



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday Aug 13, 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**           146.00-151.00  
**A grade heifers**       145.00-149.00

## 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	82.10-90.82	86.37	101.00	88.20
Medium Frame Steers +1250	84.93-89.55	87.33	95.25	85.43
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	82.77-90.77	86.87	101.00	87.53
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	78.73-90.49	84.86	106.25	87.27
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	69.92-87.38	81.51	102.00	82.87
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	76.17-91.67	84.36	106.25	86.09
Cows- All Weights	35.78-52.98	44.40	82.00	44.01
Bulls- All Weights	52.42-66.37	59.30	85.00	61.88

### **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+	899	92.58-99.30	96.00	106.50	94.29
900-999	306	92.62-99.71	96.82	104.00	97.99
800-899	93	85.97-101.84	95.22	108.50	101.11
700-799	97	88.72-101.58	96.42	111.00	100.67
600-699	179	92.98-112.49	103.88	122.00	104.07
500-599	148	96.51-120.36	110.85	134.00	112.71
400-499	87	107.06-127.10	117.96	140.50	112.38
-399	73	114.52-137.99	127.41	154.00	106.22

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
+900	180	84.66-90.75	88.25	95.00	89.92
800-899	108	76.58-91.25	87.24	100.00	89.87
700-799	118	75.26-96.87	87.74	103.00	94.03
600-699	152	80.49-101.53	94.34	113.00	97.02
500-599	141	92.93-109.33	102.09	129.00	105.32
400-499	56	88.74-113.11	104.01	131.00	106.74
300-399	46	105.08-128.86	120.02	147.00	111.87
299-	21	106.05-134.05	121.40	154.00	117.22

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Aug 8, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-92.50	
Good & Choice Heifers	84.00-91.75	
Good Cows	44.00-53.00	58.50
Export Cows	42.00-52.00	
Bulls	60.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Aug 8, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	29.00-60.00	43.50	60.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	61.50		

**At Denfield Livestock – Aug 11, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	90.00-94.00	Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-93.00
Good steers	85.00-89.00	Good heifers	85.00-88.00
Plain Steers	70.00-80.00	Plain heifers	70.00-80.00
Good beef cows	N/T	Good Holstein bull calves	100.00-150.00
Good fed cows	50.00-60.00	Good beef bulls	60.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	40.00-50.00	Good Holstein bulls	55.00-60.00
D3 & D4 cows	30.00-40.00	Newborn & Plain Holstein calves	10.00-90.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 11, 2009 - 5 bulls, 53 cows, 20 cow/calf pairs**

	Price Range		Price Range
Bulls	58.00-73.00	Cows D1 & D2	50.00-57.50 Top 72.00
		Cows D3	41.00-48.00
		Cows D4	30.00-42.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, August 7, 2009 – 811 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	89.85-98.00	94.87	99.00	900+	88.50-93.50	91.84	94.75
900-999	90.25-99.75	96.84	99.75	800-899	85.50-95.00	90.93	100.00
800-899	96.50-104.00	100.19	104.00	700-799	96.00-103.00	93.04	103.00
700-799	96.50-106.50	103.55	111.00	600-699	83.00-106.50	98.05	113.00
600-699	104.75-117.00	108.92	117.50	500-599	100.00-112.00	106.67	121.00
500-599	107.00-129.50	117.68	134.00	400-499	84.00-111.00	105.85	128.00
400-499	109.00-130.00	119.39	130.00	300-399	84.00-120.00	111.00	120.00
300-399	111.00-134.00	126.80	134.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– Aug 11, 2009 – 178 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	85.00-100.50	96.94	100.50	700-799	74.00-100.00	87.56	100.00
600-699	61.00-113.00	97.54	113.00	600-699	68.00-100.50	92.57	100.50
500-599	85.50-124.50	112.95	124.50	500-599	59.00-110.50	96.92	110.50

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Aug 11, 2009- 443 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	98.75-101.10	99.89	101.10	900+	93.25-95.00	94.42	95.00
900-999	99.00-102.00	100.15	102.00	600-699	97.00-102.50	101.03	102.50

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– Aug 11, 2009- 80 stockers.**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	96.00-107.00	700-799	99.00-106.50
700-799	99.00-115.50	600-699	96.00-112.00
600-699	106.00-119.50	500-599	109.00-115.50
500-599	117.00-130.00	400-499	116.00-121.00
400-499	122.00-135.00	300-399	120.00-124.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Aug 12, 2009**- 703 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	92.50-99.75	95.86	106.50	<b>900+</b>	85.50-88.50	87.64	93.50
<b>900-999</b>	86.50-98.00	93.74	104.00	<b>800-899</b>	69.00-91.00	86.39	91.00
<b>800-899</b>	84.50-103.00	96.25	103.00	<b>700-799</b>	80.00-95.50	88.80	95.50
<b>700-799</b>	79.50-103.00	90.59	103.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 13, 2009** – 183 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	80.00-94.50	89.04	94.50	<b>700-799</b>	47.50-90.00	81.93	90.00
<b>700-799</b>	91.00-100.50	95.33	100.50	<b>500-599</b>	89.00-102.00	94.14	104.00
<b>600-699</b>	88.50-107.50	99.60	107.50	<b>300-399</b>	100.00-130.00	122.43	130.00
<b>400-499</b>	70.00-127.00	106.75	127.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Aug 13, 2009**- 107 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	93.00-103.00	97.25	103.00	<b>600-699</b>	80.00-96.00	89.08	98.00
<b>600-699</b>	80.00-110.00	101.67	110.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-108.00	97.50	108.00
<b>500-599</b>	101.00-113.00	105.38	118.00	<b>400-499</b>	94.00-111.00	98.91	111.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday Aug 13, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	79.00-81.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	134.50-135.30
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	79.70-80.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	133.50-135.30

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

Week Ending **Thursday Aug 13, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	80.50-84.00
	<b>Rail</b>	128.00-132.00

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

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<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	144.00-147.75
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Aug 7, 2009	1.5931	1.5582
July 31, 2009	1.6107	1.5581
July 24, 2009	1.6127	1.6011

**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>	141.10	134.31

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 14, 2009	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	643,000	627,000	687,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	Steers	Heifers
<b>Aug 8, 2009</b>	854	793
<b>Aug 2, 2008</b>	839	769

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	Week Ending Aug 8, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	57,523	1,869,000	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	45,606	1,388,478	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	9,018	323,273	96%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	Week ending July 25, 09	Week ending July 18, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>74,771</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,952	2,055	60,733
Cows	290	193	13,308
Bulls	107	100	730

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

	<b>IMPORTS</b> Jan 1 – June 30, 09	<b>EXPORTS</b> Jan 1 – Aug 1, 09
<b>Pure bred</b>	758	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b> 306,106
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	25,512	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b> 200,122
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b> 106,811

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States Jan 1– Aug 8	Mexico Jan 1-June 30
<b>Total</b>	159,592 tonnes	17,078 tonnes

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Aug 8, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	560,293 tonnes	546,438 tonnes	+2.5%
<b>Non-fed</b>	106,444 tonnes	137,458 tonnes	-22.6%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Aug 1, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	68,406 tonnes	68,343 tonnes	+0.1%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	37,152 tonnes	20,839 tonnes	+78.3%
<b>Total</b>	109,086 tonnes	90,354 tonnes	+20.7%

**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>	84.65	+0.47	<b>Aug</b>	100.70	+0.65	<b>Sep</b>	3.192	-5.2	<b>Aug</b>	11.000	-87.2	<b>Spot</b>	90.81	-1.06
<b>Oct</b>	88.55	+0.35	<b>Sep</b>	100.20	+0.30	<b>Dec</b>	3.276	-4.2	<b>Sep</b>	10.244	-40.6	<b>Sep</b>	90.78	-1.01
<b>Dec</b>	88.05	+0.15	<b>Oct</b>	100.27	+0.20	<b>Mar</b>	3.414	-4.4	<b>Nov</b>	9.814	-37.2	<b>Dec</b>	90.80	-1.01
<b>Feb</b>	88.37	-0.20	<b>Nov</b>	100.92	+0.22	<b>May</b>	3.506	-4.6	<b>Jan</b>	9.880	-36.2	<b>Mar</b>	90.79	-1.02
<b>Apr</b>	90.40	+0.00	<b>Jan</b>	101.20	+0.20	<b>Jul</b>	3.590	-4.4	<b>Mar</b>	9.886	-35.0	<b>Jun</b>	90.78	-1.03
<b>Jun</b>	87.47	+0.07	<b>Mar</b>	100.90	+0.10	<b>Sep</b>	3.670	-4.2	<b>May</b>	9.810	-31.2	<b>Sep</b>	90.78	-1.04

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**OBCFPP LICENCE CHANGES**

**New License:**

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**License Cancelled:**

Meat Packer

Laura's Lean Beef Company LLC, 1517 Bull Lea Road, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40511

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 13, 2009

The fed cattle market felt the strain again this week. There were 694 fed cattle sold through auction markets which was a bit lower than last week but 101 more than last year at this time. Steers ranged from \$82.77-90.77 averaging \$86.87, down \$0.66 from last week and \$7.83 lower than the same time last year. Heifers sold from \$76.17-91.67 averaging \$84.36, down \$1.73 from last week and \$6.52 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported prices to be steady to \$1.00 lower.

The slaughter cow market saw another week of steady trade. There were 1,487 slaughter cows sold through auction markets down 206 from last week and 53 more than the same time last year. Slaughter cows ranged from \$35.78-52.98 averaging \$44.40 up \$0.39 from last week and \$9.83 lower than year ago prices. All auction markets reported prices to be steady all week. Thursday's report saw cull cows selling on a strong active trade.

Replacement cattle receipts this week were higher than last week's drop as 2,704 head sold through auction markets up 6.8% from last week and 21% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported strong active trade with prices holding steady. Actual average prices for most weight categories of steers were lower with the exception of lightweight calves and steers over 900 lb. All weight categories for heifers saw lower prices with the exception of lightweight calves which were \$8.15 higher. Steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$5.89 lower, 600-700 lb steers averaged \$0.19 lower and 400-500 lb steers averaged \$5.58 higher. Heifers 700-800 lb averaged \$6.29 lower and 400-500 lb heifers were \$2.73 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices experienced further pressure this week with prices \$2.00 lower over last week's decline. Steer prices reported were \$146.00-151.00 and heifer prices were \$145.00-149.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market prices were slightly lower again this week. Steers traded from \$79.00-81.25 live and \$134.50-135.30 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$79.70-80.25 live and \$133.50-135.30 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly quiet most of the week with a handful of sales in Nebraska on Thursday as steers and heifers traded at \$82.00 live. Most of the business is expected to develop later Friday afternoon after this report is complete.