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Thursday August 25, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 157.00-158.00
A grade heifers 157.00

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange 500 fed cattle, 400 cows & 200 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	88.00-93.00	104.75
Good fed heifers	87.00-90.00	99.00
Cows	25.00-48.00	60.00
Holstein steers	52.00-67.00	78.00

Fed cattle sold actively at firm prices. Stockers selling at higher prices.

Ontario Auction Sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	85.25-97.75	90.31	103.00
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	76.50-95.25	86.71	100.00
Cows	26.45-47.38	38.40	81.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, August 24, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	98.25-109.00	113.50	+900	76.00-101.00	101.00
900-999	99.75-111.75	114.00	800-899	78.25-112.25	112.25
800-899	96.50-112.25	112.25	700-799	95.50-108.25	108.25

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw active trade with prices steady.

Steers	Live	82.25-84.65	Flat rail	136.70-140.50
Heifers	Live	82.50-84.75	Flat rail	136.70-140.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was fairly active this morning with most dressed sales in the North \$3-4 higher than last week with live business in the South up \$3.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	80.50-82.00
	Rail	128.00-129.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	133.06	124.04
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.36	-0.32
Current 5 day average:	133.53	125.42

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US		¢/bu	\$/bu US		¢/bu			
Aug	81.50	+0.45	Aug	111.30	0.00	Sep	2.062	-2.4	Aug	6.430	+2.0	Spot	84.01	-0.01
Oct	82.12	+0.12	Sep	109.95	+0.50	Dec	2.196	-2.4	Sep	5.870	-15.4	Sep	84.05	+0.03
Dec	85.05	0.00	Oct	108.60	+0.60	Mar	2.294	-2.4	Nov	5.976	-15.0	Dec	84.27	+0.03
Feb	87.05	+0.02	Nov	107.72	+0.52	May	2.352	-3.0	Jan	6.042	-15.4	Mar	84.49	+0.03

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