



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday March 5, 2009

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 163.00-166.00
A grade heifers 162.00-165.00

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	93.38-101.26	97.61	107.00	97.57
Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.66-100.82	96.77	108.75	95.99
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	92.55-101.41	97.24	108.75	97.15
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.18-99.75	96.26	115.00	92.48
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	87.32-99.97	94.55	103.25	93.17
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.53-100.70	95.98	115.00	92.88
Cows- All Weights	39.43-55.98	48.53	85.00	45.90
Bulls- All Weights	55.25-67.78	62.42	82.00	59.32

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	480	97.53-108.32	104.12	109.50	103.75
900-999	600	100.38-107.74	104.86	109.25	102.53
800-899	320	94.78-105.53	101.35	110.00	100.16
700-799	374	93.73-109.67	102.38	115.50	103.62
600-699	417	96.76-118.73	109.93	125.00	107.20
500-599	421	101.62-124.11	114.64	131.00	114.05
400-499	175	99.83-124.66	112.69	143.00	110.55
-399	80	88.65-121.99	105.20	152.00	107.16

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	310	93.98-100.76	96.98	105.75	94.05
800-899	265	88.62-99.53	96.05	105.00	89.77
700-799	289	83.32-98.25	91.92	108.00	95.56
600-699	304	90.57-106.21	101.05	109.50	101.58
500-599	312	92.41-108.71	102.11	115.00	102.65
400-499	184	91.16-108.22	100.54	118.00	99.98
300-399	73	86.25-117.34	102.19	158.00	94.76
299-	11	96.73-102.73	100.87	116.00	100.06

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat Feb 28, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	95.00-104.50	No tops on offer
Good & Choice Heifers	95.00-101.50	No tops on offer
Good Cows	44.00-56.00	64.50
Export Cows	42.00-52.00	
Good heavy bulls	61.00-71.75	
Good veal calves	75.00-88.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Sat Feb 28, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-56.50	44.79	73.00
Bulls all weights	49.70-70.10	60.69	71.50

At Denfield Livestock – March 3, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.25	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-103.75
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	93.00-98.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-55.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	35.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	75.00-160.00
Shells	20.00-30.00		

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	65.00	Cows D1 & D2	45.00-49.00 Top 53.00
Bulls	54.00-60.50 Top 63.00	Cows D3	42.00-45.00 Top 46.00
Bred cows-good x bred		Cows D4	26.00-38.50 Top 38.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Feb 27, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	96.75-104.00	100.56	104.00	900+	96.75-105.75	100.09	105.75
900-999	95.00-107.25	102.13	107.25	800-899	97.00-105.00	101.54	105.00
800-899	95.00-109.25	102.95	109.25	700-799	87.50-108.00	98.80	108.00
700-799	98.50-110.00	104.69	115.50	600-699	99.00-109.50	106.35	109.50
600-699	103.50-118.00	111.35	120.75	500-599	101.00-112.50	108.42	112.50
500-599	102.00-124.50	114.86	125.00	400-499	103.00-117.00	110.51	118.00
400-499	107.00-131.50	119.82	131.50	300-399	98.00-120.00	107.20	150.00
399-	105.00-129.00	119.89	129.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Feb 28, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	75.50-86.00	79.43	86.00	600-699	77.25-108.00	98.22	108.00
700-799	59.00-97.75	82.05	97.75	500-599	80.00-105.00	92.85	105.00
600-699	69.50-114.50	105.39	114.50	400-499	71.0-92.00	85.33	92.00
500-599	98.00-121.00	111.07	121.00				
400-499	76.00-117.50	105.59	117.50				
399-	62.50-110.00	82.85	110.00				

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 2, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	103.00-108.00	107.05	108.00	700-799	80.00-86.50	81.75	86.50
500-599	94.50-110.50	102.19	110.50	600-699	88.50-96.00	94.88	96.00
				500-599	86.00-96.50	91.94	96.50

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	87.50-100.00	94.65	100.00	700-799	76.50-96.50	90.07	96.50
600-699	88.00-109.50	101.73	109.50	600-699	79.00-105.00	94.80	105.00
500-599	95.00-130.00	111.92	130.00	500-599	75.00-113.00	99.71	113.00
400-499	104.00-125.00	114.65	125.00	400-499	99.00-111.00	104.20	111.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50	800-899	100.75-101.50	100.90	101.50
700-799	90.00-109.50	96.20	110.00	700-799	75.50-75.50	75.50	75.50
600-699	112.75-125.00	119.82	125.00	600-699	98.25-99.00	98.34	100.50
500-599	102.00-125.00	119.96	125.00	500-599	104.50-113.00	108.95	113.00
400-499	110.00-122.00	117.27	122.00	400-499	100.00-110.00	107.14	110.00
800-899	80.00-106.50	97.56	106.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	85.00-90.00	900+	82.00-86.50
900-999	91.00-99.00	800-899	90.00-98.75
800-899	92.00-101.00	700-799	90.00-108.50
700-799	97.00-107.50	600-699	96.00-107.00
600-699	105.00-117.00	500-599	98.00-116.00
500-599	112.00-125.00	400-499	99.00-116.50
400-499	115.00-124.00	300-399	82.00-114.00
399-			

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 4, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	101.00-109.50	105.61	109.50	900+	96.75-99.50	98.30	101.00
900-999	104.00-108.75	106.47	109.25	800-899	70.00-104.00	99.33	104.00
800-899	103.50-105.75	104.95	105.75	700-799	96.75-105.75	100.58	105.75
700-799	98.00-110.00	106.10	110.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	81.00-109.50	105.34	109.50	700-799	86.50-91.50	88.86	91.50
900-999	92.00-108.75	108.42	108.75				
500-599	98.00-108.50	103.42	108.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, March 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	65.00-98.00	87.88	98.00	900+	82.00-90.00	86.80	95.50
900-999	88.00-101.50	93.47	105.00	800-899	88.50-94.00	90.25	95.50
800-899	90.00-107.00	100.80	110.00	700-799	74.00-95.25	87.63	106.00
700-799	95.75-113.00	104.94	113.00	600-699	85.00-108.75	101.15	108.75
600-699	100.00-124.75	112.10	124.75	500-599	91.50-110.00	103.76	110.00
500-599	105.00-128.00	118.01	131.00	400-499	85.00-108.00	97.61	113.00
400-499	94.00-121.00	106.16	123.00	300-399	89.00-108.00	101.07	108.00
399-	87.00-113.00	107.27	113.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, March 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	96.00-115.00	106.53	122.00	600-699	98.00-105.00	100.36	106.00
500-599	105.00-126.50	116.92	126.50	500-599	94.00-115.00	108.50	115.00
				400-499	105.00-117.00	109.75	117.00

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 5, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	106.00-122.00	117.64	124.00	400-499	96.00-109.50	105.68	109.50
400-499	102.00-127.00	116.76	143.00	300-399	95.00-143.00	115.06	158.00
399-	111.0-146.00	124.67	152.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

Steers	Live	89.00-90.00	Flat rail	151.00-153.20
Heifers	Live	88.85-90.35	Flat rail	151.00-152.83

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	82.00
	Rail	130.00 (a few at 131.00)

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 5, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	161.25-163.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869
Feb 13, 2009	1.7219	1.6935
Feb 6, 2009	1.6962	1.7021

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.30	132.50

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	February 28, 2009		
Grand Total	603,000	618,000	647,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Feb 21, 09	Week ending Feb 14, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	3,722	3,352	25,061
Steers & Heifers	3,163	2,772	21,034
Cows	519	560	3,908
Bulls	40	20	119

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Feb 28, 2009	832	797
Feb 23, 2008	862	805

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Feb 28, 2008		
Grand Total	66,213	506,800	107%
Alberta Slaughter	47,738	358,240	112%
Ontario Slaughter	10,644	83,127	94%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – Dec 31, 08		Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09	
Pure bred	1,399	Slaughter steers & heifers	99,153
Non-pure bred	47,717	Feeder steers & heifers	63,727
		Cows & Bulls	35,574

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09	
Total	43,619 tonnes	N/A

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	141,912 tonnes	128,439 tonnes	+10.5%
Non-fed	38,135 tonnes	43,061 tonnes	-11.4%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Feb 21	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	13,183 tonnes	13,009 tonnes	+1.3%
Non-NAFTA	8,689 tonnes	7,334 tonnes	+18.5%
Total	22,246 tonnes	20,505 tonnes	+8.5%

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			
Apr	82.45 -1.45	Mar	90.50 -1.70	Mar	3.526 +3.4	Mar	8.790 +16.4	Spot	77.60 +0.08
Jun	81.07 -1.27	Apr	90.62 -2.20	May	3.614 +3.0	May	8.670 +15.0	Mar	77.58 +0.08
Aug	82.20 -1.12	May	92.25 -1.62	Jul	3.710 +3.2	Jul	8.660 +14.6	Jun	77.70 +0.09
Oct	86.00 -0.95	Aug	95.95 -1.00	Sep	3.792 +3.0	Aug	8.530 +15.4	Sep	77.91 +0.08
Dec	88.00 -0.90	Sep	96.80 -0.70	Dec	3.906 +3.0	Sep	8.280 +16.0	Dec	78.08 +0.08
Feb	88.75 -1.17	Jan	96.70 -1.00	Mar	4.022 +3.0	Nov	8.150 +15.4	Mar	78.16 +0.08

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Mar 10		Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd	Stocker Sale
Mar 17	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
Mar 18	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker sale-100% vaccinated
			Sponsored by Peterborough/Victoria Cattlemen's Assoc.
Mar 20	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Stocker sale-Vacc preferred.
			Sponsored by Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc.
Mar 23	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Stockers 100% Vaccinated
			Sponsored by Lennox Addington Stocker sale Committee.
Mar 24	9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grey County Calves- Vaccinated
Mar 28	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers.

Comments for the week ending March 5, 2009

There were a few more fed cattle show up at auctions this week with prices holding steady to stronger. There were 1,239 slaughter cattle sold through auction markets up 432 from last week and 668 less than the same time last year. Steers traded steady from \$92.55-\$101.41 averaging \$97.24 up \$0.09 from last week and \$13.36 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold stronger ranging from \$91.53-\$100.70 averaging \$95.98 up \$3.10 from last week and \$12.52 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a good active trade with good demand and prices from steady to stronger. Good quality cattle traded strong.

The slaughter cow market saw a better week of trade. There were 2,431 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 184 from last week and 98 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$39.43-\$55.98 averaging \$48.53 up \$2.63 from last week and \$5.61 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trading with prices steady to \$5.00 higher. American types were reported as selling strong.

There were 4,615 replacements sold through auction markets up 6% from last week and 8% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good active trading on all classes and weights. Calves were reported as trading from steady to \$4.00 higher while yearlings and short keep cattle were reported as steady to fully steady on good demand. Actual average prices were \$1.00-\$3.00 higher in all categories with the exception of steers and heifers 700-800 lbs which averaged \$1.24 lower and \$3.64 lower respectively. Heifers averaging 500-700 lbs averaged \$0.54 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week were fully steady to last week. Steers traded from \$163.00-\$166.00 while heifers sold from \$162.00-\$165.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market was \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger again this week. Steers traded from \$89.00-\$90.00 live and \$151.00-\$153.20 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$88.85-\$90.35 live and \$151.00-\$152.80 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active Thursday in parts of Nebraska with prices mostly steady to last week at \$130.00-\$131.00 dressed. (most sales at \$130). Friday saw moderate to active trade in all area's with prices steady to last week at \$82.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.