

March 31, 2006

LIVESTOCK SALES	Maritime Cattle Market, Truro			Sussex, N.B.		
	March 30, 2006	No. sold	This Week	Last Week	March 22	No. sold
Slaughter Cows: per cwt	51				17-29	5
D1 and 2			24-29	24-29.25		
D3						
D4			15-23.5	12-23.5		
Shells			8-12	5.5		
Slaughter Bulls	5		24-36	30-40		
Feeder Cattle: per cwt	110					
Steers, good 700 up			74-89	74-103		
550-700 lbs.			78-103	75-106		
400-550 lbs.			80-129	80-119	103-117	3
Common & Medium			22-56	36-65		
Heifers, good 550 up			68-118.5	64-99	89-115	4
350-550 lbs.			78-118	76-103.5	84-106	3
Common & Medium			30-55	42-62		
Stock Cows	24		200-660	250-680		
Stock Cows with calves at foot						
Dairy Cows & Heifers: per head	17		190-700	360-370		
Open Dairy Heifers: per head	2		110-340	290		
Veal Calves: per cwt					50-85	3
Choice & Good						
Common & Medium						
Bob Calves: per head	36				15-260	7
Good Calves	23		84-170	70-170		
Good Calves average			137	127		
Light Calves	13		5-68	5-50		
Light Calves average			29	23		
Sheep: per head	6				87-154	16
Choice & Good			65-100	70-172		
Common & Medium			25-50	26-47		
Lambs: per cwt	34					
95 lbs. & up				139-160		
80-95 lbs.			169	145-161		
60-80 lbs.			131-173	137-140		
Light Lambs: per head			130-136			
Goats: per head	9		24-85	37-100		
Pigs: per head	5					
Weaners + 30 lbs			50-89			
- 30 lbs				44		
Feeders per head						
Sows per cwt						
Boars per cwt						
Hay: loads/per bale	32		0.80-2.70	1.30-2.60		
Straw: loads/per bale	2		1.65-1.90	1.50-1.70		

Bob calves were higher. Slaughter cows steady. Feeder cattle sold on a strong market.

Saturday, April 8 - Feeder Cattle Sale. Saturday, April 22 - Farm Equipment Auction.

Sussex N.B. feeder sale April 5, 2006: Contact Brian McCullum at 506-433-6395 or Joe Lake at 506-432-1841.

FEED GRAIN PRICES, March 27, 2006 (supplied by AAFC)

Broker selling price (average) to buyers (feed mills), per metric ton, f.o.b.:

	Truro	St- Jean/St-Hyacinthe	Quebec	Thunder Bay*
Wheat	180.06	143.68	153.90	119.00
Oats	147.00	133.00		
Barley	169.80	133.28	160.63	108.50
Corn	172.67	123.34	135.45	
Soyabean Meal	297.81	256.68	268.46	

*Thunder Bay - WCE Cash Price

April 3, 2006	Producer* Price	Wholesale Selling	Retail	
A Extra Large	1.57	2.01	2.29-2.37	
A Large	1.57	1.98	2.21-3.99	
A Medium	1.50	1.91	2.11	
A Small	1.07	1.48	1.81	
* ungraded, unwashed, f.o.b. the farm	Cape Breton price 2¢ above listed N.S. prices. Brown eggs 5-6¢ higher.			
Poultry (per kg):	Producer Price	Last Week	Ontario	Quebec
Chicken			March 18	March 18
live price	1.203	1.203	1.125-1.295	1.115-1.215
Turkey				
Hen under 5.999 kg	1.471	1.471	1.475-1.535	1.410-1.445
Hen 6.0-9.0 kg	1.471	1.471	1.445	1.375
Tom over 9.0 kg	1.480	1.475	1.460	1.475
Hogs:	March 27-31	March 20-24	Ont Avg. (per kg)	
Nova Scotia (per cwt/per kg)	Dressed	Dressed	March 27-31	March 20-24
Index 100	.5738/1.2650	58.90/1.2986	1.1835	1.2200
Sows	38.74/.8540	39.80/.8775	0.9162	0.9162
Stags	no value	no value	0.3527	0.3527
RAIL GRADE BEEF PRICES:	Alta. March 24	Alta. March 17	Ont. March 27	Ont. March 21
Steers	142.50-145.50	142.00-146.00	165.00	N/A
Heifers	143.00-145.00	142.50-146.00	164.00	N/A

NOVA SCOTIA PRODUCE, Delivered Prices

(supplied by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency)

March 28, 2006	WHOLESALE PAYING HALIFAX	SELLING TO RETAILER HALIFAX
Apples, MacIntosh, 8 x 5 lbs., 12 x 3 lbs	18.00-18.50	19.00-22.50
Apples, MacIntosh, 125 CT	19.00-21.00	21.00-26.00
Apples, Cortland, 12 x 3 lbs.	18.00-18.50	19.00-22.50
Apples, Russett, 12 x 3 lbs.	23.50	27.50
Cabbage, Green, 50 lbs.	9.00-9.50	13.50-13.75
Cucumbers, G.H., 12 CT	13.00	15.50
Onions, Yellow, 24 x 2 lbs., 10 x 5 lbs.	10.00-11.50	11.00-14.85
Potatoes, 10 x 5 lbs.	11.00	13.50
Potatoes, 10 lbs.	1.80	2.25
Potatoes, 20 lbs.	3.55-3.56	4.40
Potatoes, 50 lbs.	8.50	10.50
Rutabagas, 50 lbs.	9.00-11.00	12.00-13.50
Squash, Buttercup, 50 lbs.	14.00	18.50

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