



Ontario Veal Association Weekly Market Report

Week ending May 26, 2005

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

ONTARIO FINISHED CALF PRICES – weighted average of 13 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Plain/ Heavys	Good Holsteins	Beef-type Veal	Avg \$	Last Wk
Over 600 lbs	482	57.81	88.92	125.50	74.15	80.15
451-600 lbs	57	57.46	79.95	110.50	68.00	75.52
TOTAL Weekly Vol:	1472					

Comments: **OSI** **May 23** Veal calves sold at about steady prices (on a poor quality offering).
 Brussels **May 26** The veal sold under pressure with prices \$2.00 to \$3.00 lower.

ONTARIO BOB CALF PRICES – weighted average of 13 Ontario computerized auction markets.

	Vol.	Low \$	High \$	Top\$	Avg \$	Last Wk
125 lbs and under	737	159.35	311.21	490.00	251.33	205.15

Comments: **Vankleek** **May 23** Calves were up another 5 cents with last week
 Keady **May 24** Collar calves sold higher.

ONTARIO vs. QUEBEC PRICE COMPARISON

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

	This Week	Last Week	2004
Ontario (weighted average of calves 451lbs and over)	73.50	79.71	62.05
Quebec ¹ (Grade A2 calves – live weight \$/cwt., hide off, 54.56% yield)	95.21	95.32	74.09

QUEBEC WEEKLY PRICES - Week of May 21, 2005

	# Head	Range	Avg \$	Last Wk
Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	897	205.00-300.00	255.00	197.00
Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	209	185.00-260.00	226.00	191.00
Male - Average (90-140 lbs)	838	138.00-245.00	193.00	156.00
Female - Good (90-120 lbs)	109	130.00-200.00	163.00	151.00
A2 Grain Fed Veal	1185	155.50-176.00	174.70	174.70

↳596 lbs (325-353 lb. hide off)

VOLUME OF CALVES SOLD - May 21, 2005

Ontario - to date	2005	2004	% chg	Quebec - to date	2005	2004	% chg
Over 600 lbs	10728	12240	-12.4	Male - Good (90-120 lbs)	19371	20465	-5.3
451-600 lbs	1772	1556	13.9	Male - Good (121-140 lbs)	4853	4565	6.3
301-450 lbs	838	615	36.3	Male – Average (90-140 lbs)	16883	12170	38.7
126-300 lbs	2953	3287	-10.2	Female – Good (90-120 lbs)	1578	1736	-9.1
125 lbs and under	15860	18908	-16.1	A2 Grain Fed Veal Calves	30715	33772	-9.1

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER CALVES - Week ending May 21, 2005

	2005	2004	% chg
Western Canada	111	101	9.9
Ontario	213	923	-76.9
Quebec/Atlantic Provinces	5382	4489	19.9