



Ontario Veal Association Weekly Market Report

Week ending April 1, 2004

In reference to the following prices, producers are reminded to check with individual auction markets on current prices and trends.

ONTARIO WEEKLY AVERAGES – weighted average of 14 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Avg Wt.	Range	Top \$	Avg \$	Last Wk Avg \$
Over 600 lbs	668	715	45.83-79.05	121.00	62.10	64.65
451-600 lbs	115	552	49.64-67.13	105.00	58.56	58.06
301-450 lbs	35	385	49.89-73.69	121.00	60.25	78.26
126-300 lbs	136	150	88.45-151.89	189.00	124.46	109.19
125 lbs and under	921	104	98.25-174.66	325.00	146.03	126.39
TOTAL Vol:	1875					Vol: 1891

ONTARIO SALE BARN COMMENTS

Finished Calves

OSI Mar 29 A light run of veal calves traded at steady prices.
 Brussels April 1 The veal sold on a steady market.

Bob Calves

Vankleek Hill Mar 29 Calves were up 2 cents/lb. with last week.
 Keady Mar 30 Dairy dollar calves traded up to \$25 per head higher.

ONTARIO MARCH AVERAGES – weighted average of 14 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Avg Wt.	Range	Top \$	Avg \$	Feb Avg \$
Over 600 lbs	3045	719	42.70-79.81	121.00	62.69	62.52
451-600 lbs	395	552	38.11-62.96	109.00	50.19	46.39
301-450 lbs	154	381	46.14-75.11	125.00	59.98	52.13
126-300 lbs	671	149	78.40-137.33	230.00	112.77	123.20
125 lbs and under	4086	104	87.30-155.62	325.00	128.99	195.67
TOTAL Vol:	8351					Vol: 9029

ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON

	This Week	Last Week	2003
Ontario (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	61.58	64.05	79.57
Quebec ¹ (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	65.17	62.87	74.75

1 - Converted Quebec Electronic Auction average weekly price to Ontario live \$

QUEBEC AVERAGE PRICES - Week of Mar 27, 2004 (\$/cwt)

	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	135.00-166.00	146.00	230.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	130.00-160.00	140.00	216.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	100.00-138.00	122.00	184.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	142.00-252.00	193.00	338.00
Quebec A2 Grain Fed Veal \$/cwt			
596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off):	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
	105.00-117.50	115.23	145.19

VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD - Week of Mar 27, 2004

Ontario - to date	2004	2003	% chg	Quebec - to date	2004	2003	% chg
Over 600 lbs	7501	5438	37.9	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	12731	12439	2.3
451-600 lbs	970	770	26.0	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	2934	3021	-2.9
301-450 lbs	370	391	-5.4	Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	8055	9199	-12.4
126-300 lbs	2197	1808	21.5	Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	840	1248	-32.7
125 lbs and under	12473	8904	40.1	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	19930	25679	-22.4

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES Week of Mar 27, 2004

- to date	2004	2003	% chg
Western Canada	1075	1205	-10.8
Ontario	12088	3683	228.2
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	56458	48212	17.1

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