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Thursday February 16, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 161.00-164.00
A grade heifers 160.00-163.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards –1300 replacement cattle**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
700-799	117.50-124.25	124.25	899+	100.00-111.00	111.00
600-699	112.00-134.00	134.00	800-899	110.00-113.25	113.25
500-599	125.00-144.00	148.00	700-799	100.00-116.00	116.00
400-499	138.00-146.00	148.00	600-699	111.00-120.25	120.25
-400	131.00-140.00	140.00	500-599	112.50-124.50	124.50
			400-499	105.00-117.50	131.00

Replacement cattle sold barely steady to \$5.00 lower.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange – 500 fed cattle, 400 cows, 150 stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good fed steers	93.00-98.00	103.50
Good fed heifers	92.00-97.00	101.00
Cows	17.00-39.00	51.00
Holstein steers	55.00-81.00	83.75
Stocker steers +700	100.00-110.00	
Steers 500-700	101.00-118.00	
Stocker heifers +700	94.00-105.00	
Heifers 500-700	97.00-114.00	

Fed cattle met good demand at barely steady prices. Cows sold on a firm trade with prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Replacement cattle sold easier.

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

	Price Range	Avg.	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers +1250	84.25-98.25	93.65	100.50
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000	83.00-97.00	93.14	106.50
Cows	21.89-36.18	28.95	74.00
Bulls	35.05-48.02	41.44	75.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, February 15, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	99.50-105.75	108.75	+900	92.00-102.00	104.50
900-999	102.00-106.75	109.50	800-899	100.00-106.00	106.00
800-899	104.00-109.50	109.50	500-599		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on Wednesday saw limited trade with prices steady to last week.

Steers	Live	86.55	Flat rail	146.50
Heifers	Live	86.00-87.90	Flat rail	146.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

US cash cattle trade did not develop as expected today with trade postponed until Friday. Asking prices are 93.00 live and 145.00 dressed.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live
	Rail

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	149.61	139.01
Change: (from yesterday's close)	+0.21	+0.52
Current 5 day average:	146.55	136.77

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	90.45	-0.40	Mar	108.35	+0.10	Mar	2.234	+1.4	Mar	5.914	+4.4	Spot	86.36	-0.05
Apr	88.60	-0.05	Apr	108.97	-0.25	May	2.342	+2.0	May	6.042	+5.2	Mar	86.43	-0.01
Jun	83.47	+0.07	May	109.50	-0.12	Jul	2.434	+2.0	Jul	6.144	+6.0	Jun	86.66	-0.01
Aug	83.32	+0.27	Aug	110.35	-0.12	Sep	2.496	+1.4	Aug	6.154	+3.4	Sep	86.86	-0.01

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