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Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

MONDAY MORNING MARCH 1, 2021 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

USDA FEDERAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 26, 2021	119,000
WEEK AGO	109,000
YEAR AGO	115,000
SATURDAY 02/27/2021	64,000 - A WEEK AGO 63,000, YEAR AGO 27,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	666,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	552,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	628,000
2021 YEAR TO DATE	5,166,000
2020 YEAR TO DATE	4,765,000
Percent change previous year	-4.2% Previous week -5.5%

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	CHOICE	SELECT
BOXED BEEF FINAL	240.53	229.73
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY	0.14	0.94
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	10.80	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):	59	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	240.13	229.40

PREVIOUS WEEKS CLOSE FEBRUARY 19,2020

BOXED BEEF FINAL	239.23	227.90
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FINAL FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Primal Rib	395.23	357.33
Primal Chuck	205.89	201.22
Primal Round	194.33	195.98
Primal Loin	323.89	300.54
Primal Brisket	173.83	164.92
Primal Short Plate	141.85	141.85
Primal Flank	106.98	105.19

PREVIOUS WEEK FINAL PRICE

FINAL FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Primal Rib	393.42	350.46
Primal Chuck	204.34	201.04
Primal Round	192.87	193.86
Primal Loin	324.38	298.85
Primal Brisket	170.58	166.48
Primal Short Plate	138.13	138.13
Primal Flank	107.25	105.91

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	CHOICE 600-900	SELECT 600-900
02/25	63	11	4	15	92	240.39	228.79
02/24	78	13	16	22	129	240.75	229.79
02/23	77	17	28	11	132	240.29	230.53
02/22	57	9	9	14	89	239.98	229.98
02/19	53	9	12	16	90	239.23	227.90

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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	43.71 loads	1,748,297 pounds
Select Cuts	7.41 loads	296,446 pounds
Trimmings	4.86 loads	194,563 pounds
Ground Beef	2.56 loads	102,275 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)

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MARCH 2021 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT - MARCH 19, 2021 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

COLD STORAGE REPORT – MARCH 22, 2021 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

HOGS AND PIGS REPORT – MARCH 25, 2021 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

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Feedlots can't seem to get to a point where what they have to move equals what packers need. The 5 day average steer weights average 1500 pound and dressed steers average 957. Showlist sales in the Southwest are at packers discretion and last week sales totaled 3,689 head in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. There are a lot of good cattle with average grade at 85.8% so that isn't a problem except they are big cattle. Boxed beef is moving but daily market sales have been light with retailers now mostly contracting beef and having little effect to current demand. Contracting helps packers plan long ahead what they need to kill and they won't push kill more than the cattle they exactly need. When daily demand is strong like now, they make the retailer pay up for the beef.

At some point feedlots will have lower weights and packers won't be able to pick and choose from cattle sold on the open market. Cattle are current in Texas but the Southwest has become majority contracted or packer owned cattle. The Midwest has to get through all the big cattle and until they do, the extra meat even on good beef demand is slowing any decent rally.

Traders this weeks will be looking at Thursday's exports. Last week they dropped too much, and this week market needs to see export net sales back near the 25,000 metric tonnes.

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Now there is no sport month. Unless something major happens that is unknow, it is a month when specs dominate the trade.

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Choice boxed beef on Friday gained about \$1.25 over last weeks close and for the month Choice beef was up \$7.00 and Select box beef gained \$6.50. Packers killed 666,000 this week, up 114,000 more than a week ago up 17.10% and 5.7% better than a year ago for the week.

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DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – FEBRUARY 2021 - LIVE CATTLE

SETTLEMENT: FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - \$113.10

OLDEST LONG: 02/24/21 SETTLEMENT AT \$116.57

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USDA POSTED CATTLE PRICES ON 02/26/2021

IA/MN – CASH – 114.00 - 115.00
DRESSED 178.50- 182.00

NE – CASH 114.0
DRESSED 182.00

KS – CASH 114.00 - 114.50
DRESSED No Reportable Trade

TX/OK/NM – 113.00 - 114.00
DRESSED No Reportable Trade

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*****National Daily Direct Cattle 02/25/2021**
5 day accumulated weighted avg)

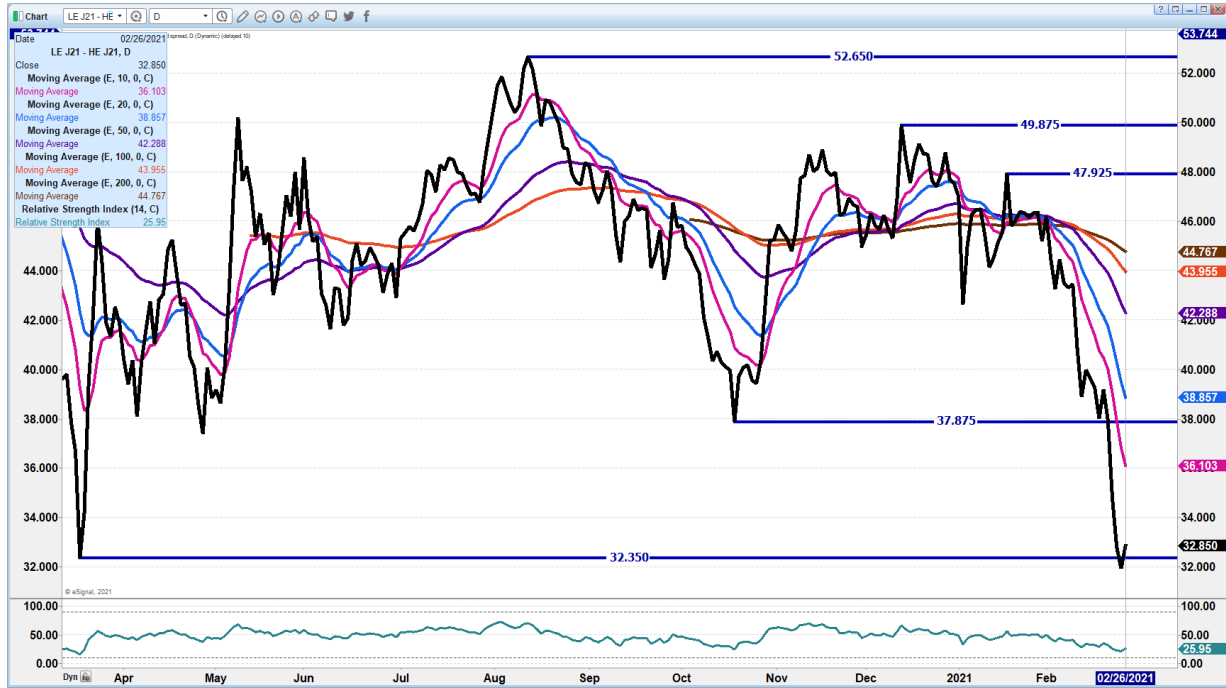
	Weight	Price	Head
Live Steer:	1500	\$114.03	23,840
Live Heifer:	1361	\$113.88	8,904
Dressed Steer:	957	\$181.21	22,202
Dressed Heifer:	883	\$181.38	7,388

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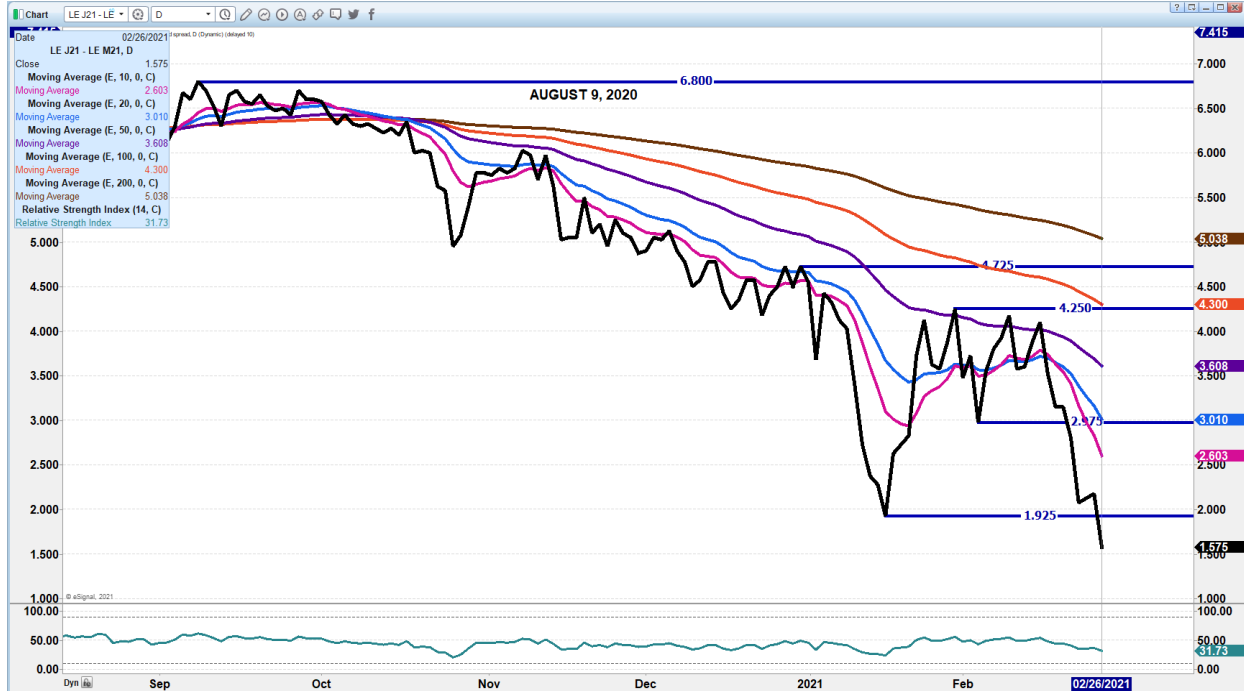
As of February 23, 2021 dressed steer and heifer weights were 883.5 compared to previous week at 890.6, down 7.1 pounds from week ago. However, it is 9 pounds over a year ago. Grading percent was 85.8% up .7% compared to previous week at 85.1%. At 85.1% is a big number of Choice cattle. Severe weather didn't lower grade.

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APR LIVE CATTLE/APR LEAN HOGS - SPREAD IS NARROW WITH CATTLE JUST 32.85 OVER HOGS.



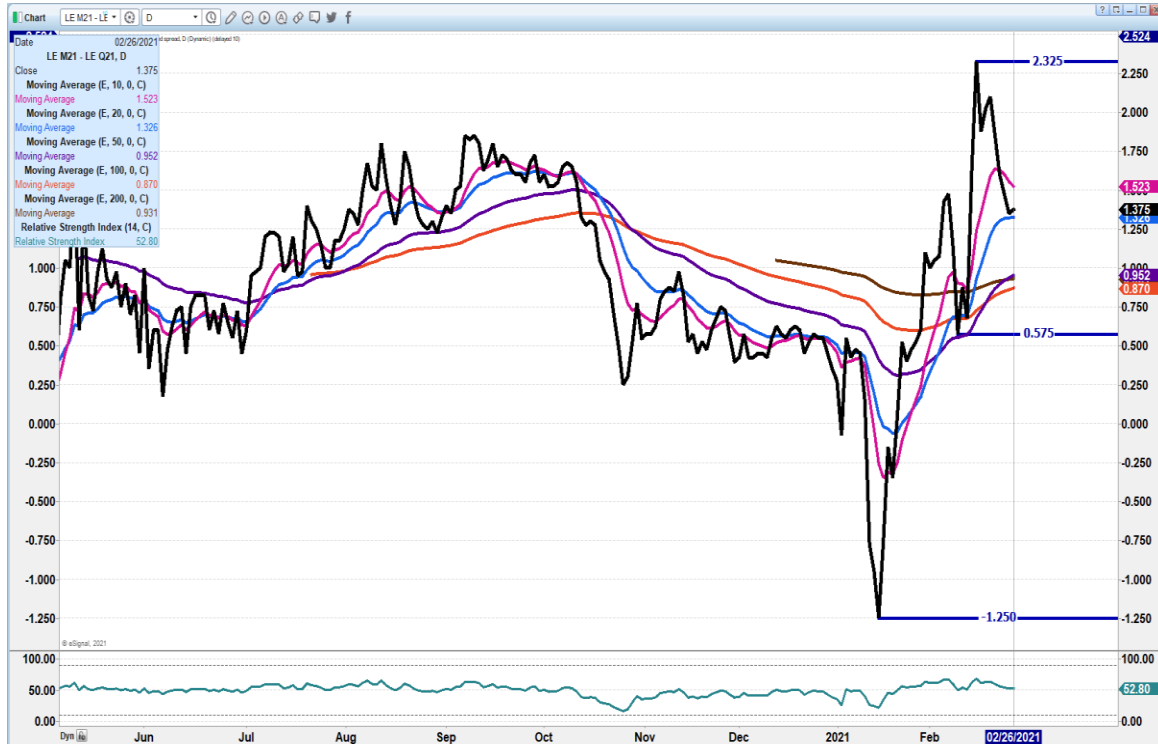
APRIL/JUNE LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - Spread is narrowing but still bull spread



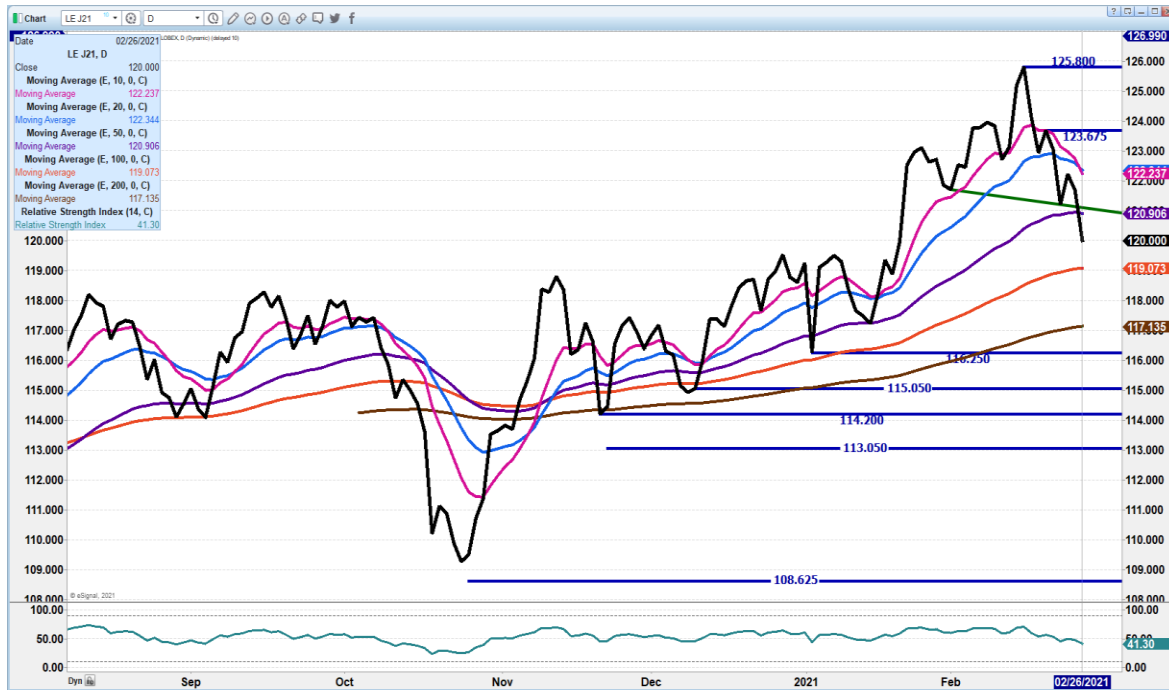
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JUNE/AUG LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – June over August is bull spread and until and if June drops below, spread is bullish .



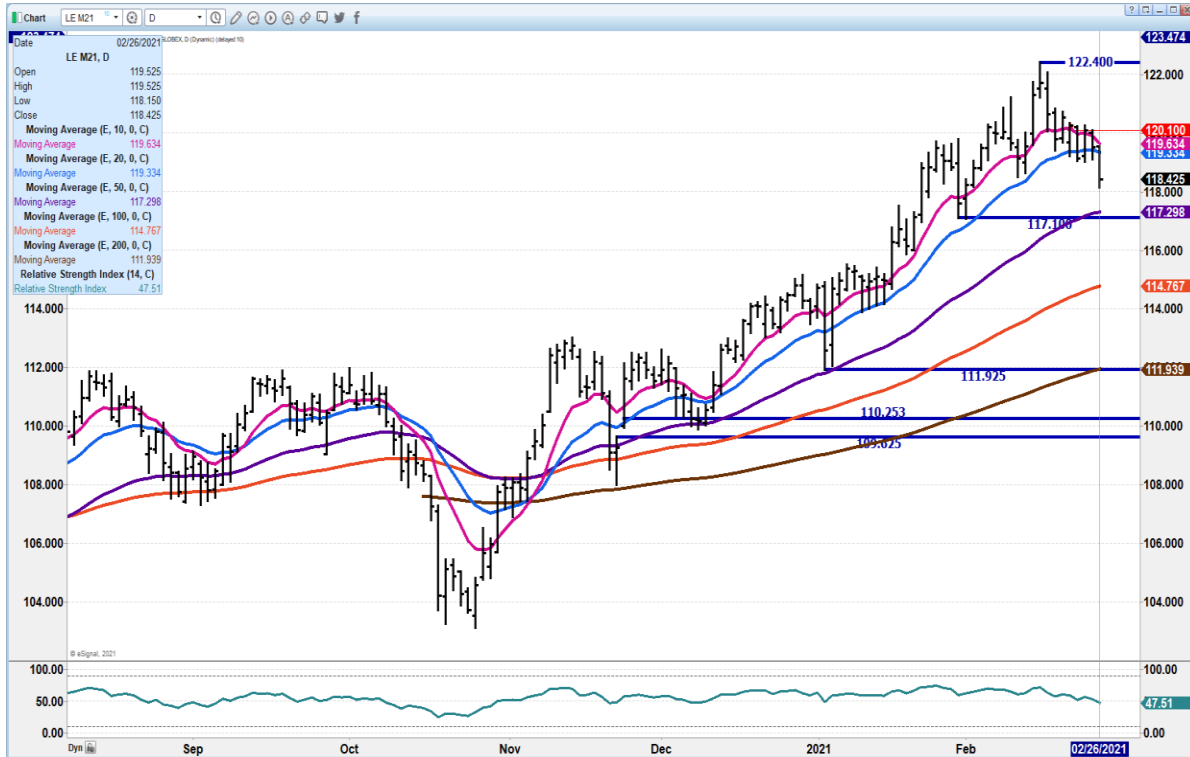
APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE - POSSIBLE HEAD AND SHOULDERS AND WITH APRIL PREMIUM TO CASH COULD BREAK TO 119.07 TO 117.15 RESISTANCE AT 122.37 TO 123.67



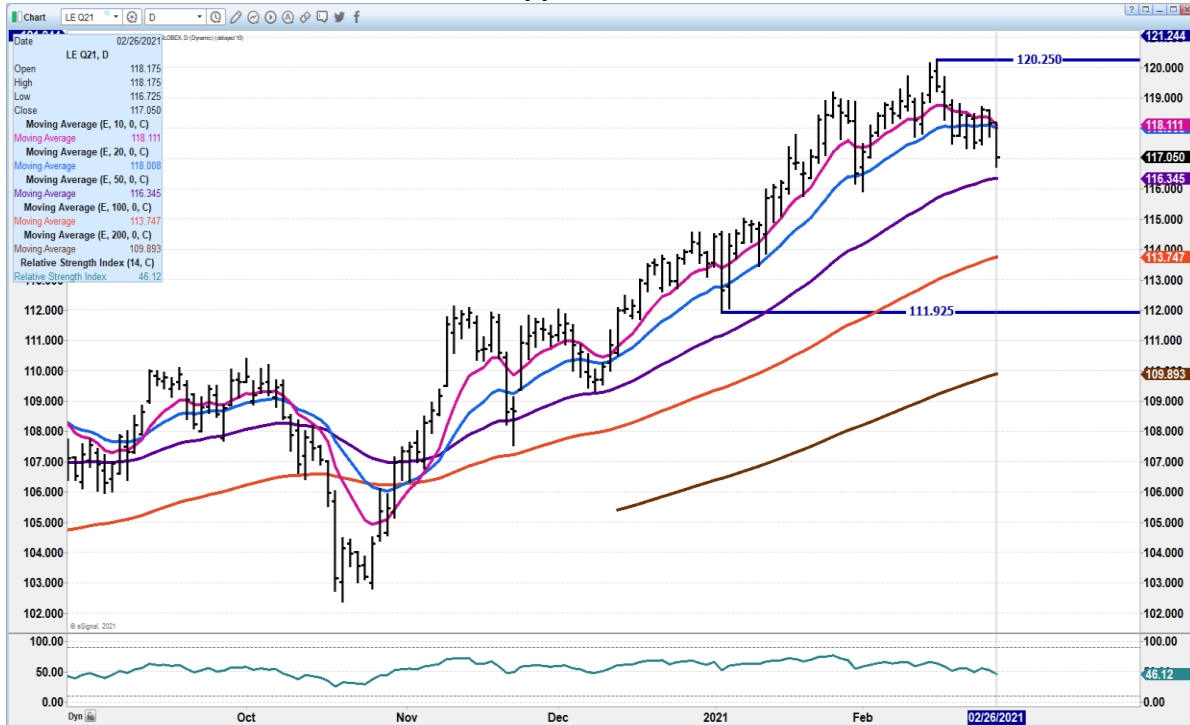
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JUNE 2021 LIVE CATTLE - Support at 117.27 Resistance 119.65 to 120.10 This month roll starts next Monday from April to June on out



AUGUST 2021 LIVE CATTLE – 116.35 support to 113.74 Resistance at 118.15 to 120.25



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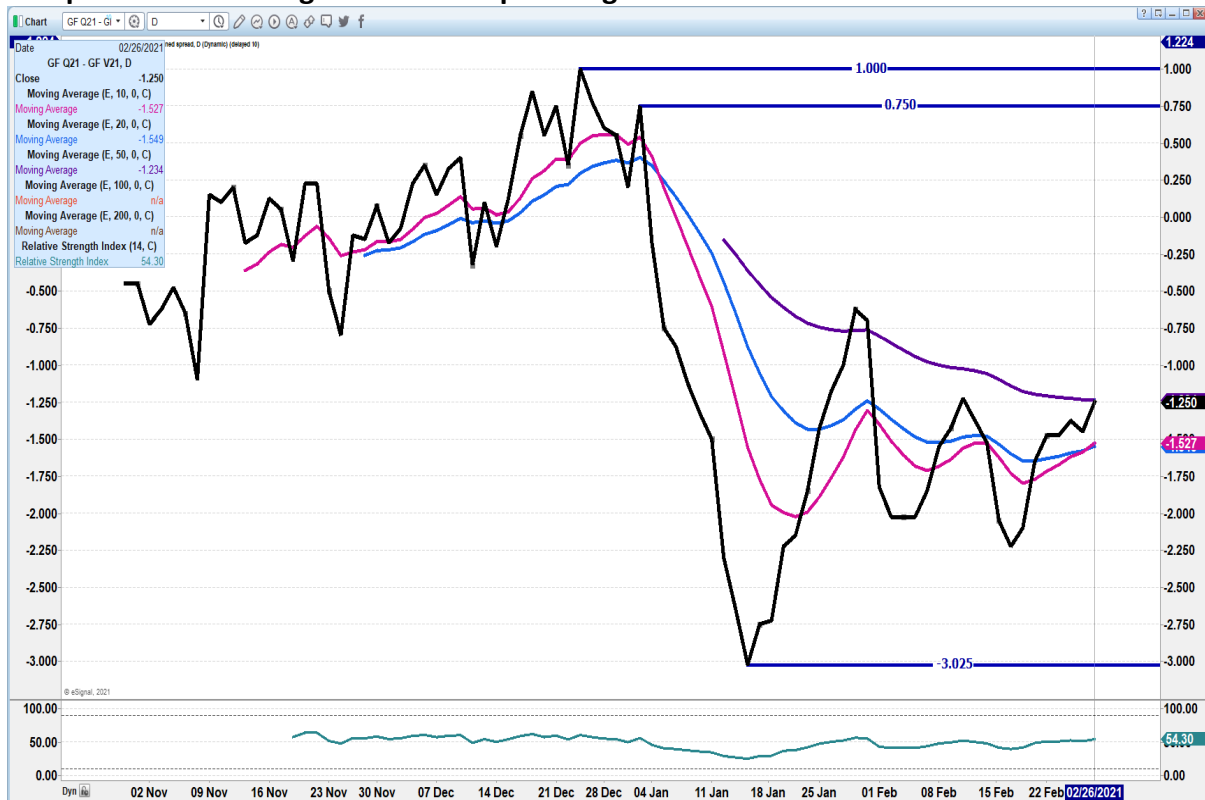
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Feeder Cattle

THE CME FEEDER INDEX ON 02/25/2020 WAS 138.91 DOWN 50 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY
MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON FEBRUARY 26, 2021 AT 138.67

For the month March Feeders gained 95 cents for the month . April feeders gained 1.82 for the month

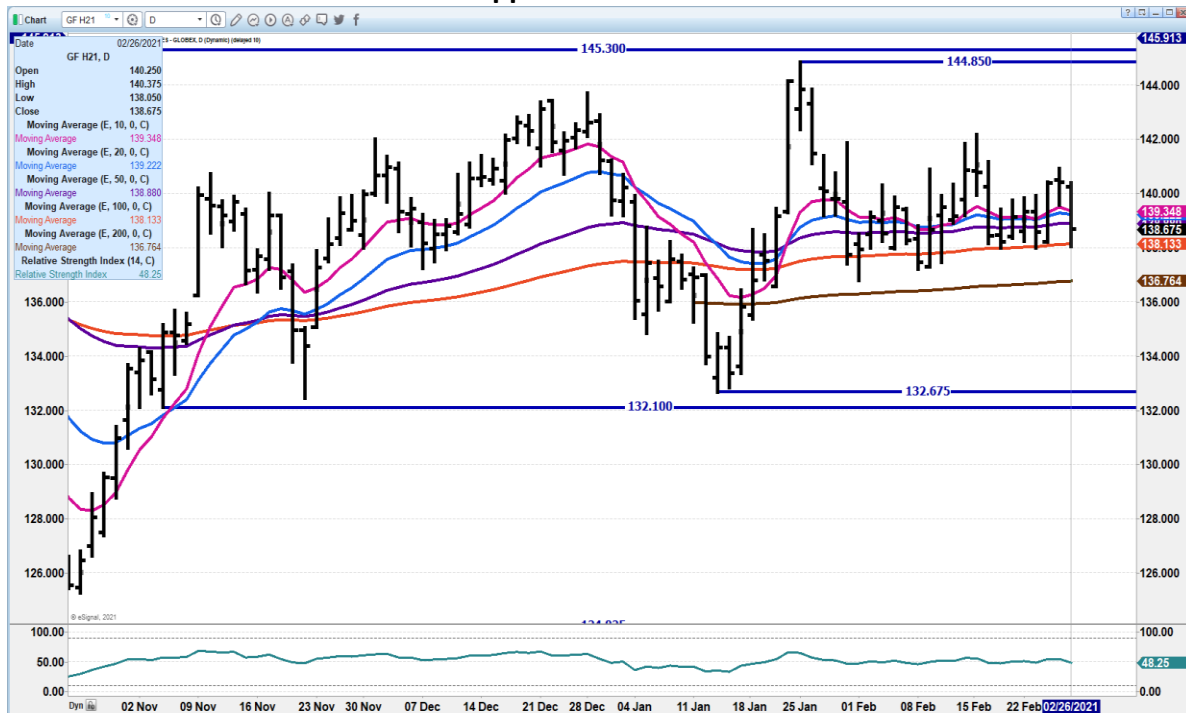
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD – August gaining on October is friendly Look for spread to favor August with bull spreading



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MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – Support at 138.10 to 136.75 Resistance at 140.37



APR 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – Support at 141.90 to 140.60 Could break to 139.07 Resistance 145.75



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LEAN HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 26, 2021	488,000
WEEK AGO	488,000
YEAR AGO	483,000
SATURDAY 02/27/2021	174,000- A WEEK AGO 167,000 - YEAR AGO 95,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	2,642,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	2,432,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	2,561,000
2020 YEAR TO DATE	21,568,000
2019 *YEAR TO DATE	22,427,000
PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR	-3.8% PREVIOUS WEEK -4.6%

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CME CASH HOG INDEX 02/24/2020 AT 79.95 UP 83 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY
CME CASH HOG INDEX 02/17/2020 AT 77.20

CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 02/25/2021 AT 91.90 UP 82 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY
CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 02/18/2021 AT 89.88

CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 02/19/2021 WAS 198.27 COMPARED TO 2/12/2021 WAS 178.73

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Just a little over 200 loads moved Friday. Like beef packers are taking hogs to fill kills and not extra. Kill is down 3.8% for the year and should narrow margin over the next couple of weeks. Pork demand is good and like beef, this week traders will be waiting to see if exports can't increase after last week's slow net sales.

%day average had pork up \$2.70 over a week ago. Loins were up \$1.24 and hams up \$6.34. Bellies only primal down and slipped 43 cents. Pork is positive.

Of course specs will dominate futures market in March without it being a spot month. Spreads may have reversed last week. This weeks will see if reversal last week was end of the month profit taking or specs reversed spreads.

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Pushing slaughter past 500,000/day may not be possible. Since COVID 19 hit packers a year ago, there has been slowing at plants with worker locations at plants having graduated scheduled openings and breaks and time to eat adjusted across the plant.

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Asian countries have done better than most European, South American and the US controlling the COVID 19 spread. Demand did falter a year ago but has come back. With cheap US Dollar pork sales should remain good going into 2021.

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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

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 191.03

LOADS TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 22.48

FINAL

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
02/26/2021	213.51	93.84	80.19	84.36	60.58	151.66	87.79	155.40
Change		-1.29	-0.63	1.17	-5.92	2.89	0.03	-5.00
Five Day Average --		93.19	80.24	81.65	61.61	149.46	85.47	157.41

FINAL

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
02/19/2021	247.17	91.49	79.19	78.54	59.42	148.73	83.47	155.09
Change		0.68	-0.59	-1.13	2.49	-1.92	6.90	-6.07
Five Day Average --		90.49	79.02	77.48	58.04	148.01	79.13	157.84

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2511.pdf

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

Slaughter Data for February 24, 2021

Average live weight 284.68

Average carcass - 213.68

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User's Guide to USDA's LMR Hog Price Reports

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LMRswineReportingHandout.pdf>

DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOG REPORT FEBRUARY 25, 2021

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Lowest price: 70.00

Highest price: 82.00

Weighted Average Price: 77.94

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Head Count: 12,030

On a National basis, compared to the previous day's weighted average (LM_HG203), 2.24 higher (7.78 HIGHER IN 4 DAYS)

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Lowest base price: 52.39

Highest base price: 94.47

Weighted Average Price: **81.29**

Head Count: 39,629

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Lowest base price: 70.47

Highest base price: 88.25

Weighted Average Price: **79.80**

Head Count: 153,354

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

Lowest base price: 73.16

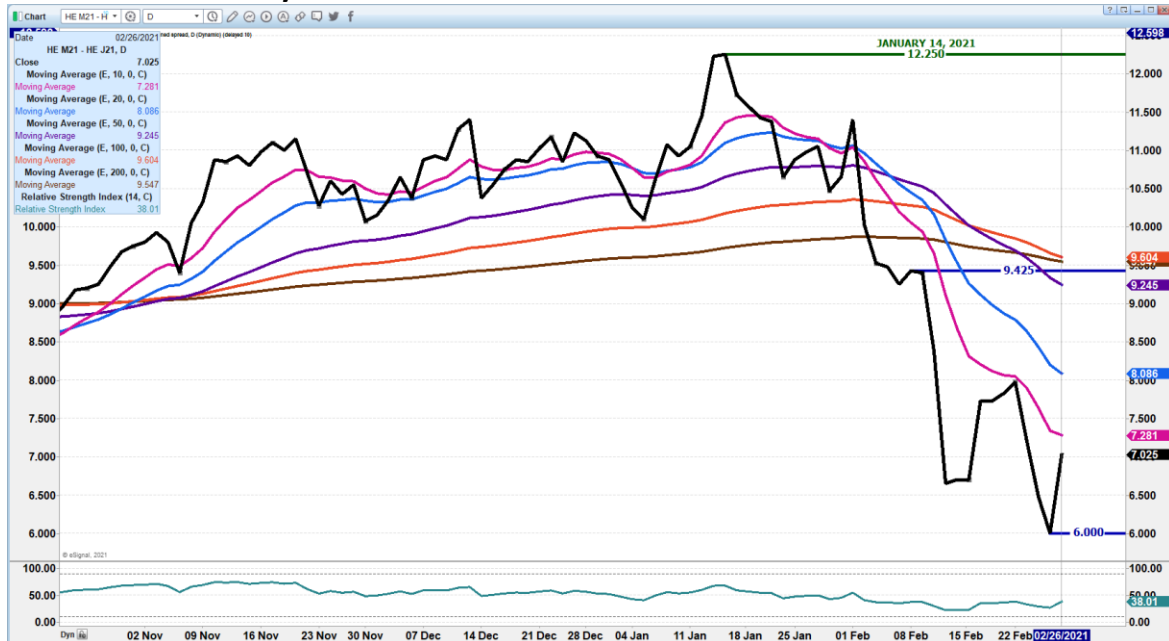
Highest base price: 99.73

Weighted Average Price: **80.89**

Head Count: 61,036

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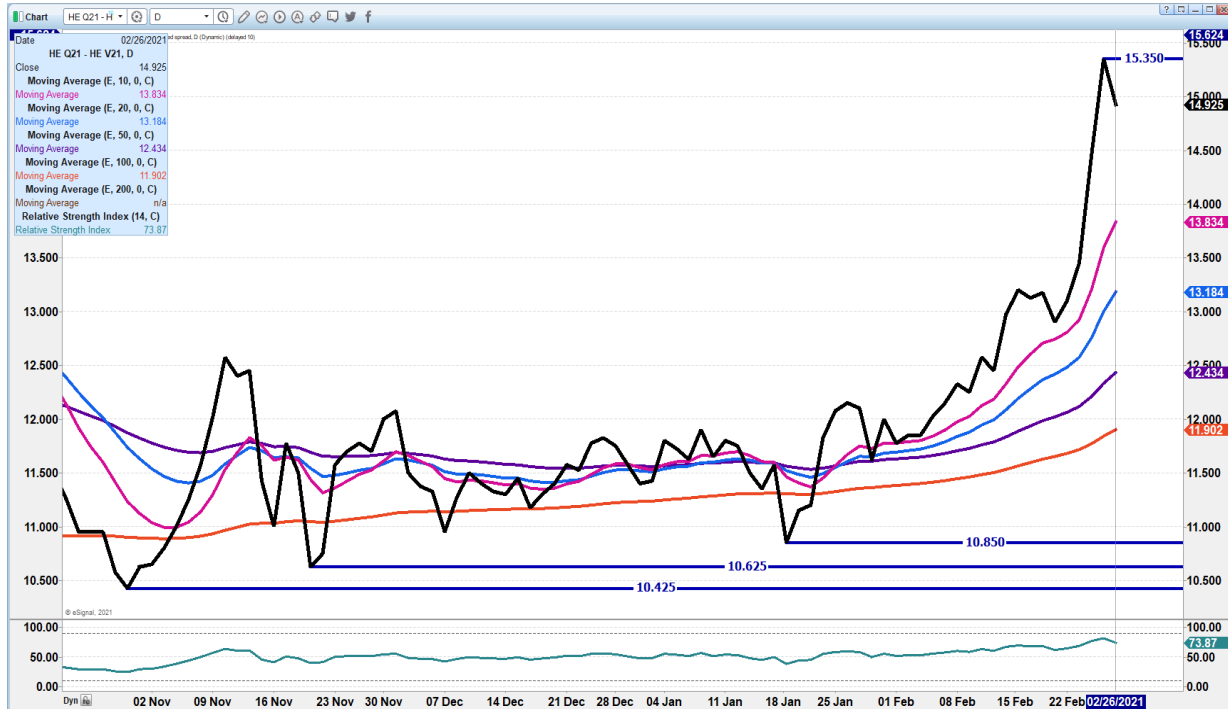
JUNE/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD – During day Friday moved to 10 day average. Spread is contra seasonal this year



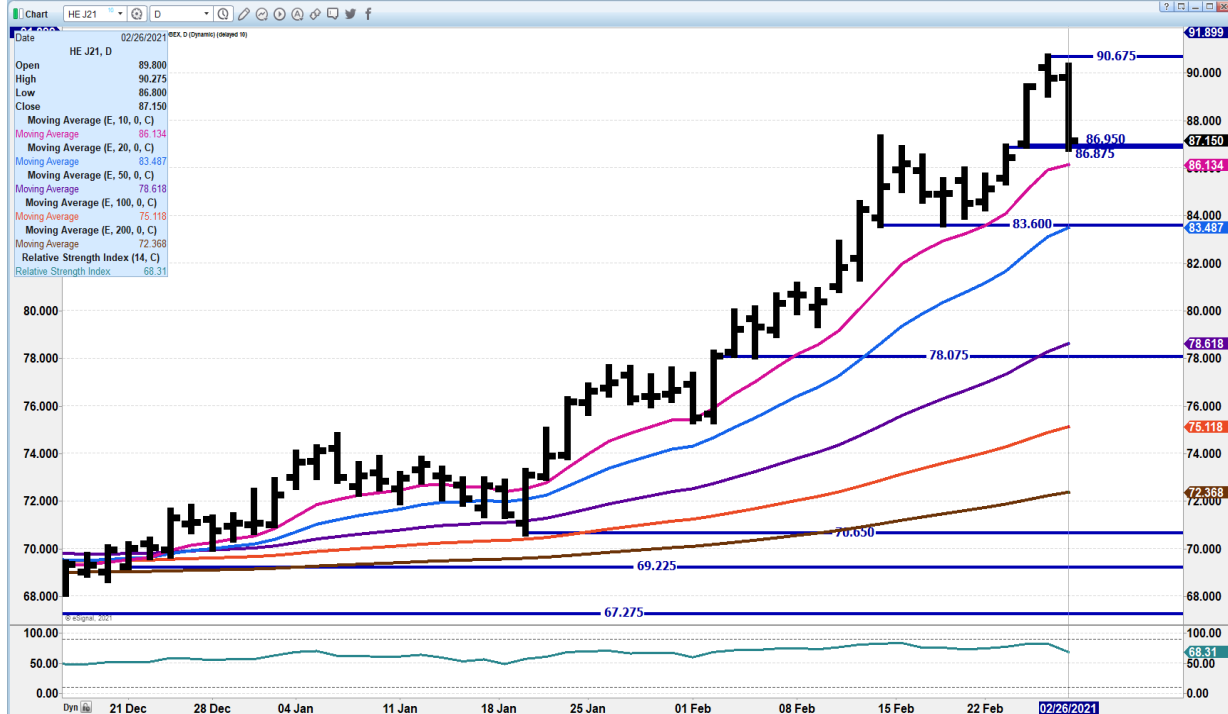
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AUGUST/OCTOBER 2021 LEAN HOG SPREAD – Slight end of the month profit taking likely Friday. It is far above 10 day average and is extremely wide.



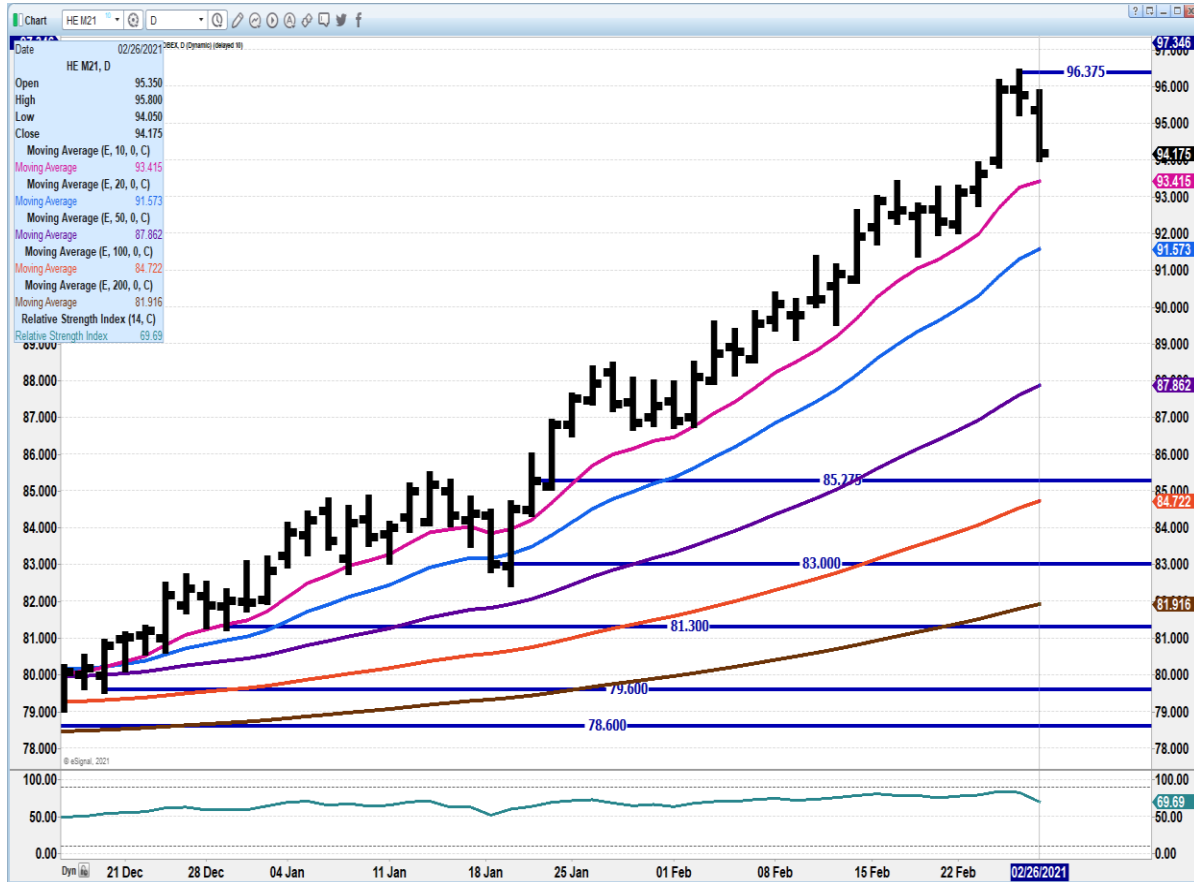
APRIL 2021 LEAN HOGS – Volume fairly heavy Friday at 26, 431. Filled gap and closed above Support at 86.10 to 83.60 Resistance at 90.67



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**JUNE 2021 LEAN HOGS – 10 day average next support at 93.37 Next support at 91.50
Resistance at 96.37 Volume Friday 13,302**



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