



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday Aug 6, 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**            146.00-155.00  
**A grade heifers**        145.00-154.00

## 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	81.67-95.00	88.20	100.50	88.99
Medium Frame Steers +1250	72.29-92.46	85.43	95.25	89.85
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	78.05-95.28	87.53	100.50	89.46
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	78.41-91.44	87.27	96.00	86.90
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	74.15-89.01	82.87	94.25	85.76
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	77.80-91.59	86.09	96.00	86.89
Cows- All Weights	35.99-51.84	44.01	85.00	43.72
Bulls- All Weights	54.44-70.08	61.88	92.00	61.24

### **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>
1000+	655	92.35-96.84	94.29	98.50	95.46
900-999	131	94.82-100.15	97.99	102.50	98.09
800-899	170	97.14-103.53	101.11	105.25	101.61
700-799	131	88.98-106.72	100.67	113.00	101.18
600-699	166	91.83-114.00	104.07	122.00	109.78
500-599	146	95.83-126.27	112.71	136.50	114.96
400-499	82	93.84-130.48	112.38	143.50	118.50
-399	78	94.44-128.41	106.22	152.00	112.15

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
+900	191	86.88-92.26	89.92	97.50	88.71
800-899	140	83.93-95.33	89.87	98.50	90.42
700-799	207	86.72-102.02	94.03	106.50	96.27
600-699	154	87.39-103.83	97.02	113.00	103.36
500-599	169	94.84-113.52	105.32	135.00	103.84
400-499	55	96.15-114.65	106.74	130.00	110.64
300-399	38	106.55-124.61	111.87	155.00	110.04
299-	20	106.20-126.75	117.22	154.00	105.99

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Aug 1, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
Good & Choice Steers	84.50-92.00	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	84.50-92.00	No tops
Good Cows	41.00-51.00	59.00
Export Cows	40.00-52.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Aug 1, 2009**

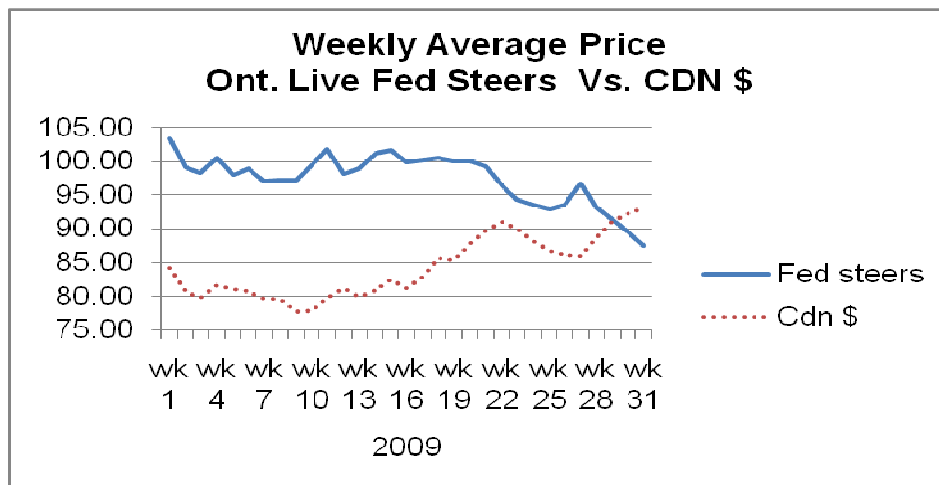
	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	26.50-59.00	43.67	59.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	54.50-67.75	61.69	68.50

**At Denfield Livestock – Aug 4, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	90.00-95.00	Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-95.00
Good steers	85.00-90.00	Good heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good beef cows	55.00-60.00	Good fed Holstein steers	75.00-80.00
Good fed cows	60.00-70.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-75.00
D1 & D2 cows	45.00-52.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-45.00	Shells	20.00-35.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 4, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	20.00-82.00	Cows D1 & D2	51.00-56.00 top 63.00
Bulls	62.00-70.00 to 73.00	Cows D3	40.00-48.00
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	30.00-40.50



**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 31, 2009 – 900 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	91.50-98.00	94.58	98.00	900+	85.75-90.75	89.03	90.75
900-999	94.50-99.75	98.00	99.75	800-899	87.50-97.50	92.13	97.50
800-899	101.00-105.00	102.98	105.00	700-799	90.00-105.00	96.37	105.00
700-799	90.00-108.50	100.77	108.50	600-699	93.00-110.50	104.61	113.00
600-699	100.50-118.00	109.07	118.00	500-599	96.00-119.00	109.10	119.00
500-599	99.00-132.50	116.75	132.50	400-499	103.00-115.50	110.04	120.00
400-499	117.50-138.00	124.31	138.00				
300-399	137.00-15.00	143.30	152.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– Aug 4, 2009** – 72 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	78.00-100.00	91.83	100.00	<b>600-699</b>	82.00-101.50	95.70	101.50
<b>700-799</b>	88.00-111.50	98.94	111.50	<b>500-599</b>	86.00-107.50	100.70	107.50
<b>600-699</b>	90.50-105.00	95.33	05.00				
<b>500-599</b>	98.50-116.50	111.50	116.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Aug 4, 2009- 41** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	94.00-110.50	103.07	110.50	<b>600-699</b>	96.50-101.00	97.73	101.00
<b>600-699</b>	80.00-112.00	99.50	112.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 4, 2009- 65** stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	95.00-115.00	<b>600-699</b>	94.00-112.00
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-119.00	<b>500-599</b>	110.00-115.00
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-126.00	<b>400-499</b>	115.00-121.00
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-129.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Aug 5, 2009- 702** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	93.25-97.50	95.05	98.50	<b>900+</b>	88.50-89.00	88.57	89.00
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-102.50	99.70	102.50	<b>800-899</b>	81.00-92.00	88.56	92.00
<b>800-899</b>	91.00-105.25	102.91	105.25	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-100.50	97.18	100.50
<b>700-799</b>	95.00-104.50	103.78	104.50				
<b>500-599</b>	85.00-117.00	113.80	117.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 6, 2009** – 123 stockers

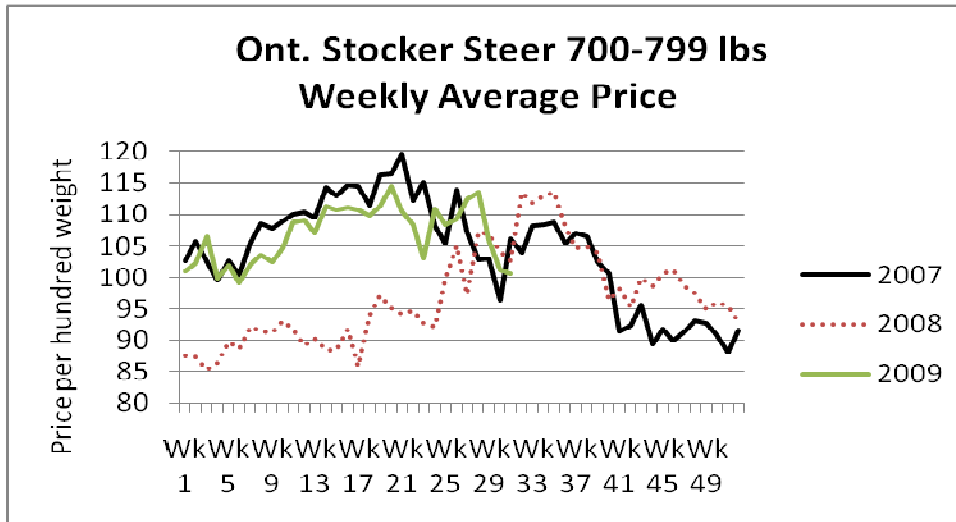
<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	82.00-89.50	86.25	93.50	<b>700-799</b>	69.00-87.50	77.64	92.00
<b>600-699</b>	96.50-122.00	111.79	122.00	<b>600-699</b>	86.50-98.50	91.10	98.50
<b>500-599</b>	80.00-99.00	87.13	99.00	<b>500-599</b>	81.00-106.00	99.50	106.00
<b>400-499</b>	102.00-129.00	116.60	129.00				
<b>399-</b>	103.00-126.00	113.67	135.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Aug 6, 2009- 341** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	95.75-98.50	96.04	101.50	<b>900+</b>	96.00-97.50	96.61	97.50
<b>800-899</b>	88.00-107.75	100.03	107.75	<b>800-899</b>	85.00-97.50	92.82	98.50
<b>700-799</b>	89.00-108.25	99.88	109.50	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-106.50	99.48	106.50
<b>600-699</b>	97.00-128.00	115.11	136.50	<b>600-699</b>	93.50-109.50	101.46	109.50
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-130.00	113.09	135.00	<b>500-599</b>	100.00-123.00	108.37	123.00
<b>400-499</b>	103.50-123.50	108.80	124.00	<b>400-499</b>	106.00-117.00	112.83	117.00
				<b>300-399</b>	84.00-114.00	98.42	114.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Aug 6, 2009- 122** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	79.00-115.00	99.25	117.00	<b>700-799</b>	67.00-95.00	80.11	98.00
<b>500-599</b>	114.00-125.00	117.80	125.00	<b>600-699</b>	68.00-99.00	81.20	104.00
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-136.00	129.33	136.00	<b>500-599</b>	109.00-110.00	109.50	110.00
<b>399-</b>	10.00-134.00	44.33	137.00	<b>300-399</b>	75.00-124.00	105.00	124.00



#### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

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<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">80.00-81.50</a>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<a href="#">134.50-135.30</a>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">80.25-80.60</a>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<a href="#">134.85-135.30</a>

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

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Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	<a href="#">81.00-81.50</a>
	<b>Rail</b>	<a href="#">129.00-130.00</a>

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

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<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	<a href="#">144.00-148.75</a>
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#### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
July 25, 2009	<a href="#">1.6127</a>	<a href="#">1.6011</a>
July 17, 2009	<a href="#">1.6530</a>	<a href="#">1.5875</a>
July 10, 2009	<a href="#">1.6851</a>	<a href="#">1.6135</a>

#### 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>	<a href="#">141.68</a>	<a href="#">133.98</a>

#### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	<a href="#">Aug 8, 2009</a>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<a href="#">627,000</a>	<a href="#">639,000</a>	<a href="#">667,000</a>

#### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Aug 1, 2009</b>	<a href="#">847</a>	<a href="#">778</a>
<b>July 26, 2008</b>	<a href="#">839</a>	<a href="#">770</a>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 1, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	58,213	1,811,477	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	45,059	1,342,872	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,242	314,255	97%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending July 18, 09	Week ending July 11, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>72,422</b>
Steers & Heifers	2,055	1,853	58,781
Cows	193	227	13,018
Bulls	100	1	623

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – May 31, 09		Jan 1 – July 25, 09	
Pure bred	668	Slaughter steers & heifers	298,091
Non-pure bred	19,834	Feeder steers & heifers	197,730
		Cows & Bulls	104,185

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 1– Aug 1	Mexico Jan 1-May 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,535 tonnes</b>	<b>14,795 tonnes</b>

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Aug 1, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	<b>541,562 tonnes</b>	<b>528,396 tonnes</b>	<b>+2.5%</b>
<b>Non-fed</b>	<b>103,913 tonnes</b>	<b>133,045 tonnes</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – July 25, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	<b>66,366 tonnes</b>	<b>65,345 tonnes</b>	<b>+1.6%</b>
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	<b>36,522 tonnes</b>	<b>20,373 tonnes</b>	<b>+79.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,309 tonnes</b>	<b>86,637 tonnes</b>	<b>+24.4%</b>

**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					
Aug	83.85	+0.65	Aug	101.35	+0.25	Sep	3.220	-10.4	Aug	11.844	+14.0	Spot	92.36	-0.35
Oct	89.12	+0.00	Sep	100.97	+0.00	Dec	3.264	-13.6	Sep	10.904	+11.0	Sep	92.36	-0.36
Dec	88.67	-0.22	Oct	101.57	+0.35	Mar	3.400	-13.6	Nov	10.384	+8.4	Dec	92.38	-0.36
Feb	89.07	+0.05	Nov	102.27	+0.40	May	3.494	-13.6	Jan	10.412	+7.2	Mar	92.41	-0.35
Apr	90.80	+0.00	Jan	101.85	+0.65	Jul	3.574	-14.0	Mar	10.354	+5.4	Jun	92.45	-0.33
Jun	87.80	-0.10	Mar	101.30	+0.30	Sep	3.644	-14.4	May	10.214	+6.4	Sep	92.49	-0.30

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Ontario Stockyards Inc. will be closed the week of Aug 10-14 for an annual cleaning and disinfecting.  
Regular sales will resume on August 17.

**Ontario Auction Markets Special Fall Stocker Sales- August 2009**

Aug 22	9:30 am	Stratton-Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc	Mainly Yearlings, also cows & calves, some age verified and vaccinated.
Aug 22	10:00 am	Greely- Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stocker and yearlings
Sept 3	10:00 am	Warton-Grey Bruce Livestock Coop.	Yearlings- mostly vaccinated
Sept 4	7:00 pm	Cargill Auction Market	Char & Exotic Cross- Yearling str & hfrs

**Comments for the week ending Aug 6, 2009**

It was another tough week for the fed cattle market. There were 732 fed cattle sold through auction markets which is steady to last week and 298 less than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$78.05-\$95.28 averaging \$87.53, down \$1.93 from last week and \$5.20 lower than the same time last year. Heifers sold from \$77.80-\$91.59 averaging \$86.09, down \$0.80 from last week and \$3.85 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a moderate demand with prices on choice, top quality cattle steady to barely steady while second cut types were barely steady to under pressure.

The slaughter cow market held fully steady this week. There were 1,693 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 176 from last week and 285 less than the same time last year. Slaughter cows ranged from \$35.99-\$51.84 averaging \$44.01 up \$0.29 from last week and \$10.59 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices as slightly lower last weekend with reports of steady trade the remainder of the week.

Replacement cattle receipts this week were light as there were only 2,533 head sold through auction markets down 24.4% from last week and 26% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good active trade with all reporting steady prices. Actual average prices for all categories of steers were lower. Steers over 700 lbs averaged \$0.50-\$1.31 lower while steers under 700 lbs averaged \$2.25-\$6.12 lower than last week. Heifers were mixed as prices for heifers over 800 lbs averaged \$0.69 higher, 500-600 lbs averaged \$1.48 higher and 300-400 lbs \$1.83 higher. Heifers 400-500 lbs averaged \$3.90 lower and heifers 600-800 lbs averaged \$2.24-\$6.34 lower. Most categories of steers and heifers average lower than year ago prices.

Ontario railgrade prices were pressured lower again this week. Steer prices reported early in the week were at \$148-\$155 down to \$146-\$153 by mid week, averaging \$1.50 lower than last week. Heifer prices started the week at \$147-\$154 down to \$145-\$151 by mid week, averaging \$2.00 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market averaged \$1.50-\$2.00 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$80.00-\$81.50 live and \$134.50-\$135.30 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$80.25-\$80.60 live and \$134.85-135.30 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle was active in the north on Thursday with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 lower at \$129.00-\$130.00 dressed, with most sales at the \$130.00 price. Light sales in the south saw prices \$0.50-\$1.00 lower at \$81.00-\$81.50 live. Friday was active with prices steady to Thursday's lower market at \$81.00 live and \$130.00 dressed.