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Wednesday February 8, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 165.00-168.00
A grade heifers 165.00-168.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 470 steers, 280 heifers, 260 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	97.00-102.00	
Fancy fed heifers	96.00-101.00	105.00
Cows	27.00-38.00	67.00
Bulls	36.00-46.00	57.00

Cows and bulls traded on a good demand at steady to stronger prices. Due to weather conditions and an unsteady beef trade, steers and heifers sold at barely steady prices. Veal sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 400 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Steers + 800	108.00-115.00	117.75
Steers 600-800	122.00-132.00	
Steers 400-600	135.00-150.00	
Heifers +700	98.00-105.00	
Heifers 500-700	115.00-121.00	
Heifers 300-500	110.00-120.00	
Cows	20.00-29.00	36.00

Light cattle sold strong while shortkeep steers and heifers sold slightly easier. Cows sold steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	N/T		
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	N/T		
Cows	19.22-31.67	25.80	40.00
Bulls	30.25-43.85	34.79	48.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- February 7, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	113.00-114.00	800-899	100.50-104.00
700-799	125.50-129.50	700-799	104.00

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. February 7, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	108.50-120.50	800-899	69.00-94.00
700-799	95.00-124.00	600-699	67.00-121.50
600-699	82.00-129.50	500-599	69.50-127.50
500-599	76.50-145.50	400-499	75.00-126.50

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade to report. Trade is expected to begin 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 at a standstill with business not expected until Thursday or Friday. Asking prices are 93.00-95.00 live and 148.00 dressed.

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

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	146.31	135.43
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.23	-0.06
Current 5 day average:	148.90	137.08

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	91.72	-0.25	Mar	107.97	+0.00	Mar	2.212	+3.2	Mar	5.780	+4.0	Spot	86.91	+0.22		
Apr	89.95	+0.17	Apr	109.02	-0.20	May	2.320	+3.4	May	5.912	+3.2	Mar	86.96	+0.16		
Jun	84.30	+0.37	May	109.57	-0.22	July	2.402	+3.2	Jul	6.024	+4.0	Jun	87.19	+0.16		
Aug	83.72	+0.25	Aug	109.75	+0.10	Sep	2.466	+2.0	Aug	6.044	+3.0	Sep	87.39	+0.16		

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