



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Wednesday April 8, 2009**

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association. Please note that volumes will be lighter as this report runs from the previous Friday to Wednesday, not Thursday, due to the Easter holiday.

## 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** 167.00-172.00  
**A grade heifers** 166.00-171.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	98.97-103.77	101.46	110.00	99.15
Medium Frame Steers +1250	90.81-101.34	97.96	103.25	98.19
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	97.50-104.07	101.22	110.00	98.88
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.29-103.03	99.50	104.50	97.83
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	89.72-100.38	97.51	103.00	96.24
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.45-102.93	98.94	104.50	97.86
Cows- All Weights	40.49-58.10	49.10	86.50	50.21
Bulls- All Weights	63.36-69.39	66.20	93.50	64.77

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	444	101.50-107.82	105.03	109.25	101.43
<b>900-999</b>	831	102.49-108.15	105.91	110.00	105.59
<b>800-899</b>	331	100.04-109.73	104.98	115.75	106.44
<b>700-799</b>	335	101.94-119.05	111.31	136.50	107.07
<b>600-699</b>	469	104.43-125.45	116.40	134.50	113.66
<b>500-599</b>	315	110.73-130.95	120.61	142.00	121.36
<b>400-499</b>	227	107.13-136.56	126.70	145.00	123.92
<b>-399</b>	40	107.73-128.19	118.82	142.50	121.28

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	233	90.69-101.99	96.63	105.00	97.08
<b>800-899</b>	248	93.37-102.21	98.17	108.00	94.14
<b>700-799</b>	302	92.69-108.40	101.34	113.00	104.48
<b>600-699</b>	367	97.92-112.66	105.86	124.00	103.98
<b>500-599</b>	339	99.24-116.74	109.75	123.00	108.27
<b>400-499</b>	220	101.42-120.66	110.34	128.00	112.64
<b>300-399</b>	76	95.53-121.43	113.86	144.00	113.66
<b>299-</b>	4	103.75-106.75	105.25	121.00	114.95

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 4, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	93.00-102.50	106.00
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	94.00-101.75	105.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	51.00-63.50	72.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	46.00-59.50	
<b>Bulls</b>	60.50-71.50	
<b>Good veal calves (no choice on offer)</b>	75.00-89.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 4, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	34.00-65.00	52.58	65.50
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	68.00-70.00	69.16	70.00

**At Denfield Livestock – April 7, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-104.00
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	90.00-95.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-80.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
Good eligible cows	52.00-62.00 to 67.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-58.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$195.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-49.00	Shells	25.00-35.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 7, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	60.00-140.00	Cows D1 & D2	49.00-62.00 top 67.00
Bulls	54.00-58.50	Cows D3	37.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	20.00-42.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 3, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	95.00-105.75	102.26	105.75	900+	93.50-102.50	98.72	102.50
900-999	91.00-108.50	101.59	108.50	800-899	91.00-101.75	96.14	105.50
800-899	97.00-111.75	104.46	115.25	700-799	98.50-113.00	103.79	113.00
700-799	104.00-116.50	110.14	117.00	600-699	100.00-112.50	106.71	117.50
600-699	102.00-125.50	114.58	126.00	500-599	106.00-118.25	112.84	118.25
500-599	108.50-130.00	117.79	133.00	400-499	101.00-117.50	110.33	122.00
400-499	109.50-134.50	121.89	134.50	300-399	118.00-129.00	122.36	129.00
399-	104.00-133.00	122.80	133.00	299-	102.00-102.00	102.00	102.00

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, April 4, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	82.00-104.00	92.83	104.00	600-699	93.00-95.00	93.66	95.00
500-599	65.00-114.00	92.20	114.00	500-599	71.00-108.00	92.35	108.00
400-499	82.50-115.00	104.37	115.00	400-499	72.50-110.00	96.59	110.00

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 6, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	94.50-115.25	108.33	115.25	600-699	90.00-100.50	95.52	100.50
500-599	109.50-120.00	115.60	125.00	500-599	101.00-112.00	106.50	112.00
400-499	116.00-119.00	117.92	119.00	400-499	101.50-106.00	102.92	106.00
				300-399	85.00-104.50	94.50	104.50

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 7, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	104.00-117.50	109.63	117.50	600-699	88.50-112.00	98.90	112.00
500-599	103.50-139.00	118.35	139.00	500-599	70.00-118.50	99.77	118.50
400-499	107.00-127.00	119.41	127.00	400-499	90.00-123.00	111.72	123.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 7, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	109.25	109.25	109.25	<b>800-899</b>	103.75-108.00	106.55	108.00
<b>900-999</b>	107.0-108.75	107.73	108.75	<b>700-799</b>	100.25-108.00	102.07	108.00
<b>800-899</b>	110.50-113.75	112.68	113.75	<b>600-699</b>	94.00-121.00	108.79	124.00
<b>700-799</b>	106.00-136.50	121.81	136.50	<b>500-599</b>	108.00-118.00	113.19	118.00
<b>600-699</b>	119.00-134.50	127.75	134.50	<b>400-499</b>	94.00-100.00	100.42	120.00
<b>500-599</b>	126.00-138.50	131.81	138.50	<b>300-399</b>	110.00-117.00	112.80	117.00
<b>400-499</b>	116.00-136.00	126.38	136.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 7, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	102.00-113.00	<b>700-799</b>	95.00-107.00
<b>600-699</b>	111.00-121.00	<b>600-699</b>	96.00-112.00
<b>500-599</b>	110.00-128.00	<b>500-599</b>	100.00-115.00
<b>400-499</b>	118.00-126.50	<b>400-499</b>	107.00-118.50
		<b>300-399</b>	108.00-120.00

Stocker sale at **Ontario Livestock Exchange- April 8, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	101.25-108.25	105.12	108.25	<b>900+</b>	88.75-102.75	95.69	105.00
<b>900-999</b>	103.25-108.25	106.35	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	92.50-94.50	92.81	94.50
<b>800-899</b>	107.25-109.00	107.66	109.75				
<b>700-799</b>	78.00-101.00	85.63	101.00				
<b>600-699</b>	111.50-115.00	112.26	115.00				
<b>500-599</b>	115.50	115.50	115.50				

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 6, 2009- 563 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	83.00-97.50	87.47	97.50	<b>900+</b>	98.00-104.00	102.43	104.00
<b>900-999</b>	102.50-104.00	103.17	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	101.00-106.50	104.70	106.50
<b>800-899</b>	98.00-111.00	103.79	111.00	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-107.50	104.38	107.50
<b>700-799</b>	100.50-115.00	109.67	115.00	<b>600-699</b>	99.00-114.25	109.36	114.25
<b>600-699</b>	113.50-127.50	117.23	127.50	<b>500-599</b>	112.50-123.00	117.35	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	123.00-133.50	128.32	137.00	<b>400-499</b>	117.75-128.00	120.48	128.00
<b>400-499</b>	137.00-145.00	140.74	145.00	<b>300-399</b>	120.00-144.00	131.00	144.00
<b>399-</b>	140.00-142.50	141.50	142.50				

Vaccinated calf & yearling sale sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers. Both calves and yearlings sold on a good strong active trade.

Stocker sale at **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market- April 8, 2009**

<b>900-999</b>	105.75-106.50	106.09	106.50	<b>800-899</b>	80.00-99.50	94.14	99.50
<b>800-899</b>	91.50-115.75	106.98	115.75	<b>700-799</b>	71.50-100.25	95.26	100.25
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-119.50	113.84	119.50	<b>600-699</b>	100.00-109.00	103.76	109.00
<b>600-699</b>	96.00-131.00	122.47	131.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-115.00	107.72	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	108.50-142.00	127.69	142.00	<b>400-499</b>	76.00-114.00	90.96	114.00
<b>400-499</b>	86.00-142.00	129.83	142.00	<b>300-399</b>	78.50-123.00	113.18	123.00
<b>399-</b>	122.50-139.00	126.62	139.00				

Stockers continue to sell actively at higher prices. All breed Bull Sale April 11- 2 pm

**ONTARIO BRED COWS**

**Ontario Stockyards: Friday April 3, 2009- 206 head**

	<b>Exotic and Exotic X</b>	<b>British and British X</b>
Top quality bred cows	\$950-\$1,280	\$850 – \$1,100
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$900	\$700 -\$ 850
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$900-\$1,110	N/T

All good cows sold actively at stronger prices.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	99.00-100.05	<b>Flat rail</b>	167.00-170.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	97.80-100.05	<b>Flat rail</b>	165.50-170.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	86.00
	<b>Rail</b>	136.00-138.00 sales to 139.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 8, 2009**

	<b>Price</b>
<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	169.75-172.00

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
March 27, 2009	1.7517	1.7574
March 20, 2009	1.7463	1.7353
March 13, 2009	1.8017	1.7689

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	136.59	135.77

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	April 11, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	N/A	606,000	N/A

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>April 4, 2009</b>	833	754
<b>March 29, 2008</b>	856	799

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	April 4, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	53,581	790,244	102%
<b>%Alberta Slaughter</b>	36,654	552,624	105%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,729	138,031	96%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Mar 21, 09</b>	<b>Week ending Mar 14, 09</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,706</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>35,582</b>
Steers & Heifers	2,079	2,770	28,803
Cows	626	547	6,576
Bulls	1	11	203

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

**IMPORTS**

**EXPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Jan 31,09		Jan 1 – Mar 28, 09
<b>Pure bred</b>	90	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	160,287
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	3,173	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	114,482
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	52,644

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 4, 09	Jan 1-31
<b>Total</b>	70,693 tonnes	3,494

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – April 4, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	228,016 tonnes	213,084 tonnes	+7.0%
<b>Non-fed</b>	53,445 tonnes	67,487 tonnes	-20.8%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Mar 28	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	22,320 tonnes	23,872 tonnes	-6.5%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	17,156 tonnes	10,671 tonnes	+60.8%
<b>Total</b>	39,692 tonnes	34,863 tonnes	+13.9%

**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>Apr</b>	87.52 +1.47	<b>Apr</b>	98.15 +1.57	<b>May</b>	3.902 -6.6	<b>May</b>	10.070 +1.0	<b>Spot</b>	81.63 +0.82
<b>Jun</b>	84.60 +0.82	<b>May</b>	98.92 +1.55	<b>Jul</b>	3.996 -7.0	<b>Jul</b>	10.020 +0.4	<b>Jun</b>	81.49 +0.66
<b>Aug</b>	85.27 +0.60	<b>Aug</b>	100.90 +1.15	<b>Sep</b>	4.094 -6.6	<b>Aug</b>	9.800 +3.0	<b>Sep</b>	81.59 +0.66
<b>Oct</b>	89.47 +0.67	<b>Sep</b>	101.40 +1.05	<b>Dec</b>	4.216 -6.0	<b>Sep</b>	9.440 +3.0	<b>Dec</b>	81.70 +0.67
<b>Dec</b>	90.87 +0.40	<b>Oct</b>	101.85 +1.05	<b>Mar</b>	4.332 -5.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.220 +6.0	<b>Mar</b>	81.83 +0.69
<b>Feb</b>	91.90 +0.57	<b>Nov</b>	101.85 +1.05	<b>May</b>	4.410 -5.4	<b>Jan</b>	9.304 +8.0	<b>Jun</b>	81.96 +0.71

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**Upcoming Special Stocker Sales**

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
April 11 2:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	All breed Bull Sale
April 14 11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
April 17 12:00 pm	Temiskaming Livestock Sales	Calves and yearlings
April 24 9:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Vaccinated calf & yearling sale.
April 25 9:00 am	Rainy River Cattlemen's- Stratton	Stocker sale
April 25 11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred cows and stockers.
April 27 10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	Vaccinated calf & yearling sale
		Sponsored by Huron County Beef Producers
April 29 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale
May 1 11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Quinte Cattlemen's Association
		All catalogued and vaccinated.
May 2 10:00 am	Thessalon, Algoma Co-op Livestock	Stockers

### **Comments for the week ending April 8, 2009**

Please note that this week's report contains data from the previous Friday to Wednesday, not Thursday, due to the Easter holiday.

The fed cattle market saw light receipts due to the short week and winter weather conditions. There were 352 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 885 from last week and 2,057 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$97.50-\$104.07 averaging \$101.22, up \$2.34 from last week and \$17.27 higher than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$91.45-\$102.93 averaging \$98.94 up \$1.08 from last week and \$13.80 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was off slightly this week. There were 1,215 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 998 from last week and 1,659 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$40.49-\$58.10 averaging \$49.10 down \$1.11 from last week and \$10.34 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices ranging from steady to \$5.00 higher.

There were 4,781 replacements sold through auction markets up 8% from last week and 18% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported strong active trading with prices starting the week at fully steady to steady with reports of barely steady by mid week. A couple of special stocker sales reported good strong active trading with prices steady to higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were fully steady to last week. Steers started off the week at \$167-\$172 up to \$169-\$172 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$166-\$171 early week to \$168-\$171 by mid week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger than last week. Steers traded from \$99.00-\$100.05 live and \$167.00-\$170.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$97.80-\$100.05 live and \$165.50-\$170.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade on Wednesday was active in the north with dressed sales \$1.00-\$3.00 higher from \$136.00-\$138.00 with most sales at \$137.00. At time of reporting on Thursday afternoon, light trade was developing in the south with sales \$1.00 higher at \$86.00 live. Asking prices on remaining show lists are holding at \$87.00-\$88.00 live. Some northern sales on source verified cattle were reported at \$139.00 dressed.