



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday January 22, 2009**

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** 167.00-175.00  
**A grade heifers** 166.00-174.00

## 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	92.79-104.69	98.64	116.25	99.43
Medium Frame Steers +1250	91.23-103.29	99.00	105.50	98.69
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	91.44-103.20	98.33	116.25	99.11
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	92.55-104.10	99.76	107.50	97.69
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	91.57-100.12	96.40	107.00	98.48
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	91.84-102.87	98.61	107.50	98.09
Cows- All Weights	41.14-59.34	50.66	95.00	47.80
Bulls- All Weights	56.68-67.43	61.86	86.00	59.16

### **STOCKERS-Large and Medium Frame**

<b>STEERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>1000+</b>	417	98.65-104.62	102.26	109.00	103.04
<b>900-999</b>	314	102.54-108.38	105.50	110.00	104.33
<b>800-899</b>	190	90.37-104.53	98.38	110.00	93.87
<b>700-799</b>	361	95.22-111.45	106.58	116.25	102.18
<b>600-699</b>	445	96.84-115.61	108.97	123.50	106.56
<b>500-599</b>	434	107.01-122.90	115.21	132.50	111.65
<b>400-499</b>	260	106.23-124.98	116.77	140.00	112.85
<b>-399</b>	153	96.32-124.08	110.74	138.00	95.97

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	266	89.75-98.85	96.13	101.75	96.56
<b>800-899</b>	249	85.51-100.68	95.95	105.00	91.52
<b>700-799</b>	231	86.30-103.38	96.76	107.50	91.33
<b>600-699</b>	362	91.08-104.41	99.01	119.00	93.90
<b>500-599</b>	552	93.09-109.72	104.19	121.00	94.62
<b>400-499</b>	333	93.46-109.01	102.28	116.00	99.03
<b>300-399</b>	108	93.83-107.25	100.71	124.00	107.66
<b>299-</b>	20	78.85-105.05	97.24	109.00	79.09

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Jan 17, 2009- 140 head**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; choice steers</b>	96.00-104.50	No tops
<b>Good &amp; choice heifers</b>	96.00-101.75	No tops
<b>Export Cows</b>	46.00-56.00	62.00
<b>Good Cows</b>	35.00-51.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	50.00-62.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Jan 17, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	25.50-57.50	43.63	57.50
<b>Bulls all weights</b>	50.73-68.91	62.41	79.00

**At Denfield Livestock – Jan 21, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice steers</b>	95.00-105.75	<b>Good Heifers</b>	95.00-100.00
<b>Plain steer</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	55.00-60.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	55.00-70.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	48.00-55.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	50.00-60.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	35.00-45.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$75.00-\$140.00
<b>Shells</b>	20.00-30.00	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	\$10.00-\$70.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Jan 16, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	96.25-105.75	102.54	105.75	<b>900+</b>	89.50-101.75	98.27	101.75
<b>900-999</b>	100.00-110.00	104.98	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	91.00-103.00	99.99	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	102.00-110.00	107.41	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	91.50-97.00	93.08	97.00
<b>700-799</b>	93.00-112.50	106.55	112.50	<b>600-699</b>	92.00-107.00	100.51	115.00
<b>600-699</b>	103.00-111.25	107.76	113.50	<b>500-599</b>	95.50-108.50	102.59	110.00
<b>500-599</b>	112.00-120.50	115.62	123.50	<b>400-499</b>	99.00-115.00	106.60	115.00
<b>400-499</b>	102.00-120.50	113.78	129.50	<b>300-399</b>	104.00-114.00	107.13	119.00
<b>399-</b>	109.00-127.00	114.58	131.00	<b>299-</b>	91.00-105.00	99.70	105.00

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd – Jan 20, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	77.50-111.50	98.96	111.50	<b>600-699</b>	85.50-119.00	94.78	119.00
<b>600-699</b>	104.50-123.50	110.14	123.50	<b>500-599</b>	89.00-98.00	94.93	98.00
<b>500-599</b>	76.00-127.50	108.26	127.50	<b>400-499</b>	83.50-99.00	89.82	99.00
<b>400-499</b>	97.50-127.00	108.09	127.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Jan 20, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	103.50-103.85	103.78	103.85	<b>900+</b>	97.25-99.00	98.13	101.00
<b>900-999</b>	103.75-109.75	106.57	109.75	<b>800-899</b>	92.50-100.50	95.82	100.50
<b>800-899</b>	90.50-107.50	99.45	110.00	<b>700-799</b>	88.00-105.75	100.03	105.75
<b>700-799</b>	110.00-116.25	114.64	116.25	<b>600-699</b>	100.25-108.50	106.30	108.50
<b>600-699</b>	98.00-119.25	112.33	119.25	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-117.50	112.96	117.50
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-128.00	123.19	130.00	<b>400-499</b>	110.00-115.00	113.58	115.50
<b>400-499</b>	130.00-140.00	134.11	140.00	<b>300-399</b>	102.00-105.00	102.83	105.00
<b>399-</b>	106.00-119.00	112.50	119.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Jan 22, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>500-599</b>	100.00-127.00	114.38	127.00	<b>400-499</b>	78.00-103.00	103.00	115.00
<b>400-499</b>	70.00-120.00	100.43	120.00	<b>300-399</b>	93.00-105.00	101.86	124.00
<b>399-</b>	104.00-122.00	110.25	131.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Jan 21, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	102.50-107.25	104.91	109.00	<b>900+</b>	95.00-100.75	99.44	100.75
<b>900-999</b>	104.75-108.75	107.09	108.75	<b>600-699</b>	102.00-102.50	102.26	102.50
<b>800-899</b>	75.50-97.00	82.34	97.00	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-106.75	104.29	106.75

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Jan 22, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	79.00-94.25	91.12	94.25	<b>900+</b>	80.00-99.00	93.64	99.00
<b>900-999</b>	92.00-97.00	94.80	97.00	<b>800-899</b>	67.00-100.25	90.81	100.25
<b>800-899</b>	95.75-107.25	103.22	107.25	<b>700-799</b>	87.00-107.50	98.40	107.50
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-107.25	101.90	108.50	<b>600-699</b>	87.50-98.00	92.21	102.50
<b>600-699</b>	104.00-118.00	110.67	119.50	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-109.00	101.53	111.50
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-130.00	120.62	130.00	<b>400-499</b>	102.00-111.50	106.30	111.50
<b>400-499</b>	114.00-132.00	125.15	133.00	<b>300-399</b>	94.00-107.00	101.22	108.00
<b>399-</b>	111.00-133.50	119.43	133.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Jan 22, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	79.00-113.00	102.14	113.00	<b>600-699</b>	72.00-104.00	91.45	104.00
<b>500-599</b>	92.00-114.00	105.78	116.00	<b>500-599</b>	90.00-105.00	98.08	121.00
<b>399-</b>	77.00-124.00	103.48	138.00	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-110.00	103.95	110.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE SPECIAL STOCKER SALES**

Special Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Jan 17, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	88.00-107.00	102.59	107.00	<b>700-799</b>	81.00-100.00	92.73	100.00
<b>600-699</b>	100.00-112.00	106.71	112.00	<b>600-699</b>	87.00-102.00	97.08	102.00
<b>500-599</b>	98.00-113.00	105.90	116.00	<b>500-599</b>	86.00-101.00	93.26	110.00
<b>400-499</b>	93.00-118.00	107.57	120.00	<b>400-499</b>	84.00-107.00	100.21	108.00
<b>399-</b>	91.00-117.00	108.44	117.00	<b>300-399</b>	100.00-121.00	107.00	121.00

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market – Jan 21, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	97.50-99.75	98.06	99.75	<b>900+</b>	87.50-98.00	94.74	98.00
<b>900-999</b>	98.25-102.25	99.58	102.25	<b>800-899</b>	80.50-96.00	93.94	96.00
<b>800-899</b>	99.00-106.00	101.00	106.00	<b>700-799</b>	83.00-99.25	95.06	99.25
<b>700-799</b>	74.00-114.25	105.70	114.25	<b>600-699</b>	85.0-105.50	101.75	105.50
<b>600-699</b>	74.00-118.25	112.66	118.25	<b>500-599</b>	65.00-109.50	105.50	109.50
<b>500-599</b>	110.50-132.50	123.35	132.50	<b>400-499</b>	80.00-108.50	98.10	108.50
<b>400-499</b>	130.50-135.50	132.73	135.50	<b>300-399</b>	64.00-105.00	94.20	105.00
<b>399-</b>	112.50-136.00	120.33	136.00				

Vaccinated calves and yearlings sponsored by Peterborough/Victoria County Cattlemen's Associations. Light receipts traded actively.

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending Thursday January 22, 2009

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	85.75-86.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	148.00-150.00
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	87.50-88.75	<b>Flat rail</b>	148.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday Jan 22, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	<b>\$82.00</b>
	<b>Rail</b>	<b>\$127.00-134.00</b>

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

Week Ending **Thursday January 22, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers &amp; Heifers</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>\$170.75 – 173.25</b>
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
Jan 9, 2009	1.7039	1.6898
Jan 2, 2009	1.7201	1.6968
Dec 26, 2008	1.7534	1.6877

**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>	<b>151.59</b>	<b>144.56</b>

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	Jan 24, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>632,000</b>	<b>608,000</b>	<b>636,000</b>

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Dec 27, 08 &amp; Jan 3, 2009 included</b>	<b>Week ending Dec 20, 08</b>	<b>Year to Date 2008</b>
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>5,872</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>219,873</b>
Steers & Heifers	5,457	3,743	191,490
Cows	415	641	26,280
Bulls	0	4	2,103

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Jan 17, 2009</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>779</b>
<b>Jan 12, 2008</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>815</b>

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	Jan 17, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>66,633</b>	<b>127,060</b>	<b>118%</b>
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	<b>49,151</b>	<b>91,059</b>	<b>123%</b>
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	<b>9,588</b>	<b>19,603</b>	<b>102%</b>

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
<b>Jan 1 – Nov 30, 08</b>		<b>Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09</b>	
<b>Pure bred</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>10,047</b>
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	<b>43,286</b>	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	<b>2,868</b>
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	<b>3,180</b>

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	United States	Mexico
	Jan 1– Jan 10, 09	
<b>Total</b>	5,366 tonnes	N/A

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	Jan 1 – Jan 10, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	16,341 tonnes	12,371 tonnes	+32.1%
<b>Non-fed</b>	5,028 tonnes	4,053 tonnes	+24.1%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	Jan 1 – Dec 27/08	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	117,142 tonnes	113,018 tonnes	+3.6%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	29,831 tonnes	60,171 tonnes	-50.4%
<b>Total</b>	149,070 tonnes	177,413 tonnes	-16.0%

**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>Feb</b>	82.67	+0.40	<b>Jan</b>	93.65	+0.17	<b>Mar</b>	3.904	+3.0	<b>Mar</b>	10.090	-3.0	<b>Spot</b>	81.05	+1.24
<b>Apr</b>	85.80	+0.40	<b>Mar</b>	92.75	+0.45	<b>May</b>	4.014	+3.0	<b>May</b>	10.162	-3.2	<b>Mar</b>	81.00	+1.23
<b>Jun</b>	84.17	+0.00	<b>Apr</b>	93.52	+0.12	<b>Jul</b>	4.120	+3.0	<b>Jul</b>	10.232	-4.2	<b>Jun</b>	81.05	+1.23
<b>Aug</b>	84.87	-0.07	<b>May</b>	95.65	+0.20	<b>Sep</b>	4.222	+2.4	<b>Aug</b>	10.140	-4.4	<b>Sep</b>	81.11	+1.25
<b>Oct</b>	88.80	+0.05	<b>Aug</b>	97.40	+0.20	<b>Dec</b>	4.360	+2.4	<b>Sep</b>	9.810	-6.0	<b>Dec</b>	81.14	+1.25
<b>Dec</b>	90.40	-0.05	<b>Sep</b>	97.40	+0.10	<b>Mar</b>	4.490	+2.0	<b>Nov</b>	9.432	-14.2	<b>Mar</b>	81.19	+1.25

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**Upcoming Special Stocker Sales**

Jan 24, 09	2:00 pm	Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Mkt	Bred Cow sale- 4 herds, dispersals
Jan 30, 09	11:00 am	D.H. Hickson Ltd	Quinte Cattlemen's Association 100% Vaccinated.
Jan 31, 09	11:00 am	Selby Livestock & Auctions Center	Lennox-Addington Stocker Sale Committee 100% Vaccinated.
Feb 14, 09	11:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings

### **Comments for the week ending January 22, 2009**

The fed cattle market saw another week of light trade volume. There were 975 fed cattle sold through auction markets down 278 from last week and 1,720 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$90.65-102.81 with a weekly average of \$97.79, down \$1.32 from last week and \$19.84 stronger than last year at this time. Heifers ranged from \$91.59-102.65 averaging \$98.36 up \$0.27 from last week and \$18.82 higher than a year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trading with prices \$1.00-\$2.00 stronger.

The slaughter cow market saw another strong week of trade. There were 2,852 slaughter cows sold through auction markets, up 404 from last week and 329 more than the same time last year. Cows traded from \$41.14-59.34 averaging \$50.66 up \$2.86 over last week and \$16.77 stronger than a year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong demand with prices \$2.00-\$5.00 higher.

There were 4,695 replacements sold through auction markets up 49.2% from last week but 15% less than same time last year. Auction markets reported active trading with light weights selling about \$3.00 higher and short keeps steady. On average over all weight categories steer calves were \$2.50-4.50 higher than last week and heifers were \$5.00-9.00 higher.

Ontario railgrade prices this week held about steady with last week. The top end price was \$1.00 lower. Steers were reported at \$167-\$175. Heifers were \$166-\$174.

Alberta's fed cattle market was moderate with prices steady to \$1.00 higher than last week. Steers sold from \$85.75-86.25 live and \$148.00-150.00 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$87.45-88.75 live and \$148.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north with prices \$3.00 lower as steers and heifers sold at \$127.00-134.00 dressed. Live cattle trade was active as well with prices \$1.00-2.00 lower as steers and heifers traded at \$82.00 live.