



Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday June 4, 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 161.00-170.00
A grade heifers 160.00-169.00

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	88.94-102.44	96.34	108.75	99.25
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.98-102.22	94.93	112.25	99.30
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	88.55-103.37	96.35	112.25	99.22
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	93.03-102.00	97.56	104.50	97.56
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.38-100.62	94.81	105.00	99.17
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.26-101.19	96.18	105.00	98.44
Cows- All Weights	36.99-54.50	45.60	91.50	49.23
Bulls- All Weights	51.17-64.86	58.02	100.00	63.37

STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	537	93.72-99.97	96.57	102.00	98.32
900-999	527	95.60-101.94	98.94	105.25	101.63
800-899	312	96.05-105.14	101.26	113.50	105.79
700-799	336	96.28-117.09	108.33	127.00	110.62
600-699	418	101.91-125.87	115.23	133.50	114.09
500-599	347	102.81-127.88	117.61	137.00	120.68
400-499	211	108.96-131.07	121.55	143.50	121.27
-399	79	96.50-132.00	115.84	160.00	105.84

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	338	88.67-96.82	93.13	99.25	94.66
800-899	409	89.86-100.98	96.27	104.00	99.62
700-799	382	93.79-108.02	100.74	111.00	101.85
600-699	392	95.98-115.21	106.17	120.00	109.15
500-599	416	101.34-119.27	110.21	128.00	115.30
400-499	264	102.62-123.56	111.97	134.00	115.17
300-399	61	95.26-116.98	108.16	140.00	110.48
299-	21	85.86-121.29	105.38	137.00	97.92

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 30, 2009

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	93.00-99.75	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	94.00-100.00	104.25
Good Cows	47.00-57.00	63.00
Export Cows	38.00-48.00	
Good heavy bulls	Sales to 60.00	

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 30, 2009

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-56.00	45.55	56.00
Bulls- all weights	42.50-63.67	55.61	99.00

At Denfield Livestock – June 2, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	98.00-103.75	Choice Exotic Cross heifers	97.00-101.00
Good steers	94.00-98.00	Good heifers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	80.00-90.00	Plain heifers	80.00-90.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	50.00-60.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-67.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$200.00
Shells	20.00-30.00	Steer calves 550-650 lbs	100.00-115.00
		Heifer calves 550-650 lbs	100.00-110.00

At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– June 2, 2009

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	100.00-172.00 to 185.00	Cows D1 & D2	50.00-57.00 to 60.00
Bulls	51.00-66.00 to 70.00	Cows D3	41.00-49.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	33.00-39.00

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, May 29, 2009:** 1,536 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	91.75-99.00	96.30	101.75	900+	91.00-98.75	94.86	99.25
900-999	95.00-104.00	100.83	104.00	800-899	91.00-104.00	97.95	104.00
800-899	93.50-105.75	100.94	110.25	700-799	95.50-111.00	101.71	111.00
700-799	97.00-121.50	111.61	123.50	600-699	98.00-118.75	110.10	118.75
600-699	105.00-133.50	119.76	133.50	500-599	104.00-120.00	110.55	120.00
500-599	112.00-134.00	124.34	134.00	400-499	101.00-127.00	112.12	134.00
400-499	117.00-135.00	124.10	135.00				
399-	101.00-143.00	118.57	143.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, May 30, 2009-** 131 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	70.00-88.00	84.00	88.00	600-699	84.00-113.00	98.36	113.00
500-599	104.00-127.00	118.61	127.00	500-599	87.00-115.0	102.05	115.00
400-499	80.00-142.00	120.20	142.00	400-499	93.00-121.00	105.75	121.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– June 2, 2009 –** 206 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	88.50-105.50	102.20	105.50	900+	60.00-96.75	79.12	96.75
700-799	73.00-115.50	98.40	115.50	700-799	85.00-106.25	102.81	106.25
600-699	67.50-122.00	105.98	122.00	600-699	95.50-110.00	101.59	110.00
500-599	65.00-129.50	108.85	129.50	500-599	75.00-114.00	102.26	114.00
400-499	97.00-130.00	117.00	130.00	400-499	94.00-124.00	106.98	124.00
300-399	80.00-110.00	100.00	110.00	300-399	112.00-121.00	116.50	121.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – June 2, 2009-** 547 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	93.75	93.75	93.75	900+	98.75	98.75	98.75
900-999	103.10-105.25	104.74	105.25	800-899			
800-899	106.00-112.50	107.42	113.50	700-799			
700-799	112.50-127.00	119.89	127.00	600-699			
600-699	120.00-132.25	125.66	132.25	500-599			
500-599	126.00-137.00	134.19	137.00	400-499			
400-499	123.00-138.00	132.20	138.00	300-399			
399-	100.00-109.00	106.00	109.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– June 2, 2009-** 91 stockers.

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	95.00-103.00	700-799	90.50-101.50
700-799	94.00-112.50	600-699	98.00-114.00
600-699	118.00-120.00	500-599	100.00-115.00
500-599	120.00-128.00	400-499	105.00-116.00
400-499	118.00-129.00	300-399	106.00-119.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – June 3, 2009-** 1,038 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
+1000	95.50-101.00	97.86	102.00	900+	89.50-96.75	94.22	96.75
900-999	97.00-101.25	98.79	101.25	800-899	78.00-98.25	93.52	98.25
800-899	102.50-103.75	103.08	103.75	700-799	82.50-98.50	90.50	98.50
700-799	101.50-106.50	104.12	106.50				
600-699	112.50-118.25	115.93	118.25				
500-599	97.50-111.00	105.73	117.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, June 4, 2009 –** 215 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	65.00-90.50	72.80	94.00	800-899	89.00-96.50	93.00	96.50
700-799	87.50-111.00	104.76	111.00	700-799	94.50-107.50	102.73	107.50
600-699	76.50-102.00	91.72	109.50	600-699	85.00-110.00	100.28	110.00
500-599	106.00-113.00	110.15	120.00	500-599	99.00-113.00	106.25	113.00
400-499	104.00-114.50	110.00	114.50	400-499	93.00-112.00	99.00	112.00
399-	109.00-123.00	115.70	123.00	300-399	79.00-121.00	110.40	121.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, June 4, 2009-** 1,070 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	62.00-90.00	78.80	90.00	900+	87.50-96.00	92.34	97.00
900-999	87.50-102.25	96.37	102.25	800-899	90.50-97.50	94.60	101.50
800-899	94.00-105.50	100.46	107.00	700-799	87.50-103.75	95.65	103.75
700-799	79.25-108.00	93.90	117.00	600-699	99.50-113.00	105.79	114.50
600-699	108.50-124.50	117.02	124.50	500-599	101.00-119.50	109.36	121.50
500-599	106.00-131.00	119.59	135.00	400-499	110.00-128.75	118.87	128.75
400-499	117.00-130.50	124.74	137.00	300-399	110.00-120.00	113.20	122.00
399-	116.00-135.00	125.93	137.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, June 4, 2009-** 132 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	67.00-93.00	82.67	93.00	600-699	69.00-103.00	86.78	103.00
600-699	88.00-117.00	102.54	123.00	500-599	83.00-111.00	100.00	115.00
500-599	92.00-118.00	107.08	118.00	299-	70.00-137.00	109.43	137.00
400-499	79.00-124.00	100.92	128.00				
399-	79.00-152.00	119.29	160.00				

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week Ending **Thursday June 4, 2009**

Steers	Live	84.60-86.40	Flat rail	142.50-143.85
Heifers	Live	84.55-86.40	Flat rail	142.60-143.85

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	82.00
	Rail	130.00-132.00

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

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A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	161.50-163.50
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CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
May 22, 2009	1.8961	1.7667
May 15, 2009	1.8621	1.7721
May 9, 2009	1.8517	1.7839

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Current 5 day average:	142.49	136.67

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	June 6, 2009		
Grand Total	670,000	625,000	692,000

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
May 30, 2009	818	748
May 24, 2008	822	764

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	May 30, 2009		
Grand Total	58,468	1,249,037	98%
%Alberta Slaughter	45,912	900,540	102%
Ontario Slaughter	9,641	218,561	95%

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending May 16, 09	Week ending May 9, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	1,737	2,755	53,120
Steers & Heifers	1,398	1,733	42,145
Cows	331	293	10,561
Bulls	8	15	414

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

IMPORTS		EXPORTS	
Jan 1 – March 31, 09		Jan 1 – May 23, 09	
Pure bred	346	Slaughter steers & heifers	235,534
Non-pure bred	11,301	Feeder steers & heifers	171,970
		Cows & Bulls	79,240

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – May 30, 09	Jan 1-Mar 31
Total	107,857 tonnes	9,077 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 30, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	367,589 tonnes	360,679 tonnes	+1.9%
Non-fed	76,272 tonnes	97,941 tonnes	-22.1%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 23, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
United States	42,754 tonnes	42,355 tonnes	+0.9%
Non-NAFTA	27,724 tonnes	14,004 tonnes	+98.0%
Total	71,116 tonnes	57,090 tonnes	+24.6%

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					
Jun	80.15	+0.12	Aug	96.62	+0.02	Jul	4.440	-4.4	Jul	12.254	-4.4	Spot	89.41	-1.76
Aug	81.15	+0.15	Sep	96.92	+0.10	Sep	4.540	-4.2	Aug	11.714	-6.4	Jun	89.42	-1.75
Oct	86.60	+0.10	Oct	98.57	+0.22	Dec	4.674	-4.0	Sep	11.010	-14.4	Sep	89.48	-1.74
Dec	88.92	+0.60	Nov	97.65	+0.15	Mar	4.782	-3.4	Nov	10.616	-19.6	Dec	89.58	-1.71
Feb	90.87	+0.57	Jan	96.15	+0.05	May	4.854	-3.6	Jan	10.672	-19.4	Mar	89.71	-1.64
Apr	92.80	+0.40	Mar	95.50	+0.05	Jul	4.924	-4.0	Mar	10.626	-18.6	Jun	89.85	-1.58

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OBCFPP LICENCE CHANGES

Licence Cancelled:

Tri-County Cattle Company, Box 158, Hanover, On N4N 3C4

Licence Withdrawn:

Peter Scheepers, RR 2, 12920 County Road 3, Winchester, On K0X 2K0

Comments for the week ending June 4, 2009

The fed cattle market sold on a mixed demand. There were 1,123 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 140 from last week and 617 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$88.55-\$103.37 averaging \$96.35 down \$2.87 from last week and \$7.54 higher than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.26-\$101.19 averaging \$96.18 down \$2.26 from last week and \$8.81 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a good demand on choice and fancy cattle with prices holding steady. All others traded under pressure with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw a tougher week of trade. There were 2,102 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 18 from last week and 1,152 less than last year at this time. Cows ranged from \$36.99-\$54.50 averaging \$45.60 down \$3.63 from last week and \$1.09 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices from steady to easier to \$1.00 lower with the Canadian dollar pressuring prices lower.

There were 5,050 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 28.8% from last week and 17% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported trade from selective to active. Grass type cattle were reported as continuing to trade strong. Heavier cattle were reported as steady to lower. Actual average prices were \$1.00-\$5.00 lower on all categories with the exception of steers 600-700 lbs which averaged \$1.14 higher and steers 400-500 lbs were steady.

Ontario railgrade prices declined as the week progressed. Steers started the week at \$164-\$170 down to \$161-\$168 by mid week. Heifers traded from \$163-\$169 early in the week down to \$160-\$167 as the week progressed. Prices averaged \$2.75 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw moderate trade with prices under pressure. Steers traded from \$84.60-\$86.40 live and \$142.50-\$143.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$84.55-\$86.40 live and \$142.60-\$143.85 flat rail. Live steers averaged \$3.71 lower while live heifers averaged \$3.65 lower than last week.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Tuesday and Wednesday with prices \$3.00-\$4.00 lower than last week at \$130.00-\$132.00 dressed. Active trade in the south on Thursday was \$2.00 lower at \$82.00 live.