



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday May 21, 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**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	95.74-103.42	99.70	108.75	100.18
Medium Frame Steers +1250	95.10-103.46	100.61	105.25	99.90
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	95.83-103.83	100.07	108.75	100.12
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	91.20-103.45	99.47	106.50	99.44
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	79.81-103.15	96.69	105.75	98.31
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	89.32-104.31	99.03	106.50	99.23
Cows- All Weights	41.79-60.14	51.50	84.00	51.03
Bulls- All Weights	59.75-73.62	66.37	91.00	66.35

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	333	95.33-102.90	99.92	106.25	99.94
<b>900-999</b>	440	99.44-108.93	104.88	114.50	103.47
<b>800-899</b>	293	97.78-111.22	106.80	119.75	104.47
<b>700-799</b>	398	103.59-121.62	114.46	129.50	111.30
<b>600-699</b>	410	104.28-127.77	118.71	138.50	117.21
<b>500-599</b>	341	105.87-127.10	119.17	136.00	118.15
<b>400-499</b>	158	99.56-130.84	120.23	150.00	117.38
<b>-399</b>	55	83.98-136.42	113.16	160.00	114.81

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	183	86.62-97.36	93.46	103.75	92.60
<b>800-899</b>	169	90.33-102.73	98.07	107.50	94.54
<b>700-799</b>	311	98.00-109.10	104.91	117.00	102.44
<b>600-699</b>	390	96.12-115.47	109.05	120.25	107.95
<b>500-599</b>	449	101.91-122.40	112.54	134.00	109.92
<b>400-499</b>	163	101.13-124.16	111.96	139.00	110.35
<b>300-399</b>	55	91.87-112.13	104.75	128.00	109.61
<b>299-</b>	12	49.50-135.50	100.00	164.00	148.27

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 16, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	96.00-103.75	
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	96.00-103.75	
<b>Good Cows</b>	47.00-59.50	63.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	44.00-57.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>		Up to 71.50

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Sat May 16, 2009**

	Price Range	Avg	Top
Cows	30.00-67.00	50.11	67.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	57.00-76.00	65.25	76.000
Bulls over 1600 lbs	56.00-57.00	56.50	57.00

**At Denfield Livestock – May 19, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	100.00-105.00	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	98.00-101.25
Good steers	95.00-99.00	Good heifers	94.00-98.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-75.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-68.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$255.00
Shells	30.00-40.00	Plain Holstein bull calves	\$10.00-\$90.00
Steers 350-450 lbs	115.00-125.00	Heifers 350-450 lbs	110.00-120.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 19, 2009- 20 replacement calves, 9 bulls, 73 cows**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	100.00-180.00	Cows D1 & D2	53.00-58.50 top 62.50
Bulls	55.00-67.50	Cows D3	50.00-55.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-48.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 15, 2009** -1,102 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	88.00-102.50	98.43	102.50	900+	91.00-101.75	98.70	103.75
900-999	95.00-106.75	100.85	108.75	800-899	94.00-107.50	103.43	107.50
800-899	89.50-110.00	103.63	110.00	700-799	98.00-109.50	104.69	115.00
700-799	101.50-117.00	111.11	117.50	600-699	106.00-120.25	113.42	120.25
600-699	108.00-125.75	116.92	126.00	500-599	104.50-122.50	113.18	125.00
500-599	108.50-124.00	118.88	135.00	400-499	103.00-128.00	111.91	133.00
400-499	111.00-136.00	126.85	150.00	300-399	106.00-114.00	110.80	128.00
399-	103.00-137.00	121.33	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, May 16, 2009**- 95 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	76.50-89.00	82.77	89.00	800-899	82.50-88.00	83.83	88.00
600-699	84.00-120.00	108.35	120.00	700-799	81.00-86.75	84.41	86.75
500-599	93.00-115.00	105.20	115.00	600-699	84.00-96.00	92.38	96.00
400-499	64.00-116.00	106.33	116.00	500-599	86.00-110.00	88.46	110.00
				300-399	86.00-111.00	102.87	111.00

Stocker Sale at: **Selby Livestock & Auctions Center- May 18, 2009** – 92 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	91.00-113.00	102.37	113.00	700-799	86.00-104.00	91.50	104.00
500-599	77.00-121.00	108.38	121.00	600-699	71.00-103.00	92.78	103.00
399-	92.00-110.00	99.80	110.00	500-599	90.00-111.00	99.70	111.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 19, 2009** – 229 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
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<b>700-799</b>	78.00-110.00	94.46	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	75.50-99.50	91.40	99.50
<b>600-699</b>	61.50-124.50	101.79	124.50	<b>600-699</b>	75.00-115.00	101.52	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	86.00-129.00	112.93	129.00	<b>500-599</b>	80.00-118.00	101.68	118.00
<b>400-499</b>	65.00-131.00	109.85	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	99.00-129.00	111.83	129.00
<b>300-399</b>	92.00-131.00	123.20	131.00	<b>300-399</b>	93.00-122.00	113.33	122.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 19, 2009-** 1,924 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	102.75-114.50	109.18	114.50	<b>900+</b>	82.00-99.00	93.64	99.00
<b>800-899</b>	106.25-119.75	116.05	119.75	<b>800-899</b>	98.50-105.25	103.83	105.25
<b>700-799</b>	109.00-129.50	121.33	129.50	<b>700-799</b>	107.00-113.00	111.68	117.00
<b>600-699</b>	117.00-134.75	130.33	137.00	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-120.25	114.74	120.25
<b>500-599</b>	118.50-133.25	126.01	136.00	<b>500-599</b>	120.00-134.00	125.84	134.00
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-141.00	131.61	141.00	<b>400-499</b>	109.00-132.00	122.69	132.00
<b>399-</b>	81.00-131.00	105.50	131.00	<b>300-399</b>	85.00-111.00	100.10	111.00

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 19, 2009-** 148 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	98.00-104.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-99.50
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-105.50	<b>700-799</b>	92.00-105.50
<b>700-799</b>	101.00-115.00	<b>600-699</b>	102.00-110.50
<b>600-699</b>	114.00-125.00	<b>500-599</b>	98.00-116.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.00-127.00	<b>400-499</b>	106.00-117.00
<b>400-499</b>	116.00-126.00	<b>300-399</b>	105.00-116.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – May 20, 2009-** 765 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	99.00-104.50	102.22	106.25	<b>900+</b>	95.00-99.75	97.97	99.75
<b>900-999</b>	102.00-108.75	106.30	108.75	<b>800-899</b>	85.50-101.00	96.34	101.00
<b>800-899</b>	96.75-104.00	101.02	109.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-118.50	109.56	122.00
<b>700-799</b>	105.75-115.75	111.97	115.75				
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-117.00	109.27	124.00				
<b>500-599</b>	93.00-133.50	118.00	133.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 21, 2009 –** 153 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	77.00-89.00	81.00	89.00	<b>900+</b>	64.50-81.50	73.30	81.50
<b>900-999</b>	80.00	80.00	80.00	<b>800-899</b>	74.00-92.50	82.75	96.50
<b>800-899</b>	94.00-98.00	96.00	98.00	<b>700-799</b>	88.50-100.00	95.43	100.00
<b>700-799</b>	94.50-106.50	100.50	106.50	<b>600-699</b>	81.00-103.00	93.76	107.00
<b>600-699</b>	90.50-106.50	97.25	113.50	<b>500-599</b>	75.00-119.00	98.28	122.00
<b>500-599</b>	86.50-116.00	107.73	116.00	<b>300-399</b>	90.00-125.50	107.55	125.50
<b>400-499</b>	98.00-117.00	110.00	117.00	<b>299-</b>			
<b>399-</b>							

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 21, 2009-** 160 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-110.00	108.00	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-113.00	99.20	113.00
<b>700-799</b>	91.00-113.00	104.67	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	79.00-109.00	100.77	109.00
<b>600-699</b>	94.00-127.00	111.13	127.00	<b>500-599</b>	93.00-112.00	105.59	113.00
<b>500-599</b>	91.00-127.00	115.85	127.00	<b>400-499</b>	109.00-121.00	115.94	139.00
<b>400-499</b>	92.00-133.00	119.23	133.00	<b>300-399</b>	90.00-116.00	104.40	116.00
<b>300-399</b>	71.00-153.00	115.75	153.00	<b>299-</b>			

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 21, 2009-** 311 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
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<b>1000+</b>	67.50-88.00	79.56	89.50	<b>900+</b>	62.00-87.75	75.86	87.75
<b>900-999</b>	76.00-105.00	95.76	105.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-103.00	94.93	103.00
<b>800-899</b>	95.50-108.75	103.67	108.75	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-110.00	103.69	110.00
<b>700-799</b>	92.50-110.00	101.50	110.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-110.50	107.22	113.00
<b>600-699</b>	105.50-138.50	124.77	138.50	<b>500-599</b>	103.00-117.00	111.55	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.00-130.00	124.46	130.00	<b>400-499</b>	97.00-117.50	107.41	117.50
<b>400-499</b>	94.00-119.50	112.77	119.50	<b>300-399</b>	95.00-111.00	104.99	111.00
<b>399-</b>	97.00-103.00	100.16	119.00				

### ONTARIO BRED COWS

**Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Wed May 20, 2009- 150 Cows**

	<b>Exotic and Exotic X</b>	<b>British and British X</b>
<b>Top quality bred cows</b>	\$1000.00-\$1300.00	\$800.00-\$1000.00
<b>Avg quality bred cows</b>	\$800.00-\$1000.00	\$600.00-\$800.00
<b>Top quality cow/calf pairs</b>	\$1200.00-\$1400.00	\$1000.00-\$1200.00
<b>Avg quality cow/calf pairs</b>	\$900.00-\$1100.00	\$700.00-\$900.00

Bred cows traded actively at higher prices.

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday May 21, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	88.65-91.50	<b>Flat rail</b>	149.50-150.83
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	89.25-91.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	149.85-150.83

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 21, 2009**

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

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 21, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	166.50-169.25
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### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
May 9, 2009	1.8517	1.7839
May 1, 2009	1.8417	1.8121
April 24, 2009	1.8809	1.8562

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
	147.28	142.51

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	May 23, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	678,000	672,000	721,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>May 16, 2009</b>	820	756
<b>May 10, 2008</b>	822	764

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
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May 16, 2008

<b>Grand Total</b>	60,233	1,134,819	98%
<b>%Alberta Slaughter</b>	46,100	810,446	102%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	11,192	199,918	95%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending May 2, 09	Week ending April 25, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,755</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>49,342</b>
Steers & Heifers	2,160	1,139	39,014
Cows	545	481	9,937
Bulls	50	56	391

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – March 31, 09		Jan 1 – May 9, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	346	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	222,563
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	11,301	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	164,090
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	73,354

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– May 16, 09	Jan 1-Mar 31
<b>Total</b>	98,904 tonnes	9,077 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – May 16, 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 9	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	37,704 tonnes	36,489 tonnes	+3.9%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	25,286 tonnes	12,935 tonnes	+95.5%
<b>Total</b>	63,332 tonnes	50,099 tonnes	+26.4%

**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>	82.52	+0.00	<b>Aug</b>	101.92	+0.25	<b>Jul</b>	4.302	+6.2	<b>Jul</b>	11.660	-9.0	<b>Spot</b>	89.28	+1.57
<b>Aug</b>	83.77	+0.55	<b>Sep</b>	102.15	+0.05	<b>Sep</b>	4.402	+6.4	<b>Aug</b>	11.340	-2.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.07	+1.37
<b>Oct</b>	89.55	+0.80	<b>Oct</b>	102.55	+0.27	<b>Dec</b>	4.520	+6.4	<b>Sep</b>	10.762	+5.2	<b>Sep</b>	89.13	+1.37
<b>Dec</b>	91.15	+0.20	<b>Nov</b>	102.95	-0.05	<b>Mar</b>	4.616	+6.2	<b>Nov</b>	10.314	+8.0	<b>Dec</b>	89.20	+1.37
<b>Feb</b>	92.90	+0.35	<b>Jan</b>	101.70	+0.20	<b>May</b>	4.686	+6.2	<b>Jan</b>	10.332	+8.2	<b>Mar</b>	89.24	+1.37
<b>Apr</b>	94.40	+0.45	<b>Mar</b>	100.30	-0.20	<b>Jul</b>	4.750	+6.0	<b>Mar</b>	10.222	+10.2	<b>Jun</b>	89.31	+1.37

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**Upcoming Special Stocker Sales**

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 21, 2009**

The fed cattle market held steady this week despite the fact that the Canadian dollar increased from 84.80 last Friday's close to 87.71 Thursday night and at time of reporting was still climbing higher. Lighter offerings this week possibly helped hold prices steady as there were only 993 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 530 from last week and 624 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$95.83-\$103.83 averaging \$100.07 down \$0.05 from last week and \$13.95 higher than the same time last year. Heifers sold from \$89.32-\$104.31 averaging \$99.03 down \$0.20 from last week and \$12.61 higher than last year. Auction markets reported a good demand at steady to strong prices.

The slaughter cow market was lighter in volume and slightly higher in pricing this week. There were 1,932 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 197 from last week and 817 less than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$41.79-\$60.14 averaging \$51.50 up \$0.47 from last week and \$4.58 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported an active trade. Prices were reported from steady to stronger early in the week to strong to \$3.00 higher later in the week.

Volumes of replacement cattle were considerably lighter this week with stronger prices. There were 4,160 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 48.6% from last week and 56% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a good demand with prices steady to stronger. Actual average prices saw all categories up \$0.84-\$3.16 over last week with the exception of heifers under 400 lbs which averaged \$4.86 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices were fully steady to last week. Steers traded from \$166.00-\$171.00 dressed and heifers sold from \$165.00-\$170.00 dressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market's average prices were \$0.48 lower on live steers, \$0.49 higher on live heifers and \$2.26-\$2.91 lower on flat rail sales. Steers traded from \$88.65-\$91.50 live and \$149.50-\$150.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$89.25-\$91.35 live and \$149.85-\$150.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active on Thursday with southern trade fully steady to last week and northern business steady to \$1.00 higher. Steers and heifers sold for \$85.00 live and \$136.00-\$137.00 dressed, with most sales at \$137.00. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, the market is quiet with the remaining show lists priced at \$86.00 live and \$138.00-\$139.00 dressed.