89	103.50	500-599	69.00-87.00	78.84	93.75
500-599	86.00-106.50	96.12	106.50	400-499	72.00-88.00	79.28	94.00
400-499	82.0-105.00	93.05	105.00	300-399	83.00-104.00	93.50	104.00
399-	98.00-109.00	106.89	109.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt, April 12, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	69.50-82.00	78.13	82.00	700-799	61.00-75.25	71.95	75.25
600-699	72.50-86.00	81.33	86.00	500-599	66.00-87.50	75.16	87.50
500-599	80.00-115.00	95.20	115.00	400-499	67.50-85.50	81.50	85.50
400-499	103.00-115.00	109.42	115.00				

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 14, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	67.00-91.50	80.61	95.00	500-599	62.00-75.50	71.23	85.00
400-499	70.00-89.00	75.98	95.00	400-499	65.00-80.00	69.63	91.00
399-	75.00-90.00	85.81	95.00	300-399	70.00-80.00	75.11	80.00

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd, April 15, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	63.00-80.50	73.60	80.50	700-799	62.00-80.00	73.30	80.00
600-699	72.00-89.00	83.83	89.00	600-699	55.00-85.00	73.32	85.00
500-599	52.00-104.00	82.44	104.00	500-599	71.50-89.50	79.27	89.50

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market, April 15, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.25-89.00	87.35	89.00	900+	46.00-72.75	65.65	72.75
900-999	87.00-91.25	89.89	91.25	800-899	78.50-84.50	82.71	84.50
800-899	86.50-93.75	91.29	93.75	700-799	78.00-85.50	82.35	86.00
700-799	90.50-103.75	101.14	103.75	600-699	82.00-99.00	93.66	102.00
600-699	90.00-107.00	98.94	107.00	500-599	92.0-104.00	101.02	104.00
500-599	101.00-109.25	106.97	109.25	400-499	69.00-108.00	91.56	108.00
400-499	101.00-110.00	106.92	110.00	300-399	77.00-103.00	90.00	103.00
399-	96.00-110.00	107.20	110.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange April 16, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	79.75-88.50	85.52	89.25	<b>900+</b>	77.00-82.75	80.61	82.75
<b>900-999</b>	84.25-90.00	88.10	90.50	<b>800-899</b>	82.00-87.25	83.81	87.25
<b>800-899</b>	76.75-88.75	84.50	95.00	<b>700-799</b>	77.00-86.00	81.58	86.00
<b>700-799</b>	73.00-90.00	82.14	90.00	<b>600-699</b>	78.00-87.00	85.24	87.00
<b>600-699</b>	82.00-90.00	85.00	94.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 17, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	76.75-84.25	79.32	84.25	<b>900+</b>	68.00-76.00	74.35	76.00
<b>800-899</b>	79.00-90.50	85.21	90.50	<b>800-899</b>	68.00-74.50	71.77	82.50
<b>700-799</b>	84.00-99.00	92.59	99.00	<b>700-799</b>	78.00-90.00	84.73	90.00
<b>600-699</b>	87.00-109.00	97.02	109.00	<b>600-699</b>	75.00-93.00	85.31	98.00
<b>500-599</b>	73.50-107.00	94.19	117.50	<b>500-599</b>	80.00-93.50	86.44	100.00
<b>400-499</b>	84.00-108.00	93.98	108.00	<b>400-499</b>	79.00-98.00	87.60	98.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 17, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	78.50-87.50	81.21	88.00	<b>800-899</b>	62.50-81.50	74.50	81.50
<b>600-699</b>	70.00-88.50	79.19	88.50	<b>700-799</b>	47.00-74.00	62.64	74.00
				<b>600-699</b>	57.00-84.00	74.17	84.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 17, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	66.00-87.00	79.05	87.00	<b>600-699</b>	63.00-81.00	73.57	85.00
<b>500-599</b>	75.00-97.00	85.91	100.00	<b>500-599</b>	65.00-88.00	78.83	96.00
<b>399-</b>	66.00-118.00	90.15	157.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 17, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	78.50-82.75	80.85	82.75	<b>900+</b>	84.50-85.25	84.91	85.25
<b>700-799</b>	82.00-96.00	87.42	99.50	<b>700-799</b>	75.00-84.00	81.43	84.00
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-105.00	102.07	105.00	<b>600-699</b>	64.00-79.00	74.46	83.00
<b>500-599</b>	84.50-115.50	99.44	115.50	<b>500-599</b>	74.00-89.00	85.31	89.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 14, 2008 Huron County Beef Producers - Vaccinated stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	79.50-83.50	81.65	83.50	<b>800-899</b>	77.75-84.50	80.35	84.50
<b>800-899</b>	81.75-86.50	84.40	86.50	<b>700-799</b>	80.00-89.50	85.01	89.50
<b>700-799</b>	82.25-103.50	94.19	106.00	<b>600-699</b>	78.00-94.00	85.36	94.00
<b>600-699</b>	94.00-109.50	101.18	109.50	<b>500-599</b>	81.00-107.50	99.51	107.50
<b>500-599</b>	103.50-110.00	107.65	111.00	<b>400-499</b>	86.00-108.00	100.13	108.00
<b>400-499</b>	97.00-117.50	107.91	117.50	<b>300-399</b>	80.00-101.00	86.50	101.00
<b>399-</b>	94.00-123.00	106.91	123.00				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday April 17, 2008**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.75-89.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	143.50-146.60
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.40-87.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	144.50-144.95

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

Week Ending [Thursday April 17, 2008](#)

**Price Range**

**A1, A2 Steers & Heifers**

\$138.50-141.00

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers

**Live**      [N/T](#)

**Rail**      [N/T](#)

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
<a href="#">Apr 4, 2008</a>	<a href="#">1.5021</a>	<a href="#">1.5309</a>
<a href="#">Mar 28, 2008</a>	<a href="#">1.5087</a>	<a href="#">1.5288</a>
<a href="#">Mar 21, 2008</a>	<a href="#">1.5264</a>	<a href="#">1.5441</a>
<a href="#">Mar 14, 2008</a>	<a href="#">1.5448</a>	<a href="#">1.5449</a>

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	<a href="#">147.48</a>	<a href="#">145.44</a>

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<a href="#">April 12, 2008</a>	<a href="#">843</a>	<a href="#">788</a>
<a href="#">April 14, 2007</a>	<a href="#">830</a>	<a href="#">765</a>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	<a href="#">April 12, 2008</a>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<a href="#">62,694</a>	<a href="#">895,184</a>	<a href="#">94%</a>
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	<a href="#">43,457</a>	<a href="#">610,389</a>	<a href="#">99%</a>
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	<a href="#">11,037</a>	<a href="#">166,766</a>	<a href="#">87%</a>

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	<a href="#">April 19, 2008</a>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<a href="#">676,000</a>	<a href="#">645,000</a>	<a href="#">652,000</a>

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Apr 5, 08</b>	<b>Week ending Mar 29, 08</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the US.	<a href="#">4,628</a>	<a href="#">3,849</a>	<a href="#">72,243</a>

**LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Apr 5, 08</b>	<b>Week ending Mar 29, 08</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Live slaughter cattle imported from the US into Ontario	<a href="#">0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>	<a href="#">0</a>

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

**IMPORTS**  
Jan 1 – Feb 29

**EXPORTS**  
Jan 1 – April 12

Pure bred	103	Slaughter steers & heifers	256,517
Non-pure bred	7,615	Feeder steers & heifers	221,922

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – April 12	Jan 1 – March 15
<b>Total</b>	75,775 tonnes	N/A

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 12	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	248,446 tonnes	266,652 tonnes	-6.8%
<b>Non-fed</b>	75,568 tonnes	73,887 tonnes	+2.3%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 5	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>US</b>	27,353 tonnes	20,215 tonnes	+35.3%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	10,401 tonnes	17,615 tonnes	-41.0%
<b>Total</b>	38,097 tonnes	38,587 tonnes	-1.3%

### CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>		<b>Feeder Cattle</b>		<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>						
	\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US		\$/bu US		¢/bu							
<b>Apr</b>	89.55	-0.77	<b>Apr</b>	101.50	-0.32	<b>May</b>	5.994	-4.0	<b>May</b>	13.614	+11.0	<b>Spot</b>	99.46	+0.68
<b>Jun</b>	92.32	-0.32	<b>May</b>	105.72	-0.30	<b>Jul</b>	6.130	-4.0	<b>Jul</b>	13.770	+10.4	<b>Jun</b>	99.39	+0.69
<b>Aug</b>	98.05	-0.25	<b>Aug</b>	108.52	-0.12	<b>Sep</b>	6.212	-3.2	<b>Aug</b>	13.670	+11.0	<b>Sep</b>	99.31	+0.71
<b>Oct</b>	103.20	-0.05	<b>Sep</b>	109.05	-0.47	<b>Dec</b>	6.226	-3.2	<b>Sep</b>	13.250	+5.0	<b>Dec</b>	99.22	+0.74
<b>Dec</b>	104.25	-0.10	<b>Oct</b>	110.00	-0.17	<b>Mar</b>	6.312	-3.6	<b>Nov</b>	12.810	+2.6	<b>Mar</b>	99.15	+0.78
<b>Feb</b>	105.92	-0.02	<b>Nov</b>	109.80	-0.05	<b>May</b>	6.350	-4.0	<b>Jan</b>	12.944	+3.0	<b>Jun</b>	99.03	+0.78

### Upcoming Special Spring Sales

April 23	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stockers
April 29	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker sale.
May 2	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc. Catalogued and vaccinated- age verification available
May 3	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Stockers
May 5	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves & yearlings-Huron County Beef Producers
May 6	10:00 am	South River	Parry Sound District Livestock Co-op Assoc. Stockers Sale
May 7	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemens Assoc. Stocker Sale
May 8	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Stockers- mostly vaccinated.
May 13	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Stockers- All vaccinated.
May 14	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stockers

### **Comments for the week ending April 17, 2008**

The fed cattle market was strong with active trade this week. The volume of fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,355 down 646 from last week. The average price for steers was \$82.80 up \$0.43 from last week and \$23.73 lower than the same time last year. Heifers averaged \$83.76 up \$1.13 from last week and \$19.49 lower than the same time last year. Auction markets reported good strong active trade with prices \$1.00-2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was also strong this week. There were 2,899 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 101 from last week and 1,248 more than last year at this time. The average price for slaughter cows was \$40.85 up \$2.03 from last week. Auction markets reported a good strong active trade with prices fully steady to \$2.00-3.00 higher.

The replacement cattle market was no surprise as stockers sold strong. There were 7,351 replacement cattle sold through auction markets up 10.9% from last week but 18% fewer than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices fully steady. There were some short keep plainer type steers sold under some pressure. Actual average prices saw most classes of steers trading steady while all categories of heifers averaged \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were down again. Steers sold at \$139.00-\$145.00 and \$138.00-\$142.00 for heifers. On average prices were \$2.00-2.50 lower than last week. Prices are expected to see a bit of an upward swing next week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light on Wednesday with prices \$1.50-2.00 higher than last week. Thursday saw light trade with prices \$2.00-3.00 higher. Steers traded from \$84.75-\$89.25 live and \$143.50-146.60 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$84.40-87.75 live and \$144.50-\$144.95 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade remained untested at time of reporting with business expected to develop early afternoon. Buyers are waiting for the Cattle on Feed report to be released before doing any business. Asking prices are firm at \$90.00 live and \$148.00 dressed.

### **NEWS RELEASE**

**This morning there was a formal agreement between the U.S. and South Korea to lift the ban on all U.S. beef. This means that beef from cattle of all ages will be accepted by Korea by mid-May, including the critical bone-in rib product that constituted a nearly 60% of the business prior to the 2003 ban.**