



Ontario Veal Association Weekly Market Report

Week ending March 4, 2004

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

ONTARIO AVERAGE PRICES – weighted average of 14 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Avg Wt.	Range	Top \$	Avg \$	Last Wk Avg \$
Over 600 lbs	602	721	33.85-74.93	118.00	55.45	69.79
451-600 lbs	88	556	29.10-61.05	109.00	43.81	46.58
301-450 lbs	29	356	34.88-65.84	125.00	48.63	65.02
126-300 lbs	119	147	73.81-137.18	157.00	110.37	101.76
125 lbs and under	824	103	93.02-161.51	325.00	133.58	145.40
TOTAL Vol:	1662					Vol: 2022

ONTARIO AVERAGE PRICES - February - weighted average of 14 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Avg Wt.	Range	Top \$	Avg \$	January
Over 600 lbs	2884	725	40.82-80.40	125.00	62.52	68.21
451-600 lbs	381	547	32.03-61.76	112.00	46.39	60.97
301-450 lbs	119	369	36.29-68.10	120.00	52.13	60.78
126-300 lbs	851	156	79.12-163.60	235.00	123.20	123.88
125 lbs and under	4794	104	130.21-236.32	325.00	195.67	169.64
TOTAL Vol:	9029					Vol: 6532

ONTARIO SALE BARN COMMENTS

Finished Calves

OSI Mar 1 All classes of veal calves sold lower and under extreme pressure.

Brussels Mar 4 The good veal sold on a stronger market with the balance selling under pressure.

Bob Calves

Vankleek Hill Mar 1 Calves were down 9 cents to average \$1.34/lb.

Keady Mar 2 Good quality dollar calves sold steady while plainer types dropped \$50 per head.

ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON

	This Week	Last Week	2003
Ontario (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	53.97	57.05	83.41
Quebec ¹ (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	62.72	63.44	89.12

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

QUEBEC AVERAGE PRICES - Week of Feb 28, 2004 (\$/cwt)

	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	140.00-170.00	157.00	264.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	130.00-160.00	144.00	236.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	100.00-152.00	131.00	220.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	105.00-154.00	136.00	495.00

Quebec A2 Grain Fed Veal \$/cwt

596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off):	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
	100.50-121.00	116.27	164.80

VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD - Week of Feb 21, 2004

Ontario - to date	2004	2003	% chg	Quebec - to date	2004	2003	% chg
Over 600 lbs	4906	3472	41.3	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	9084	8523	6.6
451-600 lbs	655	537	22.0	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	1972	2102	-6.2
301-450 lbs	240	266	-9.8	Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	5517	6092	-9.4
126-300 lbs	1627	1252	30.0	Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	526	843	-37.6
125 lbs and under	8941	6023	48.4	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	13309	17629	-24.5

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES Week of Feb 28, 2004

- to date	2004	2003	% chg
Western Canada	678	706	-4.0
Ontario	7716	2383	223.8
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	36302	31601	14.9

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