



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday April 20, 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.

**A grade steers** 161.00-163.00  
**A grade heifers** Not reported

## ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Ontario auction sales this week saw weighted average price ranges for

### **FED CATTLE**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week avg.</b>
Large Frame Steers +1250	90.30-98.49	94.39	105.25	91.88
Medium Frame Steers +1250	81.99-99.35	92.52	104.25	89.92
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	87.98-99.16	93.97	105.25	91.47
Large Frame Heifers +1000	83.68-96.42	91.30	104.00	91.39
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	70.43-93.88	86.23	110.25	88.43
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	81.52-96.99	90.42	110.25	90.49
Cows-all weights	23.73-38.61	31.28	60.00	31.17
Bulls-all weights	38.01-51.72	44.29	92.00	43.17

### **STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	90.85-98.12	94.76	105.00
<b>900-999</b>	100.34-108.23	104.86	111.00
<b>800-899</b>	100.82-111.72	107.96	115.50
<b>700-799</b>	106.27-121.95	114.52	127.50
<b>600-699</b>	106.27-132.18	121.50	146.50
<b>500-599</b>	115.54-142.11	131.13	158.00
<b>400-499</b>	112.87-144.60	130.37	157.50
<b>-399</b>	99.95-171.07	138.29	322.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900+</b>	82.11-96.27	90.60	105.00
<b>800-899</b>	89.23-101.22	97.59	112.00
<b>700-799</b>	95.63-110.83	103.75	118.75
<b>600-699</b>	100.80-119.33	110.92	139.50
<b>500-599</b>	105.50-125.45	116.87	133.50
<b>400-499</b>	97.82-128.21	117.26	134.50
<b>300-399</b>	104.76-123.98	114.52	150.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 15, 2006- 305 head.

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	87.00-96.00	102.00
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	85.00-95.00	
<b>Cows</b>	30.00-37.50	48.50
<b>Bulls</b>	50.00-65.00	

A light offering of fed steers and heifers sold steady and strong. Cows and bull traded strong.

**Denfield Livestock – April 18, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	95.00-100.00 top 102.50
<b>Good Steers</b>	90.00-95.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	75.00-85.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	95.00-100.00
<b>Good Heifers</b>	88.00-94.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	70.00-80.00
<b>Good Fed Cows</b>	38.00-45.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 Cows</b>	30.00-36.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 Cows</b>	25.00-30.00
<b>Shells</b>	10.00-20.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	40.00-46.00
<b>Good Holstein Bulls</b>	35.00-40.00
<b>Good hol bull calves</b>	175.00-330.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – April 13, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>900-999</b>	93.50-104.25	104.25	<b>900+</b>	84.00-97.00	97.00
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-110.00	113.00	<b>800-899</b>	79.00-95.50	96.00
<b>700-799</b>	108.75-121.75	121.75	<b>700-799</b>	90.00-118.75	118.75
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-140.50	140.50	<b>600-699</b>	101.00-119.00	130.00
<b>500-599</b>	126.50-144.00	151.75	<b>500-599</b>	113.50-127.50	133.50
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-146.00	149.00	<b>400-499</b>	108.00-131.50	134.00
<b>399-</b>	95.00-131.00	160.00	<b>300-399</b>	116.00-128.00	128.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle – April 13, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	100.00-102.50	<b>900+</b>	82.50-103.25
<b>900-999</b>	98.00-105.75	<b>800-899</b>	102.10-110.00
<b>800-899</b>	104.00-113.00	<b>700-799</b>	103.00-114.75
<b>700-799</b>	113.25-123.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.00-126.00
<b>600-699</b>	117.00-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-119.00

Stockers: **Brussels Livestock, April 15, 2006.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	88.00-99.75	103.75	<b>900+</b>	87.00-99.75	105.00
<b>900-1000</b>	102.50-109.25	109.25	<b>800-900</b>	88.00-102.25	105.00
<b>800-900</b>	93.25-109.75	113.00	<b>700-800</b>	92.75-108.25	117.00
<b>700-800</b>	106.00-122.00	122.00	<b>600-700</b>	98.50-116.00	124.00
<b>600-700</b>	103.00-127.00	134.00	<b>500-600</b>	113.50-127.00	130.00
<b>500-600</b>	105.00-136.00	145.00	<b>400-500</b>	104.00-129.00	133.00
<b>400-500</b>	118.00-147.00	147.00	<b>300-400</b>	117.00-126.00	131.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- April 18, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	93.50-95.75	<b>900+</b>	94.00-95.50
<b>900-999</b>	102.75-111.00	<b>800-899</b>	96.00-105.00
<b>800-899</b>	108.50-115.25	<b>700-799</b>	105.00-113.00
<b>700-799</b>	115.50-127.50	<b>600-699</b>	115.00-127.50
<b>600-699</b>	124.00-146.50	<b>500-599</b>	112.00-130.00
<b>500-599</b>	127.00-150.00	<b>400-499</b>	101.00-131.00
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-150.00	<b>300-399</b>	112.00-131.00
<b>Under 400</b>	103.00-146.00		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. April 18, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>700-799</b>	103.00-127.00	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-118.50
<b>600-699</b>	94.50-136.50	<b>500-599</b>	74.00-115.50
<b>500-599</b>	105.00-158.00	<b>400-499</b>	84.00-125.00
<b>400-499</b>	110.00-147.00	<b>300-399</b>	111.00-116.50
<b>399-</b>	120.00-130.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, April 19, 2006-421 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>+1000</b>	96.25-103.00	105.00	<b>+900</b>	90.50-99.00	99.00
<b>900-999</b>	98.25-108.75	109.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.50-96.50	100.75
<b>800-899</b>	95.50-110.25	110.25	<b>700-799</b>	105.00-115.50	115.50
<b>700-799</b>	94.50-115.50	120.00	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-120.50	120.50
<b>600-699</b>	106.00-110.00	115.50	<b>500-599</b>	52.00-115.50	115.50
<b>500-599</b>	106.00-128.00	138.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – April 20, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-98.50	100.00	<b>900+</b>	67.50-85.00	95.00
<b>800-899</b>	101.75-112.00	114.00	<b>800-899</b>	80.00-109.00	109.00
<b>700-799</b>	103.25-125.00	126.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.75-108.50	114.50
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-132.50	139.75	<b>600-699</b>	99.00-116.00	139.50
<b>500-599</b>	111.50-143.25	150.00	<b>500-599</b>	109.00-127.00	130.50
<b>400-499</b>	115.00-151.00	154.00	<b>400-499</b>	100.00-133.00	134.00
<b>399-</b>	106.00-138.00	150.00	<b>300-399</b>	93.00-117.50	119.00

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –April 20, 2006**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>900-999</b>	101.75-104.00	<b>800-899</b>	99.50-104.50
<b>800-899</b>	107.00-115.50	<b>700-799</b>	95.50-112.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-123.00	<b>600-699</b>	106.00-125.50
<b>600-699</b>	126.00-144.00	<b>500-599</b>	121.50-129.00
<b>500-599</b>	156.00-158.00		

### **ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE- SPECIAL SPRING SALES.**

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., April 19, 2006-451 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>+1000</b>	89.75-92.00	<b>+900</b>	87.75-90.50
<b>900-999</b>	99.00-106.75	<b>800-899</b>	95.50-100.50
<b>800-899</b>	97.50-114.50	<b>700-799</b>	81.00-110.00
<b>700-799</b>	103.00-118.25	<b>600-699</b>	88.00-123.00
<b>600-699</b>	92.00-137.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-131.00
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-145.00	<b>400-499</b>	76.00-134.50
<b>400-499</b>	82.50-157.50	<b>300-399</b>	82.50-105.00
<b>399-</b>	91.00-146.00		

Grass type cattle sold actively at stronger prices.

### **QUEBEC ELECTRONIC AUCTION MARKET (F.O.B. the feedlot)**

**Week Ending April 20, 2006**

**Price Range**

**A1, A2 Steers & Heifers**

**160.75-161.00**

## ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending **Thursday April 20, 2006**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	84.10-87.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.50-144.70
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.40-87.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	142.50

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

Week ending **Thursday April 20, 2006**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	<b>Live</b>	N/T
	<b>Rail</b>	133.00-134.00

## AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>April 15, 2006</b>	809	758
<b>April 16, 2005</b>	815	781

## FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	<b>Week End</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of</b>
	<b>April 15, 2006</b>		<b>Yr. Ago</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	55,698	951,673	89%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	34,520	583,477	81%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	11,088	197,212	107%

## USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>April 15, 2006</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	<b>April 22, 2006</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>	621,000	608,000	600,000

## CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>April 15, 2006</b>	1.6444	1.5830
<b>April 8, 2006</b>	1.6439	1.6018
<b>April 1, 2006</b>	1.6568	1.6151

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

	<b>Choice</b>	<b>Select</b>
	<b>600-900</b>	<b>600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	141.82	128.14

## BEEF EXPORTS

	<b>United States</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
	<b>Jan 1 – April 16</b>	<b>Jan 1 – Mar 25</b>
<b>Total</b>	79,723 tonnes	6,976 tonnes

## BEEF IMPORTS

	<b>Jan 1 – April 8</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Total</b>	28,928 tonnes	33,308 tonnes	-13.1%

## BEEF PRODUCTION

	<b>Jan 1 – April 15</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Fed</b>	268,646 tonnes	336,120 tonnes	-20.1%
<b>Non-fed</b>	73,836 tonnes	48,548 tonnes	+52.0%

## CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures today were as follows:

<b>Live Cattle</b>		<b>Feeder Cattle</b>			<b>Corn</b>		<b>Soybeans</b>		<b>Canadian \$</b>					
\$/cwt US		\$/cwt US			\$/bu US	¢/bu	\$/bu US	¢/bu						
<b>Apr</b>	81.40	-0.77	<b>Apr</b>	101.80	-1.30	<b>May</b>	2.364	+0.6	<b>May</b>	5.696	-1.4	<b>Spot</b>	87.87	+0.08
<b>Jun</b>	74.47	-0.75	<b>May</b>	102.25	-1.50	<b>July</b>	2.480	+0.4	<b>Jul</b>	5.832	-2.0	<b>Jun</b>	87.99	+0.08
<b>Aug</b>	76.62	-0.72	<b>Aug</b>	103.65	-1.22	<b>Sep</b>	2.584	+1.0	<b>Aug</b>	5.892	-2.0	<b>Sep</b>	88.23	+0.08
<b>Oct</b>	80.27	-0.70	<b>Sep</b>	103.00	-1.00	<b>Dec</b>	2.706	+1.2	<b>Sep</b>	5.940	-1.4	<b>Dec</b>	88.46	+0.08

### **Comments for the week ending April 20, 2006**

The finished cattle market sold actively this week. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,638, up 334 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.97 up \$2.50 and the average heifer price was \$90.42 down \$0.07 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold on a good demand with prices steady to \$2.00 higher.

There were 2,540 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$31.28 up \$0.11 from last week and up \$5.55 from last year at this time. Auction markets reported cows sold actively on a good demand with prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

Replacement cattle sold on a mixed demand this week. Total stockers sold was 7,879 up 34.0% from last week and 12% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that lightweight and grass type cattle sold on a strong active trade with prices steady to stronger. Shortkeeps and heavier, fleshier replacements were reported as barely steady to steady.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were on average \$1.50 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$161.00 to \$163.00 and heifers were not reported.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with prices steady to \$0.75 higher than last week. Steers sold at \$84.10 to 87.00 live and \$142.50-144.70 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$85.40-87.00 live and \$142.50 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was light with prices steady to last week. Steers and heifers sold \$133.00-\$134.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported another good week. End cuts are moving slowly but the demand for middle cuts is so strong, partially due to the better weather, that inventory is sold out. Kills will not increase to meet the middle cut demands until the end cuts show improved movement.