

## Week Ending Thursday December 16, 2010

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.

<b>A grade steers</b>	163.00-168.00
<b>A grade heifers</b>	162.00-167.00

### ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

<b>FED CATTLE</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	92.42-103.87	98.71	111.00	95.69
Medium Frame Steers +1250	83.19-99.83	92.00	103.75	96.50
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	90.33-102.49	97.92	111.00	96.24
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	88.27-100.21	94.77	104.25	95.44
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	76.32-96.31	87.90	105.00	94.36
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	81.10-98.16	91.71	105.00	95.19
Cows- All Weights	38.48-54.32	45.93	90.00	43.18
Bulls- All Weights	53.33-64.59	59.14	122.00	55.34

### **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>	502	106.54-115.25	111.39	119.00	111.18
<b>900-999</b>	495	111.67-118.38	115.52	121.00	116.51
<b>800-899</b>	202	95.20-113.95	104.69	121.25	112.28
<b>700-799</b>	302	101.96-124.51	115.19	130.00	116.41
<b>600-699</b>	634	107.71-134.98	125.24	144.00	123.63
<b>500-599</b>	610	118.92-143.80	132.85	151.00	132.24
<b>400-499</b>	446	126.30-152.70	141.49	160.50	141.46
<b>-399</b>	223	122.56-156.55	141.72	183.00	131.47

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	380	94.82-106.88	101.53	111.25	109.17
<b>800-899</b>	183	85.23-106.55	97.52	112.00	111.25
<b>700-799</b>	231	90.32-113.85	104.12	119.50	107.54
<b>600-699</b>	521	104.55-123.65	114.83	129.75	111.85
<b>500-599</b>	764	106.80-128.28	119.55	134.00	118.23
<b>400-499</b>	540	115.79-138.49	127.83	147.75	125.37
<b>300-399</b>	195	121.44-147.07	136.78	177.50	131.11
<b>299-</b>	49	98.73-142.14	124.42	170.00	113.45

### At **Talbotville Livestock: Saturday December 11, 2010**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	94.50-99.00	102.50
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	92.50-98.00	103.25
<b>Good Cows</b>	45.00-53.00	56.00
<b>Export Cows</b>	47.00-51.00	
<b>Good Heavy Bologna Bulls</b>	50.00-58.50	
<b>Veal</b>	90.00-98.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: December 10, 2010**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	28.00-60.00	44.00	89.00
<b>Bulls (all weights)</b>	47.42-63.00	55.29	72.00

**At Denfield Livestock Exchange Inc. – December 14, 2010**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	101.00-105.50	<b>Choice heifers</b>	96.00-98.75
<b>Good steers</b>	94.00-99.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	93.00-96.00
<b>Good beef cows</b>	50.00-55.00	<b>Good Hol veal</b>	100.00-105.00
<b>Good Hol cows</b>	50.00-57.00	<b>Heavy Hol veal</b>	90.00-100.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	45.00-50.00	<b>Choice drop calves</b>	\$110.00-\$145.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-45.00	<b>Good drop calves</b>	\$70.00-\$100.00
		<b>Plain &amp; Newborns</b>	\$40.00-\$70.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– December 14, 2010**

	Price Range	Top
<b>Replacement calves</b>	40.00-90.00	
<b>Cows- D1 &amp; D2</b>	45.00-51.00	54.50
<b>Cows- D3</b>	42.00-45.00	
<b>Cows- D4</b>	30.00-41.00	
<b>Bulls</b>	49.00-56.00	59.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, December 10 2010– 1,708** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	104.00-112.25	107.05	114.75	<b>900+</b>	101.00-111.25	106.28	111.25
<b>900+999</b>	108.25-116.75	112.22	119.50	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-110.75	101.88	112.00
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-119.50	112.30	119.50	<b>700-799</b>	97.00-118.00	109.28	118.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.75-130.00	122.86	130.00	<b>600-699</b>	111.50-129.75	122.86	129.75
<b>600-699</b>	119.00-137.50	132.74	137.50	<b>500-599</b>	111.00-127.00	120.13	133.00
<b>500-599</b>	125.00-147.00	135.12	147.00	<b>400-499</b>	119.00-140.00	129.64	147.00
<b>400-499</b>	139.00-155.50	147.31	155.50	<b>300-399</b>	148.00-161.00	155.50	161.00
<b>399-</b>	149.00-174.00	160.71	174.00	<b>299-</b>	120.00-170.00	149.75	170.00

Stocker sale at: **Lindsay Livestock Exchange, December 10, 2010– 53** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	71.00-104.00	74.66	104.00	<b>600-699</b>	73.50-107.00	90.83	107.00
<b>600-699</b>	92.00-103.00	96.91	103.00	<b>500-599</b>	101.50-121.50	119.83	121.50
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-147.50	138.28	147.50	<b>300-399</b>	81.00-128.00	118.25	128.00

Stocker sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, December 10, 2010 – 503** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	86.50-135.00	116.71	135.00	<b>600-699</b>	101.00-108.00	104.00	108.00
<b>500-599</b>	90.00-138.00	118.02	138.00	<b>500-599</b>	77.00-123.00	110.76	123.00
<b>400-499</b>	105.00-140.00	124.14	140.00	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-125.00	117.05	125.00

Stocker sale at: **Selby Livestock and Auctions Center, December 13, 2010 – 98** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	89.00-119.50	111.12	119.50	<b>600-699</b>	83.00-110.00	101.69	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	121.00-146.00	137.58	146.00	<b>500-599</b>	67.00-119.50	107.43	119.50
<b>400-499</b>	96.00-153.00	136.00	153.00				

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange, December 13, 2010 – 106** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	80.00-135.00	114.29	135.00	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-119.00	112.17	119.00
<b>500-599</b>	64.00-144.00	108.32	144.00				
<b>400-499</b>	93.00-151.00	127.82	151.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange (Hoards), December 14, 2010- 227** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	70.00-121.50	110.52	121.50	<b>700-799</b>	57.00-111.50	89.07	111.50
<b>600-699</b>	93.50-137.00	125.31	137.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-120.50	110.19	120.50
<b>500-599</b>	95.50-148.50	130.26	148.50	<b>500-599</b>	80.00-129.50	116.83	129.50
<b>400-499</b>	100.00-160.00	136.24	160.00	<b>400-499</b>	77.00-135.50	117.25	135.50

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock Market, December 14, 2010- 418** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	116.25-118.50	117.76	118.50	<b>700-799</b>	99.00-100.00	99.67	100.00
<b>900-999</b>	119.25-121.00	120.22	121.00	<b>600-699</b>	109.50-113.50	112.25	113.50
<b>800-899</b>	120.00-121.25	121.07	121.25	<b>500-599</b>	112.00-127.75	121.95	127.75
<b>700-799</b>	122.50-126.50	123.80	126.50				
<b>600-699</b>	130.50-138.50	135.40	138.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock, December 14, 2010- 296** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-108.50	<b>800-899</b>	96.00-107.00
<b>800-899</b>	107.00-113.00	<b>700-799</b>	106.00-113.00
<b>700-799</b>	112.00-126.00	<b>600-699</b>	112.00-119.00
<b>600-699</b>	117.00-131.00	<b>500-599</b>	118.00-127.00
<b>500-599</b>	129.00-143.00	<b>400-499</b>	126.00-134.00
<b>400-499</b>	140.00-149.00	<b>300-399</b>	130.00-140.00

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – December 15, 2010 – 384** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	108.00-119.00	114.72	119.00	<b>900+</b>	94.00-103.50	98.75	103.50
<b>900-999</b>	112.00-120.00	117.67	120.00				
<b>800-899</b>	115.00-117.50	116.50	117.50				

Stocker sale at: **Vankleek Hill Livestock Exchange – December 15, 2010 – 146** stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-121.00	102.82	121.00	<b>700-799</b>	89.00-118.00	97.15	118.00
<b>600-699</b>	70.00-130.00	102.95	130.00	<b>600-699</b>	57.00-123.00	92.40	123.00
<b>500-599</b>	95.00-139.00	116.93	139.00	<b>500-599</b>	62.00-131.00	101.75	131.00
<b>400-499</b>	94.00-149.00	126.63	149.00	<b>400-499</b>	104.00-139.00	122.65	139.00
<b>300-399</b>	112.00-142.00	119.60	142.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, December 16, 2010 – 204** stockers

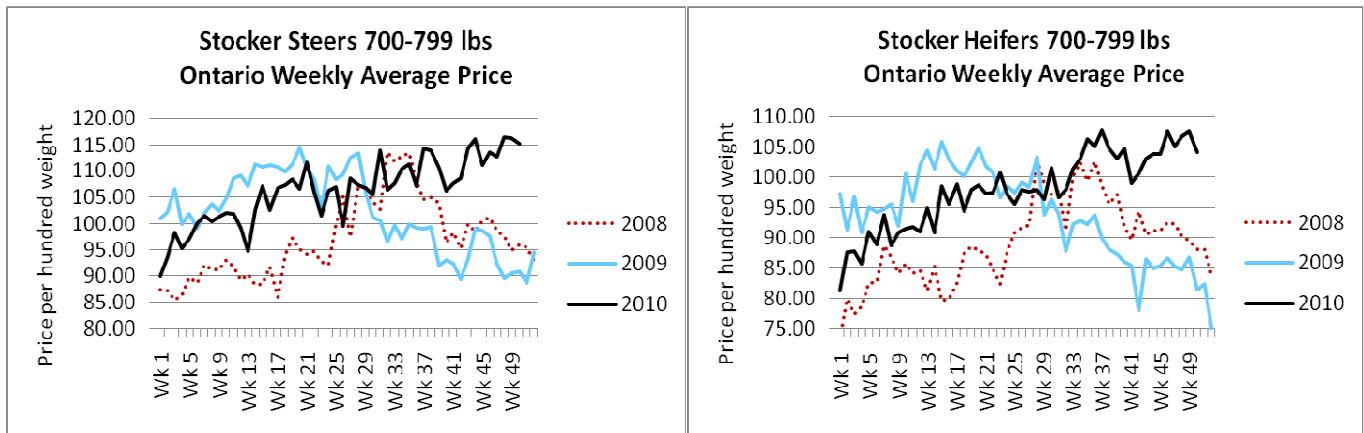
STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
600-699	104.50-135.00	124.68	135.00	700-799	81.50-106.50	91.75	106.50
500-599	122.50-140.50	134.52	146.50	600-699	83.00-113.00	101.71	113.00
400-499	125.00-151.50	139.75	151.50	500-599	108.00-120.00	115.00	120.00
399-	130.0-148.00	140.25	183.00	400-499	118.00-135.00	128.92	135.00
				300-399	100.00-133.00	117.92	133.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, December 16, 2010 – 1,452** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	99.00-108.50	103.88	108.50	900+	81.50-94.75	90.92	102.75
900-999	87.00-113.00	104.44	113.00	800-899	88.00-105.00	97.76	107.00
800-899	110.00-118.50	115.77	118.50	700-799	97.00-119.50	111.58	119.50
700-799	115.00-126.00	120.24	129.00	600-699	109.75-125.00	115.61	127.00
600-699	118.25-137.50	128.92	144.00	500-599	114.00-134.00	122.31	134.00
500-599	131.00-148.50	140.26	148.50	400-499	117.00-141.50	128.75	147.75
400-499	130.00-155.00	142.80	160.50	300-399	126.00-150.00	139.22	150.00
399-	147.00-161.50	155.57	164.00	299-	120.00-143.00	133.92	143.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, December 16, 2010, 2010– 350** stockers

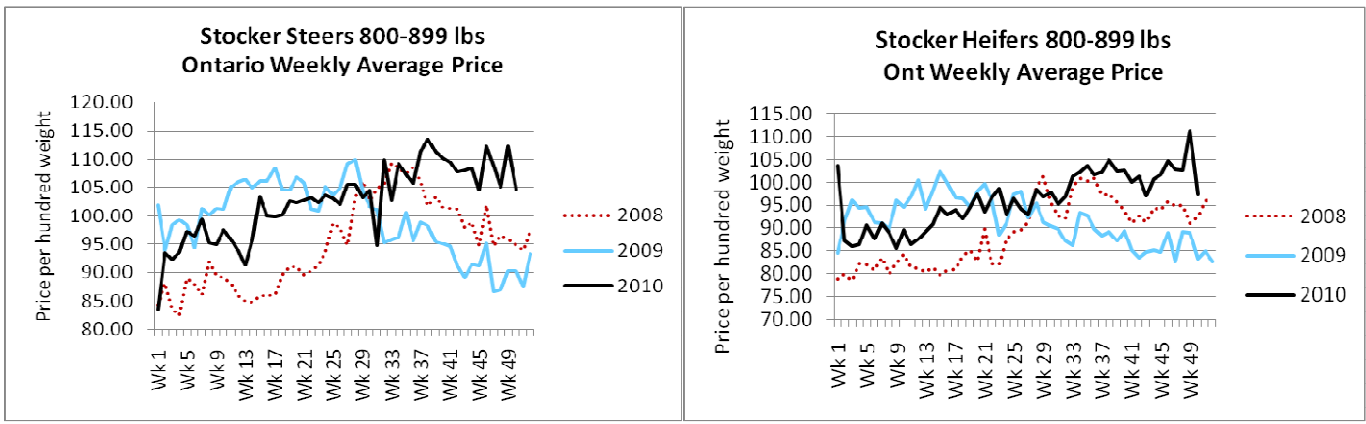
STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	85.00-122.00	106.55	122.00	700-799	102.00-112.00	106.67	114.00
600-699	112.00-127.50	122.03	128.00	600-699	107.00-121.00	115.78	121.00
500-599	120.00-138.00	128.95	142.00	500-599	116.00-125.00	121.40	126.00
400-499	111.00-149.00	135.42	149.00	400-499	118.00-131.00	126.61	136.00
399-	78.00-154.00	127.13	154.00	300-399	105.00-134.00	118.46	134.00



**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL FALL STOCKER SALE**

Stocker sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, December 11, 2010– 503** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
900-999	77.00-95.50	87.20	95.50	800-899	66.50-106.00	92.06	108.00
800-899	72.00-111.00	90.57	115.00	700-799	89.00-109.00	100.95	112.00
700-799	95.00-126.00	110.75	126.00	600-699	109.00-123.00	115.34	124.00
600-699	113.00-134.00	124.20	137.00	500-599	108.00-127.50	120.34	131.00
500-599	119.00-143.00	131.24	151.00	400-499	124.00-135.00	130.13	143.00
400-499	139.00-149.00	144.86	149.00	300-399	135.00-144.00	138.38	144.00
399-	129.00-157.00	149.45	157.00	299-	112.00-129.00	120.50	129.00



**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 16, 2010**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>92.60-93.55</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>158.75-159.85</b>
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	<b>93.40</b>	<b>Flat rail</b>	<b>159.85</b>

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

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 16, 2010**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	<b>100.00</b>
	<b>Rail</b>	<b>158.00-160.00 majority at 159.00</b>

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

Week Ending **Thursday Dec 16, 2010**

<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>165.00-166.25</b>
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Dec 10, 2010	1.5809	1.5377
Dec 3, 2010	1.5708	1.5474
Nov 26, 2010	1.5672	1.5383

**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>	<b>163.24</b>	<b>152.67</b>

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	Dec 18, 2010		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>659,000</b>	<b>674,000</b>	<b>628,000</b>

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Dec 11, 2010</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>782</b>
<b>Dec 12, 2009</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>815</b>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	Dec 11, 2010		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>555,554</b>	<b>3,056,191</b>	<b>102%</b>
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	<b>39,738</b>	<b>2,323,455</b>	<b>104%</b>
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	<b>11,195</b>	<b>550,084</b>	<b>105%</b>

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Nov 27,10	Week ending Nov 20,10	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>4,049</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>144,803</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,610	1,374	84,023
Cows	2,064	2,001	52,564
Bulls	375	129	8,216

### BEEF EXPORTS-

	United States Jan 1– Dec 11	Mexico Jan 1- Oct 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>268,552 tonnes</b>	<b>35,830 tonnes</b>

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

	<u>IMPORTS</u> Jan 1- Oct 31		<u>EXPORTS</u> Jan 1- Dec 4
Pure bred	2,158	Slaughter steers & heifers	585,044
Non-pure bred	37,877	Feeder steers & heifers	188,384
		Cows & Bulls	208,947

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1– Dec 10	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	933,217 tonnes	898,639 tonnes	+3.8%
<b>Non-fed</b>	176,202 tonnes	181,150 tonnes	-2.7%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1– Dec 4	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	112,784 tonnes	110,234 tonnes	+2.3%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	35,575 tonnes	49,438 tonnes	-28.0%
<b>Total</b>	151,842 tonnes	161,544 tonnes	-6.0%

### 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>Dec</b>	102.17 +0.97	<b>Jan</b>	119.02 +0.65	<b>Mar</b>	5.964 +9.0	<b>Jan</b>	12.986 +9.6	<b>Spot</b>	98.97 -0.47
<b>Feb</b>	104.50 +0.97	<b>Mar</b>	119.95 +0.95	<b>May</b>	6.042 +8.6	<b>Mar</b>	13.104 +10.0	<b>Mar</b>	98.77 -0.48
<b>Apr</b>	108.15 +0.80	<b>Apr</b>	120.47 +0.70	<b>Jul</b>	6.082 +9.2	<b>May</b>	13.184 +11.4	<b>Jun</b>	98.54 -0.48
<b>Jun</b>	105.95 +0.92	<b>May</b>	121.02 +0.80	<b>Sep</b>	5.616 +9.4	<b>Jul</b>	13.216 +12.4	<b>Sep</b>	98.26 -0.48
<b>Aug</b>	106.55 +1.00	<b>Aug</b>	121.90 +0.95	<b>Dec</b>	5.414 +9.0	<b>Aug</b>	12.986 +12.6	<b>Dec</b>	97.99 -0.48
<b>Oct</b>	109.02 +1.07	<b>Sep</b>	120.85 +0.75	<b>Mar</b>	5.494 +8.6	<b>Sep</b>	12.636 +15.0	<b>Mar</b>	97.72 -0.48

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### 2010 Special Fall Stocker and Bred Cow Sales

Jan 19/11 11:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Mkt	Peterborough/Victoria Cnty Cattlemen's Sale- 100% Vaccinated.
Jan 28/11 11 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Assoc- All vacc & catalogued.

## Weekly Cattle Comments

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### Comments for the week ending December 16, 2010

There were 736 fed steers and heifers sold through auction markets this week which is 212 less than last week and 192 less than the same time last year. Steers ranged from \$90.33-\$102.49 averaging \$97.92 up \$1.68 from last week and \$20.00 stronger than year ago prices. Heifers were a little easier with sales reported from \$81.10-\$98.16 with an average price of \$91.71 down \$3.48 from last week and \$14.10 higher than this time last year. Auction markets reported prices on good quality cattle as steady to \$2.00- \$3.00 higher early in the week to stronger to \$1.00-\$2.00 higher by the end of the reporting week. 2<sup>nd</sup> cut cattle were reported as barely steady which could play a part in the lower prices on the heifer market.

3,165 slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week which is steady to last week and 273 less than this time last year. Slaughter cows traded from \$38.48-\$54.32 with a weekly average of \$45.93 up \$2.75 from last week and \$10.84 stronger than last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady to stronger.

There were 6,277 replacement cattle sold through auction markets this week, down 35.8% from last week and 6% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported continued good demand with active trade and prices steady to strong. Actual average prices saw steers 800-900 lbs down \$7.59, steers 700-800 lbs down \$1.22 with other weight categories steady to \$1.60 higher. Heifers over 900 lbs averaged \$9.68 lower, heifers 700-800 averaged \$3.42 lower with heifers under 700 lbs averaging \$1.32-\$5.67 higher than last week. Keep in mind that the heavy cattle last week saw a significant price increase over the previous week and it appears that the prices this week are more back in line with previous weeks.

Ontario railgrade prices saw little change from last week with prices holding steady throughout the week. Steers traded from \$163.00-\$168.00 dressed while heifers sold at \$162.00-\$167.00 dressed. This week's average price is \$0.25 lower than last week and \$32.50 higher than this time last year.

Alberta's fed cattle market this week saw steers average \$2.50-\$2.70 lower and heifers average \$1.00-\$1.78 lower. Steers traded from \$92.60-\$93.55 live and \$158.75-158.85 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$93.40 live and \$159.85 flat rail.

The U.S. cash cattle trade was light to moderate in parts of the north on Wednesday with sales reported at \$158.00-\$160.00 dressed. Most sales were at the \$159.00 price which is \$1.00-\$2.00 lower than last week. Thursday, trade continued in the north with prices steady to Wednesday at \$159.00 dressed. At time of reporting, light trade in Kansas and Colorado saw prices generally \$1.00 lower at \$100.00 live. Texas is rejecting these bids and holding out for asking prices of \$102.00 live. Active trade is expected in Texas but not until after the cattle on feed report was released late afternoon. Business in the north appears to be finished for the week.

