



## THURSDAY MORNING JANUARY 14, 2021 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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### CATTLE

#### USDA FEDERAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 13 , 2021	118,000
WEEK AGO	117,000
YEAR AGO	124,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	349,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	347,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT )	370,000

**\*\*Revised Tuesday Cattle Slaughter..115,000\*\*** Previous estimate 119,000

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	CHOICE	SELECT
BOXED BEEF FINAL	211.00	199.06
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY	1.86	0.97
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		11.94
TOTAL LOAD COUNT		143
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	206.94	196.64

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Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds

#### FINAL JANUARY 13, 2021

Primal Rib	339.05	299.80
Primal Chuck	190.62	182.61
Primal Round	181.54	183.17
Primal Loin	263.11	239.66
Primal Brisket	156.80	148.97
Primal Short Plate	118.28	118.28
Primal Flank	97.69	95.07

#### LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	CHOICE 600-900	SELECT 600-900
01/12	99	33	10	29	172	209.14	198.09
01/11	76	22	6	20	123	207.69	195.74



01/08	93	25	6	14	138	206.80	196.69
01/07	112	21	14	28	176	205.81	196.59
01/06	125	47	13	19	204	205.27	196.08
01/05	135	25	13	31	204	205.90	196.49
01/04	60	20	8	14	102	209.87	196.53
12/31	87	34	11	12	144	209.35	194.97

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**NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES** FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21-day period. Prior days sales after 1:30pm are included. CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)

Choice Cuts	78.95 loads	3,157,911 pounds
Select Cuts	18.37 loads	734,976 pounds
Trimming	18.64 loads	745,794 pounds
Ground Beef	27.10 loads	1,083,931 pounds

**USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (STEER) FOB CENTRAL U.S.**  
[HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/NW\\_LS441.TXT](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls441.txt)

**USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2021**

**CATTLE ON FEED REPORT - FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021 - 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**  
**COLD STORAGE REPORT - MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2021 - 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**  
**SEMI ANNUAL CATTLE REPORT – FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 – 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**  
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**BEEF AND PORK EXPORT REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 2021 AT BOTTOM OF REPORT**

**BEEF EXPORTS ARE POOR AND PORK TRADERS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED THAT CHINA WASN'T EVEN LISTED IN NET SALES.**  
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**USDA POSTED CATTLE PRICES ON 01/13/2021**  
**IA/MN – CASH – 106.00 - 109.00 AVERAGE WEIGHTS 1,375 - 1,600 Dressed.- 171.00 - 173.00**  
**NE - CASH – 109.00 - 110.50 1,270 - 1,625 Dressed. 172.00**  
**KS – CASH 109.00 - 111.00 AVERAGE WEIGHTS DRESSED 172.00**  
**TX/OK/NM – 108.00 - 111.00**  
**CO – 109.00 AVE WEIGHT 1,475 - 1,600**



**\*\*\*National Daily Direct Cattle 01/13/2021  
5 day accumulated weighted avg)**

	Weight	Price	Head
Live Steer:	1498	\$110.55	32,352
Live Heifer:	1330	\$110.78	15,308
Dressed Steer:	970	\$174.59	36,338
Dressed Heifer:	854	\$174.80	9,992

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Live cattle futures are being traded primarily with speculators spreading. There is enough time before February cattle go into delivery that specs can dominate the trade. On the cash side packers are buying cattle this week \$.00 to \$2.00 as overfed cattle continue to plague the market. Cash prices show what packers want and they are not cattle weighing 1500 to over 1600 pounds. Feedlots are going to only receive what packers want to pay and continuing to hold cattle isn't going to move prices higher.

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Moving into 2021 with higher feed costs, there will be more shifting to long term grid contracting or outright feeding to an established contractor or to a packer feedlot. One of the big differences is going to be the majority of contractor or packer owned feedlots lock in grain prices at the time feeders are placed. The contractors or packers also are placing previously contracted feeder cattle. For the hand to mouth buyer of grain and feedlots that replace after fed cattle leave the lots, it is going to be hard to compete. Recent reports indicate even with higher prices offered for cattle April 2021 into 2022, hedgers are sidelined. They expect cattle placed will push prices higher.

Futures continue to bear spread. Volume has picked up when cattle move lower.

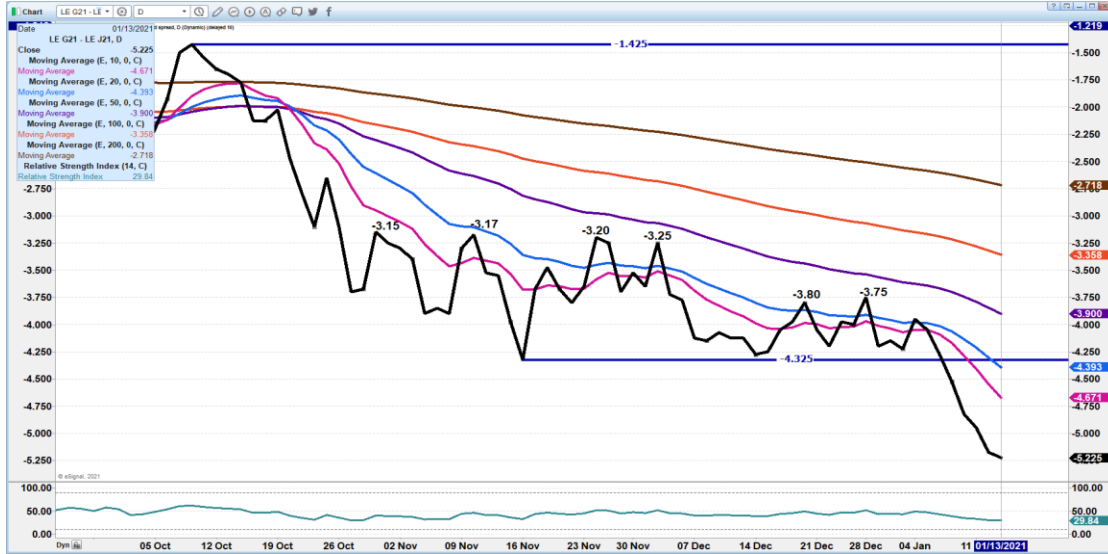
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As of January 12, 2021, dressed steer and heifer weights were 893.4 compared to previous week at 890.1 up 3.3 pounds from week ago and the same as last week, 11 pounds over a year ago. Grading percent was 82.9% up compared to previous week at 82.3%. Grading percent at 83% is an indication the US produces Choice cattle, but it also indicates there are still too many cattle that are overweight, and the 11 pounds extra cattle weigh this year compared to a year ago verifies it. It also shows why the US is a net importer of beef. Especially now with fast food restaurants drawing in more people, they aren't going to buy US high choice grading steers and heifers when they can buy barely select, cutters or cows to grind from outside the US.

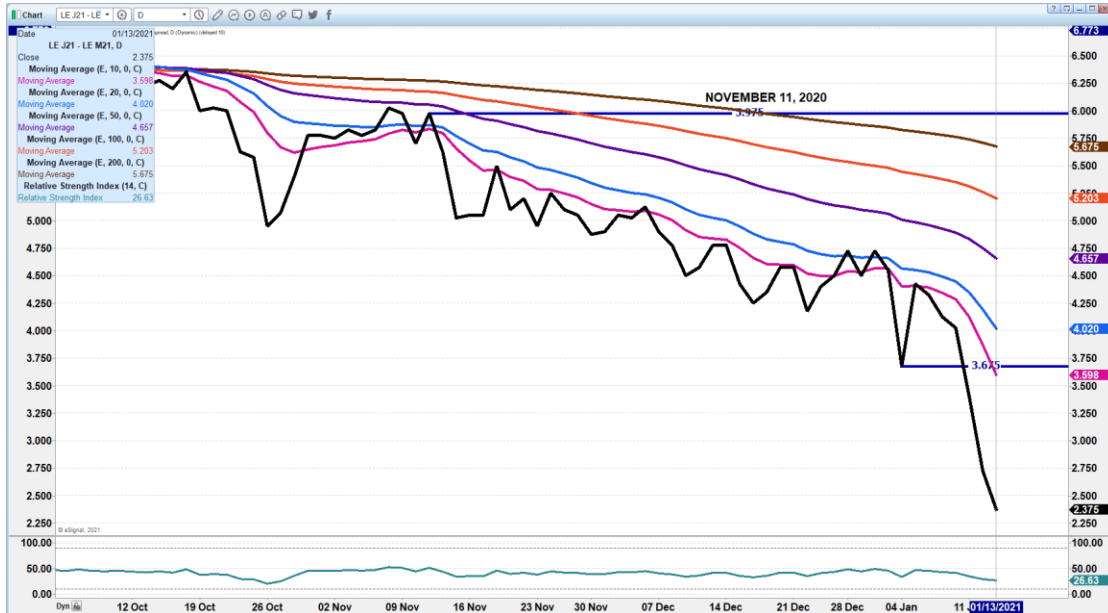
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**FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE/APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – BEAR SPREADING CONTINUES.**

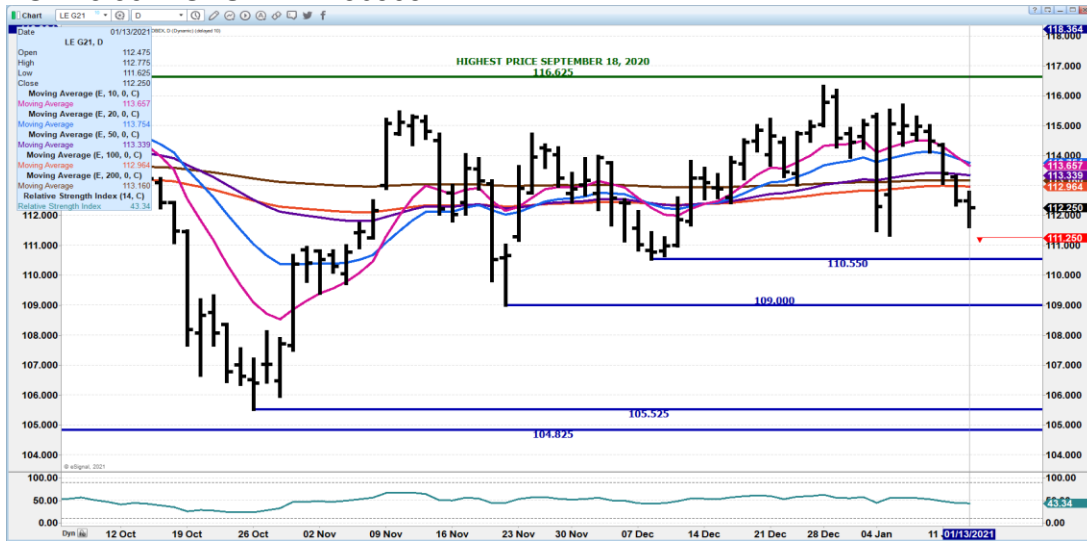


**APRIL/JUNE 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - WATCH FOR A REVERSAL BUT NOW SPREADERS ARE CONTINUING TO WIDEN**

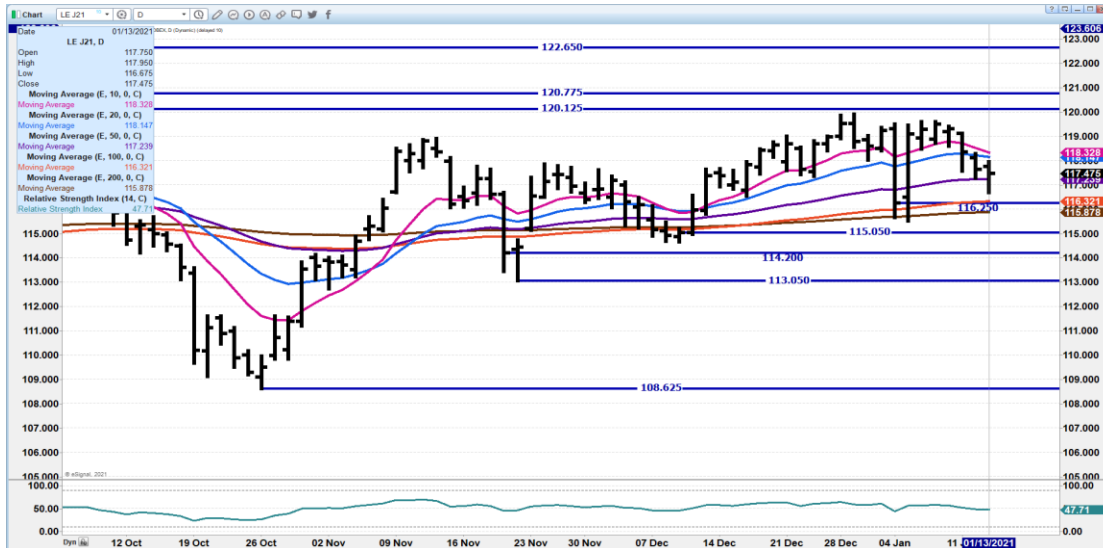




**FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE – SUPPORT 111.25 TO 110.55 RESISTANCE AT 112.97 TO 113.50 VOLUME AT 36308**

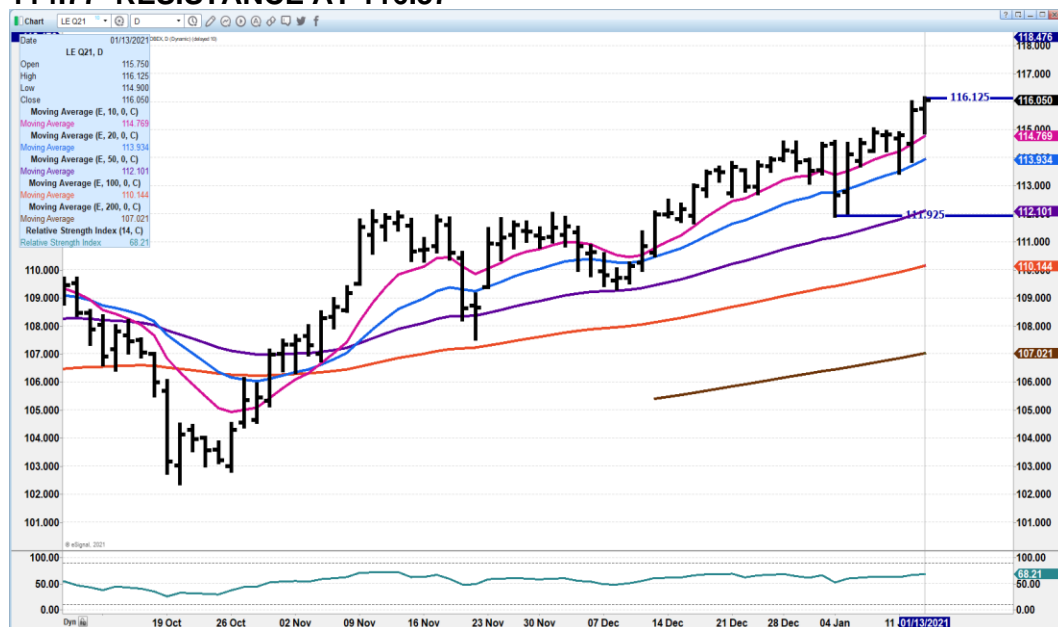


**APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME AT 38764 SUPPORT AT 116.30 TO 115.87 RESISTANCE AT 118.32**





**AUGUST 2021 LIVE CATTLE – HIGHS MADE BEAUSE OF SPREADING SUPPORT AT 114.77 RESISTANCE AT 116.37**



**Feeder Cattle**

**THE CME FEEDER INDEX ON 01/11/2020 WAS 136.05 DOWN 17 FROM PREVIOUS DAY**

**JANUARY 2021 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON JANUARY 13 2021 AT \$133.57**

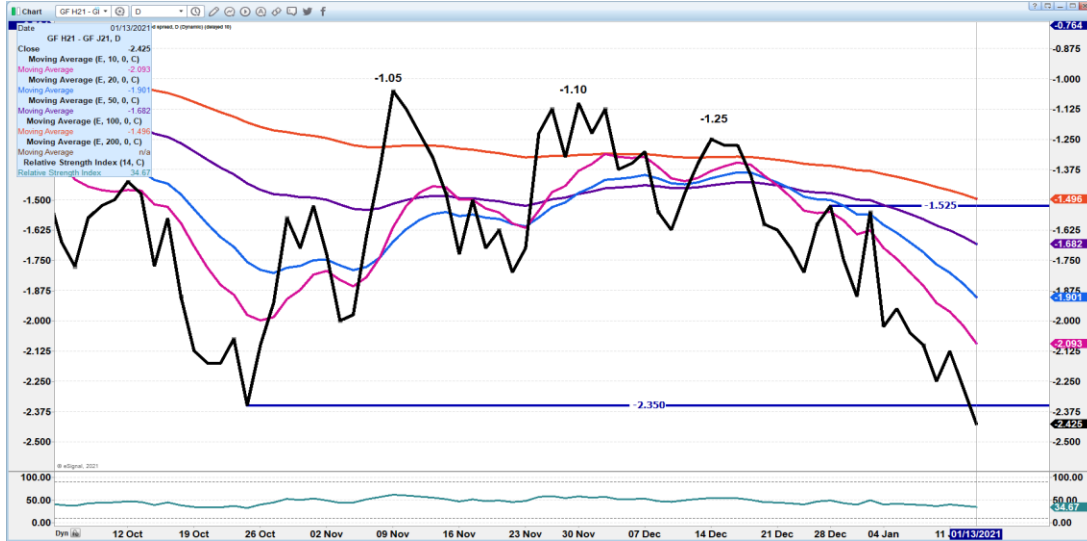
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**HIGHER CORN PRICES ARE NEGATIVE TO FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES. FOR GRAIN/CATTLE PRODUCERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DECIDING WHETHER TO FEED CATTLE OR SELL GRAIN THE DECISION TO FEED CATTLE OR SELL CORN WAS MADE ON TUESDAY. IT WILL HELP TO KEEP FEEDER CATTLE PRICES LOWER AS FEEDLOTS THAT JUST SELL CATTLE WILL HAVE A FEW MORE TO CHOSE FROM.**

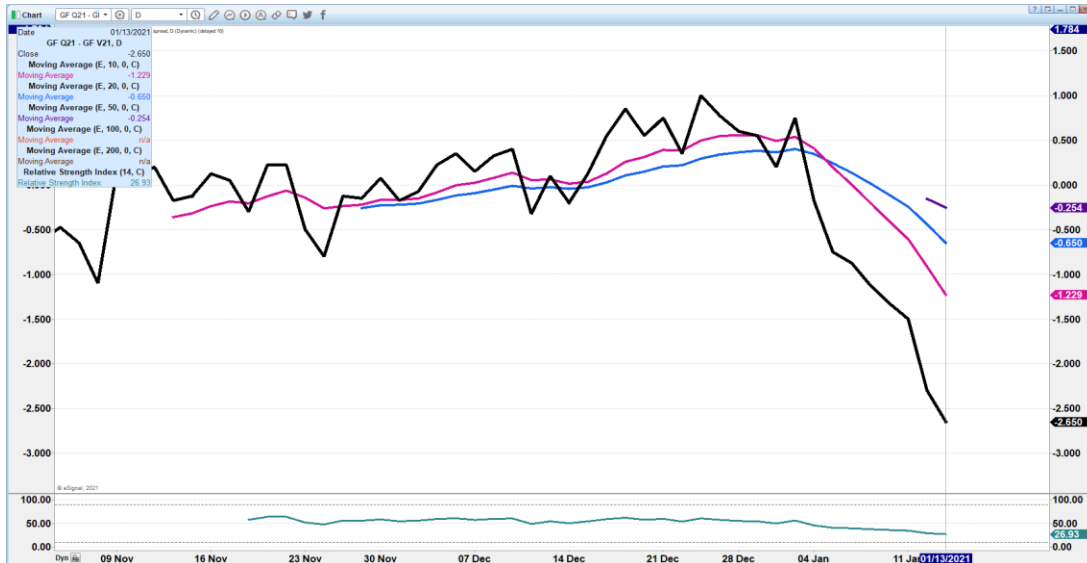
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**MARCH 2021/APRIL 2021 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - GONE FROM BULL SPREAD TO QUICKLY INTO BEAR SPREAD.**

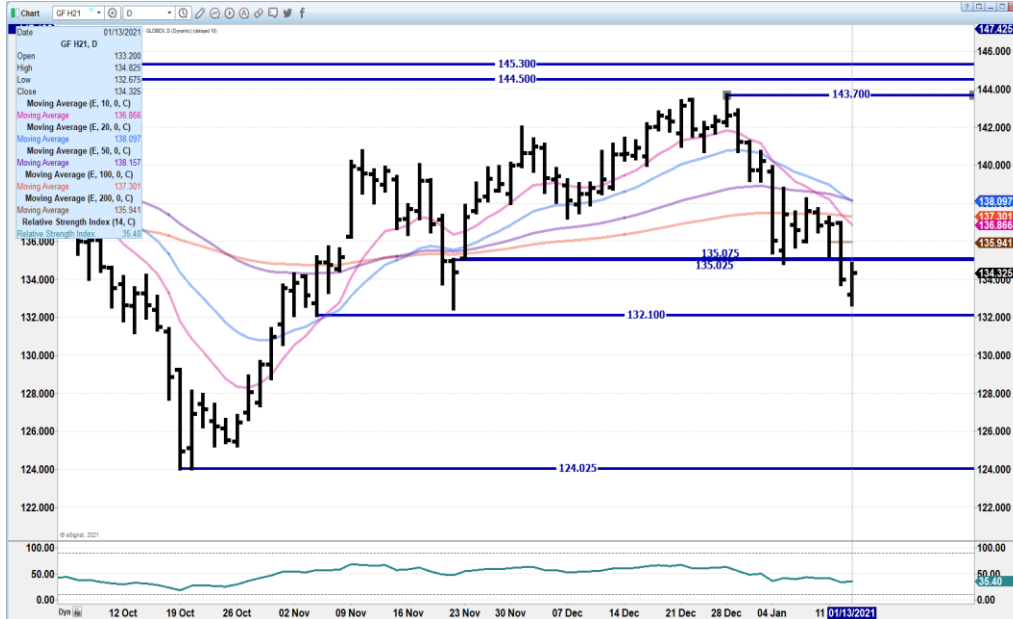


**AUGUST/OCTOBER FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD. SO LIGH OF OPEN INTEREST THAT SPREADERS HAVE TAKEN SPREAD BY THE HORNS.**

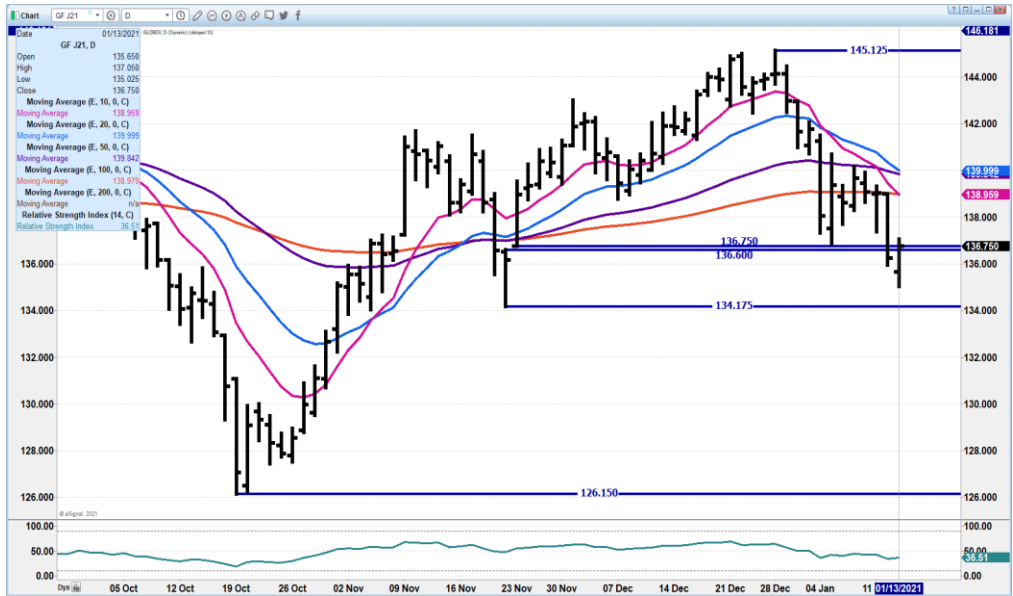




**MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – SUPPORT AT 132.10 REISTANCE AT 136.87**



**APRIL 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – SUPPORT AT 134.17 RESISTANCE AT 138.87 TO 139.87**







## LEAN HOGS

### USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 13, 2021	498,000	
WEEK AGO	489,000	
YEAR AGO	500,000	
WEEK TO DATE (EST)		996,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)		979,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)		996,000

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CME CASH HOG INDEX 01/11/2020 AT 64.49 UP 58 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 01/12/2021 AT 80.10 UP 37 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 01/08/2021 WAS 153.92 COMPARED TO 01/01/2021 WAS 123.79

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The primal pork rib market has been holding its strength for a while. In the U.S., “Barbeque” restaurants quickly moved to take out when COVID hit but many customers before COVID 19 already used take out so the move to almost all take was easy. Another reason pork ribs held prices was when China dropped German pork. Germany was one of the largest suppliers of ribs to China before China stopped German imported pork due to wild hogs in Germany with African Swine Fever. The U.S. picked up a good part of the order along with Spain and Portugal and with two weeks of China halting shipments of German pork, German packers picked up sales to other countries. There wasn’t a long time when rib sales dropped off.

Spreading was obvious Wednesday. Spreads widening out look good but in reality they are called bear spreads for a reason

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### USDA MARKET NEWS

Based on negotiated prices and volume of pork cuts delivered within 14 days and on average industry cutting yields.

Calculations for 215 lb. Pork Carcass. 55-56% lean, 0.55"-0.70" BF Last Rib

### NATIONAL DAILY PORK REPORT FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES



**JANUARY 13, 2021**

**LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 347.76**

**LOADS TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 35.66**

**FINAL**

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
01/13/2021	383.42	78.13	72.56	66.51	50.97	148.68	75.34	111.96
Change		-1.06	-1.53	-2.31	8.39	-1.74	4.53	-15.24
Five Day Average --		80.30	73.05	69.10	49.19	148.57	74.07	126.48

**Final**

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
01/12/2021	434.05	79.19	74.09	68.82	42.58	150.42	70.81	127.20
Change		-4.19	1.73	-2.51	-5.50	1.86	-14.44	-2.43
Five Day Average --		80.21	72.85	69.95	48.04	148.52	72.31	129.01

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**NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE**

**Slaughter Data for January 12, 2021**

**Average live weight - 289.13**

**Average carcass - 217.51**

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**DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOG REPORT JANUARY 12, 2021**

**National Negotiated Carcass Price**

**Lowest price: 44.00**

**Highest price: 57.00**

**Weighted Average Price: 55.00**

**Head Count: 7,611**

**Other Market Formula (Carcass)**

**Lowest base price: 50.42**

**Highest base price: 75.15**

**Weighted Average Price: 65.33**

**Head Count: 39,955**

**Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)**

**Lowest base price: 52.40**

**Highest base price: 79.21**

**Weighted Average Price: 65.47**



**64.25Head Count: 156,590**

**Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)**

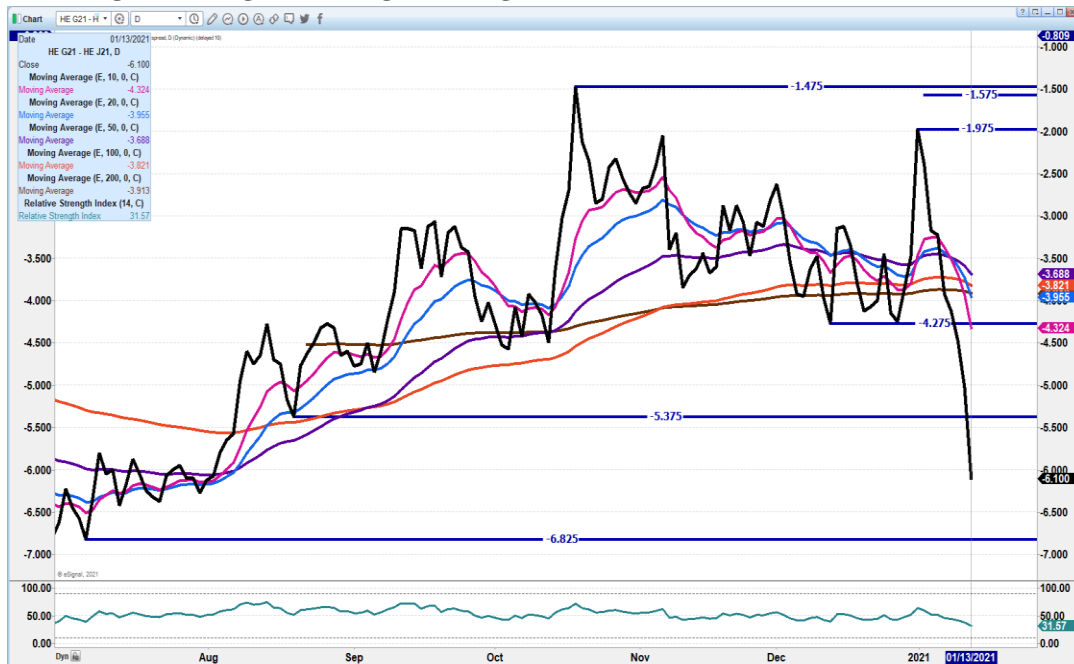
**Lowest base price: 56.94**

**Highest base price: 121.36**

**Weighted Average Price: 68.82**

**Head Count: 61,843**

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**FEBRUARY/APRIL 2021 LEAN HOG SPREAD - BOUNCE COULD TAKE PLACE ANY TIME BUT WIDE SPREAD IS BEARISH**

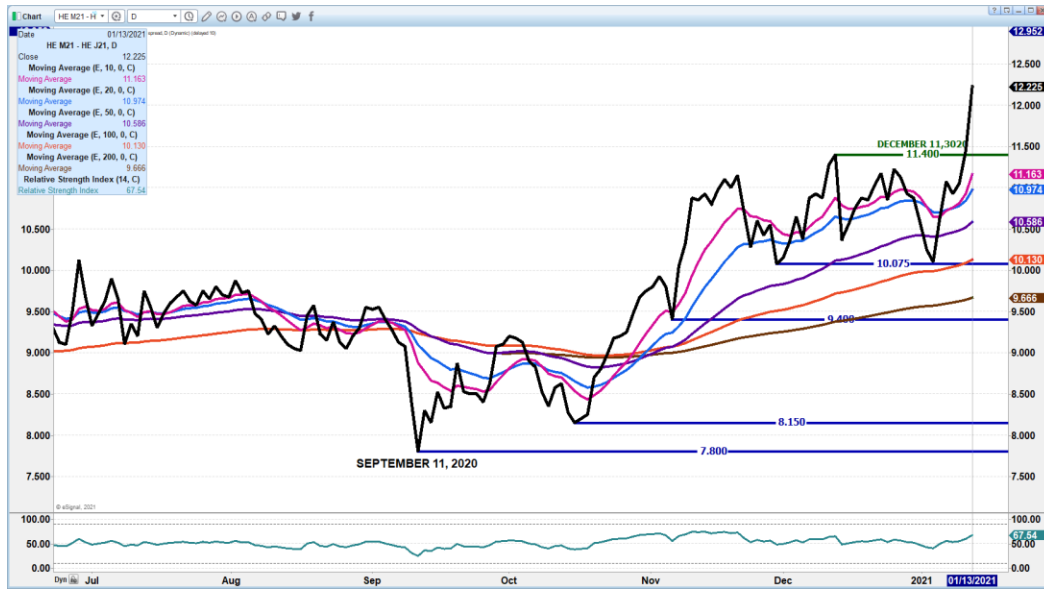




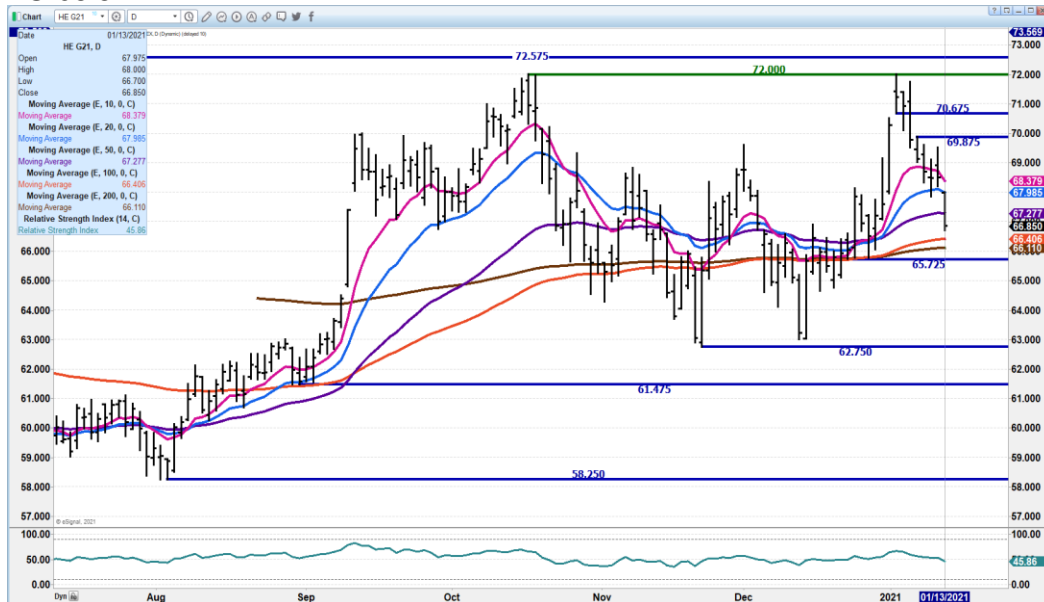
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### JUNE/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD – SEASONAL TRADE



### FEBRUARY 2021 LEAN HOGS – SUPPORT AT 65.72 TO 63.02 RESISTANCE AT 67.98 TO 68.37

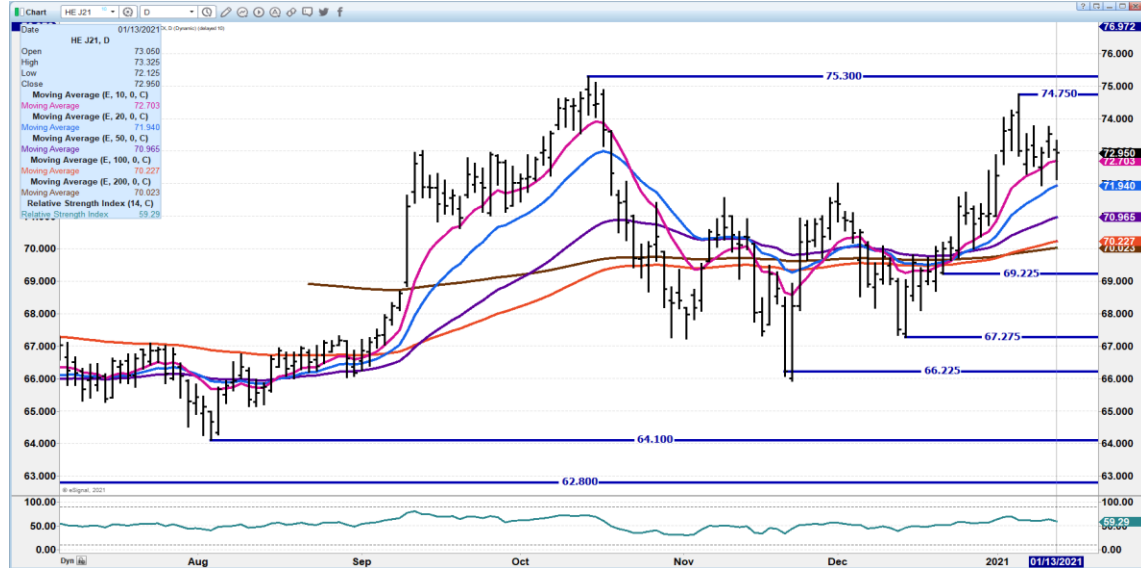


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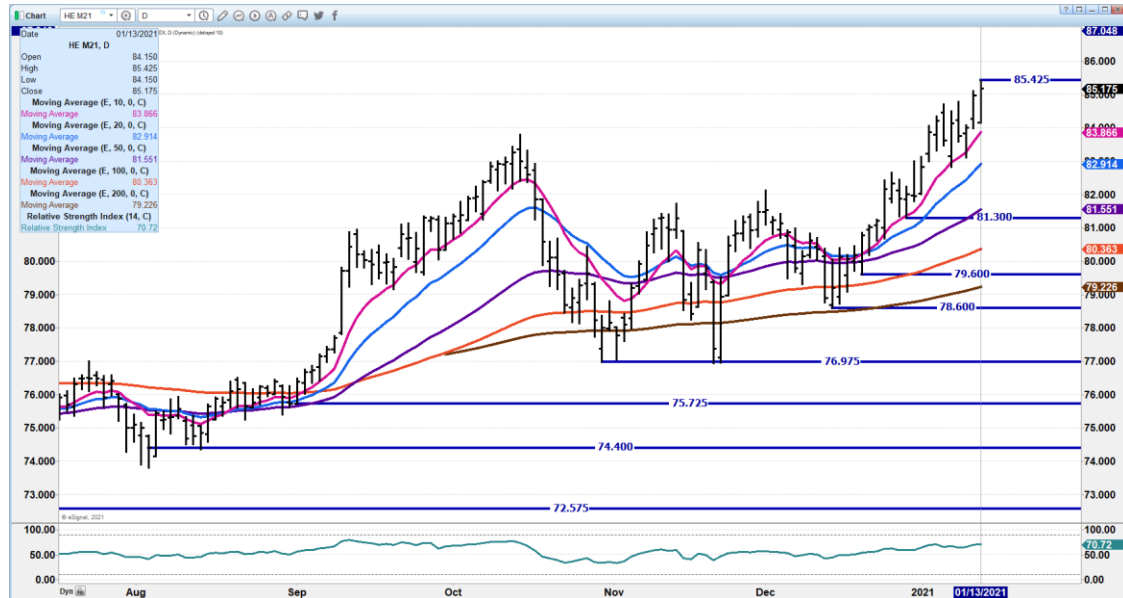
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**APR 2021 LEAN HOGS – SUPPORT AT 71.90 TO 71.37 RESISTANCE AT 74.10 TO 74.75**



**JUNE 2021 LEAN HOGS - JUNE IS MOVING WITH SPREADS. 85.87 RESISTANCE SUPPORT AT 83.87**





**Beef:** Net sales of 16,800 MT reported for 2021, increases were primarily for South Korea (4,900 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), Japan (4,100 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), China (2,800 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Mexico (1,300 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Taiwan (800 MT, including decreases of 100 MT). Exports of 14,200 MT were primarily to Japan (4,200 MT), South Korea (4,000 MT), China (1,600 MT), Mexico (1,400 MT), and Taiwan (900 MT).

**Pork:** Net sales of 23,800 MT reported for 2021, increases primarily for Mexico (6,600 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), Japan (3,400 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), South Korea (3,300 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), the Philippines (2,400 MT), and Colombia (2,400 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), were offset by reductions primarily for Australia (100 MT). Exports of 30,000 MT were primarily to China (11,500 MT), Mexico (6,900 MT), Japan (3,300 MT), South Korea (2,300 MT), and Canada (1,500 MT).

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