



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week Ending Thursday June 25, 2009

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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**            157.00-162.00  
**A grade heifers**        156.00-161.00

## **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	83.53-97.50	92.10	113.50	93.46
Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.32-98.24	93.59	107.25	88.97
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	86.45-98.77	92.96	113.50	93.53
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	88.09-97.46	93.63	100.25	91.83
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	83.41-94.51	91.83	102.50	89.99
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	87.68-98.55	93.55	102.50	91.48
Cows- All Weights	40.81-58.15	50.05	85.00	47.28
Bulls- All Weights	60.09-70.21	64.90	78.50	63.42

## **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>	703	92.62-96.92	95.02	99.50	95.26
<b>900-999</b>	214	89.69-99.16	94.53	105.00	99.71
<b>800-899</b>	180	95.44-108.76	103.62	114.00	105.10
<b>700-799</b>	187	95.30-114.65	108.40	122.00	110.93
<b>600-699</b>	193	98.04-117.34	109.52	130.00	111.86
<b>500-599</b>	106	98.41-121.68	111.27	134.00	118.98
<b>400-499</b>	85	104.34-128.18	119.76	140.00	121.12
<b>-399</b>	49	89.06-125.24	107.68	146.00	109.30

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	458	91.64-96.25	94.20	102.75	87.02
<b>800-899</b>	241	95.71-99.22	97.44	104.50	90.91
<b>700-799</b>	146	89.74-103.89	97.35	109.00	98.58
<b>600-699</b>	204	95.53-110.87	105.11	120.00	104.96
<b>500-599</b>	138	88.00-111.42	101.88	127.00	107.30
<b>400-499</b>	56	94.09-114.45	104.65	137.00	111.37
<b>300-399</b>	20	98.80-108.20	103.74	144.00	101.03
<b>299-</b>	7	49.71-109.43	84.32	135.00	112.75

## **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday June 20, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	90.00-98.00	101.00
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	88.00-97.00	No tops
<b>Good Cows</b>	46.00-54.00	61.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	39.00-52.00	
<b>Good Veal calves</b>	72.00-90.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: June 20, 2009**

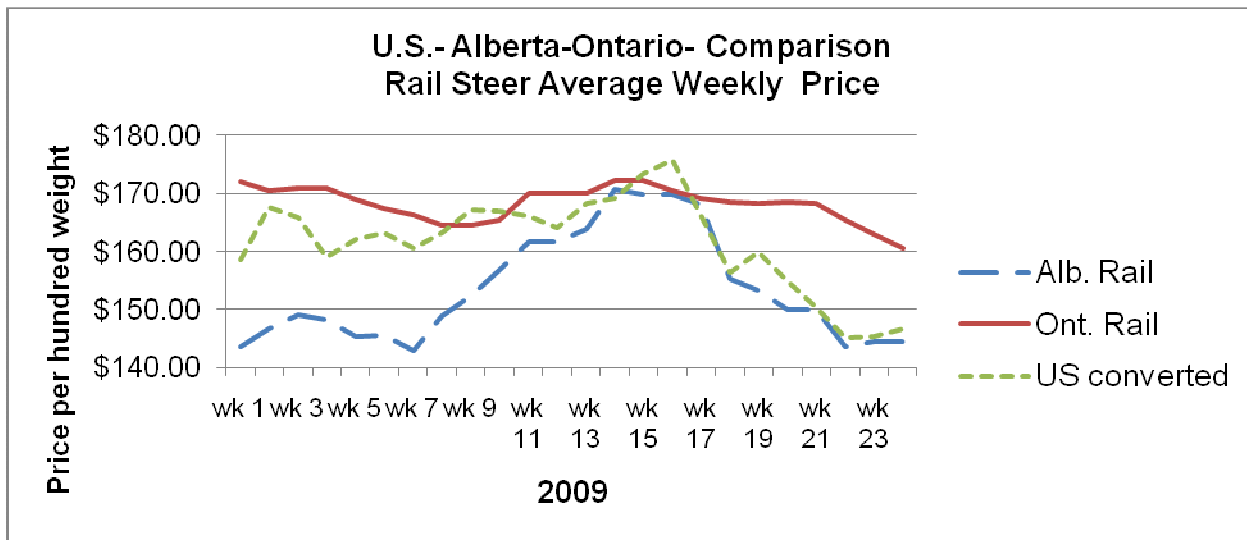
	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	31.50-59.00	48.38	59.00
<b>Bulls- all weights</b>	62.00-75.33	67.39	76.00

**At Denfield Livestock – June 23, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	94.00-98.00	<b>Choice heifers</b>	95.00-99.00
<b>Good steers</b>	88.00-94.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	90.00-94.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	75.00-85.00	<b>Plain heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	50.00-65.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	60.00-70.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	48.00-55.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	60.00-65.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	35.00-40.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$120.00-\$200.00
<b>Shells</b>	20.00-30.00	<b>Day old &amp; Plain Hol bull calves</b>	\$20.00-\$100.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– June 23, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Replacement calves</b>	80.00-125.00	<b>Cows D1 &amp; D2</b>	53.00-60.00 top 72.00
<b>Bulls</b>	52.00-67.50	<b>Cows D3</b>	44.00-51.00
<b>Bred cows-good x bred</b>	N/T	<b>Cows D4</b>	32.00-41.00



Please note that the US price has been converted into Canadian Dollars.

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, June 19, 2009: 898 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	94.00-96.25	94.82	97.00	<b>900+</b>	89.50-96.10	93.57	96.85
<b>900-999</b>	88.00-97.25	92.64	97.25	<b>800-899</b>	93.00-100.00	95.42	104.50
<b>800-899</b>	97.00-108.50	102.88	108.50	<b>700-799</b>	95.00-109.00	103.56	109.00
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-117.75	112.36	117.75	<b>600-699</b>	103.25-116.00	110.54	120.00
<b>600-699</b>	103.75-124.50	115.60	130.00	<b>500-599</b>	97.00-116.00	108.54	127.00
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-131.00	123.86	133.00	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-122.00	112.22	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	118.00-133.50	125.65	133.50				
<b>399-</b>	126.00-137.00	130.44	137.00				

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market- June 20, 2009:** 68 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	69.00-106.50	94.40	106.50	<b>600-699</b>	88.50-110.00	102.27	110.00
<b>600-699</b>	97.00-117.75	114.00	117.75	<b>500-599</b>	53.00-109.00	87.55	109.00
<b>500-599</b>	97.50-116.00	108.50	116.00	<b>400-499</b>	92.00-117.00	100.75	117.00
<b>400-499</b>	68.00-122.00	114.00	122.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station- June 23, 2009** – 124 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	54.00-108.00	86.15	108.00	<b>600-699</b>	70.00-109.00	97.23	109.00
<b>700-799</b>	65.00-122.00	102.00	122.00	<b>500-599</b>	59.00-113.00	94.90	113.00
<b>600-699</b>	76.00-115.50	103.76	115.50				
<b>500-599</b>	72.00-115.00	100.60	115.00				
<b>400-499</b>	110.00-119.00	114.37	119.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – June 23, 2009-** 419 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	99.00	99.00	99.00	<b>900+</b>	98.75-102.40	100.83	102.75
<b>900-999</b>	113.75	113.75	113.75	<b>800-899</b>	99.75-100.70	100.31	103.70
<b>800-899</b>	105.50-116.75	114.66	116.75				
<b>700-799</b>	108.00-113.00	110.00	113.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd- June 23, 2009-** 92 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>800-899</b>	97.00-101.50	<b>900+</b>	86.00-92.50
<b>700-799</b>	107.00-110.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-94.50
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-118.00	<b>700-799</b>	92.00-98.50
<b>500-599</b>	114.00-128.00	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-106.00
<b>400-499</b>	113.00-129.00	<b>500-599</b>	104.00-114.00
		<b>400-499</b>	109.00-117.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – June 24, 2009-** 739 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	93.50-98.25	96.22	99.50	<b>900+</b>	90.25-93.00	91.24	93.50
<b>900-999</b>	93.50-99.75	97.23	99.75				
<b>800-899</b>	92.00-106.25	103.22	106.25				
<b>700-799</b>	108.00-110.00	108.82	110.00				
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-116.25	114.37	116.25				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, June 25, 2009** – 90 stockers

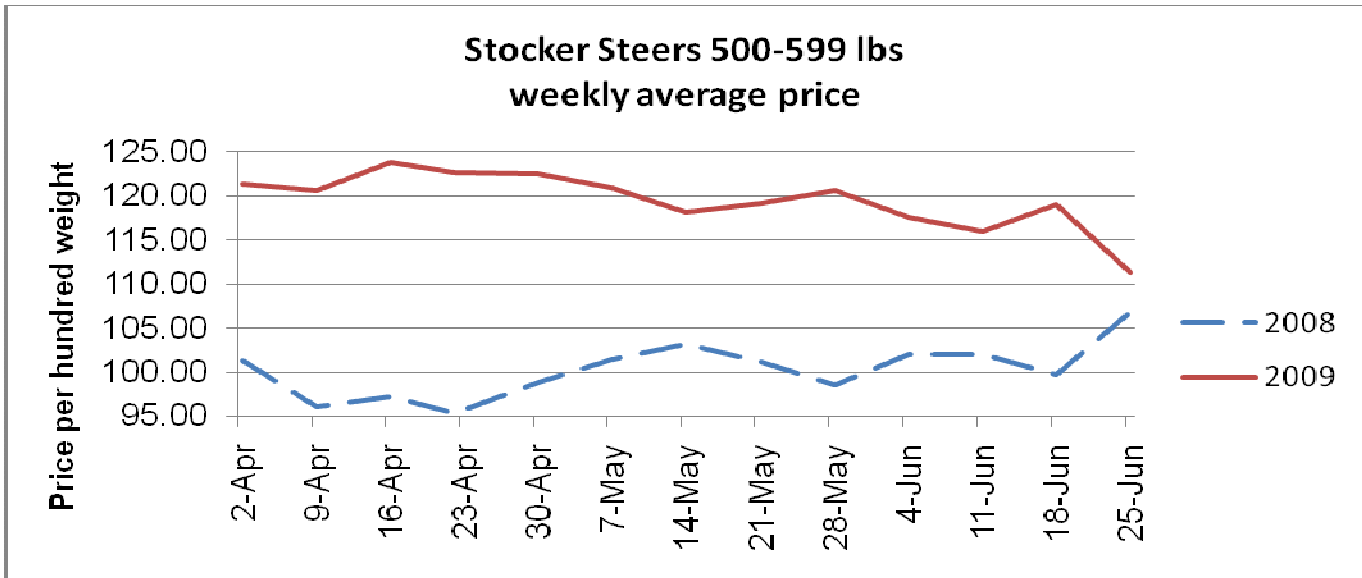
<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	85.00-94.00	87.94	94.0	<b>700-799</b>	70.00-99.00	88.61	99.00
<b>800-899</b>	84.00-94.50	91.31	94.50	<b>500-599</b>	89.00-100.00	91.20	100.00
<b>700-799</b>	108.00-110.00	108.40	110.00	<b>400-499</b>	110.00	110.00	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	97.00-110.00	102.44	115.00				
<b>400-499</b>	91.00-119.00	112.00	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, June 25, 2009-** 74 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	63.00-103.00	88.00	103.00	<b>600-699</b>	87.00-107.00	103.50	107.00
<b>600-699</b>	82.00-116.00	100.22	121.00	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-116.00	109.31	116.00
<b>500-599</b>	80.00-120.00	103.17	134.00				
<b>400-499</b>	103.00-140.00	125.20	140.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, June 25, 2009**- 408 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	82.75-93.75	89.57	93.75	<b>900+</b>	84.75-86.00	84.83	86.00
<b>900-999</b>	89.00-105.00	96.70	105.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-100.00	96.23	100.00
<b>800-899</b>	80.50-114.00	103.55	114.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.50-103.75	98.71	103.75
<b>700-799</b>	95.00-114.00	107.65	114.00	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-107.50	101.59	114.50
<b>600-699</b>	97.00-115.00	106.88	118.50	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-115.00	105.46	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	102.50-129.50	113.93	129.50	<b>400-499</b>	99.00-121.00	110.58	121.00
<b>400-499</b>	128.00-135.50	132.58	135.50	<b>300-399</b>	95.00-101.00	97.57	101.00
<b>399-</b>	139.00-141.00	140.47	141.00				



**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday June 25, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.90-87.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	145.50-147.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	86.55-87.35	<b>Flat rail</b>	145.50-147.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday June 25, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	N/T
	<b>Rail</b>	129.00-131.00 most at 129.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday June 25, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	158.25-160.00
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
June 12, 2009	1.7073	1.6262
June 5, 2009	1.7634	1.6570
May 29, 2009	1.7780	1.6623

**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>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	139.84	132.47

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending June 27 2009	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	673,000	675,000	713,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
<b>June 20, 2009</b>	821	758
<b>June 14, 2008</b>	815	763

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending June 20, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	69,014	1,448,995	99%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	55,612	1,058,449	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,993	251,796	96%

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending June 6, 09	Week ending May 30, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,175</b>	<b>1,826</b>	<b>58,933</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,929	1,462	47,094
Cows	242	338	11,388
Bulls	4	26	451

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	<u>IMPORTS</u> Jan 1 – April 30, 09	<u>EXPORTS</u> Jan 1 – June 13, 09
<b>Pure bred</b>	521	Slaughter steers & heifers 255,450
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	15,414	Feeder steers & heifers 181,588
		Cows & Bulls 87,804

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1 – June 20, 09	Mexico Jan 1-April 30
<b>Total</b>	124,074 tonnes	11,452 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – June 20, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	428,077 tonnes	417,187 tonnes	+2.6%
<b>Non-fed</b>	86,292 tonnes	110,458 tonnes	-21.9%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – June 13, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	50,401 tonnes	50,804 tonnes	-0.8%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	31,811 tonnes	16,456 tonnes	+93.3%
<b>Total</b>	82,660 tonnes	68,016 tonnes	+21.5%

## 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>	82.47 +0.52	<b>Aug</b>	98.97 +0.02	<b>Jul</b>	3.842 +1.6	<b>Jul</b>	12.010 +5.0	<b>Spot</b>	86.83 +0.47
<b>Aug</b>	82.40 -0.15	<b>Sep</b>	98.97 +0.10	<b>Sep</b>	3.916 +1.6	<b>Aug</b>	11.280 +1.0	<b>Sep</b>	86.81 +0.39
<b>Oct</b>	88.12 -0.12	<b>Oct</b>	98.57 -0.17	<b>Dec</b>	4.042 +2.6	<b>Sep</b>	10.460 -6.0	<b>Dec</b>	86.86 +0.39
<b>Dec</b>	88.67 -0.27	<b>Nov</b>	98.70 -0.02	<b>Mar</b>	4.160 +2.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.910 -11.0	<b>Mar</b>	86.91 +0.39
<b>Feb</b>	88.80 -0.82	<b>Jan</b>	98.00 -0.15	<b>May</b>	4.244 +3.0	<b>Jan</b>	9.920 -13.2	<b>Jun</b>	86.96 +0.39
<b>Apr</b>	90.00 -0.65	<b>Mar</b>	97.00 -0.10	<b>Jul</b>	4.312 +1.6	<b>Mar</b>	9.864 -12.6	<b>Sep</b>	87.01 +0.35

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## OBCFPP LICENCE CHANGES

### **Licence Withdrawn:**

Gravelle Farmers Meat Market, 4 Commerce Court, Box 3, North Bay, On P1B 8G4

## Holiday Hours

**Ontario Stockyards** is closed Wed July 1<sup>st</sup>, on Thurs July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 am- Butcher cows and bulls followed by butcher cattle. The stocker sale will commence at 12:00 noon on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ontario Livestock Exchange** and **Vankleek Hill Exchange** will be open for business as usual on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Breakeven Calculator.

Our breakeven spreadsheet was launched in February and we have had several favourable comments. We have now taken a significant step forward and have a link on the Homepage of our website to a breakeven calculator! See <http://www.cattle.guelph.on.ca/breakeven/index.html> for the direct link.

This spreadsheet will allow you to enter your own numbers to provide a more accurate picture of your own operation. You can save the spreadsheet to your computer and work offline. The completed spreadsheet online can be printed, but it cannot be saved. So please ensure you print your work before exiting the program.

Confidentiality of information is guaranteed, as nobody can access your input data, even if you are working online. Once you leave the program, it resets to the original default values.

## **Comments for the week ending June 25, 2009**

The fed cattle market sold on a mixed demand this week. There were 852 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 17 from last week and 752 less than last year at this time. Steers sold from \$86.45-\$98.77 with an average price of \$92.96, down \$0.57 from last week and \$0.19 lower than last year at this time. Heifers traded slightly stronger with sales from \$87.68-\$98.55 averaging \$93.55 up \$2.07 from last week and \$2.22 stronger than year ago prices. Early in the week auction markets reported trade from steady to lower following the previous week's decline. As the week progressed auction markets reported trade from steady to \$2.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market was stronger again this week. There were 1,592 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 70 from last week and 861 less than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$40.81-\$58.15 averaging \$50.05 up \$2.77 from last week and \$1.21 lower than the same time last year. Auction markets all reported active trade with prices stronger to \$2.00 higher.

The replacement cattle market saw seasonally light receipts as there were only 2,987 replacement cattle sold through auction markets down 12% from last week and 27% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady. Good quality short keeps were reported as \$1.00-\$2.00 higher. Actual average prices were lower on all categories of steers under 1000 lbs and also heifers under 600 lbs. The strongest category this week was heifers over 800 lbs which averaged \$6.66 higher than last week. Steers 1000 lbs and over averaged \$95.20 down \$0.20 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices dropped last Friday to \$157-162 for steers and \$156-\$161 for heifers. The price held steady throughout the week. This week's average price is \$1.00 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market was slightly stronger this week. Steers traded from \$85.90-\$87.35 live and \$145.05-\$147.00 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$86.55-\$87.35 live and \$145.50-\$147.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was light in the north Wednesday and Thursday with prices generally \$2.00 lower at \$129.00-130.00 dressed, a couple of sales were reported at \$131.00 but majority of the sales remained at \$129.00. At time of reporting light trade in the north was steady to Thursday's lower market. Active trade in the south saw prices hold fully steady at \$82.00 live.