

**Week Ending Thursday May 28, 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** 164.00-172.00  
**A grade heifers** 163.00-171.00

## 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	89.74-105.41	99.25	109.25	99.70
Medium Frame Steers +1250	92.34-103.29	99.30	105.75	100.61
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	90.46-104.97	99.22	109.25	100.07
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	88.42-102.53	97.56	111.25	99.47
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	90.90-102.20	99.17	105.00	96.69
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	90.95-102.92	98.44	111.25	99.03
Cows- All Weights	40.41-57.65	49.23	91.00	51.50
Bulls- All Weights	56.42-70.13	63.37	86.50	66.37

### **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>	1189	96.18-100.45	98.32	103.00	99.92
<b>900-999</b>	785	97.18-104.54	101.63	112.00	104.88
<b>800-899</b>	467	97.54-110.65	105.79	114.75	106.80
<b>700-799</b>	637	100.54-116.90	110.62	130.35	114.46
<b>600-699</b>	492	104.80-122.05	114.09	132.00	118.71
<b>500-599</b>	441	105.44-129.66	120.68	148.00	119.17
<b>400-499</b>	269	106.97-133.79	121.27	146.00	120.23
<b>-399</b>	108	93.74-117.85	105.84	191.00	113.16

<b>HEIFERS</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>Last week Avg</b>
<b>+900</b>	382	90.48-98.07	94.66	103.00	93.46
<b>800-899</b>	297	94.51-102.68	99.62	108.75	98.07
<b>700-799</b>	430	95.72-106.52	101.85	114.50	104.91
<b>600-699</b>	595	96.99-116.98	109.15	131.00	109.05
<b>500-599</b>	558	104.09-122.49	115.30	130.25	112.54
<b>400-499</b>	349	104.80-123.22	115.17	135.00	111.96
<b>300-399</b>	78	96.45-119.50	110.48	139.50	104.75
<b>299-</b>	13	58.69-124.08	97.92	128.00	100.00

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday May 23, 2009**

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Good &amp; Choice Steers</b>	92.00-101.00	No tops
<b>Good &amp; Choice Heifers</b>	90.00-99.25	No tops
<b>Good Cows</b>	51.00-63.50	
<b>Export Cows</b>	46.00-58.00	
<b>Good heavy bulls</b>	Sales to 66.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: May 22, 2009**

	Price Range	Average	Top
<b>Cows</b>	34.00-59.50	49.85	59.50
<b>Bulls- all weights</b>	52.33-64.61	59.56	66.00

**At Denfield Livestock – May 26, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Choice steers</b>	100.00-105.00	<b>Choice Exotic Cross heifers</b>	100.00-103.25
<b>Good steers</b>	95.00-99.00	<b>Good heifers</b>	95.00-98.00
<b>Plain Steers</b>	80.00-90.00	<b>Plain heifers</b>	80.00-90.00
<b>Good fed cows</b>	60.00-70.00	<b>Good beef bulls</b>	65.00-68.50
<b>D1 &amp; D2 cows</b>	50.00-60.00	<b>Good Holstein bulls</b>	65.00-68.00
<b>D3 &amp; D4 cows</b>	40.00-47.00	<b>Good Holstein bull calves</b>	\$150.00-\$225.00
<b>Shells</b>	30.00-40.00	<b>Plain Holstein bull calves</b>	\$20.00-\$100.00
<b>Shortkeep steers</b>	98.00-104.00		
<b>950-1000 lbs</b>			

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 26, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
<b>Replacement calves</b>	95.00-165.00 top 180.00	<b>Cows D1 &amp; D2</b>	54.00-60.00 top 64.00
<b>Bulls</b>	60.00-67.00 top 80.00	<b>Cows D3</b>	49.00-54.00
<b>Bred cows-good x bred</b>	N/T	<b>Cows D4</b>	32.00-48.00

**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock** : 859 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	90.00-103.00	98.48	103.00	<b>900+</b>	95.00-99.00	97.80	99.75
<b>900-999</b>	101.75-108.75	106.17	110.00	<b>800-899</b>	95.00-105.75	102.70	105.75
<b>800-899</b>	103.00-111.75	107.51	111.75	<b>700-799</b>	94.50-113.75	105.94	114.50
<b>700-799</b>	106.00-116.00	112.08	116.00	<b>600-699</b>	104.50-115.50	110.41	115.50
<b>600-699</b>	107.50-124.00	115.90	124.00	<b>500-599</b>	105.00-120.25	113.90	122.00
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-128.50	121.95	135.00	<b>400-499</b>	114.50-124.00	120.48	129.00
<b>400-499</b>	118.00-134.50	125.83	135.00	<b>300-399</b>	120.00-124.00	122.67	129.00
<b>399-</b>	114.00-134.00	123.85	136.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market, May 23, 2009-** 107 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>600-699</b>	99.00-111.00	102.62	111.00	<b>600-699</b>	79.00-12.00	104.50	120.00
<b>500-599</b>	102.00-129.50	111.88	129.50	<b>500-599</b>			
<b>400-499</b>	99.00-138.00	111.50	138.00	<b>400-499</b>			

Stocker sale: **D.H. Hickson Ltd– May 26, 2009** – 139 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	85.00-113.50	104.30	113.50	<b>900+</b>	54.00-91.50	74.25	91.50
<b>600-699</b>	92.00-114.50	105.50	114.50	<b>600-699</b>	65.00-111.00	100.16	111.00
<b>500-599</b>	73.00-129.50	118.84	129.50	<b>500-599</b>	100.00-121.00	112.97	121.00
<b>400-499</b>	117.50-136.50	130.87	136.50	<b>400-499</b>	91.00-128.50	113.10	128.50
<b>300-399</b>	121.00-137.00	133.21	137.00				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – May 26, 2009-** 1,924 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	98.50-102.50	100.51	102.50	<b>900+</b>	101.00-103.00	102.70	103..00
<b>900-999</b>	99.75-106.25	104.21	106.25	<b>800-899</b>	101.50-104.50	102.83	104.50
<b>800-899</b>	100.00-114.75	109.75	114.75	<b>700-799</b>	104.25-107.50	106.17	107.75
<b>700-799</b>	101.00-122.00	114.67	130.35	<b>600-699</b>	98.00-121.25	112.35	121.25
<b>600-699</b>	119.00-132.00	126.50	132.00	<b>500-599</b>	115.00-127.75	121.57	127.75
<b>500-599</b>	125.00-143.00	136.56	148.00	<b>400-499</b>	117.00-124.00	121.50	124.00
<b>400-499</b>	116.00-146.00	134.34	146.00	<b>300-399</b>	107.00-123.50	118.90	123.50
<b>399-</b>	117.00-127.00	121.11	127.00				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– May 26, 2009-** 156 stockers.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>900-999</b>	97.00-103.00	<b>900+</b>	92.00-97.00
<b>800-899</b>	97.00-105.50	<b>800-899</b>	90.00-99.00
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-113.00	<b>700-799</b>	91.00-104.50
<b>600-699</b>	110.00-123.00	<b>600-699</b>	100.00-119.50
<b>500-599</b>	115.00-128.75	<b>500-599</b>	99.00-114.50
<b>400-499</b>	116.00-127.00	<b>400-499</b>	98.00-115.00
		<b>300-399</b>	106.00-118.00

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – May 27, 2009-** 1,835stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	96.50-100.25	98.27	102.00	<b>900+</b>	94.00-100.75	97.03	100.75
<b>900-999</b>	97.25-104.00	101.27	105.25	<b>800-899</b>	87.00-96.25	93.42	96.25
<b>800-899</b>	98.00-107.75	105.39	107.75	<b>700-799</b>	85.00-99.00	93.38	103.50
<b>700-799</b>	107.50-115.00	112.33	115.00	<b>600-699</b>	103.00-108.50	104.75	108.50
<b>600-699</b>	105.00-116.50	112.39	119.00	<b>500-599</b>	113.50	113.50	113.50
<b>500-599</b>	90.00-120.00	112.00	120.00	<b>400-499</b>	82.50-120.00	108.95	120.00

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, May 28, 2009 –** 141 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	76.50-94.50	88.83	94.50	<b>700-799</b>	96.00-102.00	99.75	102.00
<b>800-899</b>	82.00-101.50	95.33	101.50	<b>600-699</b>	93.00-111.00	102.56	111.00
<b>700-799</b>	97.50-111.00	107.21	111.00	<b>500-599</b>	92.00-116.50	106.22	116.50
<b>600-699</b>	79.00-101.00	86.25	115.00	<b>400-499</b>	92.00-116.00	100.44	116.00
<b>400-499</b>	82.50-120.50	107.43	120.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, May 28, 2009-** 1,185 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFER</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	65.00-91.00	76.27	98.00	<b>900+</b>	90.00-97.50	94.40	99.50
<b>900-999</b>	90.50-107.00	99.36	107.00	<b>800-899</b>	88.50-100.50	96.72	100.50
<b>800-899</b>	89.00-108.00	100.98	111.00	<b>700-799</b>	94.00-110.00	102.46	113.00
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-118.50	110.50	123.00	<b>600-699</b>	100.00-116.50	109.66	116.50
<b>600-699</b>	98.50-117.50	108.85	127.50	<b>500-599</b>	108.50-121.00	114.80	121.00
<b>500-599</b>	108.00-128.00	118.41	133.75	<b>400-499</b>	99.50-124.00	113.20	127.00
<b>400-499</b>	119.25-139.75	127.51	139.75	<b>300-399</b>	98.00-119.00	111.27	125.00
<b>399-</b>	107.00-133.00	120.42	140.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, May 28, 2009-** 164 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	86.00-113.00	98.29	113.00	<b>700-799</b>	82.00-99.00	90.89	106.00
<b>600-699</b>	87.00-121.00	114.00	121.00	<b>600-699</b>	94.00-111.00	104.08	111.00
<b>500-599</b>	68.00-128.00	116.54	128.00	<b>500-599</b>	95.00-117.00	106.84	125.00
<b>400-499</b>	55.00-126.00	100.90	128.00	<b>400-499</b>	95.00-121.00	112.37	121.00

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

Stocker sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc** : 700 stockers – Vaccinated stocker sale.

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFER</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>900-999</b>	94.00-104.00	98.77	112.00	<b>900+</b>	92.00-96.00	93.93	96.00
<b>800-899</b>	106.00-113.00	108.27	113.00	<b>800-899</b>	102.00-108.75	105.89	108.75
<b>700-799</b>	104.00-117.75	111.77	119.00	<b>700-799</b>	99.50-109.00	105.52	109.00
<b>600-699</b>	109.00-126.00	117.47	126.00	<b>600-699</b>	107.00-120.50	115.54	131.00
<b>500-599</b>	113.00-132.00	124.65	138.00	<b>500-599</b>	106.00-128.00	122.01	130.25
<b>400-499</b>	120.00-139.50	132.41	139.50	<b>400-499</b>	121.00-133.00	126.33	133.00
<b>399-</b>	106.00-130.00	125.07	130.00				

Replacements sold actively with prices steady to stronger.

Stocker sale: **Kawartha Lakes Coop Auction Market – May 27, 2009-** 331 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	74.00-91.75	88.10	91.75	<b>900+</b>	71.50-87.50	82.90	87.50
<b>900-999</b>	75.00-96.75	91.31	96.75	<b>800-899</b>	71.50-88.75	83.90	88.75
<b>800-899</b>	73.00-104.50	95.54	104.50	<b>700-799</b>	89.00-105.00	99.11	105.00
<b>700-799</b>	80.00-115.25	103.78	115.25	<b>600-699</b>	79.50-113.50	104.79	113.50
<b>600-699</b>	106.50-122.50	115.43	122.50	<b>500-599</b>	85.00-128.00	117.49	128.00
<b>500-599</b>	87.50-131.00	117.40	131.00	<b>400-499</b>	106.25-123.50	115.86	123.50
<b>400-499</b>	117.00-135.00	127.09	135.00				

Stockers sold actively at steady prices.

### **ONTARIO BRED COWS**

**Ontario Stockyards Inc, Fri May 22, 2009-** 316 head

	<b>Exotic and Exotic X</b>	<b>British and British X</b>
<b>Top quality bred cows</b>	\$1000-\$1280	\$1000-\$1200
<b>Avg quality bred cows</b>	\$900-\$1000	\$800-\$1000
<b>Top quality cow/calf pairs</b>	\$1250-\$1500	\$1000-\$1250
<b>Avg quality cow/calf pairs</b>	\$900-\$1200	\$900-\$1100

All cows sold on a very active trade.

### **ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday May 28, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	88.75-90.45	<b>Flat rail</b>	147.00-150.85
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	88.35-90.45	<b>Flat rail</b>	147.00-150.85

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 28, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	84.00
	<b>Rail</b>	135.00

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

Week Ending **Thursday May 28, 2009**                      **Price**  
**A1, A2 Steers & Heifers**                                      **166.50-169.00**

**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
May 15, 2009	1.8621	1.7721
May 9, 2009	1.8517	1.7839
May 1, 2009	1.8417	1.8121

**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>	146.12	140.25

**USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
	May 30, 2009		
<b>Grand Total</b>	617,000	678,000	623,000

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA**

	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Heifers</b>
<b>May 23, 2009</b>	815	751
<b>May 17, 2008</b>	819	766

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL**

	<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>% of Yr. Ago</b>
	May 23, 2008		
<b>Grand Total</b>	55,750	1,190,569	98%
<b>% Alberta Slaughter</b>	44,182	854,628	102%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	9,002	208,920	94%

**LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO**

	<b>Week ending May 9, 09</b>	<b>Week ending May 2, 09</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total</b> live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>51,383</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,733	2,160	40,747
Cows	293	545	10,230
Bulls	15	50	406

**LIVE CATTLE-CANADA**

<b>IMPORTS</b>		<b>EXPORTS</b>	
Jan 1 – March 31, 09		Jan 1 – May 16, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	346	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	229,604
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	11,301	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	167,986
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	76,790

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– May 23, 09	Mexico Jan 1-Mar 31
<b>Total</b>	102,330 tonnes	9,077 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – May 23, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	349,508 tonnes	343,525 tonnes	+1.7%
<b>Non-fed</b>	73,491 tonnes	94,471 tonnes	-22.2%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – May 16, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	40,374 tonnes	39,354 tonnes	+2.6%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	26,149 tonnes	13,443 tonnes	+94.5%
<b>Total</b>	66,891 tonnes	53,520 tonnes	+25.0%

### 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>Jun</b>	81.32 -0.17	<b>Aug</b>	101.75 -0.07	<b>Jul</b>	4.362 +7.4	<b>Jul</b>	11.840 +5.0	<b>Spot</b>	91.44 +1.64
<b>Aug</b>	81.82 -0.02	<b>Sep</b>	101.70 -0.30	<b>Sep</b>	4.462 +7.2	<b>Aug</b>	11.484 +8.0	<b>Jun</b>	91.43 +1.63
<b>Oct</b>	87.70 -0.55	<b>Oct</b>	101.80 -0.22	<b>Dec</b>	4.592 +7.0	<b>Sep</b>	10.964 +8.4	<b>Sep</b>	91.48 +1.62
<b>Dec</b>	90.02 -0.45	<b>Nov</b>	102.15 -0.35	<b>Mar</b>	4.692 +5.6	<b>Nov</b>	10.624 +9.4	<b>Dec</b>	91.54 +1.61
<b>Feb</b>	91.85 -0.65	<b>Jan</b>	100.67 -0.62	<b>May</b>	4.764 +5.6	<b>Jan</b>	10.646 +9.4	<b>Mar</b>	91.61 +1.61
<b>Apr</b>	94.05 -0.45	<b>Mar</b>	100.00 -0.40	<b>Jul</b>	4.824 +5.2	<b>Mar</b>	10.536 +10.6	<b>Jun</b>	91.69 +1.60

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### **Comments for the week ending May 28, 2009**

The climbing Canadian dollar put some pressure on cattle prices this week, but not as badly as was expected. There were 1,263 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 270 from last week and 496 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$90.46-\$104.97 averaging \$99.22, down \$0.85 from last week and \$12.98 higher than last year at this time. Heifers sold from \$90.95-\$102.92 averaging \$98.44 down \$0.59 from last week and \$12.54 stronger than year ago prices. Auction market reports started the week from barely steady to \$1.00 higher with prices reported as steady to under pressure, up to \$2.00 lower as the week progressed.

The slaughter cow market saw easier prices also this week. There were 2,120 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 188 from last week and 740 less than last year at this time. Cows traded from \$40.41-\$57.65 averaging \$49.23 down \$2.27 from last week and \$2.73 stronger than year ago prices. Auction markets reported active trade with prices steady to strong early in the week with reports of steady to under pressure, up to \$4.00 lower, as the week progressed.

There were 7,090 replacement cattle sold through auction markets up 70.4% from last week and 10% less than the same time last year. Auction markets reported a good demand with active trade. Grass type cattle were reported as steady to fully steady with special vaccinated sales steady to stronger. Heavier and short keep cattle were reported as steady to mostly under pressure.

Ontario railgrade prices were \$0.25 lower on average this week. Steers started the week at \$165-\$172 down to \$164-\$172 as the week progressed. Heifers followed the same trend with prices \$164-\$171 early in the week down to \$163-\$171 as the week progressed.

Alberta's fed cattle market was active with prices holding steady. Steers traded from \$88.75-\$90.45 live and \$147.00-\$150.85 flat rail. Heifers sold from \$88.35-\$90.45 live and \$147.00-\$150.85 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was active in the north on Thursday with prices \$1.00 lower at \$135.00 dressed. Light trade in the south was also \$1.00 lower at \$84.00 live. Today, active trade in the south was \$0.50-\$1.00 lower than last week at \$84.00-\$84.50 live. The north appears to be finished for the week.