

Definitions for Ontario and Quebec Cattle Classes

Term or Cattle Class	Explanation
dairy-cross	Dairy-beef breed cross, like the beef-on-dairy Holstein crosses.
bob calf	From Ontario, dairy or dairy-cross, under 150lb. From Quebec, dairy or dairy-cross, under 150lb.
started calf	From Ontario, an intact dairy or dairy-cross between 150lb and 450lb to be put on feed. From Quebec, any dairy or dairy-cross between 204lb and 769lb to be put on feed.
feeder calf From Ontario: <i>marked as Ontario Beef</i> From Quebec: <i>no levy applies</i>	From Ontario, a castrated dairy or dairy-cross between 150lb and 450lb to be put on feed. All beef breed cattle from Ontario to be put on feed are feeder calves. All beef breed calves from Quebec are feeder calves, no levy applies. All calves from Quebec over 769lb of any breed put on feed are feeder calves, no levy applies.
fed veal	From Ontario, dairy or dairy-cross, between 450lb and 769lb and fed grain or milk and sold for slaughter. From Quebec, dairy or dairy-cross, between 240lb and 769lb and fed grain or milk and sold for slaughter.
fed beef	Slaughter cattle that don't meet Bob/Started/Fed Veal definitions, regardless of breed.

See Rate Determination Flow Chart on next page for help assigning cattle classes to animals to apply rates.

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Ontario & Quebec Cattle: Rate Determination Flow Chart

Step 1: What is the seller's province of residence?

- **Ontario** → Go to Step 2A
- **Quebec** → Go to Step 2B

<p>2A: If Seller is an Ontario Resident</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the animal a dairy breed or dairy-cross? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes → Go to Step 2 ○ No (Beef breed) → Beef 2. What is the live weight? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150 lb (68 kg) or less → Veal Bob Calf ○ 151–450 lb (68.1–204.1 kg) → Go to Step 3 ○ 451–769 lb (204.2–348.8 kg) → Go to Step 4 ○ Over 769 lb → Beef 3. Is the animal intact (not castrated)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes → Veal Started Calf ○ No → Beef 4. Is the animal fed mainly milk or grain AND marketed for slaughter? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes → Fed Veal ○ No → Beef 	<p>2B: If Seller is a Quebec Resident</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the animal a dairy breed or dairy-cross? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes → Go to Step 2 ○ No (Beef breed) → Go to Step 4 2. What is the live weight? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 240 lb (109 kg) or less → Veal Bob Calf ○ 241–769 lb (109.1–348.8 kg) → Go to Step 3 ○ Over 769 lb → Feeder Calf (No levy) 3. Is the animal being marketed to be put on feed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes → Veal Started Calf ○ No, but fed milk or grain and marketed for slaughter → Fed Veal ○ No, and not fed milk or grain → Fed Cattle or Cull Cow 4. Is the animal being marketed to put on feed or to slaughter? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feed → Feeder Calf (No levy) ○ Slaughter → Fed Cattle or Cull Cow
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