



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday July 16, 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** 154.00-165.00  
**A grade heifers** 153.00-164.00

## 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	87.36-98.52	93.22	105.00	96.63
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.49-96.67	92.95	98.25	96.77
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	87.74-98.24	93.24	105.00	96.80
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	86.29-95.88	91.97	101.00	96.50
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	82.73-97.10	89.61	98.50	96.25
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	83.99-95.43	91.00	101.00	96.57
Cows- All Weights	41.97-57.83	50.04	81.00	49.46
Bulls- All Weights	58.36-70.96	64.56	86.00	62.41

### **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>	790	93.78-98.66	96.53	104.00	95.71
<b>900-999</b>	285	98.11-104.78	101.87	109.75	100.29
<b>800-899</b>	306	107.17-112.94	109.93	116.00	109.18
<b>700-799</b>	149	108.51-116.10	113.49	120.50	112.48
<b>600-699</b>	91	105.13-120.87	111.35	130.00	116.73
<b>500-599</b>	89	102.86-129.07	117.52	142.00	121.12
<b>400-499</b>	47	101.45-125.17	116.23	139.00	118.09
<b>-399</b>	37	83.18-141.36	110.35	184.00	121.73

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	240	87.52-95.27	91.50	98.00	90.57
<b>800-899</b>	110	89.65-99.62	95.33	102.50	92.28
<b>700-799</b>	178	95.84-107.00	103.36	110.50	98.43
<b>600-699</b>	122	91.25-108.98	104.58	118.00	105.64
<b>500-599</b>	134	99.78-114.56	108.16	122.50	111.90
<b>400-499</b>	58	103.45-115.96	111.08	130.00	112.27
<b>300-399</b>	21	99.36-118.55	109.49	137.00	106.67
<b>299-</b>	5	52.00-102.80	84.60	110.00	131.64

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday July 11, 2009- 197 head**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	91.00-98.00	101.50
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	92.00-97.00	
<b>Good Cows</b>	48.00-59.00	65.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	N/T	
<b>Bulls</b>	N/T	
<b>Good Veal calves</b>	82.00-89.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: July 11, 2009 - 35 cows, 6 bulls**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	31.50-62.00	50.80	62.00

**At Denfield Livestock – July 14, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	92.00-96.00	<b>Choice exotic cross heifers</b>	92.00-98.00
<b>Good steers</b>	85.00-90.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	80.00-85.00	<b>Plain heifers</b>	75.00-80.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	57.00-65.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	65.00-75.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	52.00-57.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	60.00-65.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-48.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	100.00-180.00
<b>Shells</b>	30.00-40.00	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	10.00-80.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– July 14, 2009- 13 replacement calves, 3 bulls, 73 cows**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Replacement calves</b>	60.00-105.00	<b>Cows D1 &amp; D2</b>	52.00-64.50 66.00
<b>Bulls</b>	55.00-65.00	<b>Cows D3</b>	44.00-50.50
<b>Bred cows-good x bred</b>	N/T	<b>Cows D4</b>	36.00-42.50

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 10, 2009: 673 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	96.50-99.50	97.24	99.75	<b>900+</b>	88.00-96.75	92.34	98.00
<b>900-999</b>	96.00-105.25	100.93	109.75	<b>800-899</b>	89.50-101.75	96.63	102.50
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-105.25	103.74	113.00	<b>700-799</b>	86.50-104.50	98.93	104.50
<b>700-799</b>	111.50-117.00	115.67	117.00	<b>600-699</b>	91.00-113.50	109.21	118.00
<b>600-699</b>	113.00-121.75	116.68	125.00	<b>500-599</b>	114.25-122.50	117.15	122.50
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-133.00	122.22	135.50	<b>400-499</b>	117.00-130.00	122.20	130.00
<b>400-499</b>	50.00-136.50	109.10	136.50				

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market- July 11, 2009: 52 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	99.50-105.00	103.90	105.00	<b>900+</b>	51.50-70.50	65.75	70.50
<b>500-599</b>	108.00-112.00	109.14	112.00	<b>700-799</b>	85.50-98.50	95.90	98.50
				<b>600-699</b>	89.00-101.50	99.71	101.50

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– July 14, 2009 – 93 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	60.00-94.50	81.80	94.50	<b>600-699</b>	93.50-112.00	107.50	112.00
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-116.50	104.66	116.50	<b>500-599</b>	85.50-108.50	100.56	108.50
<b>600-699</b>	85.00-115.00	99.62	115.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – July 14, 2009- 396 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	106.60-109.35	107.84	109.35	<b>600-699</b>	92.00-110.75	107.00	110.75
<b>800-899</b>	110.00-116.00	112.72	116.00				
<b>700-799</b>	115.75-120.50	117.88	120.50				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – July 15, 2009**- 784 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	95.00-99.25	97.54	104.00	<b>900+</b>	92.00-96.75	94.56	96.75
<b>900-999</b>	97.50-103.50	101.22	103.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 16, 2009** – 150 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	94.50-97.50	95.62	97.50	<b>900+</b>	81.50-96.00	87.93	96.00
<b>900-999</b>	82.00-96.50	91.83	96.50	<b>800-899</b>	91.00-100.00	95.64	100.00
<b>800-899</b>	101.00-110.00	105.77	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	89.00-105.50	98.53	106.50
<b>500-599</b>	100.00-142.00	122.50	142.00	<b>600-699</b>	73.00-96.00	88.33	96.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, July 16, 2009**- 376 stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	78.50-91.00	86.90	96.50	<b>800-899</b>	94.00-102.50	99.54	102.50
<b>900-999</b>	98.00-101.25	100.17	101.25	<b>700-799</b>	90.50-110.50	103.40	110.50
<b>800-899</b>	104.50-111.50	108.42	114.50	<b>600-699</b>	96.50-110.50	105.64	110.50
<b>700-799</b>	100.50-114.50	110.18	114.50	<b>500-599</b>	102.00-114.75	109.16	114.75
<b>600-699</b>	115.00-130.00	117.89	130.00	<b>400-499</b>	107.00-115.50	113.27	115.50
<b>500-599</b>	96.50-133.50	120.98	133.50				

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday July 16, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.25-84.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	137.50-140.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.07	<b>Flat rail</b>	137.00-140.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday July 16, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	N/T
	<b>Rail</b>	130.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday July 16, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	151.00-155.25
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	AAA	AA
July 10, 2009	1.6851	1.6135
July 3, 2009	1.6923	1.5434
June 26, 2009	1.6903	1.5774

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	(Thurs) -137.73	(Thurs)-131.83

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
July 18, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	627,000	687,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
<b>July 11, 2009</b>	843	764
<b>July 4, 2009</b>	836	767

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending July 11, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	63,891	1,630,084	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	50,658	1,201,520	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,429	282,119	96%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending July 4, 09	Week ending June 27, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>67,993</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,551	2,399	54,873
Cows	255	172	12,598
Bulls	34	0	522

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – April 30, 09		Jan 1 – July 4, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	521	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	275,310
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	15,414	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	188,372
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	95,657

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 1– July 11, 09	Mexico Jan 1-April 30
<b>Total</b>	139,875 tonnes	11,452 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – July 11, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	484,330 tonnes	472,902 tonnes	+2.4%
<b>Non-fed</b>	95,074 tonnes	121,938 tonnes	-22.0%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – July 4, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	59,205 tonnes	58,375 tonnes	+1.4%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	33,929 tonnes	19,078 tonnes	+77.8%
<b>Total</b>	95,987 tonnes	78,342 tonnes	+22.5%

**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>Aug</b>	86.37	+0.77	<b>Aug</b>	104.60	+0.70	<b>Sep</b>	3.222	+5.4	<b>Aug</b>	10.094	+33.4	<b>Spot</b>	89.66	+0.18
<b>Oct</b>	91.95	+0.52	<b>Sep</b>	104.72	+0.65	<b>Dec</b>	3.314	+6.2	<b>Sep</b>	9.484	+32.4	<b>Sep</b>	89.63	+0.14
<b>Dec</b>	90.35	+0.40	<b>Oct</b>	104.57	+0.72	<b>Mar</b>	3.452	+6.0	<b>Nov</b>	9.234	+33.4	<b>Dec</b>	89.66	+0.14
<b>Feb</b>	89.82	+0.65	<b>Nov</b>	104.50	+0.35	<b>May</b>	3.546	+6.0	<b>Jan</b>	9.312	+33.2	<b>Mar</b>	89.68	+0.12
<b>Apr</b>	90.90	+0.47	<b>Jan</b>	102.90	+0.40	<b>Jul</b>	3.642	+6.4	<b>Mar</b>	9.360	+31.4	<b>Jun</b>	89.70	+0.11
<b>Jun</b>	88.72	+0.45	<b>Mar</b>	102.50	+0.50	<b>Sep</b>	3.714	+5.2	<b>May</b>	9.364	+27.4	<b>Sep</b>	89.73	+0.13

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## Comments for the week ending July 16, 2009

The fed cattle market sold under pressure following last week's stronger trade. There were 791 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 301 head from last week and 657 fewer than last year at this time. Steers sold from \$87.74-98.24 with an average price of \$93.24, down \$3.56. Heifers traded at \$83.99-95.43 averaging \$91.00 down \$5.54 from last week. Auction markets reported cattle sold under pressure with prices \$1.00-3.00 lower.

The market for slaughter cows held steady with last week. There were 1,768 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 77 head. Cows traded from \$41.97-57.83 averaging \$50.04 up \$0.58. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady to stronger.

The replacement cattle market saw active trade with 2,662 head sold through auction markets down 2.2% from last week but 11% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good strong active trade with prices \$2-4 higher. Actual average prices saw a reversal from last week where yearling heifers sold higher than yearling steers. Both heifer and steer calves sold lower than last week, although steers saw more of a loss than the heifers.

Ontario railgrade prices were under pressure much like the finished cattle live pricing. Steers ranged from \$154-165 and heifers ranged from \$153-164 dressed. This week's average prices are \$2.50 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market saw sales under pressure again this week. Steers traded from \$81.25-84.75 live and \$137.50-140.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$84.07 live and \$137.00-140.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident until late in the day on Thursday. Trade was not evident in the south and there was light trade in the north with prices \$1.00 lower as steers and heifers sold at \$130.00 dressed.

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