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Wednesday March 1, 2006

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 165.00-167.00
A grade heifers 164.00-166.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at the **Ontario Stockyards – 260 steers, 115 heifers, 260 cows, 10 bulls, 30 veal**

	Price Range	Top
Fancy fed steers	94.00-99.00	99.75
Fancy fed heifers	94.00-99.00	107.00
Cows	30.00-45.00	57.00
Bulls	38.00-48.00	56.00

Cows and bulls traded actively at steady to stronger prices. A light offering of steers and heifers traded actively at prices \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher. Calves sold steady to Monday.

Today at the **Ontario Livestock Exchange, 451 stockers, 20 cows**

	Price Range	Top
Steers + 800	106.00-115.00	117.00
Steers 600-800	118.00-120.00	
Heifers +700	101.00-110.00	118.75
Cows	26.00-39.50	

Shortkeep steers and heifers sold strong at prices \$2.00- \$3.00 higher. Cows sold fully steady.

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

	Price Range	Average	Top Price
Large & Medium Frame Fed Steers	92.25-99.00	95.77	105.00
Large Frame & Medium Frame Heifers	89.75-97.75	94.33	108.25
Cows	23.25-41.74	32.16	75.00
Bulls	35.63-47.00	42.24	66.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- February 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
900-999	96.50-106.50	900+	83.00-96.50
800-899	108.50-120.00	800-899	89.50-101.00
700-799	104.00-124.00	700-799	98.50-106.00
600-699	108.00-130.00	600-699	83.00-114.00
500-599	114.00-142.00	500-599	95.50-116.00
400-499	112.50-144.66	400-499	101.00-142.00

Stocker Sale at: **D. H. Hickson Ltd. February 28, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
700-799	74.00-116.00	700-799	63.50-75.00
600-699	91.50-121.50	600-699	89.00-111.50
500-599	71.00-134.50	500-599	82.00-117.50
400-499	123.00-141.50	400-499	95.50-111.50

Denfield Livestock – February 28 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	90.00-95.00 top 98.00
Good Steers	85.00-90.00
Plain Steers	80.00-85.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	90.00-95.00 top 98.50
Good Heifers	85.00-90.00
Plain Heifers	65.00-75.00
Good Fed Cows	40.00-60.00
D1 & D2 Cows	30.00-38.00
D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-30.00
Good Beef Bulls	40.00-60.00
Good Stocker Strs- 650-750 lb	120.00-126.00
Good Stocker Hfrs- 650-750 lb	110.00-120.00
Bred Cows	600.00-800.00

Fed cattle traded on a good demand with prices showing some improvement with fancy cattle in good demand at strong prices. A good offering of cows traded very strong at prices \$2.00 to \$4.00 higher. Stockers sold fully steady.

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct cattle trade on Tuesday saw no new trade, with trade expected to develop 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 remained quiet today with significant trade volume not expected until Thursday or later. Asking prices are \$91.00- \$92.00 live and \$146.00 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)	154.08	142.88
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.10	-0.57
Current 5 day average:	154.31	143.70

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						
Apr	87.02	-0.20	Mar	107.12	+0.25	Mar	2.242	-3.6	Mar	5.774	-2.6	Spot	88.11	+0.07
Jun	82.62	+0.00	Apr	107.87	+0.55	May	2.346	-4.0	May	5.910	-3.0	Mar	88.11	+0.06
Aug	82.55	+0.17	May	108.57	+0.85	July	2.444	-3.6	Jul	6.020	-2.6	Jun	88.35	+0.06
Oct	85.87	+0.17	Aug	109.62	+0.65	Sep	2.516	-2.4	Aug	6.050	-3.0	Sep	88.56	+0.06

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