



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 23, 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 167.00-173.00
 A grade heifers 166.00-172.00

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 | 94.24-103.34 | 99.41 | 120.25 | 101.07 |
| Medium Frame Steers +1250 | 94.61-103.88 | 100.29 | 110.50 | 102.29 |
| Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250 | 94.57-104.14 | 99.95 | 120.25 | 101.66 |
| Large Frame Heifers + 1000 | 92.51-103.73 | 98.98 | 107.00 | 100.48 |
| Medium Frame Heifers + 1000 | 89.21-102.40 | 97.19 | 107.25 | 100.19 |
| Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000 | 91.09-103.62 | 98.36 | 107.25 | 100.40 |
| Cows- All Weights | 42.83-59.79 | 51.98 | 92.00 | 51.78 |
| Bulls- All Weights | 60.72-74.41 | 67.26 | 105.00 | 64.78 |

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

| STEERS | Volume | Price Range | Average | Top | Last week Avg |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| 1000+ | 497 | 99.53-107.25 | 104.38 | 108.50 | 103.52 |
| 900-999 | 873 | 99.41-108.45 | 105.16 | 112.75 | 105.45 |
| 800-899 | 669 | 99.71-110.25 | 106.08 | 117.25 | 106.16 |
| 700-799 | 853 | 103.29-118.29 | 111.13 | 130.50 | 110.75 |
| 600-699 | 813 | 110.70-131.53 | 123.00 | 138.00 | 122.40 |
| 500-599 | 669 | 108.67-132.47 | 122.66 | 145.00 | 123.77 |
| 400-499 | 294 | 116.33-140.72 | 131.00 | 156.00 | 134.16 |
| -399 | 92 | 108.10-145.35 | 127.78 | 160.00 | 118.12 |

| HEIFERS | Volume | Price Range | Average | Top | Last week Avg |
|---------|--------|---------------|---------|--------|---------------|
| +900 | 207 | 83.52-98.53 | 92.18 | 104.00 | 95.26 |
| 800-899 | 321 | 94.76-102.64 | 99.74 | 105.75 | 102.46 |
| 700-799 | 676 | 96.28-108.31 | 102.97 | 115.50 | 105.81 |
| 600-699 | 832 | 96.27-112.87 | 106.45 | 120.50 | 108.68 |
| 500-599 | 679 | 98.73-115.76 | 108.70 | 125.00 | 111.74 |
| 400-499 | 338 | 98.09-120.12 | 111.54 | 141.00 | 115.78 |
| 300-399 | 95 | 104.72-124.21 | 113.92 | 140.00 | 118.08 |
| 299- | 15 | 89.87-116.67 | 105.74 | 134.00 | 104.96 |

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 18, 2009

| | Price Range | Top |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Good & Choice Steers | 95.00-103.75 | No fancies |
| Good & Choice Heifers | 96.00-105.00 | No fancies |
| Good Cows | 51.00-64.50 | |
| Export Cows | 42.00-58.00 | |
| Good veal calves (no choice on offer) | 81.00-96.00 | |

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 18, 2009

| | Price Range | Average | Top |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Cows | 32.00-66.50 | 53.13 | 66.50 |
| Bulls 1600 lbs & over | 64.73-80.73 | 69.95 | 86.00 |

At Denfield Livestock – April 21, 2009

| | Price Range | | Price Range |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Choice steers | 100.00-107.00 | Choice Exotic Cross heifers | 100.00-105.25 |
| Good steers | 95.00-99.00 | Good heifers | 95.00-99.00 |
| Plain Steers | 85.00-90.00 | Plain heifers | 80.00-90.00 |
| Good fed cows | 60.00-75.00 | Good beef bulls | 65.00-80.00 |
| D1 & D2 cows | 55.00-65.00 | Good Holstein bulls | 60.00-70.00 |
| D3 & D4 cows | 45.00-50.00 | Good Holstein bull calves | \$75.00-\$200.00 |
| Shells | 35.00-45.00 | Short keep steers | 95.00-105.00 |
| | | Short keep heifers | 95.00-105.00 |

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 21, 2009

| | Price Range | | Price Range |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Replacement calves | \$60.00-\$180.00 | Cows D1 & D2 | 52.00-63.00 top 72.00 |
| Bulls | 65.50-74.50 | Cows D3 | 42.00-50.50 |
| Bred cows-good x bred | N/T | Cows D4 | 33.00-47.00 |

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 17, 2009-** 1,701 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+ | 95.00-104.85 | 102.23 | 104.85 | 900+ | 92.00-103.25 | 97.68 | 104.00 |
| 900-999 | 101.75-107.50 | 104.76 | 108.25 | 800-899 | 99.75-105.75 | 103.75 | 105.75 |
| 800-899 | 97.00-107.25 | 103.78 | 112.00 | 700-799 | 95.00-107.25 | 102.47 | 111.50 |
| 700-799 | 105.50-120.25 | 113.72 | 120.25 | 600-699 | 100.00-113.00 | 106.83 | 115.00 |
| 600-699 | 111.00-127.75 | 121.98 | 133.00 | 500-599 | 105.00-117.00 | 111.15 | 120.00 |
| 500-599 | 105.50-135.50 | 127.50 | 142.50 | 400-499 | 111.00-126.50 | 118.08 | 126.50 |
| 400-499 | 121.00-151.00 | 139.39 | 151.00 | 300-399 | 118.00-127.00 | 121.38 | 127.00 |
| 399- | 118.00-154.00 | 135.55 | 154.00 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, April 18, 2009-** 80 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 600-699 | 85.00-120.00 | 109.83 | 120.00 | 500-599 | 88.50-105.00 | 101.76 | 105.50 |
| 500-599 | 109.50-128.00 | 118.83 | 128.00 | | | | |
| 400-499 | 111.00-138.00 | 127.42 | 138.00 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, April 20, 2009-** 66 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 600-699 | 86.00-122.50 | 114.26 | 122.50 | 600-699 | 73.50-108.00 | 91.50 | 108.00 |
| 500-599 | 92.00-132.50 | 117.12 | 132.50 | 400-499 | 102.25-106.00 | 103.00 | 106.00 |

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 20, 2009-** 82 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 600-699 | 112.50-122.50 | 117.50 | 122.50 | 500-599 | 86.50-106.00 | 100.48 | 106.00 |
| 500-599 | 127.75-128.75 | 128.15 | 130.00 | 400-499 | 75.00-125.50 | 108.14 | 125.50 |

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 21, 2009 –** 266 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|---------|--------------|--------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 800-899 | 83.00-104.50 | 95.93 | 104.50 | 800-899 | 98.00 | 98.00 | 98.00 |
| 700-799 | 82.50-115.50 | 97.71 | 115.50 | 700-799 | 66.50-101.50 | 92.00 | 101.50 |
| 600-699 | 75.00-129.00 | 112.23 | 129.00 | 600-699 | 76.00-111.00 | 99.13 | 111.00 |
| 500-599 | 88.00-138.50 | 115.95 | 138.50 | 500-599 | 82.50-119.50 | 106.18 | 119.50 |
| 400-499 | 90.00-134.00 | 120.52 | 134.00 | 400-499 | 81.00-120.50 | 107.05 | 120.50 |

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 21, 2009-** 1,629 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 900-999 | 96.00-108.00 | 104.35 | 108.00 | 900+ | 95.50-99.00 | 96.08 | 99.50 |
| 800-899 | 104.00-115.50 | 110.58 | 115.50 | 800-899 | 84.00-100.00 | 91.13 | 100.00 |
| 700-799 | 115.00-123.00 | 118.66 | 130.50 | 700-799 | 105.50-113.50 | 109.38 | 115.50 |
| 600-699 | 124.25-137.00 | 129.56 | 138.00 | 600-699 | 105.00-119.00 | 114.42 | 120.50 |
| 500-599 | 119.00-140.00 | 132.59 | 145.00 | 500-599 | 108.00-122.25 | 116.94 | 122.25 |
| 400-499 | 122.00-139.00 | 131.67 | 142.50 | 400-499 | 100.00-128.25 | 119.91 | 128.25 |
| 399- | 101.00-136.50 | 120.00 | 136.50 | 300-399 | 116.50-120.00 | 119.20 | 120.00 |

All classes of stocker and replacement cattle sold on a strong demand at slightly higher prices.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 21, 2009-** 230 stockers.

| STEERS | Price Range | HEIFERS | Price Range |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1000+ | 90.00-97.00 | 800-899 | 91.00-96.00 |
| 900-999 | 91.00-101.00 | 700-799 | 92.00-96.00 |
| 800-899 | 96.00-108.50 | 600-699 | 101.00-112.00 |
| 700-799 | 109.00-114.00 | 500-599 | 109.00-118.50 |
| 600-699 | 114.00-125.00 | 400-499 | 116.50-123.50 |
| 500-599 | 121.00-141.00 | 300-399 | 115.00-122.00 |
| 400-499 | 124.00-142.00 | | |
| 399- | 127.00-132.00 | | |

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 22, 2009-** 1,396 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| +1000 | 103.00-108.50 | 106.52 | 108.50 | 900+ | 90.50-99.00 | 96.43 | 99.50 |
| 900-999 | 100.75-109.25 | 106.01 | 112.75 | 800-899 | 92.00-102.50 | 99.21 | 102.50 |
| 800-899 | 101.00-110.75 | 106.80 | 110.75 | 700-799 | 95.00-100.00 | 98.30 | 104.00 |
| 700-799 | 101.50-118.25 | 111.15 | 120.00 | 600-699 | 95.00-107.00 | 101.17 | 107.00 |
| 600-699 | 111.00-129.00 | 121.09 | 129.00 | 500-599 | 104.00-116.00 | 110.07 | 116.00 |
| 500-599 | 106.00-133.75 | 121.49 | 133.75 | 400-499 | 96.00-120.25 | 111.95 | 120.25 |
| 400-499 | 134.00-147.50 | 141.20 | 147.50 | | | | |
| 399- | 110.00-153.00 | 125.25 | 153.50 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 23, 2009 – 336 stockers**

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+ | 93.00-108.25 | 106.64 | 108.25 | 900+ | 66.00-95.00 | 84.18 | 95.00 |
| 900+999 | 87.00-109.00 | 104.85 | 109.00 | 800-899 | 94.50-99.00 | 96.70 | 99.00 |
| 800-899 | 80.00-93.50 | 87.15 | 98.00 | 700-799 | 86.00-101.00 | 97.13 | 101.00 |
| 700-799 | 92.00-106.50 | 100.61 | 106.50 | 600-699 | 75.00-106.50 | 93.22 | 106.50 |
| 600-699 | 98.50-118.00 | 107.78 | 118.00 | 500-599 | 97.00-112.00 | 106.09 | 112.00 |
| 500-599 | 95.00-117.00 | 107.00 | 117.00 | 400-499 | 90.00-99.00 | 94.17 | 116.00 |
| 400-499 | 107.00-135.00 | 125.17 | 135.00 | | | | |
| 399- | 116.00-127.00 | 120.67 | 127.00 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 23, 2009-** 1,730 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 1000+ | 80.00-102.00 | 90.54 | 102.00 | 900+ | 72.50-98.75 | 87.87 | 98.75 |
| 900-999 | 91.00-105.50 | 100.24 | 105.50 | 800-899 | 90.00-101.00 | 98.68 | 101.00 |
| 800-899 | 102.00-111.75 | 107.45 | 117.25 | 700-799 | 89.50-105.00 | 97.15 | 112.25 |
| 700-799 | 95.00-116.00 | 105.80 | 129.00 | 600-699 | 90.00-109.00 | 101.52 | 114.00 |
| 600-699 | 106.75-133.75 | 123.34 | 133.75 | 500-599 | 96.00-116.00 | 107.05 | 124.25 |
| 500-599 | 106.00-130.00 | 120.72 | 142.00 | 400-499 | 101.00-117.78 | 110.79 | 123.00 |
| 400-499 | 120.00-144.00 | 132.19 | 156.00 | 300-399 | 104.00-125.00 | 112.06 | 126.00 |
| 399- | 105.00-146.00 | 131.47 | 148.00 | | | | |

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 23, 2009-** 174 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 700-799 | 77.00-96.00 | 85.33 | 102.00 | 600-699 | 83.00-96.00 | 88.50 | 106.00 |
| 600-699 | 88.00-126.00 | 106.25 | 126.00 | 500-599 | 81.00-100.00 | 96.92 | 112.00 |
| 500-599 | 80.00-136.00 | 115.89 | 136.00 | 400-499 | 82.00-123.00 | 109.44 | 136.00 |
| 400-499 | 102.00-139.00 | 128.75 | 139.00 | 300-399 | 89.00-121.00 | 106.67 | 121.00 |
| 300-399 | 98.00-133.00 | 115.18 | 133.00 | 299- | 75.00-124.00 | 104.14 | 124.00 |

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 17, 2009-** 421 stockers

| STEERS | Price Range | Avg | Top | HEIFERS | Price Range | Avg | Top |
|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| 800-899 | 100.00-105.00 | 101.38 | 105.50 | 800-899 | 80.00-88.00 | 85.71 | 88.00 |
| 700-799 | 106.30-112.75 | 109.67 | 112.75 | 700-799 | 95.00-105.00 | 99.69 | 105.00 |
| 600-699 | 118.00-128.25 | 124.94 | 128.25 | 600-699 | 97.00-108.75 | 104.15 | 108.75 |
| 500-599 | 115.25-130.00 | 120.21 | 133.25 | 500-599 | 97.00-109.50 | 105.76 | 109.50 |
| 400-499 | 118.50-130.00 | 124.18 | 140.00 | 400-499 | 95.50-110.00 | 103.00 | 110.00 |
| 399- | 114.50-160.00 | 140.00 | 160.00 | 300-399 | 107.00-137.00 | 118.19 | 137.00 |

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Steers | Live | 98.25-100.85 | Flat rail | 167.00-170.83 |
| Heifers | Live | 98.55-100.85 | Flat rail | 166.40-170.83 |

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------|
| Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers | Live | 88.00 |
| | Rail | 143.00 |

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

Week Ending **Thursday April 23, 2009**

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A1, A2 Steers & Heifers | Price | 164.00-168.00 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

| Week Ending | AAA | AA |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| April 3, 2009 | 1.7891 | 1.7547 |
| March 27, 2009 | 1.7517 | 1.7574 |
| March 20, 2009 | 1.7463 | 1.7353 |

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

| | Choice | Select |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 600-900 | 600-900 |
| Current 5 day average: | 152.28 | 150.13 |

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

| Week Ending | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| April 25, 2009 | | |
| Grand Total | 640,000 | 702,000 |

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

| | Steers | Heifers |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| April 18, 2009 | 825 | 746 |
| April 12, 2008 | 843 | 788 |

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

| | Week Ending April 18, 2008 | YTD | % of Yr. Ago |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Grand Total | 58,163 | 897,224 | 100% |
| %Alberta Slaughter | 42,954 | 630,648 | 103% |
| Ontario Slaughter | 10,409 | 157,260 | 94% |

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

| | Week ending April 4, 09 | Week ending Mar 28, 09 | Year to Date |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US. | 2,304 | 2,849 | 40,735 |
| Steers & Heifers | 1,520 | 2,055 | 32,378 |
| Cows | 715 | 791 | 8,082 |
| Bulls | 69 | 3 | 275 |

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

| IMPORTS Jan 1 – Feb 28,09 | | EXPORTS Jan 1 – April 11, 09 | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| Pure bred | 241 | Slaughter steers & heifers | 184,180 |
| Non-pure bred | 6,825 | Feeder steers & heifers | 139,086 |
| | | Cows & Bulls | 60,346 |

BEEF EXPORTS

| | United States Jan 1– April 18, 09 | Mexico Jan 1-Feb 28 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Total | 79,542 tonnes | 6,566 tonnes |

BEEF PRODUCTION

| | Jan 1 – April 18, 09 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Fed | 260,527 tonnes | 248,446 tonnes | +4.9% |
| Non-fed | 59,073 tonnes | 75,568 tonnes | -21.8% |

BEEF IMPORTS

| | Jan 1 – April 11 | Last Year Same Time | % Change |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| United States | 28,235 tonnes | 27,649 tonnes | +2.1% |
| Non-NAFTA | 19,670 tonnes | 11,566 tonnes | +70.0% |
| Total | 48,130 tonnes | 39,623 tonnes | +21.5% |

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 | 86.85 -0.90 | Apr | 99.75 +0.20 | May | 3.770 -4.0 | May | 10.402 +2.4 | Spot | 82.82 +1.17 |
| Jun | 82.60 -0.87 | May | 99.12 -0.07 | Jul | 3.856 -4.2 | Jul | 10.340 +2.0 | Jun | 82.82 +1.17 |
| Aug | 82.97 -0.70 | Aug | 100.35 -0.32 | Sep | 3.952 -4.4 | Aug | 10.104 +2.0 | Sep | 82.91 +1.15 |
| Oct | 87.12 -0.70 | Sep | 100.40 -0.30 | Dec | 4.066 -4.6 | Sep | 9.702 +4.6 | Dec | 83.02 +1.13 |
| Dec | 89.17 -0.57 | Oct | 100.40 -0.45 | Mar | 4.190 -4.4 | Nov | 9.332 +9.6 | Mar | 83.16 +1.14 |
| Feb | 90.05 -0.65 | Nov | 100.45 -0.35 | May | 4.276 -4.0 | Jan | 9.380 +9.6 | Jun | 83.32 +1.15 |

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

| | | | |
|----------|----------|------------------------------------|---|
| 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 | Wiarthon-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop | Stocker Sale |
| May 9 | 11:00 am | Denfield Livestock | Bred Cow and Stocker Sale |

Comments for the week ending April 23, 2009

The fed cattle market was a little easier this week. There were 1,167 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 552 from last week and 188 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$94.57-\$104.14 averaging \$99.95 down \$1.71 from last week but \$17.25 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers traded from \$91.09-\$103.62 averaging \$98.36 down \$2.04 from last week and \$14.60 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady to firm.

The slaughter cow market held steady this week. There were 2,320 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 388 from last week and 579 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$42.83-\$59.79 averaging \$51.98 up \$0.20 from last week and \$11.13 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with steady to strong prices with prices reported at the end of the week up \$1.00-\$2.00.

Replacement heifers were easier this week with steer prices mixed. There were 7,923 replacements sold through auction markets up 11% from last week and 8% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported good demand with active trading. Prices were reported from level to steady to mostly steady. Grass cattle were reported as selling well with prices steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all categories of heifers \$2.00-\$4.25 lower. Steers 600 lbs and under averaged \$1.00-\$3.00 lower while steers 600 lb plus averaged steady to \$0.60 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$1.75 lower on average. Steers were reported from \$167.00-\$173.00 dressed while heifers sold from \$166.00-\$172.00, with prices declining as the week progressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with prices softer than last week. Steers traded from \$98.25-\$100.85 live and \$167.00-\$170.83 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$98.55-\$100.85 live and \$166.40-\$170.83 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices fully steady to last week at \$88.00 live and \$143.00 dressed with a handful of trade at \$144.00 dressed. Friday afternoon at time of reporting there was not new traded to report. It is expected that the few cattle left to sell will be carried over to next week.