



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday April 30, 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 167.00-172.00  
 A grade heifers 166.00-171.00

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### FED CATTLE

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
Large Frame Steers +1250	93.41-105.42	100.12	112.00	99.41
Medium Frame Steers +1250	94.43-103.25	100.21	106.75	100.29
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	93.78-105.12	100.17	112.00	99.95
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	94.63-103.41	100.02	107.00	98.98
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.59-101.99	97.89	108.75	97.19
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	94.19-103.70	99.61	108.75	98.36
Cows- All Weights	43.42-61.01	52.25	98.50	51.98
Bulls- All Weights	60.25-72.25	66.55	92.00	67.26

### STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	583	100.65-108.04	105.28	111.00	104.38
900-999	928	101.81-109.30	106.30	112.25	105.16
800-899	1,027	98.95-113.80	108.51	118.10	106.08
700-799	1,332	95.74-117.09	110.80	132.00	111.13
600-699	1,556	100.93-132.21	118.38	150.75	123.00
500-599	1,139	105.74-134.48	122.45	145.00	122.66
400-499	445	104.87-139.64	124.46	150.50	131.00
-399	163	108.23-134.80	124.50	154.00	127.78

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	405	89.59-100.73	96.42	103.75	92.18
800-899	404	88.07-102.76	96.58	107.00	99.74
700-799	800	90.75-107.66	101.10	115.00	102.97
600-699	1,271	90.01-116.93	107.12	120.50	106.45
500-599	1,193	99.12-118.22	110.55	150.00	108.70
400-499	557	97.67-122.67	112.26	142.00	111.54
300-399	181	100.40-123.38	114.02	142.00	113.92
299-	25	102.32-113.12	107.10	139.00	105.74

### At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday April 25, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	96.00-103.00	
Good & Choice Heifers	93.00-102.00	
Good Cows	48.00-62.00	67.00
Export Cows	47.00-59.00	
Good heavy bulls	62.00-70.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	73.50-88.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: April 25, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	40.00-74.00	55.43	74.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	65.00-72.00	68.87	72.00

**At Denfield Livestock – April 28, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-104.25	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	99.00-103.00
Good steers	95.00-100.00	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	Good beef bulls	65.00-80.00
Eligible cows	52.00-62.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$200.00
D3 & D4 cows	45.00-50.00	Yearling steers & heifers	95.00-105.00
Steer calves	100.00-135.00	Heifer calves	110.00-125.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 28, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	100.00-116.00	Cows D1 & D2	53.00-64.50 top 78.00
Bulls	61.00-65.00	Cows D3	44.00-52.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	41.00-49.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 24, 2009-** 1,976 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	93.00-106.75	103.47	106.75	900+	92.50-103.75	99.33	103.75
900-999	96.50-108.50	105.87	110.50	800-899	85.00-105.25	97.25	106.50
800-899	94.00-112.50	103.75	112.50	700-799	82.00-107.00	96.63	111.50
700-799	95.00-117.00	108.38	117.00	600-699	99.00-118.50	109.25	120.00
600-699	95.00-123.50	112.55	132.00	500-599	105.00-119.50	113.32	123.00
500-599	109.00-134.00	123.31	136.50	400-499	108.00-124.50	118.46	142.00
400-499	114.00-141.50	126.87	143.00	300-399	100.00-127.00	119.04	127.00
399-	104.00-135.00	121.43	135.00	299-	101.00-130.00	111.75	130.00

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center, April 27, 2009-** 81 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	86.50-118.25	110.08	118.25	600-699	86.00-106.50	99.40	106.50
500-599				500-599	75.00-132.00	100.11	132.00

Stocker Sale at: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, April 28, 2009-** 152 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	95.00-102.00	96.63	105.50	700-799	97.00-105.50	101.91	105.50
600-699	102.50-117.00	109.75	117.00	600-699	89.00-105.00	96.75	105.00
500-599	106.00-124.00	116.53	130.00	500-599	97.25-115.00	108.25	115.0
400-499	118.50-128.50	123.50	128.50	400-499	111.00-121.00	115.13	121.00
399-	104.00-130.00	121.20	130.00	300-399	99.00-104.50	102.13	104.50
				299-	105.50-114.50	110.90	120.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– April 28, 2009 –** 239 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	87.50-109.00	97.34	109.00	800-899	85.00-90.00	87.75	90.00
600-699	69.00-110.00	101.09	110.00	700-799	75.50-100.00	87.15	100.00
500-599	68.50-132.50	103.38	132.50	600-699	74.50-103.00	92.34	103.00
400-499	99.00-137.50	123.32	137.50	500-599	87.00-113.50	100.05	113.50
399-	110.00-135.00	124.30	135.00	400-499	80.00-129.50	105.85	129.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – April 28, 2009-** 1,701 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	80.00-104.00	98.93	104.00	<b>900+</b>	76.00-100.00	86.68	100.00
<b>900-999</b>	101.00-09.25	107.20	109.25	<b>800-899</b>	86.00-104.00	97.82	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-113.75	109.16	114.25	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-111.00	106.30	113.50
<b>700-799</b>	104.50-116.00	111.31	119.50	<b>600-699</b>	100.00-120.50	112.60	120.50
<b>600-699</b>	122.50-138.50	129.22	138.50	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-118.00	112.40	118.00
<b>500-599</b>	126.00-140.00	135.19	144.00	<b>400-499</b>	105.00-119.00	113.50	119.00
<b>400-499</b>	113.00-138.00	125.43	144.00	<b>300-399</b>	88.00-118.50	99.30	122.00
<b>399-</b>	109.00-134.00	122.79	139.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– April 28, 2009-** 555 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	90.00-98.00	<b>900+</b>	90.00-93.00
<b>900-999</b>	92.00-102.00	<b>800-899</b>	92.00-97.00
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-108.00	<b>700-799</b>	92.00-99.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-116.50	<b>600-699</b>	101.00-112.00
<b>600-699</b>	114.00-128.50	<b>500-599</b>	110.00-118.00
<b>500-599</b>	122.00-139.00	<b>400-499</b>	115.00-122.00
<b>399-</b>	127.00-134.00	<b>300-399</b>	115.00-121.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – April 29, 2009-** 1,634 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	104.50-109.50	106.96	109.50	<b>900+</b>	94.00-102.50	100.20	102.50
<b>900-999</b>	104.50-110.50	107.46	110.50	<b>800-899</b>	93.50-103.00	101.21	103.00
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-117.00	112.08	117.00	<b>700-799</b>	77.00-105.25	100.68	105.25
<b>700-799</b>	114.50-122.00	119.21	132.00	<b>600-699</b>	92.00-106.50	104.19	106.50
<b>600-699</b>	112.00-126.25	123.92	126.25	<b>500-599</b>	106.50-114.50	111.41	117.50
<b>500-599</b>	108.00-138.50	134.81	138.50	<b>400-499</b>			
<b>400-499</b>	106.50-141.00	130.87	141.00				

Stocker sale: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange – April 29, 2009-** 335 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	83.00-95.00	90.25	95.00	<b>800-899</b>	75.00-96.00	82.98	96.00
<b>800-899</b>	85.00-103.00	91.06	103.00	<b>700-799</b>	72.00-101.00	83.75	101.00
<b>700-799</b>	70.00-109.00	93.07	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	77.00-105.00	92.78	105.00
<b>600-699</b>	78.00-117.00	101.10	117.00	<b>500-599</b>	85.00-109.00	95.04	109.00
<b>500-599</b>	88.00-123.00	108.00	126.00	<b>400-499</b>	87.00-133.00	105.32	133.00
<b>400-499</b>	94.00-134.00	111.78	134.00	<b>300-399</b>	89.00-118.00	105.32	118.00
<b>399-</b>	88.00-131.00	116.67	131.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 30, 2009 –** 273 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	80.00-104.00	89.67	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	85.00-90.00	87.14	90.00
<b>600-699</b>	82.00-107.00	95.57	117.00	<b>700-799</b>	75.00-93.00	85.74	93.00
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-124.00	113.35	130.00	<b>600-699</b>	70.00-105.00	88.55	118.00
<b>400-499</b>	101.00-149.00	119.56	149.00	<b>500-599</b>	93.00-111.50	103.90	117.50
<b>399-</b>	115.00-126.00	121.57	126.00	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-120.00	108.92	120.00
				<b>300-399</b>	100.00-114.00	109.56	114.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, April 30, 2009-** 1,132 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	94.00-96.00	94.65	96.00	<b>900+</b>	70.50-96.00	84.59	96.00
<b>900-999</b>	84.00-101.00	92.73	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	82.50-99.50	90.87	99.50
<b>800-899</b>	94.50-107.00	101.67	107.00	<b>700-799</b>	86.00-103.00	93.85	105.25
<b>700-799</b>	97.00-112.50	105.96	119.50	<b>600-699</b>	90.00-110.00	101.12	110.00
<b>600-699</b>	94.25-124.00	109.51	134.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.50-113.50	105.19	150.00
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-130.00	116.55	136.50	<b>400-499</b>	91.50-114.50	105.47	117.00
<b>400-499</b>	109.00-139.00	126.97	139.00	<b>300-399</b>	98.00-117.00	107.53	132.00
<b>399-</b>	127.00-135.00	131.73	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, April 30, 2009-** 138 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	75.00-93.00	84.00	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	79.00-109.00	91.22	109.00
<b>600-699</b>	76.00-110.00	97.15	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	81.00-123.00	102.23	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	89.00-119.00	102.00	134.00	<b>400-499</b>	81.00-114.00	94.47	119.00
<b>400-499</b>	90.00-129.00	113.00	137.00	<b>300-399</b>	76.00-117.00	99.33	117.00
<b>300-399</b>	107.00-131.00	117.46	134.00	<b>299-</b>	107.00-125.00	114.00	125.00

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

Stocker Sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, April 24, 2009-** 1,363 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	109.00-111.00	110.51	111.00	<b>800-899</b>	95.00-105.40	99.23	107.00
<b>900-999</b>	110.25-112.25	111.23	112.25	<b>700-799</b>	103.75-110.50	108.17	110.50
<b>800-899</b>	113.00-118.10	116.25	118.10	<b>600-699</b>	108.25-118.50	112.92	120.00
<b>700-799</b>	117.00-123.00	119.83	124.50	<b>500-599</b>	114.50-122.75	120.93	122.75
<b>600-699</b>	124.00-134.00	128.78	137.00	<b>400-499</b>	120.00-123.00	120.84	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	130.50-140.00	135.45	140.00				
<b>400-499</b>	112.50-132.00	119.77	135.00				

Vaccinated calf & yearling sale saw a strong demand at steady prices.

Stocker Sale at: **Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc, April 25, 2009-** 1,135 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	63.00-87.25	82.75	87.25	<b>900+</b>	54.00-85.00	71.75	85.00
<b>900-999</b>	77.00-98.00	86.71	98.00	<b>800-899</b>	75.00-103.50	86.93	103.50
<b>800-899</b>	64.00-107.75	97.29	107.75	<b>700-799</b>	75.00-104.00	98.14	104.00
<b>700-799</b>	65.00-113.00	105.97	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	70.00-119.50	104.83	119.50
<b>600-699</b>	66.00-150.75	110.06	150.75	<b>500-599</b>	85.00-120.00	106.42	120.00
<b>500-599</b>	81.00-133.50	112.62	133.50	<b>400-499</b>	70.00-119.50	106.62	119.50
<b>400-499</b>	85.00-134.50	113.97	134.50	<b>300-399</b>	73.00-122.00	103.25	122.00
<b>399-</b>	101.00-131.00	118.50	131.00				

An excellent turn out with a good run of fall calves resulted in a good active trade with strong prices.

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 27, 2009 -** 907 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	95.50-99.50	98.70	99.50	<b>900+</b>	93.00-97.00	94.80	99.50
<b>900-999</b>	100.50-105.75	104.62	105.75	<b>800-899</b>	96.00-104.75	102.03	104.75
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-116.25	112.19	116.25	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-112.50	107.10	115.00
<b>700-799</b>	106.50-118.50	112.95	127.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-118.00	111.11	118.50
<b>600-699</b>	115.00-130.25	126.02	130.25	<b>500-599</b>	103.50-120.50	114.90	122.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.50-145.00	131.54	145.00	<b>400-499</b>	109.00-128.50	122.90	128.50
<b>400-499</b>	113.00-149.00	136.63	149.00	<b>300-399</b>	100.00-126.00	118.82	138.00
<b>399-</b>	115.00-154.00	144.44	154.00				

Huron County Beef Producers Vaccinated Calf & Yearling Sale. Calves traded \$3.00-\$5.00 higher while yearlings sold on a steady market.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market – April 29, 2009-** 700 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	101.50-115.00	106.31	115.00	800-899	82.00-99.25	87.78	99.25
700-799	74.00-124.00	113.97	124.00	700-799	94.50-110.00	104.70	110.00
600-699	105.00-135.75	124.73	135.75	600-699	83.50-116.00	108.07	116.00
500-599	110.00-140.50	129.28	140.50	500-599	92.00-120.50	112.51	120.50
400-499	90.00-150.50	129.03	150.50	400-499	95.00-131.00	117.50	131.00
399-	105.00-140.00	128.00	140.00	300-399	110.00-126.00	122.18	126.00

Stockers sold brisk at higher prices. May 6 @ 11:00 am- Victoria/Peterborough County Sale- 100% Vaccinated.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

Steers	Live	96.00-97.50	Flat rail	165.00-168.85
Heifers	Live	94.25	Flat rail	156.50-168.85

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

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

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

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

Week Ending Thursday April 30, 2009

	Price
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	164.25-138.25

### 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:	151.69	148.93

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
May 2, 2009		
Grand Total	665,000	701,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 25, 2009	810	770
April 19, 2008	843	784

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
April 25, 2008		
Grand Total	58,107	955,331
%Alberta Slaughter	2,465	673,113
Ontario Slaughter	9,352	166,612

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending April 11, 09	Week ending April 4, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,418</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>43,153</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,867	1,520	34,245
Cows	522	715	8,604
Bulls	29	69	304

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – Feb 28, 09		Jan 1 – April 18, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	241	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	194,685
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	6,825	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	145,403
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	63,047

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – April 25, 09	Mexico Jan 1-Feb 28
<b>Total</b>	84,507 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 25, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	277,778 tonnes	266,746 tonnes	+4.1%
<b>Non-fed</b>	662,186 tonnes	79,443 tonnes	-21.7%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 18	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	30,421 tonnes	29,655 tonnes	+2.6%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	20,940 tonnes	11,820 tonnes	+77.2%
<b>Total</b>	51,603 tonnes	41,926 tonnes	+23.1%

### 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>Jun</b>	82.10    -0.40	<b>May</b>	97.45    -1.12	<b>May</b>	4.062    +10.0	<b>May</b>	11.020    +0.32	<b>Spot</b>	84.50    +0.68
<b>Aug</b>	82.02    -0.62	<b>Aug</b>	98.45    -1.17	<b>Jul</b>	4.136    +10.2	<b>Jul</b>	10.910    +0.36	<b>Jun</b>	84.51    +0.67
<b>Oct</b>	86.42    +0.05	<b>Sep</b>	98.72    -1.07	<b>Sep</b>	4.224    +10.0	<b>Aug</b>	10.590    +0.36	<b>Sep</b>	84.59    +0.67
<b>Dec</b>	88.85    +0.12	<b>Oct</b>	98.77    -1.02	<b>Dec</b>	4.332    +10.0	<b>Sep</b>	10.110    +30.4	<b>Dec</b>	84.68    +0.67
<b>Feb</b>	90.22    +0.32	<b>Nov</b>	98.80    -1.12	<b>Mar</b>	4.450    +10.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.710    +27.4	<b>Mar</b>	84.80    +0.67
<b>Apr</b>	90.60    -0.35	<b>Jan</b>	98.20    -0.90	<b>May</b>	4.534    +11.2	<b>Jan</b>	9.736    +26.2	<b>Jun</b>	84.95    +0.67

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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	Wiarion-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop	Stocker Sale

May 9 11:00 am Denfield Livestock  
May 11 10:00 am Brussels Livestock

Bred Cow and Stocker Sale  
Vaccinated calves & yearlings – Sponsored  
by the Huron County Beef Producers

May 12 10:00 am South River

Parry Sound District Livestock Co-op Assoc  
Stocker Sale

May 13 11:00 am Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt

Stocker Sale

May 13 7:00 pm Talbotville Livestock

Bred Cows and Stocker Sale

May 20 6:00 pm Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt

Bred Cow Sale

### **Comments for the week ending April 30, 2009**

Despite the strengthening Canadian dollar this week the fed cattle market held steady. There were 1,220 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 53 from last week and 736 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$93.78-\$105.12 averaging \$100.17 up \$0.22 from last week and \$15.08 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$94.19-\$103.70 averaging \$99.61 up \$1.25 from last week and \$14.01 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trading with prices steady to fully steady. One auction reported American types as easier.

The slaughter cow market was also steady this week. There were 2,565 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 245 from last week and 161 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows sold from \$43.42-\$61.01 averaging \$52.25 up \$0.27 from last week and \$10.00 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets report a good demand with active trading. Prices were reported as steady to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand this week. There were 12,009 replacements sold through auction markets (including 5 special spring sales) up 51.6% from last week and 49% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trading with a good demand. Prices were reported as steady with one report of fleshier and plainer types under pressure. The special stocker sale reports saw strong demand with prices steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all classes of steers under 800 lbs from \$0.21-\$6.54 lower while steers 800+ averaged \$1.00-\$2.43 stronger. Heifers were the opposite with all classes under 700 lbs \$0.10-\$1.85 higher while heifers 700+ averaged \$0.28-\$1.87 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices reported this week for steers was \$167.00-\$172.00 dressed averaging \$1.25 lower than last week. Heifers traded from \$166.00-\$171.00 dressed down \$1.00 on average from last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with prices \$1.50-\$2.22 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$96.00-\$97.50 live and \$165.00-\$168.85 flat rail. Heifers traded at \$94.25 live and \$165.50-\$168.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was at a standstill all week. At time of reporting on Friday afternoon light to moderate trade had developed with southern business \$2.00 lower at \$86.00 live and northern trade \$4.00 lower at \$138.00-\$139.00 dressed. Trade is expected to continue until late afternoon or early evening.