



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday March 19, 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	166.00-172.00
A grade heifers	165.00-171.00

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	97.92-105.29	101.82	112.25	99.58
Medium Frame Steers +1250	96.91-104.43	100.91	108.00	99.55
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	97.25-105.42	101.73	112.25	99.51
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	95.48-104.01	100.74	106.25	97.98
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	89.10-104.55	98.09	106.50	96.55
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	94.02-104.78	100.43	106.50	97.77
Cows- All Weights	39.90-57.18	48.39	90.00	49.19
Bulls- All Weights	57.07-67.05	62.03	87.00	63.36

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	512	99.07-108.21	104.56	110.75	101.46
900-999	425	101.72-109.46	106.36	112.50	104.27
800-899	274	97.58-110.89	105.08	115.00	101.14
700-799	468	97.67-114.47	108.63	118.50	104.69
600-699	592	103.78-122.55	113.82	128.00	109.71
500-599	462	106.04-127.14	118.93	138.00	116.32
400-499	197	101.76-130.96	120.84	144.50	115.76
-399	72	95.99-124.64	112.00	134.50	97.08

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	263	89.45-99.00	94.54	105.00	95.80
800-899	215	90.94-102.41	96.82	108.50	94.65
700-799	379	89.03-105.23	96.04	115.50	100.60
600-699	529	95.78-110.53	103.63	114.50	104.82
500-599	450	91.93-114.04	106.83	122.00	105.55
400-499	260	97.34-115.80	107.17	120.50	101.68
300-399	68	86.66-116.34	102.78	139.00	106.96
299-	7	78.43-111.14	95.57	128.00	95.66

At Talbotville Livestock: Sat March 14, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	96.00-101.50	104.00
Good & Choice Heifers	96.50-101.00	103.00
Good Cows	44.00-58.50	64.00
Export Cows	39.00-54.50	
Good heavy bologna bulls	Sales to 66.50	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	76.00-95.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 14, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	34.50-67.00	49.68	67.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	52.50-68.50	61.28	68.50

At Denfield Livestock – March 17 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-105.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-105.75
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00 top 80.50	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-58.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-45.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$150.00
Shells	30.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$70.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	50.00-82.00	Cows D1 & D2	48.00-56.00 top 66.00
Bulls	42.00-59.00 top 75.00	Cows D3	44.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-45.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, March 13, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	82.00-99.50	93.89	106.75	900+	82.00-100.00	92.15	100.00
900-999	98.50-107.50	104.38	108.00	800-899	88.00-104.75	94.66	104.75
800-899	96.00-112.75	105.52	112.75	700-799	86.50-103.25	92.97	107.00
700-799	88.00-113.00	104.89	113.75	600-699	93.00-109.50	99.62	110.50
600-699	103.00-121.00	111.44	123.00	500-599	94.00-113.00	105.54	118.00
500-599	103.00-127.00	115.83	127.00	400-499	104.00-116.00	109.66	116.00
400-499	116.00-125.00	120.52	130.50	300-399	107.00-127.00	120.33	127.00
399-	98.00-131.00	113.75	131.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, March 14, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
500-599	95.00-105.00	98.83	105.00	500-599	99.00-105.00	103.20	105.00
400-499	102.50-115.00	109.31	115.00	400-499	80.00-120.00	96.20	120.00
300-399	80.00-125.00	97.50	125.00	300-399	80.00-112.00	108.00	112.00

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, March 9, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	82.25-97.00	90.64	97.50	600-699	76.00-86.50	80.50	92.50
600-699	90.25-107.25	99.42	107.50	500-599	89.50-102.50	97.00	102.50
500-599	94.50-104.00	101.50	115.50	400-499	81.00-99.00	91.36	101.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – March 17, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	94.00-113.50	104.65	113.50	600-699	104.50-112.00	109.00	112.00
700-799	105.00-118.00	114.30	118.00	500-599	105.00-117.00	112.15	117.00
600-699	114.50-126.50	121.79	126.50	400-499	91.0-119.00	107.67	119.50
500-599	118.00-127.50	125.78	127.50				
400-499	120.00-133.50	129.94	133.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– March 17, 2009** - 159 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	75.00-127.50	96.91	127.50	700-799	75.00-101.50	88.85	101.50
500-599	70.00-136.00	113.25	136.00	600-699	76.00-107.50	93.29	107.50
400-499	91.00-130.00	115.73	130.00	500-599	63.00-116.00	97.87	116.00
				400-499	82.50-117.50	99.91	117.50

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– March 17, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
1000+	88.00-94.00	900+	88.00-93.00
900-999	95.00-101.00	800-899	90.00-96.00
800-899	95.00-106.50	700-799	90.00-102.00
700-799	96.00-113.00	600-699	94.00-107.00
600-699	109.00-117.50	500-599	104.00-113.50
500-599	112.00-124.00	400-499	110.00-121.00
400-499	115.00-133.00	300-399	110.00-119.50
399-	115.00-128.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – March 11, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	102.00-110.75	107.04	110.75	900+	102.75-104.25	103.55	105.00
900-999	104.25-111.50	108.70	111.50	800-899	97.00-102.00	100.20	102.00
800-899	95.00-112.00	104.00	115.00	600-699	95.00-105.00	101.00	105.00
700-799	104.00-114.00	109.40	114.00	500-599	105.00-107.00	105.96	107.00
600-699	106.50-116.50	113.08	116.50	400-499	108.00-110.00	108.67	110.00
500-599	114.50-118.50	116.94	118.50				
400-499	108.50-119.00	114.04	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, March 19, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	86.50-106.00	97.00	106.00	900+	86.00-95.00	90.71	95.00
700-799	99.00-109.00	105.50	114.00	800-899	85.50-96.00	90.85	96.00
500-599	82.00-110.00	100.00	110.00	700-799	84.50-96.00	90.00	103.50
				600-699	84.00-104.00	94.59	104.00
				400-499	89.00-110.00	99.33	110.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, March 19, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	87.00-105.25	96.36	106.00	900+	95.00-98.25	95.97	98.50
800-899	105.50-110.00	107.42	110.00	800-899	90.50-103.25	97.49	103.25
700-799	103.00-115.25	108.73	117.75	700-799	95.00-108.00	101.59	111.00
600-699	109.00-126.50	117.54	128.00	600-699	101.50-112.00	106.71	113.00
500-599	113.00-128.50	122.57	138.00	500-599	104.00-122.00	112.72	122.00
400-499	93.00-136.00	123.53	136.00	400-499	104.00-118.50	112.57	120.50
399-	119.00-134.50	126.22	134.50	300-399	95.00-121.00	107.82	121.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, March 19, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	56.00-110.00	87.54	110.00	600-699	75.00-108.00	95.78	110.00
600-699	76.00-114.00	97.83	121.00	500-599	70.00-109.00	95.90	121.00
500-599	100.00-125.00	114.59	130.00	400-499	84.00-117.00	106.88	117.00
400-499	83.00-130.50	111.73	130.50	300-399	104.00-121.00	115.40	121.00
300-399	83.00-133.00	111.75	133.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards Inc: Vaccinated Sale, March 17, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	94.50-105.00	102.88	105.50	900+	88.50-95.00	90.30	95.00
900-999	102.50-106.00	103.64	106.00	800-899	97.75-104.00	102.61	104.00
800-899	105.00-110.00	107.89	112.50	700-799	94.00-105.75	98.48	109.00
700-799	109.00-117.00	112.94	118.50	600-699	103.50-112.00	107.57	112.50
600-699	116.75-124.50	120.52	124.50	500-599	110.50-116.50	114.24	116.50
500-599	118.00-127.75	124.65	134.00	400-499	107.00-116.00	111.80	116.00
400-499	124.00-137.00	132.68	137.00				

A better quality offering of replacement cattle sold at fully steady to stronger prices.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: March 18, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	99.00-112.50	108.94	112.50	800-899	92.00-108.50	100.88	108.50
800-899	89.00-114.75	1004.79	114.75	700-799	92.00-115.50	99.75	115.50
700-799	86.00-115.75	111.42	115.75	600-699	92.50-114.50	107.27	114.50
600-699	91.50-126.50	116.98	126.50	500-599	71.50-117.25	112.52	117.25
500-599	117.00-135.50	124.66	135.50	400-499	107.0-118.00	113.73	118.00
400-499	100.00-136.00	124.77	136.00				
399-	101.00-107.50	104.25	107.50				

Peterborough/Victoria County Sale- Vaccinated. All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold actively from \$5.00-\$10.00 cwt higher.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

Steers	Live	93.50-96.00	Flat rail	159.50-161.85
Heifers	Live	92.65-96.00	Flat rail	159.50-161.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	N/T
	Rail	132.00-133.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday March 19, 2009**

	Price
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	168.50-170.00

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
March 6, 2009	1.7598	1.7426
Feb 27, 2009	1.7103	1.7111
Feb 20, 2009	1.6901	1.6869

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	134.88	134.44

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	March 21, 2009		
Grand Total	615,000	623,000	644,000

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 7, 09	Week ending Feb 28, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,337	2,110	29,58
Steers & Heifers	1,661	1,259	23,954
Cows	684	811	5,403
Bulls	32	40	191

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
March 14, 2009	838	789
March 8, 2008	850	800

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	February 2009	February 2008
Steers	2,933	4,004
Heifers	1,983	2,232
Cows	1,107	1,234
Bulls	1,207	453

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	March 14, 2008		
Grand Total	57,202	619,991	103
Alberta Slaughter	39,136	435,107	106
Ontario Slaughter	11,207	105,517	94%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
	Jan 1 – Jan 31,09		Jan 1 – Mar 7, 09
Pure bred	90	Slaughter steers & heifers	112,573
Non-pure bred	3,173	Feeder steers & heifers	75,815
		Cows & Bulls	39,728

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Mar 14, 09	Jan 1-31
Total	55,358 tonnes	3,494

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Mar 14, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	176,627 tonnes	163,838 tonnes	+7.8%
Non-fed	44,191 tonnes	54,176 tonnes	-18.4%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – Mar 7	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	16,217 tonnes	17,361 tonnes	-6.6%

Non-NAFTA	12,852 tonnes	8,786 tonnes	+46.3%
Total	29,495 tonnes	26,349 tonnes	+11.9%

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	85.20	+0.45	Mar	93.67	-0.57	May	3.964	+0.0	May	9.520	-11.4	Spot	80.68	-0.10
Jun	82.85	-0.27	Apr	93.77	-0.52	Jul	4.070	+0.0	Jul	9.490	+9.0	Jun	80.73	-0.12
Aug	84.07	-0.15	May	95.37	-0.35	Sep	4.160	-0.2	Aug	9.324	+5.2	Sep	80.86	-0.10
Oct	87.72	-0.25	Aug	98.22	-0.67	Dec	4.280	-0.2	Sep	9.054	+2.6	Dec	81.01	-0.10
Dec	90.05	-0.40	Sep	99.32	-0.27	Mar	4.392	+0.0	Nov	8.930	+0.4	Mar	81.12	-0.10
Feb	91.30	-0.30	Oct	99.40	-0.50	May	4.452	+0.4	Jan	9.030	+1.4	Jun	81.23	-0.10

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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.
April 6	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calves & yearlings
			Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers.
April 8	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
April 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Stocker sale in lieu of Good Friday
April 11	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cows and Stockers

Comments for the week ending March 19, 2009

The fed cattle market saw another strong week of trade. There were 1,230 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 36 from last week and 788 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$97.25-\$105.42 averaging \$101.73 up \$2.22 from last week and \$20.01 stronger than last year at this time. Heifer sold from \$94.02-\$104.78 averaging \$100.43 up \$2.66 from last week and \$17.98 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with active trading and prices \$1.00-\$4.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was slightly easier this week. There were 2,280 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 122 from last week and fully steady to last year at this time. Slaughter cows sold from \$39.90-\$57.18 averaging \$48.39 down \$0.80 from last week and \$5.96 higher than last year at this time. At the beginning of the week auctions reported prices from steady to \$3.00 stronger with prices strong to easier as the week progressed.

Replacement steers sold very strong this week with heifers selling on a mixed demand. There were 5,173 replacements sold through auction markets up 28% from last week and 9% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good strong active trade with prices from steady to \$3.00 higher. Two vaccinated sales this week reported prices from fully steady to strong with some up to \$10.00 higher. Actual average prices for all weights and categories of steers were \$2.50-\$5.00 stronger. Heifers 400-600 lbs averaged \$1.25-\$5.50 higher while heifers 600-800 lbs averaged \$1.00-\$4.50 lower. Heifers 800+ averaged \$0.26 higher than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week continued to trend higher. Steers were reported at \$166-\$172 early week to \$170-\$172 by Wednesday. Heifers sold from \$165-\$171 early week improving to \$169-\$171 by Wednesday. This week's average prices were \$4.50 higher than last week's average.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw another very strong week of trade with prices \$2.50 higher on average. Steers traded from \$93.50-\$96.00 live and \$159.50-\$161.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$92.65-\$96.00 live and \$159.50-\$161.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade on Thursday was light in the north with prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher than last week at \$132.00-\$133.00 dressed. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, light to moderate trade was reported at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 higher at \$83.00 live and \$133.00 dressed. Many sellers are still holding out for higher prices.