



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday May 7 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	93.42-103.54	100.48	112.50	100.12
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.93-104.68	97.29	110.00	100.21
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	94.23-105.70	100.59	112.50	100.17
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	91.71-103.07	98.73	114.25	100.02
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	90.77-101.56	97.97	107.50	97.89
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.49-103.11	98.42	114.25	99.61
Cows- All Weights	42.16-59.40	51.23	81.00	52.25
Bulls- All Weights	58.63-70.54	65.07	87.00	66.55

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	470	94.33-102.69	98.88	108.50	105.28
900-999	1059	96.51-107.47	103.76	111.75	106.30
800-899	889	94.14-110.94	104.62	115.00	108.51
700-799	1335	98.53-117.40	109.86	133.50	110.80
600-699	1434	105.80-126.98	117.47	140.00	118.38
500-599	1038	105.10-130.67	120.86	144.50	122.45
400-499	435	107.40-138.71	124.80	150.00	124.46
-399	166	99.28-127.96	113.64	155.00	124.50

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	444	91.90-98.74	95.97	102.25	96.42
800-899	425	90.10-102.01	96.39	107.50	96.58
700-799	788	86.91-107.64	100.06	116.50	101.10
600-699	1025	91.18-114.96	105.82	135.00	107.12
500-599	910	91.34-117.74	108.21	124.50	110.55
400-499	466	95.35-121.24	109.49	132.00	112.26
300-399	122	97.59-114.00	105.56	140.00	114.02
299-	25	77.88-117.76	101.42	131.00	107.10

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 2, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	93.50-98.00	110.00
Good & Choice Heifers	97.00-102.75	No tops
Good Cows	47.00-64.00	69.50
Export Cows	48.00-58.00	
Good heavy bulls	Sales to 70.00	
Good veal calves (no choice on offer)	75.00-88.50	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 2, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	33.00-67.00	51.95	71.50
Bulls- all weights	63.75-72.13	69.00	72.50

At Denfield Livestock – May 5, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-107.50	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-101.00
Good steers	95.00-100.00	Good heifers	95.00-99.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-80.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-70.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$75.00-\$225.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Beef crossed calves	\$200.00-\$300.00
Yearling steers	95.00-105.00	Yearling heifers	95.00-101.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	105.00-180.00	Cows D1 & D2	54.00-57.75
Bulls	N/A	Cows D3	48.00-54.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-47.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 1, 2009-** 2,018 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	80.00-100.75	94.00	104.50	900+	95.00-102.25	99.83	102.25
900-999	98.50-111.75	104.82	111.75	800-899	87.00-101.25	94.55	104.00
800-899	95.50-115.00	105.56	115.00	700-799	89.00-101.00	96.14	114.00
700-799	95.50-115.50	106.19	119.00	600-699	93.00-113.50	104.97	113.50
600-699	91.00-116.00	104.39	127.00	500-599	103.00-116.00	109.81	118.00
500-599	101.00-118.00	109.46	134.00	400-499	111.00-128.00	120.04	128.00
400-499	110.00-138.00	131.09	143.00	300-399	111.00-120.00	114.56	122.00
399-	102.00-131.00	118.50	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt, May 2, 2009-** 93 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	86.00-120.50	105.61	120.50	500-599	62.00-105.50	88.40	105.50
500-599	70.00-118.00	105.10	118.00	400-499	80.00-104.00	96.11	104.00
400-499	72.00-124.50	102.00	124.50				

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 5, 2009 –** 159 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	67.00-115.50	90.68	115.50	500-599	83.50-115.50	102.66	115.50
500-599	75.00-128.50	106.85	128.50	400-499	70.00-113.00	98.62	113.00
400-499	70.00-130.50	110.85	130.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 5, 2009-** 1,527 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	98.50-108.00	106.47	108.00	900+	89.00-96.50	94.07	96.50
800-899	102.00-115.00	109.46	115.00	800-899	102.50-107.50	105.36	107.00
700-799	107.00-126.50	120.70	133.50	700-799	100.00-114.25	109.95	114.25
600-699	121.00-134.25	126.71	134.50	600-699	105.25-117.75	114.36	117.75
500-599	130.25-139.25	135.85	142.00	500-599	107.00-120.00	115.60	120.00
400-499	127.00-146.00	137.38	146.00	400-499	100.00-124.00	113.58	132.00
399-	71.00-116.00	89.33	119.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 5, 2009-** 257 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	96.00-103.50	900+	79.00-89.00
700-799	110.00-112.50	800-899	90.00-94.50
600-699	110.00-118.50	700-799	94.00-106.00
500-599	112.00-133.00	600-699	93.00-107.50
400-499	125.00-132.00	500-599	101.00-112.00
		400-499	112.00-118.00
		300-399	112.00-117.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – May 6, 2009-** 2,027 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	102.00-105.75	103.28	108.50	900+	97.00-100.25	98.93	102.00
900-999	99.50-108.00	105.11	111.75	800-899	94.00-96.50	94.86	96.50
800-899	97.00-109.25	104.97	109.25	700-799	79.00-107.25	97.29	107.25
700-799	93.00-116.25	108.47	116.25	600-699	89.00-102.25	98.05	114.00
600-699	110.50-130.00	121.74	130.00	500-599	96.00-117.50	111.97	117.50
500-599	97.00-128.00	115.93	132.00	400-499	80.00-130.00	92.67	130.00
400-499	120.00-135.00	125.53	135.00	300-399	89.00-117.00	100.20	117.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 7, 2009 –** 281 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	76.00-88.00	82.32	97.00	700-799	74.00-105.00	87.09	116.50
700-799	80.00-100.00	90.20	110.50	600-699	84.50-103.50	92.75	108.00
600-699	90.00-111.00	99.77	116.50	500-599	99.00-111.50	106.50	111.50
500-599	100.00-114.00	105.72	114.00	400-499	101.00-122.00	108.11	122.00
400-499	100.50-120.00	107.91	120.00	300-399	94.00-105.00	97.78	110.00
399-	90.00-113.00	101.00	113.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 7, 2009-** 1,241 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	70.00-85.00	78.68	85.00	800-899	81.50-96.50	89.79	105.50
900-999	82.00-93.50	88.71	93.50	700-799	83.00-102.00	92.59	111.50
800-899	83.50-106.00	95.46	112.00	600-699	80.00-111.00	97.46	119.00
700-799	93.50-111.50	101.84	116.25	500-599	92.00-119.25	106.24	121.00
600-699	98.00-122.00	110.68	122.00	400-499	86.00-119.50	103.13	123.50
500-599	105.00-138.50	120.54	138.50	300-399	74.00-106.00	89.99	120.00
400-499	104.00-150.00	124.50	150.00				
399-	97.00-137.00	112.77	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 7, 2009-** 216 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	74.00-109.00	90.75	109.00	700-799	65.00-101.00	86.60	101.00
600-699	73.00-115.00	97.24	119.00	600-699	83.00-106.00	101.91	106.00
500-599	88.00-117.00	102.60	122.00	500-599	86.00-107.00	97.76	114.00
400-499	101.00-129.00	115.07	131.00	400-499	91.00-118.00	106.12	120.00
300-399	94.00-134.00	113.92	155.00	300-399	104.00-118.00	112.25	118.00
				299-	75.00-131.00	113.75	131.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL SPRING SALES

Stocker Sale at: **D.H. Hickson Ltd, May 1, 2009-** 1,091 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	84.00-97.00	91.28	97.00	900+	83.50-88.50	84.75	88.50
900-999	87.00-106.50	101.22	106.50	800-899	86.00-105.00	99.13	105.00
800-899	85.50-112.0	104.02	112.00	700-799	75.00-114.00	104.06	114.00
700-799	97.00-116.25	106.32	116.25	600-699	85.50-114.00	106.62	114.00
600-699	102.50-128.50	116.67	128.50	500-599	70.00-118.00	102.35	118.00
500-599	86.00-134.50	122.61	134.50	400-499	81.00-127.00	110.44	127.00
400-499	95.50-136.00	122.09	136.00	300-399	113.00-126.00	118.94	126.00
399-	108.00-134.00	125.23	134.00				

Quinte Cattlemen's Association Sale- Vaccinated and catalogued.

Stocker Sale: **Thessalon Sale, Algoma Coop Livestock Sales, May 2, 2009-** 100 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	150.50 one lot	700-799	98.00
700-799	112.00-114.00	600-699	112.00-119.50
600-699	112.00-119.00	400-499	120.00
500-599	117.00-129.00		
400-499	134.00 one lot		

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auction Center, May 4, 2009-** 163 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	77.50-85.00	80.50	85.00	800-899	81.00-85.25	84.18	85.25
900-999	102.50-104.25	103.06	104.25	700-799	88.00-98.00	93.850	98.00
800-899	95.50-112.75	107.00	112.75	600-699	82.00-107.00	99.30	107.00
700-799	87.00-118.00	108.75	118.00	500-599	95.00-113.75	107.45	113.75
600-699	108.00-118.00	113.16	118.00	400-499	90.00-106.00	98.28	106.00
500-599	88.00-125.00	112.83	125.00	300-399	100.00-102.00	101.00	102.00
400-499	91.00-132.00	119.25	132.00				

Lennox Addington Stocker Sale Committee- 100% Vaccinated sale.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 5, 2009-** 1,194 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	86.00-98.50	93.67	100.00	900+	70.00-90.50	81.17	90.50
900-999	95.00-104.00	100.13	104.00	800-899	95.00-105.50	98.89	107.50
800-899	102.00-112.50	107.86	112.50	700-799	91.00-108.00	100.53	113.00
700-799	110.50-121.50	117.87	128.00	600-699	100.00-119.25	112.06	135.00
600-699	113.00-128.25	121.57	131.00	500-599	105.50-118.50	112.84	118.50
500-599	116.00-131.00	123.00	139.25	400-499	95.00-111.00	104.73	111.00
400-499	104.00-140.00	115.98	145.00				

Vaccinated stocker sale. A good quality offering of replacements sold actively at steady prices.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market –May 6, 2009-** 765 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	92.50-102.00	96.87	102.00	800-899	80.25-101.00	93.21	101.00
900-999	91.50-107.00	104.12	107.00	700-799	81.50-113.25	101.86	113.25
800-899	94.00-113.00	109.83	113.00	600-699	87.00-132.00	108.54	132.00
700-799	98.50-125.50	117.35	125.50	500-599	72.50-124.50	113.52	124.50
600-699	105.00-140.00	127.96	140.00	400-499	110.00-128.00	115.40	128.00

500-599	90.00-144.50	133.76	144.50
400-499	117.00-137.50	132.76	137.50
399-	133.50-144.00	134.81	144.00

Victoria/Peterborough County Sale- 100% Vaccinated. Stockers and replacement cattle continue to sell actively at strong prices.

Stocker Sale: **Wiarion, Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op:** 641 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	93.00-111.25	700-799	101.00-108.00 top 110.00
700-799	109.00-131.00	600-699	97.00-111.00 top 115.75
600-699	107.00-133.00 top 141.00	500-599	92.00-111.50 top 129.00
500-599	113.00-134.00		
400-499	115.00-130.00 top 135.00		

A good sale with top quality grass cattle on offer.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

Steers	Live	88.50-92.10	Flat rail	152.50-156.85
Heifers	Live	90.90-92.55	Flat rail	152.50-156.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	84.00
	Rail	134.00 few at 135.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 7, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	162.50-167.00
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 24, 2009	1.8809	1.8562
April 17, 2009	1.8504	1.8462
April 10, 2009	1.8065	1.8172

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	146.82	144.18

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	May 9, 2009		
Grand Total	652,000	665,000	710,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 2, 2009	814	751
April 26, 2008	828	775

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	May 2, 2008		
Grand Total	58,290	1,013,621	99%
%Alberta Slaughter	44,720	717,833	103%

Ontario Slaughter	10,782	177,394	94%
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LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending April 18, 09	Week ending April 11, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	1,783	2,418	44,911
Steers & Heifers	1,470	1,867	35,715
Cows	307	522	8,911
Bulls	6	29	285

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – Feb 28,09		Jan 1 – April 25, 09	
Pure bred	241	Slaughter steers & heifers	205,771
Non-pure bred	6,825	Feeder steers & heifers	152,589
		Cows & Bulls	66,148

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– April 25, 09	Jan 1-Feb 28
Total	89,536 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 2, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	295,266 tonnes	286,505 tonnes	+3.1%
Non-fed	65,276 tonnes	83,274 tonnes	-21.6%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 25	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	32,244 tonnes	31,715 tonnes	+1.7%
Non-NAFTA	22,255 tonnes	12,109 tonnes	+83.8%
Total	54,758 tonnes	44,396 tonnes	+23.3%

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						
Jun	82.97	+0.95	May	99.35	+1.15	May	4.140	+9.2	May	11.340	+15.0	Spot	86.87	+1.68
Aug	83.60	+1.07	Aug	100.70	+1.62	Jul	4.210	+9.0	Jul	11.114	+9.4	Jun	86.87	+1.68
Oct	87.97	+0.87	Sep	100.65	+1.42	Sep	4.294	+9.0	Aug	10.734	+10.4	Sep	86.94	+1.68
Dec	90.12	+0.92	Oct	100.75	+1.35	Dec	4.396	+8.6	Sep	10.214	+7.4	Dec	87.02	+1.68
Feb	91.60	+0.80	Nov	100.82	+1.32	Mar	4.504	+7.6	Nov	9.794	+7.4	Mar	87.08	+1.67
Apr	92.05	+0.72	Jan	99.60	+1.54	May	4.582	+7.4	Jan	9.824	+7.0	Jun	87.18	+1.67

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Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

May 9	11:00 am	Denfield Livestock	Bred Cow and Stocker Sale
May 11	10:00 am	Brussels Livestock	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
May 22 7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
May 26 11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Vaccinated Stocker Sale
May 27 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Stocker Sale

Comments for the week ending May 7, 2009

The fed cattle market traded on a mixed demand this week. There were 1,126 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 94 from last week and 929 less than last year at this time. Steers sold from \$94.23-\$105.70 averaging \$100.59 up \$0.42 from last week and \$13.57 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.49-\$103.11 with an average price of \$98.42 down \$1.19 from last week and \$12.75 higher than year ago prices. Auction markets all reported strong trade with prices holding steady with fancy cattle bringing premium prices.

The slaughter cow market declined in both prices and volume this week. There were 1,994 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 571 from last week and 1,044 less than last year at this time. Slaughter cows traded from \$42.16-\$59.40 averaging \$51.23 down \$1.02 from last week but \$6.89 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady. One report stated that the rising CDN dollar has put pressure on the slaughter cow prices.

Replacement cattle prices were lower this week. There were 11,031 replacements sold through auction markets (including 6 special spring sales) down 8% from last week and 19% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a selective to solid demand with prices steady to barely steady. Plainer and fleshier types were easier. Vaccinated sales reported active trade with prices steady to strong. Actual average prices were lower on all weight classes with the exception of steers 400-500 lbs which averaged \$0.34 stronger. The hardest hit was steers over 800 lbs which averaged \$3.64-\$3.89 lower. Heifers over 800 lbs were only \$0.32 lower on average. All other classes were \$0.91-\$2.77 lower with the exception of heifers 300-400 lbs which were \$8.46 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices declined as the week progressed. Steers started off at \$167-\$172 dressed down to \$166-\$170 by mid week. Heifers followed the same trend starting at \$166-171 early week down to \$165-\$169 by mid week. The weekly average prices were \$0.75 lower for steers and \$1.00 lower on heifers.

Alberta's fed cattle market under some pressure this week. Light to moderate trade saw live cattle prices average \$6.00 lower and flat rail sales \$11.72-\$13.26 lower than last week. Steers traded for \$88.50-\$92.10 live and \$152.50-\$156.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$90.90-\$92.55 live and \$152.50-\$156.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$2.00 lower on live cattle and \$3.00-\$4.00 lower on dressed. Prices in the south were at \$84.00 live while northern trade was \$134.00 dressed. A few clean up sales today saw prices steady with Thursday.