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Wednesday February 1, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 170.00-173.00
A grade heifers 170.00-173.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 580 steers, 375 heifers, 400 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	97.00-102.00	106.50
Fancy fed heifers	96.00-101.00	106.00
Cows	25.00-37.00	59.00
Bulls	37.00-47.00	83.00

Fed steers and heifers sold under pressure with prices \$2.00-\$4.00 lower. Cows traded under pressure at prices \$2.00-\$3.00 lower. Veal sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 334 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers + 800	113.00-122.00	124.75
Steers 600-800	115.00-125.00	
Steers 400-600	125.00-140.25	
Heifers +700	105.00-110.00	112.50
Heifers 500-700	110.00-124.50	
Cows	21.00-30.50	

Feeder cattle continued to sell on a strong market. Cows sold barely steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	96.00-104.50	100.56	106.50
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	94.84-103.85	100.64	105.75
Cows	18.12-30.34	24.22	70.00
Bulls	30.52-51.18	38.54	80.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- January 31, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	114.00-125.00	125.00	900+	85.00-115.25	115.25
700-799	110.00-135.00	135.00	700-799	105.50-122.00	122.00
600-699	125.00-144.50	144.50	500-599	123.00-133.00	133.00
500-599	131.00-150.00	150.00	400-499	97.00-133.00	137.00

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. January 31, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
600-699	79.00-119.50	119.50	600-699	100.50-124.50	124.50
500-599	70.00-141.50	141.50	500-599	81.00-129.00	129.00
400-499	112.00-145.00	145.00	400-499	82.00-136.50	136.50

Denfield Livestock – January 31, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	104.00-108.00
Good Steers	93.00-98.00
Choice American Type Steers	98.00-102.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	105.00-110.00
Good Heifers	93.00-98.00
Choice American Type Heifers	96.00-99.00
Good Fed Cows	35.00-40.00
D1 & D2 Cows	26.00-32.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-25.00
Good Beef Bulls	35.00-40.00

The market traded on an active demand with the fancy cattle selling steady and the American type trading at lower prices. Cows traded steady. Stockers traded steady.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday was quiet with trade expected to develop later today.

Steers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T
Heifers	Live	N/T	Flat rail	N/T

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet today with business expected to be delayed until Thursday. Asking prices are 96.00-97.00 live and 153.00 dressed.

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)	152.50	139.52
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.71	-0.75
Current 5 day average:	154.11	141.99

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					
Feb	93.05	-0.50	Mar	109.27	-0.55	Mar	2.164	-2.2	Mar	5.794	-14.6	Spot	87.70	-0.16
Apr	90.92	-0.65	Apr	110.35	-0.50	May	2.264	-2.4	May	5.922	-14.4	Mar	87.79	-0.16
Jun	84.92	-0.60	May	110.62	-0.57	July	2.360	-2.0	Jul	6.030	-13.4	Jun	88.02	-0.16
Aug	83.97	-0.40	Aug	110.75	-0.67	Sep	2.436	-1.4	Aug	6.060	-13.4	Sep	88.22	-0.16

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