



# Weekly Market Information Report



**Week Ending Thursday July 30, 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**            149.00-155.00  
**A grade heifers**        148.00-154.00

## 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	84.25-91.99	88.99	103.00	91.98
Medium Frame Steers +1250	85.41-92.12	89.85	94.50	85.77
Large & Medium Frame Steers + 1250	84.95-92.71	89.46	103.00	91.36
Large Frame Heifers + 1000	81.69-91.45	86.90	99.00	91.45
Medium Frame Heifers + 1000	80.01-90.32	85.76	95.25	86.93
Large & Medium Frame heifers + 1000	80.69-92.65	86.89	99.00	90.50
Cows- All Weights	35.15-51.84	43.72	84.00	47.91
Bulls- All Weights	54.80-68.18	61.24	93.00	64.14

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

STEERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
1000+	865	92.50-97.54	95.46	99.75	98.47
900-999	351	94.92-101.26	98.09	103.00	103.21
800-899	238	96.38-104.80	101.61	111.00	104.43
700-799	168	93.35-108.76	101.18	114.00	105.90
600-699	218	94.78-120.10	109.78	124.00	111.11
500-599	178	97.67-125.77	114.96	144.00	117.66
400-499	92	104.40-130.41	118.50	146.00	126.26
-399	56	90.77-129.91	112.15	150.00	67.41

HEIFERS	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top	Last week Avg
+900	333	80.00-94.56	88.71	101.00	91.42
800-899	140	84.94-95.41	90.42	100.00	91.28
700-799	210	86.46-102.94	96.27	109.75	93.83
600-699	245	92.59-111.29	103.36	115.00	105.00
500-599	171	93.75-112.22	103.84	122.00	106.72
400-499	50	105.11-115.38	110.64	136.00	110.51
300-399	23	96.83-123.70	110.04	146.00	105.18
299-	13	103.31-109.00	105.99	160.00	83.88

### **At Talbotville Livestock: Saturday July 25 2009**

	Price Range	Top
Good & Choice Steers	88.00-96.50	No tops
Good & Choice Heifers	88.00-94.50	98.75
Good Cows	46.00-57.50	63.00
Export Cows	47.00-54.00	
Good heavy bologna bulls	57.00-79.00	
Good Hol veal (no choice on offer)	68.00-82.50	

**At Kawartha Lakes Co-op Auction Market: July 25, 2009**

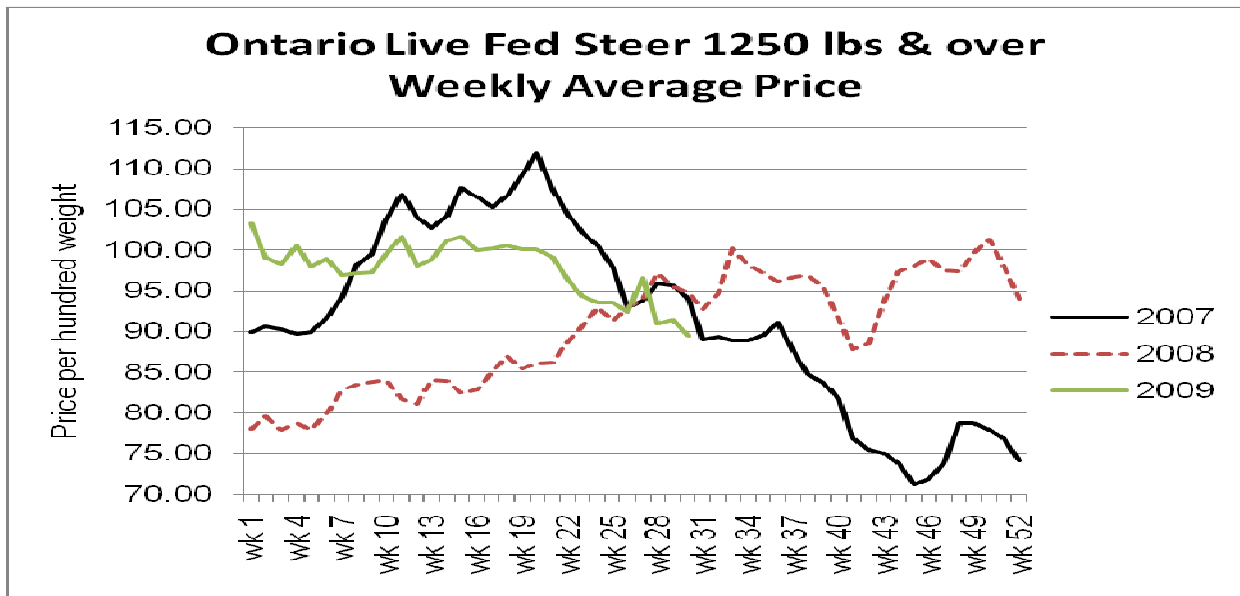
	Price Range	Average	Top
Cows	28.00-59.00	45.62	59.00
Bulls 1600 lbs & over	57.20-71.20	63.25	74.00

**At Denfield Livestock – July 28, 2009**

	Price Range		Price Range
Choice steers	91.00-95.00	Choice exotic cross heifers	90.00-94.00
Good steers	85.00-89.00	Good heifers	85.00-89.00
Plain Steers	75.00-80.00	Plain heifers	75.00-80.00
Good fed cows	55.00-65.00	Good beef bulls	65.00-70.00
D1 & D2 cows	48.00-54.00	Good Holstein bulls	60.00-65.00
D3 & D4 cows	40.00-45.00	Good Holstein bull calves	\$100.00-\$200.00
Shells	30.00-40.00	Day old & Plain Hol bull calves	\$10.00-\$80.00

**At Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– July 21, 2009- 3 replacement calves, 3 bulls, 100 cows**

	Price Range		Price Range
Replacement calves	N/T	Cows D1 & D2	52.00-58.00 top 61.00
Bulls	All light bulls by \$	Cows D3	42.00-49.50
Bred cows-good x bred	N/T	Cows D4	32.00-41.00



**ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE**

Stocker sale at: **Brussels Livestock, July 24, 2009 – 1,351 stockers**

STEERS	Price Range	Avg	Top	HEIFERS	Price Range	Avg	Top
1000+	91.00-97.75	95.61	99.75	900+	82.00-98.25	91.95	98.25
900-999	95.75-103.00	99.99	103.00	800-899	84.00-100.00	92.04	100.00
800-899	96.50-104.25	101.63	104.25	700-799	89.00-106.00	98.83	109.75
700-799	94.50-109.50	101.77	109.50	600-699	97.50-115.00	106.90	115.00
600-699	103.50-122.00	113.18	122.00	500-599	98.00-113.00	106.42	113.50
500-599	106.00-131.00	118.41	144.00	400-499	103.00-112.00	109.00	112.00
400-499	118.00-140.00	124.15	146.00	300-399	95.00-139.00	113.67	139.00
300-399	138.00-141.00	139.00	141.00				

Stocker sale: **Community Livestock Exchange-Hoards Station– July 28, 2009 – 175 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	71.00-102.50	88.16	102.50	<b>700-799</b>	79.00-101.50	93.88	101.50
<b>700-799</b>	89.00-112.00	98.78	112.00	<b>600-699</b>	87.00-105.50	97.96	105.50
<b>600-699</b>	65.00-121.50	103.64	121.50	<b>500-599</b>	86.50-119.00	106.95	119.00
<b>500-599</b>	88.50-126.50	117.23	126.50				
<b>400-499</b>	77.00-133.50	115.43	133.50				

Stocker sale: **Keady Livestock Market – July 28, 2009- 374 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	95.00-96.75	95.57	99.25	<b>900+</b>	82.75-98.35	93.70	98.35
<b>900-999</b>	98.85-102.50	100.27	102.50	<b>800-899</b>	91.75-94.50	92.21	94.50
<b>800-899</b>	108.50-111.00	109.92	111.00	<b>700-799</b>	84.50-100.75	92.74	100.75
<b>600-699</b>	106.50-124.00	119.81	124.00	<b>500-599</b>	107.00-110.00	108.58	110.00
<b>400-499</b>	128.00-135.50	133.00	135.50				

Stocker sale: **Renfrew Pontiac Livestock Ltd– July 28, 2009- 48 stockers.**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range
<b>700-799</b>	100.00-117.50	<b>600-699</b>	99.00-114.00
<b>600-699</b>	108.00-122.00	<b>500-599</b>	112.00-121.00
<b>500-599</b>	122.00-128.00	<b>400-499</b>	116.00-120.00
<b>400-499</b>	122.00-135.00		

Stocker sale: **Ontario Livestock Exchange – July 29, 2009- 779 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>+1000</b>	94.00-98.00	96.06	98.00	<b>900+</b>	82.50-92.75	87.30	101.00
<b>900-999</b>	95.75-101.50	98.24	101.50	<b>800-899</b>	83.50-89.50	86.85	89.50
<b>800-899</b>	79.00-84.50	82.13	84.50				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Livestock Exchange, July 30, 2009 – 128 stockers**

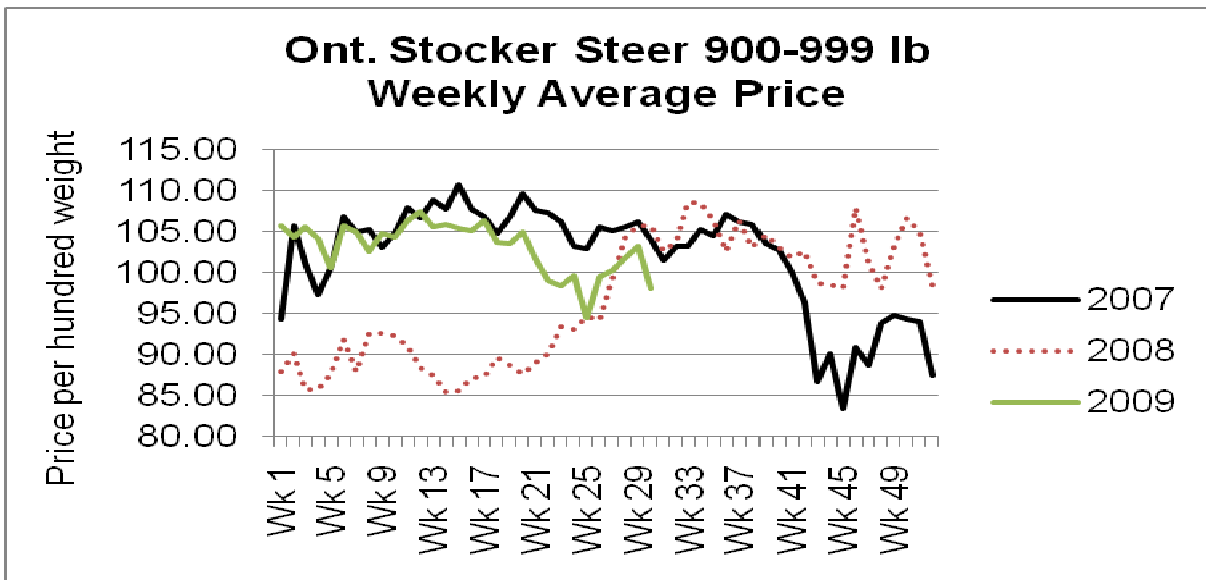
<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>800-899</b>	80.00-94.00	88.05	94.00	<b>700-799</b>	91.50-95.00	92.94	95.00
<b>700-799</b>	93.00-104.50	100.00	104.50	<b>600-699</b>	82.50-100.50	94.25	105.50
<b>600-699</b>	86.00-120.00	104.00	120.00	<b>500-599</b>	88.00-115.00	97.80	115.00
<b>500-599</b>	90.00-125.00	113.33	125.00	<b>400-499</b>	117.00-129.00	121.00	129.00
<b>399-</b>	1136.00-144.00	141.50	144.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ontario Stockyards Inc, July 30, 2009- 230 stockers**

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>1000+</b>	74.50-89.00	83.45	89.00	<b>900+</b>	62.50-89.75	83.96	89.75
<b>900-999</b>	73.50-94.25	88.45	94.25	<b>800-899</b>	87.50-95.00	93.63	95.00
<b>800-899</b>	85.00-107.75	102.21	107.75	<b>700-799</b>	91.00-100.00	95.90	100.00
<b>700-799</b>	92.00-114.00	103.93	114.00	<b>600-699</b>	89.50-108.00	99.85	111.50
<b>600-699</b>	94.00-115.00	103.69	115.00	<b>500-599</b>	88.00-114.50	106.31	114.50
<b>500-599</b>	101.00-124.50	115.24	132.50	<b>400-499</b>	92.00-108.00	100.52	108.00
<b>400-499</b>	114.00-134.50	120.04	135.50				
<b>399-</b>	99.00-124.00	114.34	124.00				

Stocker Sale at: **Ottawa Livestock Exchange, July 30, 2009**- 122 stockers

<b>STEERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top	<b>HEIFERS</b>	Price Range	Avg	Top
<b>700-799</b>	94.00-108.00	102.07	108.00	<b>700-799</b>	51.00-98.00	86.00	98.00
<b>600-699</b>	81.00-123.00	109.67	123.00	<b>600-699</b>	76.00-99.00	90.22	104.00
<b>500-599</b>	74.00-126.00	112.19	134.00	<b>500-599</b>	96.00-115.00	104.11	115.00
<b>400-499</b>	98.00-131.00	114.25	131.00	<b>300-399</b>	63.00-120.00	89.00	120.00
<b>399-</b>	60.00-135.00	101.47	135.00	<b>299-</b>	101.00-105.00	103.00	105.00



**ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE**

Week Ending **Thursday July 30, 2009**

<b>Steers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.35-83.00	<b>Flat rail</b>	136.50-137.30
<b>Heifers</b>	<b>Live</b>	81.00-82.25	<b>Flat rail</b>	136.00-137.30

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

Week Ending **Thursday July 30, 2009**

Weekly range for choice and select steers and heifers	<b>Live</b>	N/T (Friday-82.00)
	<b>Rail</b>	N/T (Friday-131.00-132.00)

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

Week Ending **Thursday July 30, 2009**

<b>A1, A2 Steers</b>	<b>Price</b>	150.00-152.75
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**CANADIAN BOXED BEEF CUT-OUT VALUES**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>AAA</b>	<b>AA</b>
July 17, 2009	1.6530	1.5875
July 10, 2009	1.6851	1.6135
July 3, 2009	1.6923	1.6027

**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>	142.77	136.98

### USDA ESTIMATED CATTLE KILL

	Week Ending July 25, 2009	Previous Week	Year Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	639,000	615,000	622,000

### AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHTS – CANADA

	Steers	Heifers
<b>July 25, 2009</b>	843	782
<b>July 19, 2008</b>	827	760

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED CANADIAN KILL

	Week Ending July 25, 2009	YTD	% of Yr. Ago
<b>Grand Total</b>	62,824	1,753,264	98%
<b>Alberta Slaughter</b>	49,605	1,297,813	104%
<b>Ontario Slaughter</b>	10,791	304,013	97%

### LIVE CATTLE EXPORTS-ONTARIO

	Week ending July 11, 09	Week ending July 4, 09	Year to Date
<b>Total live slaughter cattle exported from Ont to the US.</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>70,074</b>
Steers & Heifers	1,853	1,551	56,726
Cows	227	255	12,825
Bulls	1	34	523

### LIVE CATTLE-CANADA

<u>IMPORTS</u>		<u>EXPORTS</u>	
Jan 1 – May 31, 09		Jan 1 – July 18, 09	
<b>Pure bred</b>	668	<b>Slaughter steers &amp; heifers</b>	290,253
<b>Non-pure bred</b>	19,834	<b>Feeder steers &amp; heifers</b>	195,478
		<b>Cows &amp; Bulls</b>	101,075

### BEEF EXPORTS

	United States Jan 1– July 25, 09	Mexico Jan 1-May 31
<b>Total</b>	150,088 tonnes	14,795 tonnes

### BEEF PRODUCTION

	Jan 1 – July 25, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>Fed</b>	522,994 tonnes	509,328 tonnes	+2.7%
<b>Non-fed</b>	101,128 tonnes	129,077 tonnes	-21.7%

### BEEF IMPORTS

	Jan 1 – July 18, 09	Last Year Same Time	% Change
<b>United States</b>	64,107 tonnes	62,495 tonnes	+2.6%
<b>Non-NAFTA</b>	35,974 tonnes	19,735 tonnes	+82.3%
<b>Total</b>	103,480 tonnes	83,178 tonnes	+24.4%

## 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>Aug</b>	84.70	+0.12	<b>Aug</b>	102.35	+0.22	<b>Sep</b>	3.394	+7.2	<b>Aug</b>	11.340	+5.6	<b>Spot</b>	92.71	+0.37
<b>Oct</b>	90.20	+0.35	<b>Sep</b>	102.55	+0.27	<b>Dec</b>	3.494	+7.2	<b>Sep</b>	10.440	+15.0	<b>Sep</b>	92.70	+0.34
<b>Dec</b>	89.22	+0.00	<b>Oct</b>	102.52	+0.25	<b>Mar</b>	3.622	+7.2	<b>Nov</b>	9.820	+11.0	<b>Dec</b>	92.73	+0.35
<b>Feb</b>	89.17	+0.12	<b>Nov</b>	102.65	+0.25	<b>May</b>	3.716	+7.2	<b>Jan</b>	9.844	+10.0	<b>Mar</b>	92.74	+0.35
<b>Apr</b>	90.80	+0.27	<b>Jan</b>	101.70	+0.05	<b>Jul</b>	3.806	+7.4	<b>Mar</b>	9.810	+6.2	<b>Jun</b>	92.75	+0.34
<b>Jun</b>	87.95	+0.47	<b>Mar</b>	101.50	+0.15	<b>Sep</b>	3.870	+6.0	<b>May</b>	9.730	+3.4	<b>Sep</b>	92.76	+0.35

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### Ontario Auction Markets Special Fall Stocker Sales- August 2009

Aug 22 9:30 am Stratton-Rainy River Cattlemen's Assoc Mainly Yearlings, also cows & calves, some age verified and vaccinated.

Aug 22 10:00 am Greely- Ottawa Livestock Exchange Stockers and yearlings

### **Comments for the week ending July 30, 2009**

The fed cattle market saw no relief this week as prices continue to trend lower. There were 748 fed cattle sold through auction markets up 130 from last week and 585 less than last year at this time. Steers traded from \$84.95-\$92.71 averaging \$89.46 down \$1.90 from last week and \$5.31 lower than year ago prices. Heifers sold from \$80.69-\$92.65 trading for an average price of \$86.89, down \$3.61 from last week and \$7.61 lower than last year at this time. Auction markets reported steady prices last weekend, then started the week off \$2.00-\$4.00 lower. As the week progressed, prices were reported from \$1.00-\$2.00 lower to a firmer note by the end of the week.

The slaughter cow market saw a tougher week of trade as prices continued to decline. There were 1,869 slaughter cows sold through auction markets up 121 from last week and 279 less than the same time last year. Cows traded from \$35.15-\$51.84 averaging \$43.72 down \$4.19 from last week and \$13.16 lower than year ago prices. Auction markets reported steady prices last weekend. As the week progressed, prices were reported as under pressure up to \$2.00 lower.

The replacement cattle market was also under pressure this week. There were 3,351 replacement cattle sold through auction markets up 5.1% from last week and 1% less than last year at this time. Auction markets reported a good demand with active trading and prices from steady to barely steady with some up to \$6.00 lower. Actual average prices saw all categories of steers average \$1.33-\$7.76 lower. Heifers under 500 lbs traded steady to \$4.86 higher. Heifers 700-800 lbs averaged \$2.44 higher while heifers 500-700 lbs and 800 lbs + averaged \$1.64-\$2.88 lower.

Ontario railgrade prices continued to trend downward as the week progressed. Steers traded from \$151-\$155 early in the week to \$149-155 by mid week. Heifers ranged from \$150-\$155 early week to \$148-\$154 by mid week. This week's average prices are \$4.00 lower than last week.

Alberta's fed cattle market averaged \$0.50-\$1.00 lower than last week. Steers traded from \$81.35-\$83.00 live and \$136.50-\$137.30 flat rail. Heifers sold at \$81.00-\$82.25 live and \$136.00-137.30 flat rail.

U.S. cash cattle trade was remained untested until Friday afternoon where southern trade was \$1.00 lower at \$82.00 live and northern business weak to \$1.00 lower at \$131.00-\$132.00 dressed.