



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 16, 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 169.00-175.00
A grade heifers 168.00-174.00

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	95.10-105.08	101.07	115.25	101.46
Medium Frame Steers +1250	97.00-105.36	102.29	120.00	97.96
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	96.11-105.53	101.66	120.00	101.22
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	94.08-104.71	100.48	112.25	99.50
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	94.51-103.96	100.19	106.50	97.51
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	94.19-104.98	100.40	112.25	98.94
Cows- All Weights	42.22-59.82	51.78	96.00	49.10
Bulls- All Weights	58.73-70.57	64.78	87.00	66.20

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	367	98.58-107.12	103.52	109.00	105.03
900-999	667	101.73-108.05	105.45	110.50	105.91
800-899	469	98.51-111.04	106.16	115.50	104.98
700-799	768	101.77-116.48	110.75	128.00	111.31
600-699	772	112.65-129.98	122.40	138.50	116.40
500-599	478	111.88-133.19	123.77	147.00	120.61
400-499	291	120.33-143.72	134.16	154.00	126.70
-399	128	88.76-138.38	118.12	200.00	118.82

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	297	90.28-98.67	95.26	108.25	96.63
800-899	314	96.45-105.93	102.46	112.25	98.17
700-799	845	99.79-109.57	105.81	116.00	101.34
600-699	748	100.90-114.63	108.68	126.50	105.86
500-599	540	102.95-118.74	111.74	129.00	109.75
400-499	327	105.44-124.94	115.78	151.00	110.34
300-399	88	109.68-124.58	118.08	134.00	113.86
299-	22	83.82-120.64	104.96	137.00	105.25

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 11, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	96.00-103.75	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	95.00-101.50	103.75
Good Cows	49.00-62.00	64.50
Export Cows	38.00-53.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	75.00-95.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 11, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	32.50-69.50	53.52	69.50
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	55.89-68.00	62.71	69.00

At Denfield Livestock – April 14, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	103.00-108.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	101.00-105.50
Good steers	97.00-102.00	Good heifers	97.00-100.00
Plain Steers	90.00-95.00	Plain heifers	85.00-95.00
Good beef cows	55.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-75.00
Good eligible cows	52.00-62.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	52.00-60.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$215.00
D3 & D4 cows	45.00-50.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$20.00-\$80.00
Shells	30.00-40.00		

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 14, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	80.00-110.00 top 120.00	Cows D1 & D2	51.00-63.00 top 73.00
Bulls	55.00-66.00	Cows D3	42.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-48.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 8, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	73.00-104.50	92.13	104.50	800-899	91.00-103.50	97.47	103.50
600-699	84.00-116.00	102.79	116.00	600-699	81.00-98.00	94.06	97.00
500-599	93.00-113.00	108.00	113.00	500-599	75.00-100.00	94.71	100.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 8, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	90.00-95.50	93.54	95.50	900+	87.50-95.00	92.47	95.00
900-999	92.50-104.00	101.59	104.00	800-899	93.00-99.00	96.81	99.00
800-899	88.00-109.25	105.26	115.50	700-799	102.00-109.25	105.21	109.25
700-799	98.00-112.75	108.31	123.75	600-699	100.50-113.00	107.17	117.00
600-699	112.75-124.50	117.43	138.00	500-599	102.00-114.50	109.72	117.50
500-599	124.00-138.50	129.70	140.50	400-499	102.00-116.00	107.93	123.00
400-499	121.00-147.00	138.20	147.00	300-399	105.00-128.00	115.85	128.00
399-	62.50-149.50	115.51	150.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 8, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	113.00-119.00	115.20	120.00	600-699	85.00-111.00	104.00	111.00
500-599	92.00-125.00	107.50	125.00	500-599	108.00-115.00	112.82	117.00
400-499	106.00-134.00	121.00	134.00	400-499	106.00-131.00	118.33	131.00
300-399	42.00-138.00	98.75	138.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 11, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	78.00-104.00	97.70	104.50	900+	84.50-105.75	99.81	105.75
900-999	91.00-106.50	100.68	106.50	800-899	100.50-105.75	105.32	105.75
800-899	100.00-106.00	103.68	106.00	700-799	98.50-106.00	103.02	106.00
700-799	105.00-112.00	109.23	115.00	600-699	101.00-109.50	106.30	112.50
600-699	109.00-122.00	116.16	128.00	500-599	104.00-121.00	111.60	127.50
500-599	100.00-129.00	121.46	129.00	400-499	104.00-113.50	108.64	143.00
400-499	105.00-136.00	124.44	139.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, April 13, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	105.00-116.00	110.61	116.00	800-899	82.00-85.00	84.25	85.00
500-599	106.00-134.50	128.50	134.50	600-699	72.00-109.00	97.76	109.00
400-499	106.00-138.00	129.57	138.00	500-599	96.00-108.00	101.79	108.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 14, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	86.50-98.00	95.87	98.00	700-799	85.00-104.00	94.08	104.00
800-899	95.00-106.50	99.40	106.50	600-699	85.00-113.00	101.00	113.00
700-799	72.50-109.00	95.31	109.00	500-599	91.00-120.50	105.20	120.50
600-699	90.50-123.50	102.05	123.50	400-499	95.00-126.00	113.36	126.00
500-599	93.00-140.00	113.20	140.00				
400-499	77.00-150.50	119.79	150.50				
399-	102.00-127.50	117.71	127.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 14, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	69.00-95.00	82.65	95.00	900+	67.00-90.00	80.44	90.00
900-999	77.50-108.50	100.25	108.50	800-899	106.00-112.25	109.32	112.25
800-899	95.00-111.00	106.84	111.00	700-799	104.25-112.25	109.38	112.25
700-799	105.50-120.00	113.35	128.00	600-699	111.00-118.00	116.16	118.00
600-699	119.75-138.50	128.49	138.50	500-599	101.00-129.00	116.25	129.00
500-599	121.00-136.00	130.26	136.00	400-499	110.00-133.00	124.83	133.00
400-499	130.00-138.75	136.53	138.75	300-399	91.00-126.00	114.91	126.00
399-	109.00-129.00	117.30	129.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 14, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	102.00-112.00	700-799	95.00-108.00
700-799	111.00-119.00	600-699	107.00-114.50
600-699	115.00-122.50	500-599	109.00-118.50
500-599	122.00-133.00	400-499	116.00-126.00
400-499	124.00-135.00	300-399	115.00-122.50
399-	127.00-132.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 15, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	102.75-109.00	106.10	109.00	900+	100.50-104.50	102.66	108.25
900-999	106.75-110.50	108.33	110.50	800-899	92.00-105.50	102.73	105.50
800-899	108.00-115.00	110.91	115.00	700-799	94.50-98.00	96.60	98.00
700-799	104.50-114.75	112.11	123.00				
600-699	105.50-130.00	129.21	130.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 16, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	77.00-99.00	89.75	103.50	900+	74.00-92.00	81.45	92.00
700-799	99.00-120.00	116.52	120.00	600-699	85.00-104.00	93.60	110.00
600-699	104.00-128.00	122.52	128.00	500-599	89.00-98.00	93.09	129.00
500-599	49.50-115.00	89.06	115.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 16, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	87.50-105.50	100.27	105.50	900+	67.00-76.00	70.44	94.00
900-999	97.00-107.00	103.43	107.00	800-899	88.00-99.50	96.16	99.50
800-899	98.25-109.00	104.94	110.25	700-799	93.00-106.50	102.70	112.00
700-799	100.00-115.75	109.12	126.25	600-699	102.00-118.00	108.88	118.00
600-699	113.50-132.50	124.05	132.50	500-599	103.00-120.00	111.87	126.00
500-599	110.75-129.00	122.43	142.50	400-499	103.50-121.00	112.53	129.00
400-499	125.00-148.00	137.57	148.00	300-399	115.00-130.00	123.18.	130.00
399-	120.00-147.00	133.53	147.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 16, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	78.00-115.00	105.43	115.00	700-799	58.00-98.00	896.62	116.00
600-699	94.00-119.00	108.56	119.00	600-699	77.00-110.00	98.82	110.00
500-599	101.00-128.00	116.27	128.00	500-599	90.00-111.00	102.10	125.00
400-499	108.00-135.00	120.36	135.00	400-499	89.00-116.00	106.30	116.00
300-399	80.00-127.00	100.20	138.00				

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Denfield Livestock- 275 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	100.00-110.00	900+	90.00-100.00
800-899	100.00-112.00	800-899	95.00-100.00
700-799	95.00-112.00	700-799	95.00-105.00
600-699	100.00-124.00	600-699	100.00-110.00
500-599	100.00-130.00	500-599	100.00-115.00
400-499	100.00-130.00	400-499	100.00-120.00
399-	100.00-152.00		

Stockers traded on a strong demand at higher prices.

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 14, 2009- 1,004 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	101.50-106.50	103.69	106.50	900+	92.00-95.00	94.35	95.00
900-999	99.00-103.00	102.20	105.50	800-899	65.00-103.00	89.97	106.00
800-899	103.25-113.50	107.02	113.50	700-799	105.50-114.00	108.54	114.00
700-799	106.50-120.00	112.08	127.00	600-699	105.00-119.00	113.31	126.50
600-699	121.50-136.25	129.51	136.25	500-599	117.00-124.50	122.02	124.50
500-599	124.50-143.00	133.94	147.00	400-499	122.50-130.00	128.25	130.00
400-499	146.00-151.00	148.90	151.00	300-399	118.00-127.00	121.79	127.00
399-	121.00-155.00	145.12	155.00				

Vaccinated Stocker Sale. A good quality offering of replacements sold fully steady with grass types selling higher.

ONTARIO BRED COWS

Denfield Livestock: Friday April 11, 2009- 34 head

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$1,000-\$1,200	N/T
Avg quality bred cows	\$800-\$900	N/T

Bred cows traded strong at higher prices.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 16, 2009**

Steers	Live	101.00	Flat rail	166.90-170.35
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	170.00-170.35

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 16, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers

Live N/T

Rail 142.00-143.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 16, 2009**

Price

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers

166.00-169.75

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
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)

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	143.33	142.38

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	April 11, 2009		
Grand Total	606,000	600,000	677,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 11, 2009	831	777
April 5, 2008	859	795

PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	March 2009	March 2008
Steers	3,432	4,508
Heifers	2,405	2,187
Cows	1,059	1,041
Bulls	1,382	479

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	April 11, 2008		
Grand Total	48,817	839,061	101%
%Alberta Slaughter	35,070	587,694	104%
Ontario Slaughter	8,820	146,851	94%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Mar 28, 09	Week ending Mar 21, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	2,849	2,706	38,431
Steers & Heifers	2,055	2,079	30,858
Cows	791	626	7,367
Bulls	3	1	206

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS
Jan 1 – Feb 28,09

EXPORTS
Jan 1 – April 4, 09

Pure bred	241	Slaughter steers & heifers	171,550
Non-pure bred	6,825	Feeder steers & heifers	125,124
		Cows & Bulls	56,194

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – April 11, 09	Jan 1-Feb 28
Total	75,217 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 11, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	242,481 tonnes	230,059 tonnes	+5.4%
Non-fed	56,365 tonnes	71,455 tonnes	-21.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	24,537 tonnes	25,712 tonnes	-4.6%
Non-NAFTA	18,449 tonnes	11,105 tonnes	+66.1%
Total	43,223 tonnes	37,187 tonnes	+16.2%

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	88.32 -0.22	Apr	99.17 +0.35	May	3.762 -9.4	May	10.510 -7.4	Spot	82.35 -0.29
Jun	84.52 -0.60	May	99.52 +0.35	Jul	3.856 -9.4	Jul	10.414 -9.0	Jun	82.36 -0.31
Aug	85.12 -0.15	Aug	101.95 +0.45	Sep	3.956 -9.6	Aug	10.130 -8.4	Sep	82.47 -0.31
Oct	88.80 -0.25	Sep	102.55 +0.60	Dec	4.070 -9.6	Sep	9.710 -11.0	Dec	82.59 -0.30
Dec	90.75 +0.05	Oct	102.77 +0.45	Mar	4.194 -9.4	Nov	9.350 -8.0	Mar	82.70 -0.29
Feb	91.75 -0.25	Nov	102.85 +0.50	May	4.262 -11.0	Jan	9.444 -5.4	Jun	82.81 -0.28

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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
April 29	7:00 pm	Talbotville Livestock	Bred Cows and 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
May 4	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auction Center	Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee Vaccinated Sale
May 5	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 6	11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria County Sale- Vaccinated
May 7	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Stocker Sale
May 9	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cow and Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending April 16, 2009

Please note that this week's report contains data from the previous Thursday to this Thursday (due to the Good Friday holiday) which is reflected in the higher volumes.

There were 1,719 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 1,367 from last week and 282 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$96.11-\$105.53 averaging \$101.66 up \$0.44 from last week and \$19.29 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$94.19-\$104.98 averaging \$100.40 up \$1.46 from last week and \$17.77 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with active trading and prices from firm to \$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market saw a strong week of trade. There were 2,708 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 1,493 from last week and 90 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows sold from \$42.22-\$59.82 averaging \$51.78 up \$2.68 from last week and \$12.96 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices firm to \$3.00 higher.

Replacement cattle were in strong demand this week. There were 7,121 replacements sold through auction markets up 49% from last week and 7% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with grass cattle trading from steady to higher. All others were reported as steady, with fleshier and plainer types barely steady. Actual average prices saw all categories of heifers \$1.50-\$5.44 higher. Steers under 700 lbs averaged \$3.00-\$7.46 higher and 800-900 lbs averaged \$1.18 higher. Steers 700-800 lbs and over 900 lbs were \$0.56-\$0.83 lower on average.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week averaged \$1.50 higher than last week. Steers started off the week at \$170-\$175 back to \$169-\$175 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$169-\$174 early week to \$168-\$174 by mid week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw light to moderate trade with prices steady to last week. Steers traded at \$101.00 live and \$166.90-\$170.35 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$170.00-\$170.35 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north with prices \$5.00-\$6.00 higher than last week at \$142.00-\$143.00 dressed. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, the south remains untested with business not expected to develop until after the Cattle on Feed Report is released later in the afternoon. Currently, bids are sitting at \$87.00 live with asking prices at \$89.00-\$90.00 live. The few cattle left to sell in the north are priced at \$144.00 dressed.