



Ontario Veal Association Weekly Market Report

Week ending April 29, 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	771	714	46.40-72.82	111.00	58.60	63.42
451-600 lbs	88	562	51.72-71.81	111.00	60.92	63.77
301-450 lbs	35	372	71.54-103.77	117.00	88.17	82.59
126-300 lbs	168	156	84.16-181.16	235.00	132.68	154.09
125 lbs and under	1007	103	130.47-236.27	400.00	195.59	264.65
TOTAL Vol:	2069					Vol: 1964

ONTARIO SALE BARN COMMENTS

Finished Calves

OSI April 26 Veal calves continued to sell under extreme pressure with prices \$5-10 cwt. lower.

Brussels April 29 The veal sold under pressure.

Bob Calves

Vankleek Hill April 29 Calves were steady with last week.

ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON

	This Week	Last Week	2003
Ontario (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	58.84	63.45	81.66
Quebec ¹ (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	70.82	70.82	95.43

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

QUEBEC AVERAGE PRICES - Week of Apr 24, 2004 (\$/cwt)

	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	260.00-340.00	295.00	302.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	190.00-280.00	241.00	266.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	148.00-280.00	223.00	246.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	240.00-375.00	307.00	392.00

Quebec A2 Grain Fed Veal \$/cwt

596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off):	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
	117.00-131.50	129.80	165.79

VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD - Week of Apr 24, 2004

Ontario - to date	2004	2003	% chg	Quebec - to date	2004	2003	% chg
Over 600 lbs	10027	6983	43.6	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	17208	16898	1.8
451-600 lbs	1293	1011	27.9	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	3861	3990	-3.2
301-450 lbs	514	533	-3.6	Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	10595	11441	-7.4
126-300 lbs	2813	2293	22.7	Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	1366	1712	-20.2
125 lbs and under	16098	11403	41.2	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	27506	33939	-19.0

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES Week of Apr 24, 2004

- to date	2004	2003	% chg
Western Canada	1592	1688	-5.7
Ontario	15806	4783	230.5
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	75492	64121	17.7