



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 24, 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 139.00-146.00
A grade heifers 138.00-144.00

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	81.94-89.03	85.40	96.00	83.70
Medium Frame Steers +1250	82.18-87.20	84.65	89.75	82.11
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	81.85-88.39	85.09	96.00	82.80
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	82.69-87.77	85.74	94.75	84.18
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	80.23-87.76	84.57	93.25	81.79
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	82.18-88.31	85.60	94.75	83.76
Cows- All Weights	31.48-51.98	42.25	79.00	40.85
Bulls- All Weights	49.94-61.69	55.71	73.00	54.82

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	405	77.53-84.82	81.63	88.75	83.54
900-999	761	84.12-89.97	87.35	93.85	87.08
800-899	609	78.16-91.97	86.03	98.30	85.94
700-799	639	74.12-94.35	85.95	107.75	91.72
600-699	971	83.15-107.05	96.14	118.50	95.54
500-599	733	83.44-109.68	98.87	122.00	95.32
400-499	289	79.41-108.17	96.87	121.00	94.56
-399	127	77.36-113.14	98.31	172.00	83.89

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	452	71.92-81.26	77.48	87.00	78.41
800-899	379	73.15-84.35	80.91	89.00	80.70
700-799	565	76.06-89.95	82.57	99.00	79.89
600-699	949	77.31-95.70	88.18	107.00	85.06
500-599	650	73.21-94.72	86.43	108.00	86.63
400-499	457	73.90-99.80	89.18	113.00	87.86
300-399	86	74.24-95.13	84.88	111.00	85.43
299-	11	73.82-106.18	85.91	156.00	90.29

At Talbotville Livestock: April 19, 2008

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	81.00-85.50	89.00
Good & choice heifers	82.00-86.00	88.00
Export Cows	37.00-48.00	
Good Cows	35.00-43.00	
Bulls	40.00-55.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market: April 19, 2008

	Price Range	Avg	Top
Cows	22.00-50.00	35.82	50.00
Bulls all weights	41.66-57.66	48.44	59.00

At Denfield Livestock – April 22, 2008

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	85.00-93.25	Good & Choice Heifers	84.00-94.00
Plain steers	70.00-80.00	Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good fed cows	40.00-55.00	Good beef bulls	45.00-60.00
D1 & D2 cows	37.00-42.00	Good Holstein bulls	40.00-50.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-35.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$150.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Export cows	42.00-52.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 18, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	75.25-83.00	79.46	83.00	900+	77.50-83.25	80.70	83.25
900-999	74.25-83.75	79.50	83.75	800-899	74.00-84.25	80.72	89.00
800-899	70.25-83.00	76.19	85.00	700-799	79.50-91.00	84.43	91.00
700-799	76.50-98.00	86.46	98.00	600-699	75.50-94.50	85.53	97.50
600-699	82.00-105.75	96.53	107.50	500-599	73.00-94.50	84.69	94.50
500-599	82.00-105.00	94.24	113.00	400-499	73.00-91.00	82.88	102.50
400-499	102.00-119.00	111.17	119.00	300-399	74.00-94.00	81.33	102.00
399-	104.00-117.00	110.50	117.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt, April 19, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	55.00-81.50	75.75	81.50	600-699	55.00-78.00	70.73	78.00
600-699	71.00-88.00	77.56	88.00	500-599	63.00-88.00	78.76	88.00
500-599	61.00-90.00	79.89	90.00	400-499	66.00-94.00	76.70	94.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange April 23, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	82.50-88.75	86.34	88.75	900+	78.00-85.75	82.98	85.75
900-999	83.75-90.75	87.47	93.25	800-899	73.00-85.00	81.29	85.00
800-899	76.50-92.50	85.99	92.50	700-799	67.00-76.50	73.22	84.00
700-799	82.00-96.00	88.87	96.00	600-699	74.00-93.00	89.78	93.00
600-699	84.00-95.50	89.60	95.50	400-499	60.00-106.00	94.00	106.00
500-599	74.00-105.00	88.33	105.00				
400-499	74.00-105.0	88.33	105.00				
399-	103.50-110.00	105.13	110.00				

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd, April 22, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	53.50-80.00	68.28	80.00	600-699	55.50-85.50	72.54	85.50
600-699	60.00-94.50	83.15	94.50	500-599	55.00-91.00	78.00	91.00
500-599	52.50-103.00	84.59	103.00	400-499	58.00-110.00	89.20	110.00
400-499	50.50-91.50	82.00	91.50				

Stocker sale at **Keady Livestock Market, April 22, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	91.25-93.85	92.89	93.85	900+	58.00-74.50	69.50	74.50
800-899	86.00-98.30	93.06	98.30	800-899	76.00-87.75	85.73	87.75
700-799	87.00-103.50	96.15	107.75	700-799	84.75-97.75	90.30	97.75
600-699	96.50-118.50	107.38	118.50	600-699	90.00-107.00	99.09	107.00
500-599	95.00-122.00	110.81	122.00	500-599	90.00-104.00	98.76	108.00
400-499	94.00-121.00	111.75	121.00	400-499	80.00-110.00	101.48	113.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 24, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	52.00-71.00	60.85	78.50	900+	56.00-76.50	65.25	86.50
900-999	75.00-89.50	83.01	89.50	800-899	72.00-85.25	77.98	85.25
800-899	74.50-86.50	81.89	87.50	700-799	71.00-87.00	79.14	93.50
700-799	67.00-90.50	79.52	103.00	600-699	76.00-99.00	89.04	102.00
600-699	76.00-102.00	88.91	110.50	500-599	75.00-95.50	86.50	106.00
500-599	89.00-110.50	99.76	116.00	400-499	81.50-101.00	90.36	105.00
400-499	82.00-108.00	98.06	108.00	300-399	70.00-97.00	84.82	99.00
399-	85.00-100.00	92.53	100.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 24, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	67.50-80.00	72.40	85.00	900+	60.00-72.00	64.70	81.50
600-699	71.00-89.50	80.72	89.50	800-899	63.00-78.00	69.11	78.00
500-599	81.00-99.00	89.13	99.00	700-799	60.00-76.00	68.82	79.00
400-499	91.00-117.00	105.55	117.00	600-699	68.00-79.00	74.33	92.00
				500-599	75.00-90.00	82.37	93.00
				400-499	75.00-111.00	91.00	111.00
				300-399	81.00-96.00	92.40	96.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 24, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	52.00-80.00	71.31	88.00	700-799	51.00-74.00	63.86	79.00
600-699	57.00-93.00	78.58	98.00	600-699	56.00-84.00	74.00	84.00
500-599	62.00-91.00	78.04	115.00	500-599	73.00-93.00	81.24	93.00
400-499	42.00-89.00	69.85	117.00	400-499	68.00-104.00	86.22	104.00
399-	71.00-145.00	106.15	145.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co, April 24, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	79.0-79.50	79.27	81.00	900+	83.00-87.00	86.33	87.00
900-999	91.50-92.35	92.04	92.35	800-899	78.00-87.00	85.13	87.00
800-899	81.50-95.10	89.49	95.10	700-799	80.00-99.00	88.70	99.00
700-799	84.00-88.00	86.08	89.25	600-699	89.00-98.00	95.52	98.00
600-699	79.75-111.50	97.09	117.00	500-599	71.00-93.25	81.63	93.25
500-599	96.00-109.50	105.23	109.50	400-499	98.50-102.75	101.64	102.75
400-499	102.00-103.50	103.20	103.50				

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 18, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	67.50-71.50	69.17	71.50	900+	50.00-72.75	62.71	75.50
900-999	73.00-80.00	78.31	80.00	800-899	66.75-79.75	77.48	79.75
800-899	72.50-87.00	80.92	87.00	700-799	72.50-81.00	77.55	81.75
700-799	76.00-86.00	82.84	86.00	600-699	76.00-83.75	81.21	83.75
600-699	82.75-96.00	88.90	96.00	500-599	80.50-90.00	85.00	90.00
500-599	87.50-110.00	98.15	113.00	400-499	79.50-88.00	83.35	90.00
400-499	82.25-99.50	91.35	104.00	300-399	70.00-86.00	80.22	86.00

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, April 23, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	70.50-90.50	82.47	90.50	700-799	73.00-86.00	77.78	86.00
700-799	59.00-102.00	90.75	102.00	600-699	56.00-92.50	80.31	92.50
600-699	74.50-111.75	99.14	111.75	500-599	57.50-95.25	85.11	95.25
500-599	72.00-113.50	103.98	113.50	400-499	55.00-108.00	87.29	108.00
400-499	70.00-120.50	101.60	120.50				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 24, 2008**

Steers	Live	88.80-93.50	Flat rail	148.45-151.75
Heifers	Live	89.10-91.75	Flat rail	146.70-150.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 24, 2008**

	Price Range
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	143.75-145.75

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 24, 2008**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	91.00-92.50
	Rail	150.00-151.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Apr 11, 2008	1.5452	1.5527
Apr 4, 2008	1.5021	1.5309
Mar 28, 2008	1.5087	1.5288
Mar 21, 2008	1.5264	1.5441

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	153.76	150.83

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 19, 2008	843	784
April 21, 2007	820	771

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	March 2008	March 2007
Steers	4,508	3,772
Heifers	2,187	2,590
Cows	1,041	2,052
Bulls	479	577

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	April 19, 2008		
Grand Total	61,425	956,609	95%
Alberta Slaughter	42,762	653,151	100%
Ontario Slaughter	11,051	177,817	87%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 26, 2008		
Grand Total	695,000	676,000	675,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Apr 12, 08	Week ending Apr 5, 08	Year to Date
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the US.	4,325	4,628	76,568

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Apr 12, 08	Week ending Apr 5, 08	Year to Date
Live slaughter cattle imported from the US into Ontario	0	0	0

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Feb 29		Jan 1 – April 19	
Pure bred	103	Slaughter steers & heifers	270,245
Non-pure bred	7,615	Feeder steers & heifers	236,132
		Cows & Bulls	59,312

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 19	Jan 1 – March 22
Total	80,797 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 19	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	266,746 tonnes	284,491 tonnes	-6.2%
Non-fed	79,443 tonnes	77,549 tonnes	+2.4%

BEEF IMPORTS

Jan 1 – April 12	Last Year Same Time	% Change
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United States	29,618 tonnes	21,880 tonnes	+35.4%
Other (New Zealand, Argentina, Uruguay, Australia)	11,321 tonnes	19,756 tonnes	-47.2%
Non-NAFTA	10,967 tonnes	18,973 tonnes	-42.2%

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	92.27 +0.02	May	107.75 +0.72	May	5.772 +1.0	May	13.256 -23.0	Spot	98.44 -0.19
Jun	93.37 +0.70	Aug	110.65 +0.10	Jul	5.906 +1.2	Jul	13.370 -24.0	Jun	98.38 -0.17
Aug	99.07 +0.42	Sep	111.80 +0.15	Sep	6.004 +2.0	Aug	13.174 -23.4	Sep	98.34 -0.16
Oct	103.90 +0.00	Oct	112.50 +0.15	Dec	6.066 +4.6	Sep	12.690 -20.4	Dec	98.31 -0.16
Dec	103.92 -0.25	Nov	112.00 -0.07	Mar	6.170 +5.0	Nov	12.220 -18.4	Mar	98.30 -0.16
Feb	105.85 -0.15	Jan	110.85 +0.45	May	6.250 +6.0	Jan	12.352 -18.2	Jun	98.19 -0.16

Upcoming Special Spring Sales

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 3	10:00 am	Thessalon	Stockers- Algoma Co-op Livestock Sales
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 24, 2008

Fed cattle sold on a strong demand with prices slightly higher. The volume of fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,956 up 601 from last week. The average price for steers was \$85.09 up \$2.29 from last week and \$20.15 lower than the same time last year. Heifers averaged \$85.60 up \$1.84 from last week and \$17.50 lower than the same time last year. Auction markets reported active trading with prices \$1.00-\$3.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market also met a good demand this week. There were 2,726 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 173 from last week and 912 more than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$31.48-\$51.98 with an average price of \$42.25, up \$1.40 from last week. Auction markets reported a good active trade with prices barely steady to fully steady early to mid week, progressing to \$2.00-\$4.00 higher by the end of the week.

The replacement cattle market was steady to stronger this week. There were 8,083 replacement cattle sold through auction markets up 10% from last week but 31% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a good strong active trade with strong demand and prices from fully steady to \$3.00 higher. Steers 700-800 lbs averaged \$5.77 lower than last week while all other categories were fully steady to \$3.55 higher on average.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week \$2.00-\$2.25 higher on average. Steers traded from \$139.00-\$145.00 early in the week to \$142.00-146.00 by mid week. Heifers sold from \$138.00-144.00 early week progressing to \$141.00-\$144.00 by mid week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was active on Wednesday with prices \$2.00 higher than last week. Thursday was light with prices steady to Wednesday. Steers traded from \$88.80-\$93.50 live and \$148.45-151.75 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$89.10-91.75 live and \$146.70-\$150.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$2.00 higher in the south and \$4.00 higher in the north. Steers and heifers sold from \$91.00-\$92.50 live and \$150.00-\$151.00 dressed. Expect asking prices to be \$2.00-\$3.00 higher next week.