

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

WEDNESDAY MORNING MARCH 16, 2022 LIVESTOCK REPORT Chris Lehner, Senior Livestock Analyst | 312.242.7942 | <u>chris.lehner@admis.com</u>

CATTLE

USDA FEDERAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER	
MARCH 15, 2022	125,000
WEEK AGO	125,000
YEAR AGO	121,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	250,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	250,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	229,000

BOXED BEEF FINAL	CHOICE		SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	257.90		248.84
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	2.39		(1.10)
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		9.06	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)		135	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	253.86		247.23

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/14/2021 WAS 251.95 UP .01 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CHOICE	SELECT
383.69	374.90
209.30	196.20
222.16	219.85
342.63	327.15
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PRIMAL BRISKET	235.10	226.99
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	185.43	185.43
PRIMAL FLANK	147.04	148.32
FINAL MARCH 14, 2022	CHOICE	SELECT
PRIMAL RIB	379.11	375.53
PRIMAL CHUCK	207.46	201.69
PRIMAL ROUND	222.42	219.00
PRIMAL LOIN	338.69	324.96
PRIMAL BRISKET	229.90	233.98
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	182.25	182.25
PRIMAL FLANK	145.45	146.24

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

						CHOICE	SELECT
Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
03/14	48	14	9	12	83	255.51	249.94
03/11	59	10	6	22	97	254.71	249.11
03/10	59	10	7	30	106	253.94	247.37
03/09	94	26	6	41	168	252.70	244.79
03/08	89	38	26	40	194	252.44	244.94

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. CURRET VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)

Choice Cuts	67.33 loads	2,693,350 pounds			
Select Cuts	18.45 loads	737,809 pounds			
Trimmings	12.16 loads	486,454 pounds			
Ground Beef	37.46 loads	1,498,376 pounds			
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There were no cash cattle sales Tuesday. Packers offered \$139 but feedlots didn't take it. Unlike previous weeks so far in 2022, its going to be a game of cat and mouse this week as until packers get feedlots to sell at \$140. Feedlots are asking \$142.00

Has boxed beef bottomed? Tuesday the composite price of Choice boxed beef was \$257.90. The five day simple average was \$253.86. Often it is an indicator of beef reversing when the daily prices reverses, in this case it is higher than the average price.

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However, and I cannot recall when it last happened, the movement of Choice boxed beef was less than ground beef in the morning sales. Tuesday morning more ground beef was moved than Choice. It corrected by the afternoon sales but even when ground beef movement is more than half of Choice cuts moved it is a clear indicator that consumers want cheap beef and are buying less Choice beef cuts. Consumers and processors do not want to pay for high priced cuts.

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Cattle weights are dropping and except to see further declines. A drop in weights is one factor that is usually supportive but will drop in cattle weights be enough to have affect with consumers buying less beef?

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As of March 08, 2022 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 884.0 pounds compared to previous week at 887.4 pounds, down 3.4 pounds. The grading percent was 84.3% compared to previous week at 84.6%.

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2700.pdf

***National Daily Direct Cattle 03/15/22

5 day accumulated weighted avg							
	Weigl	nt Price	Head				
Live Steer:	1473	\$138.43	30,149				
Live Heifer:	1329	\$138.29	12,583				
Dressed Steer:	964	\$220.10	16,954				
Dressed Heifer:	858	\$220.06	8,829				
https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw ls410.txt							

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 03/15/2021

IA/MN – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE. DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

- NE CASH NO REPORTABLE TRADE. DRESSED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE.
- KS CASH NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE.
- TX/OK/NM CASH NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED- NO REPORTABLE TRADE.
- CO CASH **NOT REPORTED DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY** DRESSED - **NOT REPORTED DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

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JUNE LIVE CATTLE/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD



APRIL/JUNE LIVE CATTLE SPREAD –

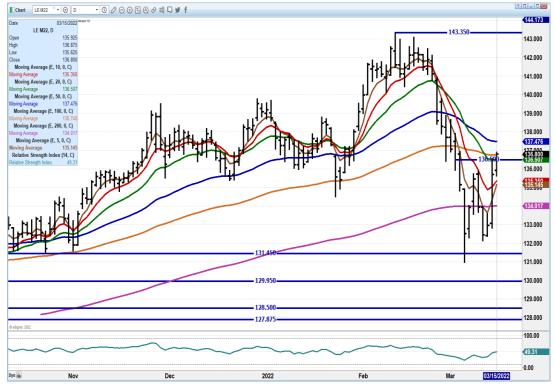


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APRIL 2022 LIVE CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 141.40 TO 142.00 SUPPORT AT 138.90 VOLUME AT 15,417

JUNE 2022 LIVE CATTLE - NEXT RESISTANCE137.47 SUPPORT AT 135.35 VOLUME AT 22,960



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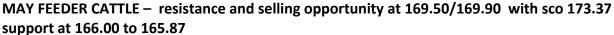
Feeder Cattle

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/14/2021 WAS 152.81 UP .50 FROM PREVIOUS DAY -

RECEIPTS:	AUCTIONS	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	205,100	56,700	27,000	288,800
LAST WEEK:	239,700	32,700	12,600	285,000
YEAR AGO:	303,200	58,900	31,900	394,000

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD 2.00 TO 7.00 LOWER NATIONWIDE THIS WEEK AS AUCTION MARKETS HAD A TURBULENT WEEK. UNCERTAINTY IN AROUND THE GLOBE BROUGHT VOLATILITY TO THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETS. FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS, RANCHERS HAVE BEEN BUYING THE GRAZING CATTLE WITH NOT A WORRY EVEN THOUGH OUTSIDE FACTORS HAVE BEEN WREAKING HAVOC ON FUTURES MARKETS. ENERGY MARKETS ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN THEY WERE AT THE TURN OF THE YEAR AND DIESEL FUEL PRICES ARE AT OR ABOVE THE 5.00 PER GALLON MARK ACROSS THE COUNTRY. RANCHERS THAT GRAZE SUMMER CALVES SEEM TO BE TAKING A BREATH AND EVALUATING IF THEY WANT TO TAKE ON MORE CATTLE AT CURRENT PRICE LEVELS. TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PASTURES NOW BECOMES AN ISSUE IF ENERGY PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB.

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AUGUST FEEDER CATTLE – moved a bit above resistance at 50 day average at 180.67 Support at 178.37

LEAN HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGH	ITER
MARCH 15, 2022 479	,000,
WEEK AGO 480	,000,
YEAR AGO 494	,000,
WEEK TO DATE (EST) 945	,000,
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST) 947	,000,
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT) 976	,000

REVISED MONDAY HOG SLAUGHTER..466,000 PREVIOUS ESTIMATE 479,000

CME CASH LEAN HOG INDEX 03/11/2022 AT 100.85 UP 9 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/14/2022 AT 104.54 DOWN .80 FROM PREVIOUS DAY - EIGHTH DAY DOWN

CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 03/11/2021 WAS (NOT UPDATED AS OF 3/14/22) COMPARED TO ON 03/04/2021 WAS 265.04

APRIL 2022 LEAN HOGS SETTLED ON MARCH 14, 2022 AT \$102.40

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THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX TO THE CME PORK INDEX IS MINUS \$3.69. HOGS GAINING ON PORK MEANS PACKERS ARE MAKING LESS PER HOG.

TRADE VOLUME IN HOGS WAS EXTREMELY SLOW TUESDAY. GLOBEX VOLUME ON APRIL HOGS WAS JUST 9,562 CONTRACTS AND JUNE TRADE VOLUME WAS 8,485 CONTRACTS.

SPREADING IS THE ACTIVE TRADING IN HOGS. JUNE LEAN HOGS GAINED 52 CENTS ON APRIL LEAN HOGS AND AUGUST GAINED 97 CENTS ON OCTOBER.

IF THE RUSSIA AND UKRAINE WAR WASN'T ON GOING , CHINA INSTITUTING LOCKDOWNS LAST WEEKEND BECAUSE OF COVID WOULD BE THE MAJOR NEWS . COVID IS INCREASING IN CHINA. PORTS AND SEVERAL CITIES ARE LOCKING DOWN. SHIPS AND FREIGHT CARRYING PLANES HAVE STRICT INSPECTIONS AND IF SIPPMENTS FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH THE VIRUS, LOADS ARE REJECTED.

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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 DAILY PORK REPORT FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES

MARCH 15, 2022

LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 326.53

TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 48.82

FINAL	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/15/2022	375.34	104.48	97.02	114.01	48.45	178.28	78.10	193.16
CHANGE:		1.29	-4.23	0.85	-1.19	4.01	12.39	-5.00
FIVE DAY AVERAGE -	-	104.43	99.22	113.03	48.54	174.85	79.09	190.49
NOON	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/15/2022	212.37	108.90	99.47	114.10	51.46	180.72	94.02	189.63
CHANGE:		5.71	-1.78	0.94	1.82	6.45	28.31	-8.53
FIVE DAY AVERAGE -	-	105.32	99.71	113.04	49.14	175.34	82.27	189.78
FINAL	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/14/2022	347.83	103.19	101.25	113.16	49.64	174.27	65.71	198.16
CHANGE:		0.64	6.11	0.02	0.17	-1.73	-12.48	11.08
FIVE DAY AVERAGE -	-	104.62	100.29	112.93	48.62	174.61	79.51	189.10
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**NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE <u>HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_2511.PDF</u> SLAUGHTER DATA FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022 AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 286.26 AVERAGE CARCASS 214.26

DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOG REPORT MARCH 15, 2022 National Negotiated Carcass Price Lowest price: 98.00 Highest price: 114.00 Weighted Average 106.87 Head Count: 7,711 From Previous day 4.67 higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass) Lowest Base Price: 74.85 Highest base price: 120.50 Weighted Average Price: 102.05 Head Count: 38,644

Pork Market Formula (Carcass) Lowest base price: 80.49 Highest Base Price: 112.80 Weighted Average Price 98.43 Head Count: 135,487

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass) Lowest base price: 70.27 Highest base price: 131.46 Weighted Average Price: 96.51 HEAD COUNT: 70,145

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APRIL/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD – SPREAD EXCEEDING WIDE BUT WITH LITTLE SELLING AS HEDGERS MOSTLY HEDGED AND CONTRACTED UP NOW, SPEC TRADERS WITH SPREADS CONTINUE TO WIDEN SPREAD



APRIL 2021 LEAN HOGS – VERY LIGHT VOLUME 10,085 RESISTANCE AT 102.65 TO 105.50 SUPPORT AT 100.05 TO 99.00



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JUNE 2022 LEAN HOGS – NEAR CONTRRACT HIGH AS SPECULATORS CONTINUE BUYING JUNE OVER APRIL 121.22 RESISTANCE. SUPPORT AT 116.60 TO 115.15 VOLUME LIGHT AT 8,922 CONTRACTS



OCTOBER 2022 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME VERY LIGHT AT 1,682 CONTRACTS TRADED. NEW CONTRACT HIGH WAS MADE AT 98.05 BUT FAILED TO MAKE NEW CONTRAFCT HIGH CLOSE. 99.00 RESITANCE.. SUPPORT AT 95.42



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