



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday May 14, 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 166.00-171.00  
 A grade heifers 165.00-170.00

## 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	93.96-105.14	100.18	112.50	100.48
Medium Frame Steers +1250	95.70-103.01	99.90	104.25	97.29
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	93.49-104.47	100.12	112.50	100.59
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.39-103.48	99.44	104.75	98.73
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	92.68-102.55	98.31	105.50	97.97
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	93.15-103.44	99.23	105.50	98.42
Cows- All Weights	42.63-59.24	51.03	85.00	51.23
Bulls- All Weights	60.92-72.28	66.35	96.00	65.07

### STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	634	96.32-102.97	99.94	105.00	98.88
900-999	796	97.36-108.68	103.47	114.00	103.76
800-899	573	94.69-110.44	104.47	127.00	104.62
700-799	873	102.27-119.80	111.30	125.50	109.86
600-699	858	104.88-128.08	117.21	140.00	117.47
500-599	705	103.52-130.08	118.15	145.50	120.86
400-499	391	101.71-130.81	117.38	150.00	124.80
-399	122	96.15-133.93	114.81	195.00	113.64

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	247	88.05-96.67	92.60	101.00	95.97
800-899	277	86.18-99.28	94.54	105.25	96.39
700-799	524	92.86-108.85	102.44	116.50	100.06
600-699	816	97.56-115.54	107.95	121.25	105.82
500-599	729	99.02-117.87	109.92	142.00	108.21
400-499	398	93.26-122.20	110.35	132.00	109.49
300-399	121	97.69-116.40	109.61	132.00	105.56
299-	33	92.97-175.85	148.27	295.00	101.42

### At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 9, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	94.00-98.00	104.25
Good & Choice Heifers	93.00-99.50	110.00
Good Cows	46.00-58.00	64.00
Export Cows	38.00-56.00	
Good heavy bulls	65.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 9, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	32.00-69.00	51.27	69.00
Bulls- all weights	63.50-74.66	67.34	78.00

**At Denfield Livestock – May 12, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-103.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	100.00-103.00
Good steers	98.00-100.00	Good heifers	97.00-99.00
Plain Steers	93.00-97.00	Plain heifers	93.00-96.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good beef bulls	55.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	45.00-50.00	Good Holstein bulls	50.00-55.00
Shells	15.00-35.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$125.00-\$170.00 to \$280.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 12, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	100.00-165.00	Cows D1 & D2	53.00-58.50 top 61.50
Bulls	60.00-64.00	Cows D3	49.00-54.50
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	31.00-48.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 8, 2009-** 1130 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	92.00-97.50	96.11	97.50	900+	84.00-97.75	92.34	101.00
900-999	70.00-100.00	88.48	114.00	800-899	83.50-101.85	93.30	101.85
800-899	93.00-106.00	99.96	106.00	700-799	85.00-107.00	96.91	110.00
700-799	90.50-115.50	107.41	117.00	600-699	99.00-115.00	106.55	120.00
600-699	90.00-117.00	105.70	125.50	500-599	102.00-115.00	109.48	121.50
500-599	92.00-117.00	105.00	129.50	400-499	101.00-119.00	109.26	130.00
400-499	103.00-120.00	110.18	132.00	300-399	108.00-121.00	117.09	121.00

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, May 9, 2009-** 107 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	79.00-106.00	94.44	106.00	600-699	54.00-106.50	89.45	106.50
500-599	94.00-113.00	103.11	113.00	500-599	72.00-102.00	92.70	102.00
400-499	92.50-118.00	105.75	118.00	400-499	78.00-103.00	87.77	103.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 12, 2009** – 200 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	70.50-106.00	95.68	106.00	700-799	62.50-99.50	85.70	99.50
600-699	78.50-112.00	95.60	112.00	600-699	80.50-111.00	97.91	111.00
500-599	83.00-126.00	104.44	126.00	500-599	80.00-115.00	106.79	115.00
400-499	82.00-135.00	112.58	135.00	400-499	65.00-117.50	101.46	117.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 12, 2009-** 1,924 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	84.00-98.00	89.50	98.00	900+	85.00-99.00	90.00	99.00
900-999	107.00-112.25	110.38	112.25	800-899	100.00-105.25	104.10	105.25
800-899	100.00-114.00	110.76	114.00	700-799	98.00-114.00	108.47	114.00
700-799	109.00-123.00	115.52	125.50	600-699	104.00-121.25	114.04	121.25
600-699	117.00-140.00	128.46	140.00	500-599	112.00-126.75	120.31	142.00
500-599	126.00-145.50	137.46	145.50	400-499	84.00-132.00	121.18	132.00
400-499	100.00-143.00	127.37	146.00	300-399	107.00-122.00	117.68	132.00
399-	113.00-151.00	134.29	151.00	299-	77.00-155.00	110.00	155.00

All classes of stocker and feeder cattle sold on a crisp demand at fully steady prices.

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 12, 2009-** 268 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-105.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-94.00
<b>700-799</b>	106.00-113.50	<b>700-799</b>	91.00-104.00
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-117.00	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-104.50
<b>500-599</b>	110.00-119.00	<b>500-599</b>	101.00-111.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.00-127.00	<b>400-499</b>	105.00-115.50
<b>399-</b>	112.00-126.00	<b>300-399</b>	104.00-114.00

Stockers sold steady to last week.

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – May 13, 2009-** 1,699 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	99.50-104.75	102.27	105.00	<b>900+</b>	97.00-100.50	99.40	100.50
<b>900-999</b>	100.00-109.75	105.09	111.00	<b>800-899</b>	98.00-103.50	101.22	103.50
<b>800-899</b>	98.00-110.75	102.35	111.00	<b>600-699</b>	108.00-117.00	112.01	117.00
<b>700-799</b>	113.50-121.00	117.03	121.00	<b>500-599</b>	109.00-116.50	114.63	116.50
<b>600-699</b>	119.00-126.50	121.76	131.00				
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-132.00	124.50	132.00				
<b>400-499</b>	130.00-131.50	130.75	131.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 14, 2009 –** 281 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	65.00-86.50	78.25	89.00	<b>900+</b>	85.00-100.50	94.50	100.50
<b>900-999</b>	87.00-99.00	91.75	99.00	<b>800-899</b>	71.00-91.00	82.89	91.00
<b>800-899</b>	91.50-104.00	98.24	104.00	<b>700-799</b>	78.00-100.50	93.90	100.50
<b>700-799</b>	95.00-115.50	103.52	115.50	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-103.00	98.42	111.00
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-109.00	105.06	109.00	<b>500-599</b>	90.00-109.00	97.00	111.50
<b>500-599</b>	96.00-138.00	118.65	138.00	<b>300-399</b>	103.00-123.00	116.33	123.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.00-131.50	124.94	131.50	<b>299-</b>	112.00-134.00	123.00	134.00
<b>399-</b>	111.00-119.00	113.67	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 14, 2009-** 1,283 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	91.00-102.50	97.32	102.50	<b>900+</b>	75.00-85.00	81.41	92.00
<b>900-999</b>	70.00-102.00	88.19	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	80.00-97.00	92.36	100.00
<b>800-899</b>	80.00-110.00	99.24	127.00	<b>700-799</b>	95.00-105.25	99.87	107.00
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-123.00	111.52	123.00	<b>600-699</b>	95.00-110.75	103.54	110.75
<b>600-699</b>	112.25-134.50	121.46	135.00	<b>500-599</b>	100.50-119.50	110.16	127.75
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-132.00	123.36	139.50	<b>400-499</b>	102.00-128.50	113.60	128.50
<b>400-499</b>	112.50-143.50	129.24	145.00	<b>300-399</b>	85.00-108.00	102.11	119.00
<b>399-</b>	98.00-129.50	111.55	133.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 14, 2009-** 286 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	67.00-113.00	87.74	113.00	<b>700-799</b>	62.00-76.00	70.40	76.00
<b>600-699</b>	84.00-113.00	96.83	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	79.00-103.00	94.31	103.00
<b>500-599</b>	80.00-118.00	104.56	122.00	<b>500-599</b>	87.00-108.00	99.48	109.00
<b>400-499</b>	86.00-123.00	106.95	135.00	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-117.00	106.19	117.00
<b>300-399</b>	68.00-133.00	97.91	150.00	<b>300-399</b>	91.00-111.00	99.40	111.00
				<b>299-</b>	59.00-141.00	109.22	180.00

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

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 11, 2009-** 506 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	98.00-109.00	102.85	109.00	<b>800-899</b>	82.00-101.25	96.03	101.25
<b>700-799</b>	105.00-121.50	114.50	121.50	<b>700-799</b>	104.00-113.00	108.20	116.50
<b>600-699</b>	89.00-122.00	111.56	133.50	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-116.50	111.78	116.50
<b>500-599</b>	108.00-133.50	119.45	133.50	<b>500-599</b>	107.75-118.00	112.55	118.00
<b>400-499</b>	106.00-125.00	118.92	125.00	<b>400-499</b>	109.00-114.00	111.47	114.00
<b>399-</b>	107.00-119.50	116.00	139.00	<b>300-399</b>	105.00-115.00	111.00	115.00

Vaccinated calf & yearling sale sponsored by The Huron County Beef Producers. Calves and yearlings traded on a strong market.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market –May 13, 2009-** 423 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	61.00-81.50	77.75	81.50	<b>800-899</b>	83.00-97.00	91.10	97.00
<b>800-899</b>	92.00-104.00	96.80	104.00	<b>700-799</b>	82.00-102.75	96.45	102.75
<b>700-799</b>	87.50-116.75	104.63	116.75	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-110.50	99.42	110.50
<b>600-699</b>	99.00-130.25	119.18	130.25	<b>500-599</b>	79.50-121.00	105.61	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-140.00	123.34	140.00	<b>400-499</b>	77.50-129.00	110.50	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	107.50-150.00	122.63	150.00	<b>300-399</b>	83.00-122.00	105.62	122.00
<b>399-</b>	100.00-130.00	114.37	130.00				

Stockers sold on a steady market. Bred Cow Sale on Wed May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with 150 head expected.

Stocker Sale: **Parry Sound District Livestock Co-op Assoc., South River, May 12, 2009-**114 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>600-800</b>	107.00-110.50	114.50	<b>600-800</b>	91.50-96.00	
<b>400-600</b>	115.50-120.00	123.00	<b>400-600</b>	106.50-115.00	118.00
<b>400 &amp; less</b>	110.00-114.00	123.00			

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday May 14, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	87.15-91.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	150.50-154.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	88.75-89.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	150.85-154.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 14, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	85.00
	<b>Rail</b>	136.00-137.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 14, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	167.00-168.00
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
May 1, 2009	1.8417	1.8121
April 24, 2009	1.8809	1.8562
April 17, 2009	1.8504	1.8462

**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>	145.72	142.86

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	May 16, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	672,000	652,000	719,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
<b>May 9, 2009</b>	812	759
<b>May 2, 2008</b>	827	777

### PROVINCIAL SLAUGHTER

	April 2009	April 2008
<b>Steers</b>	3,649	5,281
<b>Heifers</b>	2,946	3,075
<b>Cows</b>	1,104	1,673
<b>Bulls</b>	1,817	748

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	May 9, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	60,965	1,074,586	99%
<b>%Alberta Slaughter</b>	46,513	764,346	103%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	11,332	188,726	94%

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending April 25, 09	Week ending April 18, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>46,587</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,139	1,470	38,854
Cows	481	307	9,392
Bulls	56	6	341

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – March 31, 09		Jan 1 – May 2, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	346	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	216,483
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	11,301	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	159,795
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	70,236

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – May 9, 09	Jan 1-Feb 28
<b>Total</b>	94,116 tonnes	6,566 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 9, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	313,800 tonnes	305,588 tonnes	+2.7%
<b>Non-fed</b>	68,278 tonnes	86,548 tonnes	-21.1%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 2	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	34,744 tonnes	34,125 tonnes	+1.8%

<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	23,508 tonnes	12,281 tonnes	+91.4%
<b>Total</b>	58,561 tonnes	47,003 tonnes	+24.6%

### 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>	82.37 -0.42	<b>May</b>	99.00 -0.25	<b>Jul</b>	4.172 -11.0	<b>Jul</b>	11.304 -17.0	<b>Spot</b>	84.80 -0.69
<b>Aug</b>	82.52 -0.32	<b>Aug</b>	101.65 +0.00	<b>Sep</b>	4.266 -10.6	<b>Aug</b>	10.850 -13.4	<b>Jun</b>	84.79 -0.71
<b>Oct</b>	88.02 -0.22	<b>Sep</b>	101.97 +0.07	<b>Dec</b>	4.384 -10.6	<b>Sep</b>	10.232 -17.2	<b>Sep</b>	84.85 -0.70
<b>Dec</b>	90.52 -0.37	<b>Oct</b>	102.15 -0.02	<b>Mar</b>	4.490 -11.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.756 -16.2	<b>Dec</b>	84.92 -0.69
<b>Feb</b>	91.82 -0.32	<b>Nov</b>	102.72 +0.02	<b>May</b>	4.562 -11.6	<b>Jan</b>	9.784 -17.0	<b>Mar</b>	84.96 -0.69
<b>Apr</b>	92.70 +0.10	<b>Jan</b>	101.25 +0.15	<b>Jul</b>	4.632 -11.6	<b>Mar</b>	9.744 -17.2	<b>Jun</b>	85.04 -0.69

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

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 14, 2009**

There were a few more fed cattle on offer this week at auction markets with prices holding steady. There were 1,523 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 397 from last week and 525 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$93.49-\$104.47 averaging \$100.12 down \$0.47 from last week and \$14.68 higher than the same time last year. Heifers sold from \$93.15-\$103.44 averaging \$99.23 up \$0.81 from last week and \$13.41 higher than last year. Auction markets reported active trade with prices from barely steady early in the week to steady to strong the remainder of the week.

The slaughter cow market saw very little change this week. There were 2,129 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 135 from last week and 724 less than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$42.63-\$59.24 averaging \$51.03 down \$0.20 from last week and \$5.08 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a steady market with one report of a lower trend due to the Canadian dollar.

There were 8,097 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 26.6% from last week and 36% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a crisp demand with prices steady to fully steady. Actual average prices for all classes of heifers were \$0.86-\$4.05 stronger with the exception of heifers over 800 lbs which were \$2.56 lower on average. Steers 700-800 lbs averaged \$1.44 higher with all other classes of steers averaging lower than last week.

Ontario railgrade prices saw very little change this week with the average price \$0.25 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$166.00-\$171.00 dressed and heifers sold from \$165.00-\$170.00 dressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was another \$1.00-\$2.00 lower again this week. Steers traded from \$87.15-\$91.00 live and \$150.50-\$154.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$88.75-\$89.75 live and \$150.85-\$154.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with prices \$1.00 higher on live sales and \$2.00-\$3.00 stronger on dressed. Steers and heifers traded at \$85.00 live and \$136.00-\$137.00 dressed. Friday's business consisted of light clean up trade at prices steady to Thursday.

