



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday October 2, 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	155.00-160.00
A grade heifers	154.00-159.00

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	88.05-96.91	92.76	106.75	95.57
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.05-94.49	89.88	117.00	94.27
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	84.15-95.68	91.53	117.00	95.49
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	80.93-96.91	90.12	101.50	92.39
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	74.23-91.95	85.74	97.75	90.98
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	77.26-95.01	88.38	101.50	92.23
Cows- All Weights	39.15-57.27	48.63	86.50	51.36
Bulls- All Weights	53.92-69.73	61.95	98.75	64.49

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	948	95.38-101.02	98.70	106.50	101.38
900-999	1870	99.28-106.29	103.07	110.50	104.64
800-899	586	94.87-106.89	101.48	113.85	103.35
700-799	439	85.92-103.97	96.36	110.50	103.87
600-699	402	86.87-108.62	99.14	119.00	103.30
500-599	480	90.58-115.89	105.95	123.00	110.16
400-499	453	95.03-120.65	110.30	134.00	112.15
-399	216	94.39-123.27	109.17	135.50	112.46

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	371	80.16-94.20	90.65	102.75	90.47
800-899	553	87.29-96.54	93.82	101.50	95.71
700-799	532	81.45-98.29	91.73	106.00	97.10
600-699	587	84.14-101.70	95.33	125.00	97.42
500-599	299	78.86-99.31	90.70	107.00	95.51
400-499	384	86.85-109.09	99.01	145.50	98.97
300-399	164	89.72-110.15	100.65	122.00	98.78
299-	54	77.30-99.41	88.62	135.00	91.73

At Talbotville Livestock: September 27, 2008

	Price Range	
Good Cows	47.50-59.00	73.00
Export Cows	46.00-54.00	
Good heavy bulls	58.50-71.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: September 27, 2008

	Price Range	Avg	Top
Cows	33.00-63.50	50.88	74.00
Bulls (all weights)	60.90-89.10	69.20	94.50

At Denfield Livestock – September 30, 2008

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice steers	88.00-97.00	Good & Exotic Cross Heifers	85.00-100.00
Plain steers	80.00-85.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good Beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-67.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.0-45.0	Good Holstein bull calves	\$60.00-\$110.00
Shells	25.00-35.00	Plain Hol bull calves	\$5.00-\$50.00
Steers 500-600 lbs	100.00-110.00	Heifers 500-600 lbs	100.00-108.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, September 26, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	94.75-102.50	99.16	105.00	900+	84.00-95.00	91.80	96.50
900-999	96.00-108.25	101.59	108.25	800-899	80.00-96.00	90.65	98.00
800-899	93.00-110.50	98.99	110.50	700-799	82.00-100.50	92.68	103.75
700-799	88.00-110.00	101.10	110.50	600-699	75.00-106.50	95.89	106.50
600-699	92.50-112.00	104.27	112.00	500-599	88.00-103.00	95.29	103.00
500-599	96.00-116.00	107.34	121.50	400-499	89.00-104.50	97.40	145.50
400-499	88.00-123.50	110.40	134.00	300-399	81.00-113.00	104.50	113.00
399-	105.00-135.50	115.86	135.50	299-	82.00-115.00	96.14	115.00

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, September 26, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	80.00-91.40	87.71	91.50	700-799	74.50-98.00	81.00	98.00
600-699	76.00-102.00	89.70	102.00	600-699	78.00-100.00	93.35	100.00
500-599	80.00-118.00	110.51	118.00	500-599	82.50-98.00	92.70	98.00
400-499	91.00-120.00	105.60	120.00	400-499	61.00-115.00	93.30	115.00

Stocker sale at **D.H. Hickson Ltd, September 30, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	50.00-95.00	80.08	95.00	600-699	64.50-93.00	84.26	93.00
700-799	67.50-96.00	81.88	96.00	500-599	65.00-103.00	90.34	103.00
600-699	61.50-105.50	88.97	105.50	400-499	83.00-127.00	93.86	127.00
500-599	62.00-119.00	102.19	119.00				
400-499	84.50-128.00	106.89	128.00				

Stocker Sale at **Keady Livestock Market, September 30, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	97.50-100.50	99.66	101.50	900+	63.00-93.50	86.53	93.50
800-899	97.00-109.00	104.59	109.00	800-899	85.00-86.50	93.65	100.75
700-799	100.00-110.00	105.98	110.00	700-799	95.50-104.00	101.35	104.00
600-699	95.00-116.50	105.30	119.00	600-699	85.00-102.50	94.55	102.50
500-599	106.00-13.00	117.72	123.00	500-599	81.00-99.50	91.74	102.00
400-499	109.00-124.00	118.47	127.00	400-499	85.00-111.00	101.24	111.00
399-	126.00-129.00	127.50	129.00	300-399	104.00-109.00	105.36	109.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – October 1, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	89.00-96.00	92.60	100.50	900+	89.75-94.75	93.47	94.75
900-999	93.00-102.75	97.45	102.75	800-899	89.25-97.25	93.07	101.50
800-899	94.50-102.50	98.92	104.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, October 2, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	83.00-93.00	88.25	93.00	600-699	63.00-89.00	77.20	93.50
600-699	79.00-99.00	89.41	110.50	500-599	75.00-91.50	84.00	107.00
500-599	80.00-118.00	98.00	118.00	400-499	58.00-124.00	90.63	124.00
400-499	83.00-110.00	96.85	129.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, October 2, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	83.00-90.50	87.20	90.50	900 +	79.50-97.00	93.43	97.00
800-899	90.00-98.50	93.40	98.50	800-899	85.50-97.25	94.38	97.25
700-799	86.00-104.00	96.12	104.00	700-799	65.00-93.00	82.38	101.75
600-699	92.50-111.50	102.22	111.50	600-699	80.00-98.00	91.98	125.00
500-599	103.50-119.00	111.89	120.00	500-599	80.00-98.50	89.30	98.50
400-499	110.00-125.00	119.66	129.00	400-499	80.00-99.00	90.47	104.00
399-	80.00-120.00	109.17	131.00	300-399	74.00-105.00	88.82	108.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, October 2, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	87.00-100.00	94.31	108.00	600-699	71.00-95.00	88.73	95.00
500-599	84.00-109.00	96.04	114.00	500-599	87.00-101.00	94.63	101.00
400-499	91.00-112.00	102.57	115.00	400-499	79.00-100.00	91.65	100.00
399-	61.00-118.00	90.00	135.00	300-399	82.00-106.00	92.00	106.00

Stocker Sale at: **Tri-County Cattle Co, October 2, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	96.00-101.00	99.72	101.00	900+	90.00-96.00	94.66	96.00
700-799	85.25-105.00	99.96	105.00	800-899	96.00-97.35	97.04	99.00
				700-799	91.50-97.75	95.21	98.50
				600-699	92.50-102.00	96.83	102.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, October 2, 2008**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
400-499	111.50-124.00	118.87	124.00	400-499	93.00-113.00	106.81	113.00
399-	115.00-130.00	125.56	134.00	300-399	99.00-114.00	104.96	122.00
				299-	110.00-122.00	117.11	122.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE SPECIAL FALL SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Keady Livestock Sales, Sept 26, 2008-** 1,707 Yearlings- Overnight Stand

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	100.60-104.35	102.94	106.50
900-999	106.00-109.35	107.61	110.50
800-899	109.10-113.85	111.49	113.85

Yearlings sold steady to slightly lower. No heifers were on offer.

Stocker Sale at: **South River- Parry Sound District Livestock Co-op Assoc. Sept 25, 08-** 425 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-800	94.50-103.00	106.00	600-800	74.00-89.50	94.00

400-600	112.50-125.50	126.00	400-600	103.50-105.00	115.00
-400	117.00-122.00	126.00	-400	91.00-108.00	123.00

Good quality cattle were on offer.

Stocker Sale at **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market- October 1, 2008- Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemen's Assoc. Vaccinated Yearlings- 577 head**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	72.00-94.50	91.93	94.50	900+	81.00-102.75	97.09	102.75
900-999	76.00-101.50	95.97	101.50	800-899	81.50-98.75	93.41	98.75
800-899	84.00-104.00	97.42	104.00	700-799	73.00-102.75	92.88	102.75
700-799	83.50-104.75	94.65	104.75	600-699	75.00-100.75	92.95	100.75
600-699	85.50-113.25	102.82	113.25	500-599	69.00-96.25	87.73	96.25
500-599	82.00-112.00	99.70	112.00	400-499	80.00-107.00	101.60	107.00

Replacement cattle sold actively at slightly easier prices.

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Sept 27, 2008

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$1100-\$1400	\$800-\$1050
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$1000	\$700-\$900
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1100-\$1450	\$800-\$1100
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800-\$1100	\$650-\$850

Bred cows sold on a very active demand at higher prices.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday October 2, 2008**

Steers	Live	87.00-91.76	Flat rail	151.50-153.85
Heifers	Live	88.00-91.06	Flat rail	153.85

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	96.00-98.00
	Rail	146.00-150.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday October 2, 2008**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	148.00-149.75
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U.S. BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES (U.S. funds)

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	155.87	149.29

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
September 27, 2008	864	808
September 29, 2007	859	804

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	Aug 2008	Aug 2007
Steers	4,292	4,227
Heifers	2,235	2,252

Cows	887	1,610
Bulls	532	845

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending Sept 27, 2008	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	68,448	2,405,108	99%
Alberta Slaughter	49,664	1,679,250	102%
Ontario Slaughter	10,943	421,481	91%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending October 4, 2008	Previous Week	Year Ago
Grand Total	630,000	659,000	671,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Sept 27, 08	Week ending Sept 20, 08	Year to Date
Live slaughter cattle exported from Ontario to the US.	3,621	3,601	163,083

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

IMPORTS Jan 1 – July 31		EXPORTS Jan 1 – Sept 27	
Pure bred	573	Slaughter steers & heifers	492,555
Non-pure bred	30,149	Feeder steers & heifers	46243748
		Cows & Bulls	140,712

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– Sept 27	Mexico
Total	203,379 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Sept 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	693,961 tonnes	699,795 tonnes	-0.8%
Non-fed	171,222 tonnes	169,918 tonnes	+0.8%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Sept 20	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	86,641 tonnes	71,057 tonnes	+21.9%
Non-NAFTA	23,266 tonnes	44,581 tonnes	-47.8%
Total	111,607 tonnes	119,351 tonnes	-6.5%

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			
Oct	95.60 -0.10	Oct	100.67 +0.10	Dec	4.540 +0.0	Nov	9.920 -12.0	Spot	92.67 +0.02

Dec	97.75	-0.30	Nov	100.80	+0.20	Mar	4.724	-0.4	Jan	10.084	-12.2	Dec	92.68	-0.07
Feb	97.70	-0.10	Jan	100.40	-0.30	May	4.846	-0.2	Mar	10.214	-14.2	Mar	92.71	-0.12
Apr	98.37	+0.00	Mar	101.55	+0.40	Jul	4.960	+0.0	May	10.324	-14.4	Jun	92.72	-0.06
Jun	96.20	+0.70	Apr	102.10	+0.10	Sep	5.040	+1.0	Jul	10.410	-14.0	Sep	92.63	-0.12
Aug	97.05	+0.40	May	103.10	+0.25	Dec	5.110	+1.4	Aug	10.424	-13.4	Dec	92.57	-0.15

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Upcoming Special Fall Sales

Oct 4	9:30 am	Rainy River Cattlemens- Stratton	Mainly Calves, also cows & yearling
Oct 4	10:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and yearlings.
Oct 4	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Sales	Bred Cows and Stockers
Oct 7	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Yearlings
Oct 9	2:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Leeds & Grenville Cty Calf Sale in regular sale- approx 2pm
Oct 10	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Yearlings- Overnight stand.
Oct 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	4-H Sale
Oct 11	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock Sales	Bred Cows & Stockers
Oct 14	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Local calves & stocker cattle featuring Pfizer Vacc calves from Manitoulin Is.
Oct 15	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Angus and X-Bred stocker sale, to consign- Ross Bailey 905-985-0697
Oct 15	1:00 pm	Galetta Livestock Sales	Stocker sale- cows etc to follow
Oct 16	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Calf sale, mostly vaccinated.
Oct 17	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Stockers
Oct 18	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Bruce Peninsula Charolais Assoc. Sale (members only) Mainly Charolais Age verified, vaccinated & presorted calves
Oct 19	1:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Purebred Sale: Autumn Harvest Angus Sale
Oct 20	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves and yearlings Sponsored by Huron Cty Beef Producers
Oct 20	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stockers- Vacc & non vaccinated
Oct 21	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Georgian Bay Premium Charolais Calf Assoc- (members only) Age Verified, Mainly Charolais, Vaccinated & presorted
Oct 21	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Calf & Yearling Sale
Oct 23	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Ottawa Valley & Renfrew calves/yearlings Bluewater Angus Calf Assoc Sale (members only) Mainly Angus-Age verified Vaccinated and presorted calves.
Oct 24	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd (Hoards)	Calves & Yearlings- Catalogued and Vaccinated 100%
Oct 24	12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Bred Cow Sale
Oct 24	1:00 pm	Listowel Livestock	Local Vaccinated Calves
Oct 24	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Local Calf Sale

Comments for the week ending October 2, 2008

The fed cattle market was under a great deal of pressure again this week. The number of fed cattle sold through auction markets was 1,282 up 369 head from last week and 192 more than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$85.28-95.68 averaging \$91.53, down \$3.96 from last week

and \$9.79 higher than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$77.26-95.01 averaging \$88.38 down \$3.85 from last week and up \$8.13 over last year. Auction markets reported prices to be selling under pressure with prices \$3.00 lower than last week's decline.

The slaughter cow market lost steam this week as well. There were 2,381 slaughter cows sold through auction markets just slightly higher than last week but 763 more than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.15-57.27 averaging \$48.63 down \$2.73 from last week and \$16.35 higher than last year at this time. Early in the week auction markets reported prices to be steady but as the week progressed, they reported prices to be \$2.00-3.00 lower.

Replacement cattle traded easier this week. There were 8,338 replacement cattle sold through auction markets, down 1.6% from last week and 16% fewer than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a moderate to lower demand with prices softer than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week averaged \$5.25 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$157-\$160 early in the week declining to \$155-157 by Tuesday. Heifers followed the same trend with early prices at \$156-\$159 dropping back to \$154-\$156 by Tuesday.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light with prices \$2.00 lower than last week. Steers sold from \$87.00-91.76 live and \$151.50-153.85 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$88.00-91.06 live and \$153.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active with prices \$3.00-5.00 lower as cattle sold at \$96.00-98.00 live and \$146.00-150.00 dressed.