

Weekly Beef Cattle Prices at Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary

Week ending	Toronto			Winnipeg			Calgary		
	1942	1943	1944	1942	1943	1944	1942	1943	1944
Jan. 6.....	\$ 9 10	\$11 10	\$11 85	\$ 9 00	\$10 50	\$11 31	\$ 9 25	\$10 50	\$11 35
13.....	9 51	11 02	11 85	8 65	10 43	11 12	9 35	10 50	10 65
20.....	9 51	11 31	11 75	9 00	10 25	11 53	9 35	10 50	11 25
27.....	9 30	11 56	11 62	8 75	10 75	11 25	9 35	10 50	11 25
Feb. 3.....	9 62	11 20	11 86	8 75	10 67	11 12	9 25	10 75	11 15
10.....	9 82	11 70	12 00	8 50	10 68	11 25	9 10	10 75	11 25
17.....	9 60	11 81	11 70	9 25	11 16	11 25	9 25	10 75	11 15
24.....	9 75	11 64	11 75	9 15	11 00	10 95	9 25	11 50	11 15
Mar. 2.....	9 90	11 62	11 71	9 34	11 25	10 78	9 25	11 50	10 85
9.....	10 08	11 87	11 61	9 25	11 00	11 14	9 00	11 75	10 85
16.....	9 77	11 73	11 80	9 12	11 12	11 31	9 50	11 70	10 85
23.....	9 87	11 80	11 75	9 19	11 18	10 87	9 50	11 65	10 85
30.....	10 21	11 84	11 51	9 50	11 00	11 05	9 70	11 65	10 85
Apr. 6.....	9 95	11 79	11 60	9 81	11 25	10 87	9 75	11 65	11 15
13.....	10 11	11 69	11 59	9 75	11 12	11 06	9 75	11 35	11 15
20.....	10 28	11 69	11 64	10 07	10 94	10 87	9 75	11 35	11 15
27.....	10 69	11 79	11 62	10 37	11 15	10 91	9 75	11 35	11 15
May 4.....	10 45	11 70	11 55	10 25	11 27	11 46	10 25	11 35	11 30
11.....	10 79	11 71	11 64	10 31	11 29	11 60	10 25	11 65	11 30
18.....	11 25	11 84	11 77	10 53	11 36	11 65	10 50	11 35	11 35

Mr. GARDINER: Something has been said with regard to marketing of cattle. In this connection I shall give only totals. I could give them for the months of the years, but I shall deal only with the totals and go back several years. This is a record of cattle marketings from 1938 to 1944.

Mr. BLACKMORE: For the whole of Canada?

Mr. GARDINER: Yes.

Mr. BLACKMORE: Under the government?

Mr. GARDINER: These numbers are for the years before the time the government took anything as well as during the war. The figures for cattle marketing are as follows:

	Head
1938.....	972,000
1939.....	1,061,000
1940.....	1,026,000
1941.....	1,167,000
1942.....	1,097,000

This indicates a drop of about 70,000 head in the fall of 1942, as against the marketings in the preceding year. In 1943 the marketings amounted to 1,024,000.

The only thing I can do to give an indication of what is happening in 1944 is to come down to the month of March. These are the marketings for the month of March in succeeding years:

March—	Head
1938.....	83,000
1939.....	71,000
1940.....	72,000
1941.....	70,000
1942.....	80,000
1943.....	76,000
1944.....	101,000

In other words, our marketings in the spring of 1944, the month of March to be exact, were

very much higher than they were in the same month in preceding years. I could give other figures, but I do not think it is necessary to do so, to indicate what I am suggesting to the committee. It all adds up to this, that whereas under the agreement we had with the United States before the war we were permitted to sell 51,000 head of cattle to that country in the first three months, and 51,000 head in the second three months, in the present year, up until the end of the last month for which we have any record, we have purchased for delivery to Great Britain sufficient meat to cover 107,000 head of cattle. That is more cattle than we were permitted to sell under the special arrangements, with the benefit of a decreased tariff which we had during the period preceding the war. In other words, while there are increased marketings, there are increased sales being made off those marketings. We are selling to Great Britain at the present time, or have sold during the period beginning just before the new year, the period during which we have been buying beef and preparing it for the British market, 107,000 head of beef cattle for that purpose, in the form of beef.

Some suggestion was made a few minutes ago that I ought to say whether or not the American market is going to be open. It has been said that I ought to state my position on that point, in view of the statement I made in the fall of 1942. In that connection all I wish to say is this. The British are pressing us for all the beef we can send them. In answer to a question which was asked a few minutes ago I would say they are suggesting to us that they will provide the shipping to take it away. Up to date they have been