



# Ontario Veal Association

## Weekly Market Report

Week ending March 24, 2005

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

### ONTARIO WEEKLY PRICES – weighted average of 13 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Low \$	High \$	Top \$	Avg \$	Last Wk
Over 600 lbs	198	67.00	96.93	135.00	82.17	76.10
451-600 lbs	56	51.50	92.08	117.00	75.68	77.13
301-450 lbs	30	58.52	105.30	120.00	85.53	80.55
126-300 lbs	107	62.30	164.16	210.00	117.31	142.40
125 lbs and under	561	89.76	218.10	290.00	159.39	180.55
<b>TOTAL Vol:</b>	<b>952</b>					<b>1943</b>

### ONTARIO SALE BARN COMMENTS

#### Finished Calves

OSI **Mar 21** Veal calves continued to sell under pressure as plants handled heavy Easter volumes.

Brussels **Mar 24** Veal sold on a good active trade.

#### Bob Calves

VanKleek **Mar 21** Calves were up 35 cents with last week to average \$1.71/lb.

Keady **Mar 22** Calves sold steady.

### ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON

(1 - Converted Quebec Electronic Auction avg weekly \$ to ON live \$)

	This Week	Last Week	2004
<b>Ontario</b> (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	80.74	76.26	64.05
<b>Quebec</b> <sup>1</sup> (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	95.37	95.43	62.84

### QUEBEC WEEKLY PRICES - Week of Mar 19, 2004

	# Head	Range	Avg \$	Last Wk
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	1007	185.00-252.00	214.00	200.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	311	180.00-250.00	205.00	190.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	945	125.00-200.00	166.00	162.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	88	130.00-215.00	164.00	158.00
<b>A2 Grain Fed Veal</b>	1418	154.00-177.00	174.60	174.80

↳596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off)

### VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD - Mar 19, 2005

Ontario - to date	2005	2004	% chg	Quebec - to date	2005	2004	% chg
Over 600 lbs	5240	6134	-14.6	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	10998	10916	0.8
451-600 lbs	1028	830	23.9	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	2579	2465	4.6
301-450 lbs	430	319	34.8	Male – Average (90-140 lbs)	9550	6728	41.9
126-300 lbs	1622	1900	-14.6	Female – Good (90-120 lbs)	869	629	38.2
125 lbs and under	8736	10763	-18.8	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	18069	15974	13.1

### FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES - Week ending Mar 19, 2005

	2005	2004	% chg
Western Canada	105	73	43.8
Ontario	456	1102	-58.6
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	5009	5065	-1.1