



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday February 16, 2006

The following information is collected from various sources and disseminated by the Ontario Cattlemen's Association.

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

This is a summary for the week of rail grade prices on a carcass weight basis, before grade and weight discounts.

	Price Range	Last Week
A grade steers	161.00-167.00	163.00-169.00
A grade heifers	160.00-167.00	163.00-169.00

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

FED CATTLE

	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week avg.
Large Frame Steers +1250	90.44-97.80	94.60	104.00	97.23
Medium Frame Steers +1250	81.37-97.26	91.35	99.00	95.94
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.22-98.05	94.30	104.00	97.03
Large Frame Heifers +1000	84.62-96.45	92.40	106.50	95.42
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	82.56-95.22	89.54	101.00	87.51
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	84.36-96.83	92.28	106.50	93.44
Cows-all weights	20.01-33.94	26.84	74.00	25.07
Bulls-all weights	31.61-50.72	41.73	125.00	37.47

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	97.41-105.38	102.36	113.00
900-999	103.63-109.05	106.92	114.50
800-899	105.53-114.70	111.92	121.50
700-799	106.06-121.46	115.22	125.00
600-699	107.72-130.69	120.33	150.00
500-599	118.38-138.63	129.25	150.00
400-499	112.19-137.89	127.10	155.00
-399	78.38-143.40	114.48	335.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	79.74-104.00	95.03	111.00
800-899	95.88-106.14	102.28	113.25
700-799	90.56-108.93	102.05	116.00
600-699	101.18-117.48	110.14	122.50
500-599	103.69-124.19	114.19	129.50
400-499	98.50-123.81	112.96	135.00
300-399	97.50-116.35	107.58	135.00

At Talbotville Livestock: February 11, 2006- 285 head

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	93.00-97.00	103.00
Good & choice heifers	93.00-96.00	103.50
Cows	24.00-30.00	34.00
Bulls	30.00-45.00	

Fed cattle sold \$2.00 - \$3.00 lower on a sluggish demand. Cows traded \$1.00 higher on a good demand.

Stocker Sale: Brussels Livestock, February 10, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	100.00-108.50	113.00	900+	96.50-105.25	105.25
900-999	102.25-106.50	109.00	800-899	103.50-108.25	108.25
800-899	107.00-115.00	115.00	700-799	104.00-114.00	114.00
700-799	111.25-125.00	125.00	600-699	110.50-122.50	122.50
600-699	117.00-134.50	134.50	500-599	113.50-129.25	129.50
500-599	126.00-138.25	145.00	400-499	115.00-133.00	135.00
400-499	120.00-138.00	153.50	300-399	91.00-125.00	125.00

Stocker sale at: Keady Livestock- February 14, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	111.00-116.00	900+	95.00-107.00
700-799	107.50-124.25	800-899	105.00-108.50
600-699	112.50-150.00	700-799	93.00-112.50
500-599	122.50-150.00	600-699	106.25-117.75
400-499	95.00-155.00		

Stocker Sale at : D. H. Hickson Ltd. February 14, 2006

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	90.50-116.00	800-899	55.50-90.00
700-799	93.00-122.50	700-799	62.00-103.50
600-699	86.00-128.00	600-699	63.00-115.00
500-599	94.50-133.50	500-599	104.00-120.50
400-499	102.00-145.00	400-499	71.00-130.00

Denfield Livestock – February 14, 2006

	Price Range
Choice Steers	95.00-100.25
Good Steers	90.00-95.00
Plain Steers	85.00-90.00
Choice Exotic Heifers	95.00-100.00
Good Heifers	88.00-94.00
Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Fed Cows	35.00-40.00
D1 & D2 Cows	28.00-35.00
D3 & D4 Cows	20.00-27.00
Good Beef Bulls	35.00-45.00
Good Stocker Strs- 650-750 lb	115.00-127.75
Good Stocker Hfrs- 650-750 lb	105.00-118.00

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

QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)**Week Ending February 9, 2006****Price Range****A1, A2 Steers & Heifers****166.00-170.00**

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 –Feb 11	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	105,081 tonnes	129,235 tonnes	-18.7%
Non-fed	31,165 tonnes	20,215 tonnes	+54.2%

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

	Live Cattle		Feeder Cattle		Corn		Soybeans		Canadian \$					
\$/cwt US					\$/bu US	¢/bu	\$/bu US	¢/bu						
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

Comments for the week ending February 16, 2006

The finished cattle market continued to sell under pressure this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,618. The average fed steer price was \$94.30 down \$2.73 and the average heifer price was \$92.28 down \$1.16 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a sluggish demand with prices under pressure to \$3.00 lower.

Slaughter cows sold stronger this week. There were 2,251 head sold through auction markets. This week's average price was \$26.84 up \$1.77 from last week. Auction markets reported cows sold actively on a good demand with prices steady to \$4.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed market. Total stockers sold was 4,843 up 49.8% from last week and 26% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported calves sold strong while yearlings sold under pressure at prices \$3-5 lower.

Direct to packer railgrade cattle prices dropped another \$2.00-2.50 over last week's decline. Steers sold at \$161.00-167.00 and heifers sold at \$160.00-167.00 dressed.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate with prices steady with last week. Steers sold at \$86.55-88.20 live and \$146.50 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$86.00-88.40 live and \$146.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was not evident until late on Thursday with only a few sales in Nebraska as steers and heifers sold at \$142 dressed. Both producers and packers dug their heels in which resulted in very little movement.

Local beef trade has seen some improvement this week with prices holding steady. Kill numbers are down while packers wait on the price to move lower and meat demand to get better. Loins are moving really well while most other cuts are very slow.