



DAILY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT – THURSDAY Feb 20, 2025

ONTARIO DIRECT TO PACKER RAILGRADE CATTLE TRADE

Prices are on a carcass weight basis before grade and weight discounts:
Prices reported for Wednesday Feb 19th

A Grade Steers **No new bids or trades reported**
A Grade Heifers **No new bids or trades reported**

ONTARIO LIVE CATTLE TRADE

Today at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **308 Fed cattle, 485 Cow, 475 Stockers**

	Price Range	Top
Good Fed Steers	270.00-283.00	286.50
Good Fed Heifers	267.00-282.00	
Holstein Steers	230.00-244.00	255.00
Good Cows	158.00-187.00	235.00
Stocker Steers 700 lb +	312.00-423.00	
Lightweight Steers	428.00-540.00	575.00
Stocker Heifers 700 lb +	257.00-380.00	
Lightweight Heifers	334.00-460.00	390.00

Fed cows continue to sell very strong. Fed steers and heifers sold \$2.00-\$3.00/cwt softer. Holstein steers sold at barely steady prices. Stockers traded actively at firm prices. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

Today at Brussels Livestock: **170 Veal**

	Price Range	Top
Beef Veal	300.00-329.00	
Good Holstein Veal	290.00-316.00	329.00
Slightly Heavy Holstein Veal	280.00-313.00	
Heavy Holstein 800 lb +	250.00-275.00	
Medium Holstein Veal	275.00-289.00	
Plain Holsteins	260.00-274.00	

Veal sold actively at steady prices. Drop calves sold from \$650.00-\$1575 per head. **Stocker Sales every Fri @10:00 am.**

Today at Ontario Stockyards Inc: ***Sales at the time of reporting. Results will be posted tomorrow***

At Aylmer Stockyards Inc.: **Feb 19, 2025 – 19 Veal, 177 Cows, 3 Bull, 31 Fed cattle, 18 Stockers**

	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	279.00-295.00	286.90	295.00
Fed Heifers, dairy & dairy cross 1000+ lbs	216.99-243.00	232.10	243.00
Cows	131.00-206.00	170.39	206.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	270.00-360.00	296.30	360.00

131 Replacement Calves sold between \$50.00-\$1665.00 for an average of \$1171.37 per head. **Special stocker sales the last Wednesday of each month @ 12:30 pm!**

Ontario auction sales on **Wednesday** saw weighted prices for:

	Volume	Price Range	Average	Top
Large & Medium Frame Fed Heifers +1000 lbs	16	260.00-281.00	271.02	295.00
Fed Heifers, Dairy & Dairy Cross +1000 lbs	42	185.09-241.57	216.19	243.00
Cows	552	138.27-195.11	165.39	277.00
Bulls under 1600 lbs	4	174.38-194.37	183.33	204.00
Bulls over 1600 lbs	6	210.67-222.67	217.00	226.00
Veal 600 lbs and over	25	229.40-330.60	264.38	360.00
Veal 125 lbs and under	329	870.00-1530.00	1121.94	1650.00

To check out individual auction market results on the BFO website go to <http://www.ontariobeef.com/markets/marketreports.aspx>

ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER TRADE

Stocker sale at Ontario Livestock Exchange: **Feb 19, 2025 - 199 Stockers**

Steers	Price Range	Average	Top	Heifers	Price Range	Average	Top
1000+	348.00-370.00	360.08	370.00				
900-999	349.00-393.00	378.11	393.00				

Light volumes of feeder cattle sold actively at steady prices. **Special Vacc Stocker Sales every Wed @ 1:00 pm.**

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

	Choice 600-900	Select 600-900
Cutout Values (noon estimate):	312.63	303.18
Change (from yesterday's close):	-1.26	-0.58
Current Five Day Average:	315.49	306.14

ALBERTA DIRECT TRADE

Alberta direct trade on on Wednesday saw light trade develop with dressed sales marked at \$460.00-\$462.00/cwt delivered, steady to \$2.00/cwt higher than last week. Buying interest has been noted from all three Western Canadian packers. Fed supplies are current and cooler temperatures over the past couple of weeks have set cattle back. Asking prices have been reported anywhere from \$465-470/cwt delivered. Canadian beef exports were strong during the first half of the year but were below year ago levels during the second half of the year. In 2024 Canadian beef exports were 1% lower than 2023. The top three markets for Canadian beef were US, Japan and Mexico.

Steers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	460.00-462.00
Heifers	Live FOB	N/T	Rail - Del	460.00-462.00

U.S. TRADE (U.S. FUNDS)

The U.S. cash cattle trade saw no new trade to report. Today, light trade is reported on the Fed Cattle Exchange. These cattle were located in Texas and sold bids the grid at \$201.00/cwt. Beyond the Fed Cattle Exchange, light trade was reported in the Southern feeding states at \$199.00/cwt live, \$3.00/cwt lower than the previous week. In the Northern feeding states live bids are reported at \$201.00/cwt, \$2.00/cwt lower, while dressed bids are reported at \$315.00/cwt, \$5.00-\$7.00/cwt softer. Over the past couple of days, the March corn contract has been hovering on either side of \$5.00/bushel, the highest point since January 2024.

Choice and Select Steers and Heifers:	Live	N/T
	Rail	N/T

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

Closing quotes on futures **today** were as follows:

Live Cattle			Feeder			Corn		
	US \$ cwt			US \$ cwt			US \$/bu	
Feb	197.62	-0.20	Mar	266.82	-2.20	Mar	4.980	+0.4
Apr	193.80	-0.97	Apr	266.37	-2.22	May	5.126	+0.4
Jun	189.97	-0.95	May	265.07	-1.97	Jul	5.166	+1.4
Aug	188.40	-0.77	Aug	268.30	-1.35	Sep	4.824	+3.4
Oct	190.22	-0.67	Sep	267.65	-0.80	Dec	4.794	+3.0
Dec	191.95	-0.60	Oct	266.72	-0.30	Mar	4.902	+2.6

Soybeans			Soft Red Winter Wheat			Canadian \$		
	US \$/bu			US \$/bu				
Mar	10.454	+13.6	Mar	5.854	-6.4	Spot	70.54	+0.28
May	10.630	+14.6	May	6.002	-6.2	Mar	70.62	+0.27
Jul	10.776	+13.6	Jul	6.140	-5.7	Jun	70.90	+0.27
Aug	10.752	+12.4	Sep	6.286	-5.4	Sep	71.19	+0.26
Sep	10.600	+11.0	Dec	6.470	-5.0	Dec	71.46	+0.26
Nov	10.612	+10.0	Mar	6.614	-4.4	Mar	71.74	+0.25

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ONTARIO STOCKER & FEEDER SPECIAL FALL SALES

Feb 22	11:30 am	Carsons Farms & Auction Services LTD.	Beef Cow & Calf Sale
Mar 7	5:00 pm	Keady Livestock Market	Special Bred Hfr & Cow Sale
Mar 14	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Sale
May 1	10:00 am	Grey Bruce Livestock Co-op -Wiaraton	Stocker Sale - 90% vaccinated
May 2	11:00 am	Community Livestock Exchange	Quinte Cattlemen's Sale
May 3	10:00 am	Algoma Co-op Livestock- Thessalon	Stockers- Farm fresh, 50% vaccinated,
May 7	10:00 am	Kawartha Lakes Sales Barn	Peterborough Cattlemen/ Victoria Beef Producers