



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday September 4, 2008**

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**           164.00-168.00  
**A grade heifers**       163.00-167.00

## 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	90.61-99.77	96.38	110.00	97.18
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.96-100.24	95.57	110.00	96.62
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	89.38-99.86	96.10	110.00	97.12
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	89.37-99.38	94.97	101.75	92.03
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	92.41-97.85	95.13	101.00	94.00
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	90.36-99.20	95.18	101.75	92.30
Cows- All Weights	42.41-62.63	52.75	86.00	53.24
Bulls- All Weights	62.10-75.57	69.09	91.00	68.40

### STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	526	98.66-105.41	102.08	109.00	105.06
900-999	491	96.37-106.73	102.60	110.35	106.37
800-899	621	103.78-112.84	108.56	117.75	107.41
700-799	401	97.98-113.87	107.97	119.00	113.47
600-699	328	100.91-121.92	111.45	128.00	114.42
500-599	238	95.98-120.60	109.80	132.50	128.44
400-499	350	111.97-134.97	124.49	159.00	129.16
-399	217	105.49-140.11	123.94	166.00	136.75

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	403	91.12-99.16	94.91	101.75	95.65
800-899	472	96.25-103.94	100.85	107.00	100.21
700-799	494	95.77-107.26	102.54	112.50	99.28
600-699	361	89.82-106.14	98.21	114.50	102.98
500-599	264	90.75-107.01	100.56	116.00	105.53
400-499	292	101.51-120.80	112.17	136.00	112.56
300-399	150	102.43-126.15	115.41	149.00	118.91
299-	58	90.88-120.64	108.07	170.00	123.08

### At Talbotville Livestock: August 30, 2008

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	92.00-98.50	
Good & choice heifers	92.00-97.50	
Export Cows	45.00-55.00	
Good Cows	51.00-67.00	
Good Bulls	65.00-78.50	
Good Veal (no choice on offer)	78.00-88.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: August 30, 2008**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Cows</b>	34.50-73.00	53.60	83.50
<b>Bulls under 1600 lbs</b>	64.50-91.00	74.00	91.00

**At Denfield Livestock – September 2, 2008**

	<b>Price Range</b>		<b>Price Range</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice steers</b>	90.00-100.00	<b>Good &amp; Exotic Cross Heifers</b>	90.00-98.00
<b>Plain steers</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	60.00-75.00	<b>Good Beef bulls</b>	65.00-75.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	55.00-65.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	60.00-66.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-50.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$100.00-\$185.00
<b>Shells</b>	25.00-35.00	<b>Plain &amp; newborn Hol bull</b>	\$10.00-\$75.00
<b>Steers 350-500 lbs</b>	105.00-120.00	<b>Heifers 350-500 lbs</b>	100.00-115.00
<b>Steers 600-750 lbs</b>	95.00-110.00	<b>Heifers 600-750 lbs</b>	95.00-110.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, August 29, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	97.00-103.00	100.24	103.00	<b>900+</b>	90.00-99.50	94.42	101.50
<b>900-999</b>	96.50-107.00	102.14	107.00	<b>800-899</b>	97.00-105.00	100.62	105.00
<b>800-899</b>	101.00-117.75	109.96	117.75	<b>700-799</b>	95.25-109.50	103.63	109.50
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-117.25	112.01	118.25	<b>600-699</b>	88.00-107.00	96.76	111.50
<b>600-699</b>	101.50-126.50	111.55	126.50	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-103.50	100.50	111.00
<b>500-599</b>	104.00-120.50	110.44	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	99.00-125.00	114.86	125.00
<b>400-499</b>	128.00-140.50	132.90	140.50	<b>300-399</b>	124.00-128.00	126.15	128.00
<b>399-</b>	125.00-150.00	136.26	150.00	<b>299-</b>	110.00-128.00	117.81	129.00

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt- August 30, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900-999</b>	86.00-97.00	94.41	97.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-100.00	96.00	100.00
<b>800-899</b>	94.50-99.75	99.00	99.75	<b>300-399</b>	82.00-127.00	94.37	127.00
<b>700-799</b>	57.00-93.25	81.75	93.25				
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-148.50	127.41	148.50				
<b>399-</b>	60.00-131.00	109.54	131.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, September 1, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>600-699</b>	75.00-109.00	93.42	109.00	<b>600-699</b>	76.00-98.00	87.31	98.00
<b>500-599</b>	70.00-114.00	103.57	114.00	<b>500-599</b>	84.00-101.00	90.90	101.00
<b>400-499</b>	90.00-136.75	126.05	136.75	<b>400-499</b>	100.00-119.00	113.22	119.00
<b>399-</b>	96.00-141.00	117.60	141.00	<b>300-399</b>	85.00-118.00	107.50	118.00

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, September 1, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>700-799</b>	90.00-105.00	100.30	105.00	<b>900+</b>	75.00-89.50	85.13	89.50
<b>600-699</b>	109.50-121.00	116.00	121.00	<b>800-899</b>	89.50-93.25	92.38	93.25
<b>500-599</b>	95.50-124.00	112.04	132.50	<b>600-699</b>	88.50-105.25	97.58	105.25
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-126.50	123.64	135.00	<b>500-599</b>	84.50-110.50	102.31	110.50
<b>399-</b>	118.50-140.00	129.38	140.00	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-111.00	105.00	118.00

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd, September 2, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-101.50	101.37	101.50	<b>600-699</b>	69.50-102.00	89.92	102.00
<b>700-799</b>	83.00-109.50	100.57	109.50	<b>500-599</b>	76.00-106.50	95.78	106.50
<b>600-699</b>	97.50-125.00	109.23	125.00	<b>400-499</b>	74.50-113.50	98.18	113.50
<b>500-599</b>	96.00-116.50	106.90	116.50				
<b>400-499</b>	104.50-133.00	117.50	133.00				

Stocker Sale at **Keady Livestock Market, September 2, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	109.00	109.00	109.00	<b>900+</b>	97.50-100.00	98.75	100.00
<b>900-999</b>	96.50-107.75	102.16	108.75	<b>800-899</b>	103.25-107.00	105.67	107.00
<b>800-899</b>	109.50-113.20	111.68	115.50	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-112.25	109.29	112.25
<b>700-799</b>	111.50-119.00	116.99	119.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.50-113.00	109.53	113.00
<b>600-699</b>	114.50-128.00	121.76	128.00	<b>500-599</b>	103.50-110.00	107.10	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	110.00-126.50	118.73	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	104.00-114.00	109.03	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	124.50-151.00	135.56	159.00	<b>300-399</b>	110.00-121.00	115.17	121.00
<b>399-</b>	115.00-134.00	127.00	139.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – September 3, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	99.00-106.75	103.27	106.75	<b>900+</b>	95.00-101.50	97.22	101.75
<b>900-999</b>	98.25-107.25	103.89	107.25	<b>800-899</b>	87.00-103.50	101.12	103.50
<b>800-899</b>	99.75-110.00	104.19	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	99.00-109.50	104.00	109.50
<b>700-799</b>	104.25-114.75	111.75	114.75	<b>600-699</b>	86.50-101.00	93.89	101.00
<b>600-699</b>	111.00-114.00	112.43	114.00	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-133.00	119.17	133.00
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-119.00	106.30	119.00	<b>300-399</b>	102.00-137.00	128.25	137.00
<b>400-499</b>	130.00-136.00	133.60	136.00				

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

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-134.00	125.01	137.50	<b>400-499</b>	110.00-125.50	117.79	136.00
<b>399-</b>	123.00-152.00	137.53	166.00	<b>300-399</b>	110.00-140.00	125.97	149.00
				<b>299-</b>	127.00-144.00	137.11	170.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, September 4, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	73.00-93.00	82.67	93.00	<b>800-899</b>	83.50-95.50	88.38	95.50
<b>700-799</b>	80.00-100.50	92.95	119.00	<b>700-799</b>	73.00-98.00	89.15	98.00
<b>600-699</b>	93.50-104.00	99.50	104.00	<b>600-699</b>	87.00-101.00	9.43	114.50
<b>500-599</b>	83.00-109.00	100.67	109.00				
<b>400-499</b>	78.00-02.50	99.17	102.50				
<b>399-</b>	102.0-121.00	112.13	121.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, September 4, 2008**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	85.50-96.50	92.43	96.50	<b>900 +</b>	85.50-99.25	94.38	99.25
<b>900-999</b>	89.50-104.75	100.98	104.75	<b>800-899</b>	87.00-94.00	90.78	97.50
<b>800-899</b>	93.50-105.75	100.71	105.75	<b>700-799</b>	89.25-104.75	98.28	112.50
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-114.25	103.67	114.25	<b>600-699</b>	84.00-103.75	94.51	110.75
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-118.00	108.29	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	94.00-112.00	103.40	112.00
<b>500-599</b>	100.50-122.00	112.99	126.50	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-107.00	99.02	113.50
<b>400-499</b>	100.00-132.00	120.01	134.00				
<b>399-</b>	96.00-139.00	112.68	139.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, September 4, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	74.00-110.00	97.71	110.00	700-799	91.00-103.00	95.53	103.00
600-699	87.00-118.00	107.31	118.00	600-699	89.00-103.00	95.04	103.00
500-599	81.00-122.00	103.04	128.00	500-599	83.00-107.00	97.60	107.00
400-499	93.00-128.00	111.84	132.00	400-499	91.00-116.00	102.33	116.00
399-	83.00-133.00	109.92	138.00	300-399	82.00-112.00	99.81	119.00
				299-	65.00-115.00	93.00	129.00

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co, September 4, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	102.85-108.75	104.91	108.75	900+	87.00-96.75	92.88	96.75
900-999	101.75-110.35	107.58	110.35	800-899	95.00-104.60	101.67	104.60
800-899	114.10-115.50	114.72	115.50	700-799	104.10-104.75	104.45	105.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES**

Stocker sale at **Wiarnton- Sponsored by Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op, September 4, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	102.75-109.25	900 +	98.00-103.75
900-999	99.00-110.75	800-899	92.00-105.00
800-899	106.00-115.00	700-799	99.00-106.00
700-799	110.00-115.25	600-699	

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday September 4, 2008**

Steers	Live	91.85-96.00	Flat rail	93.15-93.25
Heifers	Live	157.00-157.85	Flat rail	157.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday September 4, 2008**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	99.00
	Rail	154.00-155.00

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

Week Ending <b>Thursday September 4, 2008</b>	Price
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	161.25-163.75

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	159.89	152.68

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
August 30, 2008	848	796
September 1, 2007	847	788

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	August 30, 2008		
Grand Total	62,936	2,152,420	98%
Alberta Slaughter	39,123	1,498,268	102%
Ontario Slaughter	10,966	377,005	90%

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending September 6, 2008	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	590,000	680,000	606,000

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Aug 23, 08	Week ending Aug 16, 08	Year to Date
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the US.	3,894	3,444	145,464

### LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO (updates are currently unavailable.)

	Week ending May 3, 08	Week ending Apr 26, 08	Year to Date
Live slaughter cattle imported from the US into Ontario	0	0	0

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – June 30		Jan 1 – Aug 30	
Pure bred	466	Slaughter steers & heifers	439,140
Non-pure bred	24,931	Feeder steers & heifers	410,547
		Cows & Bulls	125,229

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
Jan 1 – Aug 30		
<b>Total</b>	181,797 tonnes	N/A

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 30	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	619,029 tonnes	626,785 tonnes	-1.2%
<b>Non-fed</b>	153,811 tonnes	152,483 tonnes	+0.9%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Aug 23	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	78,038 tonnes	62,570 tonnes	+24.7%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	21,808 tonnes	41,619 tonnes	-47.6%
<b>Total</b>	101,076 tonnes	107,860 tonnes	-6.3%

### 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			\$/bu US			¢/bu		
<b>Oct</b>	102.95	-0.35	<b>Sep</b>	111.12	+0.35	<b>Sep</b>	5.314	-17.6	<b>Sep</b>	11.800	-54.0	<b>Spot</b>	94.00	+0.27			
<b>Dec</b>	104.95	-0.35	<b>Oct</b>	110.67	+0.30	<b>Dec</b>	5.484	-16.0	<b>Nov</b>	11.770	-58.0	<b>Sep</b>	93.95	+0.26			
<b>Feb</b>	105.80	-0.30	<b>Nov</b>	110.22	+0.25	<b>Mar</b>	5.672	-16.0	<b>Jan</b>	11.936	-58.2	<b>Dec</b>	93.84	+0.25			
<b>Apr</b>	106.12	-0.20	<b>Jan</b>	110.27	+0.40	<b>May</b>	5.792	-16.0	<b>Mar</b>	12.066	-57.6	<b>Mar</b>	93.82	+0.23			
<b>Jun</b>	102.52	-0.57	<b>Apr</b>	110.47	+0.47	<b>Jul</b>	5.890	-16.0	<b>May</b>	12.154	-57.0	<b>Jun</b>	93.82	+0.23			
<b>Aug</b>	104.97	-0.52	<b>May</b>	110.05	+0.10	<b>Sep</b>	5.880	-15.4	<b>Jul</b>	12.244	-56.2	<b>Sep</b>	93.79	+0.23			

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### Upcoming Special Fall Sales

Sept 6	9:30 am	Rainy River- Stratton Sale Barn	Mainly yearlings, also cows & calves
Sept 12	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearlings-overnight stand
Sept 13	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings

Sept 16	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Yearlings
Sept 16	10:00 am	Thessalon-Algoma Co-op Livestock	Yearlings
Sept 17	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Stockers- Vacc & nonvaccinated
Sept 17	1:00 pm	Galetta Livestock Sales	Stocker sale- Cows etc to follow
Sept 19	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearlings- overnight stand
Sept 19	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Calves/Yearlings-90%vaccinated, Catalogued- Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc
Sept 19	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Yearlings
Sept 20	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auction Center	Stockers- vacc & nonvaccinated
Sept 25	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Yearlings, mostly vaccinated
Sept 25	10:00 am	South River-Parry Sound Lvstk Coop,	Calves & Yearlings
Sept 26	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearlings- overnight stand
Sept 26	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Heifers Sale- all breeds
Sept 28	1:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Purebred Sale:Charolais Autumn Fest-Back to the Basics!

### **Comments for the week ending September 4, 2008**

The fed cattle market sold on a mixed demand this week. The number of fed cattle sold through auction markets was 1,054 head up 97 from last week and 494 less than last year at this time. The average price for steers was \$96.10 down \$1.02 from last week and \$5.03 higher than this time last year. Heifers sold stronger averaging \$95.18 up \$2.88 from last week and \$7.13 more than last year. Auction market reports ranged from a shade lower to steady to \$2.00 higher, according to quality. All markets reported active trading.

Slaughter cows were lower in volume and off just slightly in pricing. There were 1,677 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 177 from last week and 133 more than last year at this time. The average price for cows was \$52.75 down \$0.49 from last week and \$20.14 more than last year. Auction markets reported steady trade with prices from steady to \$3.00 lower.

As seasonally expected, replacement cattle numbers are starting to increase. There were 5,666 replacement cattle sold through auction markets this week, up 15% from last week and 29% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good to moderate demand with prices from steady to slightly lower, according to quality. Actual average prices were \$0.50-\$5.50 lower in all categories with the exception of steers 800-900 lbs which averaged \$1.15 higher and heifers over 700 lbs which averaged \$0.10-\$3.26 higher. Steers 500-600 were under pressure averaging \$18.64 lower than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week averaged \$0.75 lower than last week and held steady throughout the week. Steers traded from \$164.00-168.00 and heifers sold from \$163.00-\$167.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light on Wednesday and Thursday with prices averaging \$0.25-\$0.50 lower than last week. Steers sold from \$91.85-\$96.00 live and \$157.00-\$157.85 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$93.15-\$96.25 live and \$157.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderate in Nebraska on Thursday with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower at \$154.00-\$155.00 dressed (most sales at \$155.00). Light trade on Friday in the south was fully steady to last week at \$99.00 live. Light volumes suggest that cattle will be carried over into next week in hopes of better prices.