

Daily Market Information Report

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Friday December 23, 2005

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

The following prices are on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

A grade steers 170.00-174.00

A grade heifers 170.00-174.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

No sale at Brussels Livestock today.

Ontario auction sales on **Thursday** saw weighted prices for:

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers	101.47-111.42	105.84	115.25
Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers	91.33-109.26	104.37	111.75
Cows	20.93-34.09	26.57	47.00
Bulls	37.89-56.89	45.64	63.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – December 22, 2005**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	105.00-114.00	121.00			
700-799	110.00-127.25	132.00	700-799	75.00-103.50	117.50
600-699	114.00-133.50	141.50	600-699	88.50-127.00	137.00
500-599	115.00-149.00	150.25	500-599	101.00-127.75	127.75
400-499	111.00-143.00	150.00	400-499	89.50-117.50	117.50
-400	100.00-131.00	147.00	300-399	79.00-113.00	127.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on **Thursday** was moderate with prices \$1-2 lower

Steers	Live	95.00-96.50	Flat rail	161.20-162.00
Heifers	Live	96.00-98.00	Flat rail	163.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was untested today.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	158.72	145.87
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.70	-1.69
Current 5 day average:	159.94	147.81

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 US			
Dec	94.80 +0.02	Jan	114.07 +0.47	Mar	2.140 +1.2	Jan	6.130 +0.2	Spot	85.76 -0.10
Feb	95.72 +0.17	Mar	113.42 +0.10	May	2.226 +1.2	Mar	6.250 -0.2	Mar	85.96 -0.09
Apr	93.92 +0.12	Apr	113.15 +0.20	July	2.306 +1.0	May	6.342 +0.0	Jun	86.17 -0.09
Jun	86.57 +0.22	May	112.55 +0.15	Sep	2.384 +1.0	Jul	6.406 +0.0	Sep	86.38 -0.09

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