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Monday December 21, 2009

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

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

A grade steers 136.00
A grade heifers 135.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at **Ontario Stockyards: 65** veal

	Price Range	Top Price
Veal calves + 600 lbs	76.00-114.00	131.00
Veal calves 451-600	85.00-97.00	

Veal calves traded stronger.

At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday Dec 19, 2009- 172 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	78.50-83.50	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	78.00-82.00	No tops
Good Cows	36.00-44.00	47.50
Export cows	36.00-44.00	
Bulls	Sales to 44.50	
Good Veal	76.00-87.50	

Fed steers and heifers traded stronger to \$1.00 higher across the board. Cows sold a bit stronger and good veal calves sold steady.

At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Dec 19, 2009 - 139 cows, **10** bulls

	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	21.50-49.50	35.25	58.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	51.50-62.50	56.45	65.00

Cows sold at prices \$2.00 higher. Next sale Jan 9th, 2010. Wishing all our customers a Merry Christmas.

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Dec 18, 2009 – 2,606** stockers

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	79.75-92.25	84.60	95.00	900+	78.75-89.50	84.97	96.00
900-999	83.00-91.25	88.90	91.25	800-899	79.25-93.00	85.57	93.00
800-899	83.00-93.00	89.22	96.50	700-799	72.00-93.00	84.00	96.75
700-799	68.00-103.00	88.92	107.00	600-699	81.00-100.50	94.48	100.50
600-699	92.50-111.50	102.42	111.50	500-599	72.00-100.50	87.71	110.00
500-599	86.00-119.00	102.53	119.00	400-499	85.00-106.00	94.66	107.50
400-499	81.00-118.00	98.28	125.00	300-399	89.00-115.00	99.23	115.00
300-399	84.50-122.00	103.23	124.00	299-	112.00-117.00	115.04	125.00

Calves and yearlings traded on a steady market.

ONTARIO BRED COW SALES

Ontario Stockyards Inc, Dec 18, 2009- 192 Bred cows, **24** Cow/Calf pairs, **21** calves

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$800-\$910	N/T
Avg quality bred cows	\$650-\$800	\$550-\$700
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$700-\$850	N/T

A good active trade on a medium to good quality offering.

LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending Dec 5, 09	Week ending Nov 28, 09	Year to Date
Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	3,932	3,336	129,163
Steers & Heifers	2,282	2,035	101,288
Cows	1,615	1,272	26,521
Bulls	35	29	1,354

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Dec 12, 2009	870	815
Dec 6, 2008	842	796

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Dec 12, 2009		
Grand Total	66,654	2,987,181	99%
Alberta Slaughter	51,080	2,243,123	106%
Ontario Slaughter	11,224	522,003	98%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Dec 19, 2009		
Grand Total	623,000	618,000	596,000

CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Dec 11, 2009	1.4306	1.4372
Dec 4, 2009	1.4333	1.4375
Nov 27, 2009	1.4390	1.4247

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

	Choice	Select
Cutout Values: (noon estimate)	138.31	130.97
Change: (from yesterday's close)	-0.28	+0.37
Current 5 day average:	138.63	130.83

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

U.S. cash cattle trade was quiet today with show list distribution the business of the day. This week's offering is smaller in the south and larger in the north with asking prices of \$83-\$85 live and \$132 dressed.

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

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures for today were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder Cattle			Corn			Soybeans			Canadian \$		
\$/cwt US			\$/cwt US			\$/bu US ¢/bu			\$/bu US ¢/bu					
Dec	82.22	+0.17	Jan	94.55	-0.17	Mar	4.000	+2.2	Jan	10.010	-11.0	Spot	94.22	+0.39
Feb	85.57	+0.72	Mar	94.62	-0.12	May	4.106	+2.2	Mar	10.084	-11.4	Mar	94.23	+0.41
Apr	88.50	+0.32	Apr	95.92	-0.35	Jul	4.196	+2.2	May	10.144	-11.6	Jun	94.21	+0.41
Jun	85.90	+0.22	May	96.82	+0.07	Sep	4.254	+1.4	Jul	10.186	-12.6	Sep	94.18	+0.41
Aug	85.97	+0.20	Aug	98.75	-0.25	Dec	4.320	+1.6	Aug	10.154	-12.4	Dec	94.11	+0.41
Oct	88.70	+0.02	Sep	98.20	+0.00	Mar	4.422	+2.6	Sep	9.970	-13.0	Mar	94.02	+0.41

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