



Weekly Market Information Report



Week ending Thursday Aug 10, 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 154.00-155.00
A grade heifers Not reported

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	91.18-98.08	94.89	104.25	92.06
Medium Frame Steers +1250	88.34-96.49	93.74	98.50	89.61
Large & Medium Frame Steers +1250	89.89-97.43	94.57	104.25	91.62
Large Frame Heifers +1000	72.18-95.90	88.80	105.00	89.73
Medium Frame Heifers +1000	74.68-94.35	84.98	98.75	82.94
Large & Medium Frame Heifers +1000	71.79-96.34	88.56	105.00	88.27
Cows-all weights	30.69-49.14	39.47	79.00	42.42
Bulls-all weights	44.46-57.17	50.68	87.50	52.48

STOCKERS – Large & Medium Frame

STEERS	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	95.95-106.95	101.51	112.00
900-999	104.73-112.96	109.15	125.00
800-899	95.54-110.15	104.70	118.75
700-799	106.56-121.48	114.59	133.00
600-699	106.42-127.48	119.40	135.00
500-599	106.22-135.68	122.32	147.00
400-499	120.83-146.32	134.73	160.00
-399	95.01-165.03	132.12	190.00

HEIFERS	Price Range	Average	Top
900+	82.97-97.83	90.66	104.50
800-899	90.25-108.67	98.78	113.25
700-799	99.28-111.90	105.90	114.50
600-699	103.05-121.01	113.43	129.25
500-599	105.38-124.98	117.20	135.00
400-499	97.10-127.03	112.04	140.00
300-399	105.42-136.75	121.84	147.00

At Talbotville Livestock: Aug 5, 2006

	Price Range	Top
Good & choice steers	87.00-95.50	110.25
Good & choice heifers	86.00-95.00	103.75
Cows	37.00-50.00	63.50
Bulls	55.00-60.50	

Denfield Livestock – Aug 8, 2006

	Price Range		Price Range
Good & Choice Steers	85.00-96.75	Good & Choice Heifers	85.00-95.00
Plain Steers	75.00-85.00	Plain Heifers	70.00-80.00
Good Beef Bulls	45.00-60.00	Good Fed Cows	45.00-56.00
D1 & D2 Cows	34.00-40.00	D3 & D4 Cows	25.00-32.00

ONTARIO REPLACEMENT TRADEStocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Aug 4, 2006.**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
1000+	96.00-108.25	112.00	900+	89.75-102.75	104.50
900-1000	102.25-110.75	125.00	800-900	94.50-112.00	113.25
800-900	93.00-110.00	115.25	700-800	105.00-114.50	114.50
700-800	113.00-123.50	123.50	600-700	113.00-126.00	128.50
600-700	116.00-133.00	135.00	500-600	121.0-135.00	135.00
500-600	116.00-138.50	147.00	400-500	109.00-140.00	140.00

Stocker sale at: **Keady Livestock- Aug 1, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	110.00-117.00	700-799	104.50-113.75
700-799	130.00-133.00	600-699	117.00-129.25
600-699	115.00-131.00	500-599	116.00-129.50

Stocker Sale at : **D. H. Hickson Ltd. Aug 8, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
600-699	105.50-125.00	700-799	90.00-110.50
500-599	64.50-136.00	600-699	65.00-119.00
400-499	120.00-147.00	500-599	65.00-120.00
		400-499	73.50-121.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Aug 9, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Top
+1000	103.25-110.75	110.75	+900	89.50-100.25	100.25
900-999	105.25-114.50	116.75	800-899	99.00-102.75	102.75
800-899	104.50-118.75	118.75	700-799	105.75-108.50	108.50
700-799	113.50-123.25	123.25			
600-699	113.75-124.00	124.00			

Stocker Sale: **Ontario Stockyards – Aug 10, 2006**

STEERS	Price Range	HEIFERS	Price Range
800-899	104.50-113.75	700-799	94.00-109.00
700-799	113.00-125.00	600-699	106.50-125.25
600-699	99.00-125.00	500-599	114.25-128.50
500-599	117.00-147.00	400-499	89.00-132.00
400-499	145.00-155.50	300-399	104.00-147.00
-399	110.00-153.00		

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADEWeek ending **Thursday Aug 10, 2006**

Steers	Live	84.50-88.90	Flat rail	140.25-143.40
Heifers	Live	86.00-88.90	Flat rail	142.00

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

Week Ending Aug 10, 2006
A1, A2 Steers & Heifers

Price Range
156.00-156.75

U.S. TRADE (U.S funds)

Week ending Thursday Aug 10, 2006

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers:

Live 85.00-86.50
Rail 135.00-137.00

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Current 5 day average:	145.27	132.90

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
Aug 5, 2006	840	777
Aug 6, 2005	828	777

FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
	Aug 5, 2006		
Grand Total	61,575	1,994,490	88%
Alberta Slaughter	40,319	1,245,771	82%
Ontario Slaughter	12,896	408,269	105%

USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending	Previous Week	Year Ago
	Aug 12, 2006		
Grand Total	677,000	623,000	629,000

BEEF EXPORTS

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1 – Aug 5	Jan 1 – July 15
Total	161,805 tonnes	19,990 tonnes

BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – Aug 5	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Fed	574,750 tonnes	712,921 tonnes	-19.4%
Non-fed	134,737 tonnes	94,602 tonnes	+42.4%

BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 22	Last Year Same Time	% Change
Total	69,948 tonnes	61,771 tonnes	+13.2%

LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – May 31		Jan 1 – Aug 5	
Pure bred	117	Slaughter steers & heifers	369,846
Non-pure bred	13,856	Feeder steers & heifers	195,098

LIVE CATTLE IMPORTS-ONTARIO

Week ending July 29,2006 Week ending July 22, 2006

**Live slaughter cattle imported
from the U.S. into Ontario**

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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						
Aug	88.80	+0.32	Aug	117.35	-0.05	Sep	2.246	-14.0	Aug	5.510	-6.0	Spot	88.95	+0.11
Oct	92.55	+0.17	Sep	117.50	+0.05	Dec	2.416	-14.0	Sep	5.552	-6.0	Sept	89.04	+0.10
Dec	90.52	-0.45	Oct	117.67	-0.25	Mar	2.566	-13.2	Nov	5.682	-6.0	Dec	89.31	+0.10
Feb	90.80	-0.97	Nov	116.62	-0.12	May	2.654	-13.2	Jan	5.820	-5.6	Mar	89.58	+0.10

Comments for the week ending Aug 10, 2006

We finally got a break in the heat and humidity. Trade was up this week for volume and price. The number of live finished steers and heifers sold through auction markets was 926, up 220 head from last week. The average fed steer price was \$94.57 up \$2.95 and the average heifer price was \$88.56 up \$0.29 from last week. Auction markets reported good demand with prices steady to \$3.00 higher.

The volume of slaughter cows trading through auction barns was lower than last week and almost 500 head lower than last year at this time. There were 1,817 head of slaughter cows sold through auction markets. The average price was \$39.47 down \$2.95 from last week and \$1.50 higher than last year at this time. Auction markets reported that slaughter cows sold on a good demand with prices barely steady to \$1.00 higher.

Replacement cattle volume was steady with last week. The total number of stockers sold was 2,095 up 1.7% from last week but 57% less from last year at this time. Auction markets reported light runs with active trade and pricing steady to \$2.00 higher. Steers 800-900 lbs averaged \$104.70 down \$4.42 from last week and heifers 800 lbs plus averaged \$94.55 down \$5.30 over last week. Steers 400-500 lbs averaged \$134.73 up \$8.86 and heifers 600-700 lbs averaged \$113.43 up \$6.09 from last week.

Ontario railgrade prices for steers, reported by producers was \$154.00-155.00, no change from last week.

In Alberta, cattle trade was active with prices \$1.00-2.00 higher than last week. Steers sold \$83.50-88.90 live and \$138.50-143.40 dressed and heifers sold \$83.45-88.90 live and \$138.50-143.00 dressed.

U.S. cash cattle trade was very active mid week with prices \$5.00-6.00 stronger than last week. Steers and heifers sold \$85.00-\$86.50 live and \$135.00-\$137.00 dressed.

Local beef trade reported that all cuts of beef are moving well with prices slightly higher.