



# Ontario Veal Association Weekly Market Report

Week ending May 6, 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	655	732	47.21-73.61	116.00	59.76	58.60
451-600 lbs	86	547	49.55-67.52	111.00	58.17	60.92
301-450 lbs	44	377	39.84-77.95	108.00	60.55	88.17
126-300 lbs	162	162	94.44-179.16	230.00	136.12	132.68
125 lbs and under	883	103	140.54-240.84	268.00	202.91	195.59
<b>TOTAL Vol:</b>	<b>1830</b>					<b>Vol: 2069</b>

## **ONTARIO SALE BARN COMMENTS**

### Finished Calves

OSI May 3 Veal calves sold at steady to strong prices.  
 Brussels May 6 The veal traded on a steady market.

### Bob Calves

Vankleek Hill May 3 Calves were steady with last week.  
 Keady May 4 Dairy dollar calves sold easier.

## **APRIL AVERAGES** – weighted average of 14 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Avg Wt.	Range	Top \$	Avg \$	March Avg \$
Over 600 lbs	2844	717	48.38-75.58	133.00	61.82	62.69
451-600 lbs	331	555	50.38-75.14	133.00	62.61	50.19
301-450 lbs	152	380	63.62-97.71	125.00	80.42	59.98
126-300 lbs	683	151	98.57-195.91	315.00	148.74	112.77
125 lbs and under	4056	103	143.26-276.24	400.00	226.41	128.99
<b>TOTAL Vol:</b>	<b>8066</b>					<b>Vol: 8351</b>

## **ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON**

	This Week	Last Week	2003
<b>Ontario</b> (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	59.58	58.84	84.47
<b>Quebec</b> <sup>1</sup> (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	71.86	70.82	96.69

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

## **QUEBEC AVERAGE PRICES** - Week of May 1, 2004 (\$/cwt)

	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	210.00-272.00	240.00	257.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	190.00-252.00	228.00	234.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	135.00-248.00	191.00	215.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	195.00-275.00	237.00	408.00

### **Quebec A2 Grain Fed Veal \$/cwt**

	Range	Avg \$	2003 Avg \$
596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off):	118.50-136.50	131.10	174.91

## **VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD** - Week of May 1, 2004

Ontario - to date	2004	2003	% chg	Quebec - to date	2004	2003	% chg
Over 600 lbs	10798	7597	42.1	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	18223	17892	1.8
451-600 lbs	1381	1083	27.5	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	4087	4179	-2.2
301-450 lbs	549	564	-2.7	Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	11202	12277	-8.8
126-300 lbs	2981	2463	21.0	Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	1484	1857	-20.1
125 lbs and under	17105	12145	40.8	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	29649	36149	-18.0

**FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES** Week of May 1, 2004

- to date	2004	2003	% chg
Western Canada	1685	1717	-1.9
Ontario	16711	5150	224.5
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	79904	67509	18.4

