



# Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday May 4, 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** 159.00-162.00  
**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	89.68-97.18	93.61	108.75	92.30
Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.26-97.60	92.18	101.25	90.19
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.33-98.65	93.20	108.75	91.94
Large Frame Heifers +1000	85.57-94.39	90.50	98.00	90.93
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	72.19-88.36	80.07	99.50	87.76
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	78.65-92.09	87.37	99.50	90.44
Cows-all weights	25.66-41.56	33.16	62.00	33.47
Bulls-all weights	38.71-57.35	48.44	92.00	44.45

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

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	88.85-95.33	93.49	104.00
<b>900-999</b>	94.42-101.17	98.60	111.00
<b>800-899</b>	98.83-114.37	108.43	122.00
<b>700-799</b>	103.32-123.02	116.58	140.00
<b>600-699</b>	107.39-133.35	122.96	158.00
<b>500-599</b>	109.14-141.57	130.16	150.00
<b>400-499</b>	118.47-145.48	132.80	156.00
<b>-399</b>	102.08-151.79	126.57	270.00

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900+</b>	85.24-94.77	90.60	105.50
<b>800-899</b>	94.40-107.19	101.38	114.00
<b>700-799</b>	91.54-110.92	102.80	120.50
<b>600-699</b>	99.20-119.77	111.92	124.75
<b>500-599</b>	98.25-126.46	115.17	135.00
<b>400-499</b>	100.06-127.82	117.18	135.00
<b>300-399</b>	109.32-129.67	121.43	142.00

At Talbotville Livestock: April 29, 2006- 476 head.

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	87.00-93.50	104.00
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	86.50-93.00	
<b>Cows</b>	31.00-41.50	58.50
<b>Bulls</b>	40.00-53.00	

**Denfield Livestock –May 2, 2006**

	Price Range
<b>Choice Steers</b>	94.00-99.00 to 101.75
<b>Good Steers</b>	90.00-94.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	85.00-88.00
<b>Choice Exotic Heifers</b>	94.00-99.50
<b>Good Heifers</b>	88.00-93.00
<b>Plain Heifers</b>	75.00-80.00
<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>	20.00-28.00
<b>Shells</b>	10.00-20.00
<b>Good Beef Bulls</b>	38.00-44.00
<b>Good Holstein Bulls</b>	35.00-40.00
<b>Good hol bull calves</b>	200.00-315.00

**ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADE**

Stockers sale at: **Brussels Livestock, April 28, 2006 – 1946 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>1000+</b>	92.50-101.50	101.50	<b>900+</b>	86.50-97.50	102.75
<b>900-1000</b>	93.75-99.25	107.00	<b>800-900</b>	92.25-105.50	105.50
<b>800-900</b>	98.00-110.50	115.00	<b>700-800</b>	94.00-111.0	111.00
<b>700-800</b>	109.25-118.50	122.25	<b>600-700</b>	101.00-117.00	117.00
<b>600-700</b>	111.50-133.00	133.00	<b>500-600</b>	106.00-123.00	129.00
<b>500-600</b>	120.00-139.50	139.50	<b>400-500</b>	104.00-128.00	133.50
<b>400-500</b>	119.25-151.00	156.00	<b>300-400</b>	101.00-131.00	142.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- May 2, 2006 – 1,906 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>1000+</b>	102.75-104.00	<b>900+</b>	89.00-90.50
<b>900-999</b>	97.50-107.50	<b>800-899</b>	88.00-107.00
<b>800-899</b>	106.00-122.00	<b>700-799</b>	95.50-111.75
<b>700-799</b>	115.00-132.75	<b>600-699</b>	99.00-122.00
<b>600-699</b>	121.50-140.00	<b>500-599</b>	107.50-131.00
<b>500-599</b>	116.00-150.00	<b>400-499</b>	117.00-129.00
<b>400-499</b>	123.00-151.50	<b>300-399</b>	126.00-137.00
<b>Under 400</b>	124.00-153.50		

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. May 2, 2006 - 217 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>600-699</b>	96.00-125.50	<b>700-799</b>	50.00-106.50
<b>500-599</b>	99.00-144.00	<b>600-699</b>	79.50-112.00
<b>400-499</b>	90.00-145.00	<b>500-599</b>	77.00-113.50
		<b>400-499</b>	76.00-122.50

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 3, 2006- 539 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Top
<b>+1000</b>	92.00-94.75	103.50	<b>800-899</b>	93.50-101.75	101.75
<b>900-999</b>	90.50-95.75	107.50	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-111.25	111.25
<b>800-899</b>	102.75-105.50	106.50	<b>600-699</b>	102.00-118.50	118.50
<b>700-799</b>	96.25-115.25	118.75	<b>400-499</b>	104.50-112.50	112.50
<b>600-699</b>	118.50-130.00	130.00			
<b>500-599</b>	125.00-134.25	134.25			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – May 4, 2006- 1,017 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>1000+</b>	63.00-90.00	99.00	<b>900+</b>	60.00-90.00	90.00
<b>900-999</b>	90.00-100.00	100.00	<b>800-899</b>	80.00-104.50	104.50
<b>800-899</b>	85.00-112.75	112.75	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-108.25	112.50
<b>700-799</b>	103.75-120.50	120.50	<b>600-699</b>	107.00-118.75	118.75
<b>600-699</b>	102.00-130.50	135.50	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-127.00	129.00
<b>500-599</b>	110.00-137.00	146.00	<b>400-499</b>	100.00-124.00	124.00
<b>400-499</b>	122.00-140.00	141.00	<b>300-399</b>	108.00-128.00	134.00
<b>399-</b>	100.00-127.00	159.00			

Stocker Sale: **Tri-county Cattle –May 4, 2006- 849 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900-999</b>	107.35	107.35	<b>900+</b>	104.00-105.50	105.50
<b>800-899</b>	113.25-119.25	119.25	<b>800-899</b>	101.00-110.00	110.00
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-126.25	140.00	<b>700-799</b>	87.50-102.00	108.50
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-137.00	158.00	<b>600-699</b>	99.50-122.50	124.00
<b>500-599</b>	104.00-139.75	139.75	<b>500-599</b>	91.00-120.00	120.00
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-138.25	138.25	<b>400-499</b>	115.00-125.00	125.00

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

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards- May 2, 2006 - 1172 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>900-1000</b>	97.50-104.25	104.25	<b>800-900</b>	99.50-105.25	105.25
<b>800-900</b>	95.75-112.00	112.00	<b>700-800</b>	100.25-116.50	116.50
<b>700-800</b>	108.50-118.00	127.25	<b>600-700</b>	109.00-120.50	124.50
<b>600-700</b>	113.50-130.00	134.00	<b>500-600</b>	115.00-132.00	132.00
<b>500-600</b>	120.25-140.75	140.75	<b>400-500</b>	112.00-135.00	135.00
<b>400-500</b>	128.00-150.00	150.00	<b>300-400</b>	126.00-137.00	137.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-operative Auction Mkt., May 3, 2006- 1,250 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>+1000</b>	85.00-100.60	<b>+900</b>	93.50-98.50
<b>900-999</b>	91.75-111.00	<b>800-899</b>	79.00-114.00
<b>800-899</b>	98.00-119.75	<b>700-799</b>	80.00-120.50
<b>700-799</b>	70.00-122.00	<b>600-699</b>	90.50-124.75
<b>600-699</b>	91.00-135.00	<b>500-599</b>	76.00-135.00
<b>500-599</b>	86.00-150.00	<b>400-499</b>	88.00-134.00
<b>400-499</b>	124.00-150.00	<b>300-399</b>	120.00-128.00
<b>399-</b>	138.00-146.00		

Stocker sale: **Warton – Grey-Bruce Livestock Cooperative Sale- May 4, 2006- 617 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Price Range</b>
<b>900-1000</b>	87.00-103.25	<b>800-900</b>	101.75-102.50
<b>800-900</b>	106.25-121.75	<b>700-800</b>	96.75-117.75
<b>700-800</b>	110.25-129.50	<b>600-700</b>	97.00-131.00
<b>600-700</b>	118.00-142.25	<b>500-600</b>	105.00-126.00
<b>500-600</b>	118.00-145.00	<b>400-500</b>	106.00-116.00
<b>400-500</b>	105.00-134.00		

## ONTARIO BRED COWS

Ontario Stockyards Inc- Friday April 28, 06- 387 head.

	Exotic and Exotic X	British and British X
Top quality bred cows	\$850.00-1000.00	\$650.00-850.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$500.00-750.00	\$400.00-650.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1200.00-1400.00	\$1000.00-1200.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$800.00-1000.00	\$650.00-800.00

Selby Livestock & Auction- Saturday April 29, 06- 64 head.

	Exotic and Exotic X
Top quality bred cows	\$900.00-1150.00
Avg quality bred cows	\$500.00-800.00
Top quality cow/calf pairs	\$1000.00-1050.00
Avg quality cow/calf pairs	\$620.00-900.00

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

Week Ending May 4, 2006	<u>Price Range</u>
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	157.00-158.25

### ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Week ending Thursday May 4, 2006

Steers	Live	83.25-86.80	Flat rail	140.00-144.00
Heifers	Live	81.75-86.50	Flat rail	137.50-144.00

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

Week ending Thursday May 4, 2006

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:	Live	78.00-79.00
	Rail	125.00-128.00

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
April 29, 2006	816	766
April 30, 2005	805	768

### CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES

Week Ending	AAA	AA
April 22, 2006	1.6560	1.5800
April 15, 2006	1.6444	1.5830

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week End	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
Grand Total	66,629	1,083,346	88%
Alberta Slaughter	40,953	665,643	80%
Ontario Slaughter	13,883	224,209	106%

## USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending		
	May 6, 2006	April 29, 2006	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	624,000	682,000	654,000

## 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>	148.80	130.69

## BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – April 29	Jan 1 – Apr 8
<b>Total</b>	89,041 tonnes	8,019 tonnes

## BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – April 15	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Total</b>	31,001 tonnes	35,253 tonnes	-12.1%

## BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – April 29	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	305,565 tonnes	385,979 tonnes	-20.8%
<b>Non-fed</b>	83,132 tonnes	55,106 tonnes	+50.9%

## 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>Jun</b>	73.85 -0.35	<b>May</b>	99.80 -1.02	<b>May</b>	2.306 +1.0	<b>May</b>	5.944 +3.6	<b>Spot</b>	90.30 -0.08
<b>Aug</b>	75.75 -0.20	<b>Aug</b>	102.82 -0.47	<b>July</b>	2.404 +1.2	<b>Jul</b>	6.064 +2.6	<b>Jun</b>	90.43 -0.03
<b>Oct</b>	79.32 -0.42	<b>Sep</b>	102.50 -0.50	<b>Sep</b>	2.514 +1.4	<b>Aug</b>	6.120 +3.0	<b>Sep</b>	90.66 -0.03
<b>Dec</b>	80.95 -0.72	<b>Oct</b>	101.32 -0.67	<b>Dec</b>	2.640 +1.4	<b>Sep</b>	6.154 +2.2	<b>Dec</b>	90.89 -0.03

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## **Comments for the week ending May 4, 2006**

The finished cattle market saw a lighter trade this week with prices mixed. The volume of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 1,133, down 434 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$93.20 up \$1.26 and the average heifer price was \$87.37 down \$3.07 from last week. Auction markets reported fed cattle sold sharply lower early in the week to fully steady to \$1.00 to \$2.00 higher as the week advanced. Plain types were reported as selling under pressure.

There were 1,946 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets this week. The average price was \$33.16 down \$0.31 from last week and up \$8.65 from last year at this time. Most auction markets reported cows sold on an active trade with steady prices, with some reporting stronger sales up to \$2.00 higher.

Replacement cattle saw lighter volume this week, even with several special spring sales. Total stockers sold was 9,679 down 16.1% from last week and 26% more than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that stockers sold actively with grass type replacements selling from steady to stronger while shortkeeps sold steady to under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices, reported by producers, were on average \$3.50 lower than the previous week. Steers were reported as \$159.00 - \$162.00.

In Alberta, cattle trade was moderate to active with prices steady early in the week to \$3.00 higher by the end of the week. Steers sold at \$83.25 to 86.80 live and \$140.00-144.00 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$81.75 to \$86.50 live and \$137.50 to \$144.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade typically did not see business develop until the later part of the week. A significant volume of trade in the north at \$125.00-128.00 dressed, was \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower than last week. A few scattered sales in the south saw prices \$78.00 – 79.00 live, steady to \$2.00 lower than last week.

Local beef trade reported a slight improvement in the movement of end cuts, however not enough to affect kill numbers. Middle cuts are still moving very well with all prices remaining steady.