

Daily Market Information Report

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Friday February 17, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

The following 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 **Brussels Livestock** there was no sale due to weather conditions

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

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Med. Frame Fed Steers	89.00-99.75	94.33	103.50
Large & Med. Frame Fed Heifers	72.59-98.55	89.50	101.00
Cows	20.44-33.68	26.70	51.00
Bulls	29.19-45.66	37.47	60.00

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – February 16, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
800-899	95.00-115.50	115.50	800-899	92.50-113.25	113.25
700-799	103.50-124.25	124.25	700-799	91.00-116.00	116.00
600-699	104.00-128.00	134.00	600-699	108.50-120.25	120.25
500-599	123.00-144.00	148.00	500-599	111.00-124.50	124.50
400-499	130.00-143.50	148.00	400-499	103.00-120.00	131.00

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on **Thursday** was light with prices steady.

Steers	Live	88.00-88.20	Flat rail	146.50
Heifers	Live	86.00-88.50	Flat rail	146.50

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

U.S. cash cattle trade was moderately active in Nebraska with prices \$2-3 lower than last week. Most of the trade volume appears to be heavy weight cattle as well as Canadian stock.

Choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	\$141.00-142.00

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

	Choice	Select
	600-900	600-900
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	149.51	140.16
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.13	+1.06
Current 5 day average:	147.52	137.50

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			
Feb	89.95 -0.50	Mar	107.32 -1.02	Mar	2.264 +3.0	Mar	6.012 +9.6	Spot	86.89 +0.53
Apr	87.70 -0.90	Apr	107.65 -1.32	May	2.372 +3.0	May	6.144 +10.2	Mar	86.85 +0.42
Jun	83.02 -0.45	May	108.52 -0.97	July	2.462 +2.6	Jul	6.240 +9.4	Jun	87.09 +0.43
Aug	82.70 -0.62	Aug	109.50 -0.85	Sep	2.522 +2.4	Aug	6.250 +9.4	Sep	87.30 +0.44