



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday February 12, 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** 165.00-170.00  
**A grade heifers** 164.00-169.00

## 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	90.62-105.63	99.07	108.75	98.65
Medium Frame Steers +1250	93.50-101.57	97.73	108.00	96.45
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	91.30-105.09	98.95	108.75	97.92
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	90.26-101.98	97.36	112.75	96.54
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	83.10-100.90	93.03	111.25	93.30
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	88.55-103.29	96.74	112.75	95.55
Cows- All Weights	37.99-55.42	47.44	84.50	47.44
Bulls- All Weights	54.93-68.26	61.86	91.00	61.86

## **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>	362	95.67-105.44	101.39	108.00	97.99
<b>900-999</b>	240	99.61-109.25	105.68	111.75	100.57
<b>800-899</b>	156	88.92-103.49	94.31	107.75	98.48
<b>700-799</b>	214	89.33-104.02	99.10	116.00	101.85
<b>600-699</b>	338	98.98-115.37	108.57	119.50	105.20
<b>500-599</b>	274	97.78-122.01	110.50	127.00	110.78
<b>400-499</b>	143	99.56-120.09	110.28	129.50	115.90
<b>-399</b>	121	69.60-114.84	97.57	129.00	109.62

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	249	86.66-100.11	95.73	104.50	91.98
<b>800-899</b>	135	83.64-96.23	91.19	104.00	94.58
<b>700-799</b>	144	88.58-98.01	94.25	101.25	95.03
<b>600-699</b>	173	90.31-100.95	94.95	105.00	97.41
<b>500-599</b>	245	91.64-105.13	97.76	118.00	96.80
<b>400-499</b>	222	88.86-107.84	96.77	121.00	102.11
<b>300-399</b>	88	78.52-101.34	90.10	122.00	97.53
<b>299-</b>	17	67.71-93.88	78.48	109.00	94.00

## **At Talbotville Livestock: Feb 7, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	92.00-99.75	106.25
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	93.00-103.25	No fancies on offer
<b>Export Cows</b>	47.00-55.00	
<b>Good Cows</b>	43.00-58.00	69.50
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	45.00-73.00	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: Feb 7, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	31.00-62.50	45.64	62.50
<b>Bulls all weights</b>	54.17-69.67	64.33	71.00

**At Denfield Livestock – Feb 3, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Good &amp; Choice steers</b>	94.00-102.75	<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	94.00-101.00
<b>Plain steer</b>	85.00-90.00	<b>Plain Heifers</b>	85.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	55.00-70.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	50.00-60.00
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	45.00-55.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	50.00-55.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	35.00-45.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$75.00-\$165.00
<b>Shells</b>	20.00-30.00		

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Feb 6, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	88.00-108.00	99.11	108.00	<b>900+</b>	91.00-104.50	99.75	104.50
<b>900-999</b>	90.50-108.00	102.02	108.00	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-104.00	99.35	104.00
<b>800-899</b>	80.25-104.25	88.66	107.75	<b>700-799</b>	95.50-110.00	97.96	101.25
<b>700-799</b>	89.00-103.25	97.69	103.25	<b>600-699</b>	91.50-103.50	95.59	104.00
<b>600-699</b>	100.00-119.50	110.16	119.50	<b>500-599</b>	98.00-106.00	101.15	118.00
<b>500-599</b>	102.00-124.00	111.21	125.00	<b>400-499</b>	90.00-102.00	94.17	118.00
<b>400-499</b>	99.00-125.00	110.56	129.50	<b>300-399</b>	85.00-99.00	89.62	104.00
<b>399-</b>	89.00-125.00	117.45	125.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market, Feb 7, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	86.00-89.00	88.25	89.00	<b>800-899</b>	70.00-83.50	80.65	83.50
<b>600-699</b>	85.00-100.50	90.57	100.50	<b>600-699</b>	79.00-100.00	84.40	100.00
<b>500-599</b>	86.00-122.00	107.87	122.00	<b>500-599</b>	80.00-113.00	86.94	113.00
				<b>400-499</b>	80.00-95.00	85.58	95.00

Stocker sale: **Temiskaming Livestock Sales, Feb 9, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-116.00	112.77	116.00	<b>600-699</b>	92.00	92.00	92.00
<b>500-599</b>	85.00-118.00	103.50	118.00	<b>520-599</b>	80.00-90.50	87.31	92.00

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – Feb 11, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	95.25-101.00	99.28	101.00	<b>900+</b>	90.25-94.00	91.66	94.00
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-99.00	98.56	99.00	<b>800-899</b>	100.75	100.75	100.75
<b>800-899</b>	101.00-101.50	101.33	101.50	<b>700-799</b>	82.00-94.50	92.37	94.50
<b>700-799</b>	89.00-105.00	99.06	116.00	<b>600-699</b>	99.00-105.00	100.51	105.00
<b>600-699</b>	102.00-116.50	109.44	116.50	<b>500-599</b>	88.00-105.00	99.55	105.00
<b>500-599</b>	107.00-122.50	116.39	122.50	<b>400-499</b>	105.00-108.50	107.42	108.50
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-122.00	120.22	122.00				
<b>399-</b>	80.00-124.00	100.80	124.00				

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – Feb 11, 2009**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	100.50-106.75	104.22	107.75	<b>900+</b>	96.00-103.75	101.69	103.75
<b>900-999</b>	105.50-111.75	109.49	111.75				
<b>800-899</b>	93.50-105.00	99.25	105.00				
<b>700-799</b>	72.00-99.50	95.55	99.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, Feb 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
800-899	89.00-96.00	91.29	96.00	900+	46.00-90.00	79.06	90.00
700-799	85.00-97.50	92.22	97.50	500-599	69.00-103.00	90.33	103.00
600-699	80.00-102.00	96.38	102.00				
500-599	89.50-121.00	104.45	121.00				
400-499	100.00-102.00	101.75	109.00				
399-	41.00-106.00	88.73	115.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, Feb 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	70.50-95.50	85.29	97.00	900+	66.00-84.50	75.83	89.50
900-999	68.50-100.00	87.04	100.00	800-899	79.00-86.50	82.48	95.50
800-899	93.50-105.75	97.76	107.75	700-799	87.50-100.00	93.67	100.00
700-799	94.00-108.00	103.38	108.00	600-699	87.50-99.00	94.78	101.00
600-699	104.00-117.75	111.72	117.75	500-599	92.00-107.00	99.91	107.00
500-599	97.00-121.00	114.16	125.00	400-499	92.50-105.00	98.32	107.00
400-499	106.00-124.00	116.08	124.00	300-399	85.00-100.00	90.70	100.00
399-	65.00-109.00	96.85	120.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, Feb 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
700-799	65.00-94.00	84.80	94.00	600-699	91.00-99.00	95.39	99.00
600-699	100.00-114.00	106.80	115.00	500-599	84.00-106.00	95.88	106.00
500-599	93.00-123.00	109.25	127.00	400-499	88.00-113.00	98.96	114.00
400-499	91.00-124.00	109.56	127.00	300-399	78.00-104.00	92.53	113.00
399-	49.00-126.00	88.18	126.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Brussels Livestock, Feb 12, 2009**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
399-	94.00-119.00	106.82	129.00	400-499	98.45-121.00	103.47	121.00
				300-399	89.00-110.00	101.50	122.00

**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday February 12, 2009**

Steers	Live	86.35-87.50	Flat rail	145.00-147.00
Heifers	Live	86.00-87.30	Flat rail	145.00-147.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday February 12, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	Live	83.00
	Rail	131.00-132.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday February 12, 2009**

A1, A2 Steers & Heifers	Price	163.00-164.50
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

Week Ending	AAA	AA
Jan 31, 2009	1.7356	1.7374
Jan 23, 2009	1.7641	1.7675
Jan 16, 2009	1.7193	1.7153

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

	<b>Choice 600-900</b>	<b>Select 600-900</b>
<b>Current 5 day average:</b>	136.66	134.71

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending February 14, 2009</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	614,000	622,000	624,000

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending Jan 31, 09</b>	<b>Week ending Jan 24, 09</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>3,662</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>15,164</b>
Steers & Heifers	3,110	3,402	12,787
Cows	509	557	2,322
Bulls	43	11	55

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>Feb 7, 2009</b>	828	785
<b>Feb 2, 2008</b>	854	804

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending Feb 7, 2008</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	61,105	321,580	111%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	41,245	227,295	116%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	11,238	52,557	97%

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

	<b>IMPORTS</b>	<b>EXPORTS</b>
	<b>Jan 1 – Dec 31, 08</b>	<b>Jan 1 – Feb 7, 09</b>
<b>Pure bred</b>	1,399	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b> 61,084
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	47,717	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b> 37,287
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b> 21,490

**BEEF EXPORTS**

	<b>United States</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
<b>Total</b>	Jan 1– Feb 7, 09 27,156 tonnes	N/A

**BEEF PRODUCTION**

	<b>Jan 1 – Feb 7, 09</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Fed</b>	88,361 tonnes	78,470 tonnes	+12.6%
<b>Non-fed</b>	25,471 tonnes	27,155 tonnes	-6.2%

**BEEF IMPORTS**

	<b>Jan 1 – Jan 31</b>	<b>Last Year Same Time</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>United States</b>	15,789 tonnes	15,339 tonnes	+2.9%

<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	11,749 tonnes	9,735 tonnes	+20.7%
<b>Total</b>	27,627 tonnes	25,223 tonnes	+9.5%

### 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>	84.05	-0.30	<b>Mar</b>	94.47	-0.67	<b>Mar</b>	3.632	-3.0	<b>Mar</b>	9.554	-13.0	<b>Spot</b>	80.94	+1.16
<b>Apr</b>	87.00	-0.50	<b>Apr</b>	95.47	-0.67	<b>May</b>	3.732	-2.6	<b>May</b>	9.576	-13.6	<b>Mar</b>	80.47	+0.74
<b>Jun</b>	84.80	-0.42	<b>May</b>	97.15	-0.65	<b>Jul</b>	3.832	-2.2	<b>Jul</b>	9.620	-14.0	<b>Jun</b>	80.52	+0.74
<b>Aug</b>	85.40	-0.75	<b>Aug</b>	99.45	-0.55	<b>Sep</b>	3.932	-2.6	<b>Aug</b>	9.500	-14.0	<b>Sep</b>	80.61	+0.75
<b>Oct</b>	88.70	-1.02	<b>Sep</b>	100.00	-0.40	<b>Dec</b>	4.054	-2.2	<b>Sep</b>	9.134	-13.4	<b>Dec</b>	80.69	+0.75
<b>Dec</b>	90.82	-0.82	<b>Jan</b>	99.80	-0.60	<b>Mar</b>	4.184	-2.4	<b>Nov</b>	8.924	-8.0	<b>Mar</b>	80.71	+0.75

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### Upcoming Special Stocker Sales

Feb 14, 09	11:00 am	Ottawa Livestock Exchange	Stockers and Yearlings
Feb 20, 09	7:00 pm	Ontario Stockyards Inc	Bred Cow Sale
Feb 24, 09	10:00 am	Keady Livestock Market	Grey County Calf Sale-vaccinated RFID reader on site.
Feb 24, 09	11:00 am	Ontario Stockyards Inc	All Vaccinated Stocker Sale

### **Comments for the week ending February 12, 2009**

The fed cattle market continues to see lighter offerings with prices a little stronger this week. There were 940 slaughter cattle sold through auction markets, down 32 from last week and 1,164 less than the same time last year. Steers ranged from \$91.30-\$105.09 with an average of \$98.95 up \$1.03 from last week and \$18.99 higher than year ago prices. Heifers sold from \$88.55-\$103.29 averaging \$96.74 up \$1.19 from last week and \$15.92 higher than last year. Auction markets reported a strong active trade with prices from steady to \$3.00 higher.

The slaughter cow market held fully steady this week. There were 2,535 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 21 from last week and 398 more than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$37.99-\$55.42 averaging \$47.44 which is identical to last week and \$9.49 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported a strong market with prices from steady to \$2.00 higher.

There were 3,121 replacements sold through auction markets down 25% from last week and fully steady to last year at this time. Auction markets reported active trade with calves selling steady. Yearling and short keep cattle were reported as trading on a good strong active trade with prices steady to higher.

Ontario railgrade prices reported for this week were \$1.50 lower on average and held steady throughout the week. Steers traded from \$165.00-\$170.00 while heifers were reported at \$164.00-\$169.00.

Alberta's fed cattle market was light to moderate with steers and heifers steady to \$1.00 higher. Steers sold from \$86.35-\$87.50 live and \$145.00-147.00 flat rail. Heifers traded from \$86.00-\$87.30 live and \$145.00-\$147.00 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active late last Friday in the south with live prices \$1.00 higher at \$83.00. Thursday saw light trade in the north with prices steady to \$1.00 higher at \$131.00-\$132.00 dressed. At time of reporting Friday afternoon, light to moderate trade in the north was \$1.00 higher at \$132.00 dressed, otherwise the country was quiet with asking prices holding at \$85.00-\$86.00 live and \$135.00-\$136.00 dressed and bids at \$80-\$81 live.