

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

WEDNESDAY MORNING JANUARY 17, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

JANUARY 16, 2024	114,000
WEEK AGO	94,000
YEAR AGO	128,949
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	226,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	198,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	253,419

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2:00 PM JANUARY 16, 2024

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	294.99	279.98
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	3.57	7.42
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	15.	01
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):	112	2
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	285.96	268.82

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 01/15/2024 WAS 282.67 UP 3.00 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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PRIMAL RIB	457.67	406.48
PRIMAL CHUCK	254.85	253.82
PRIMAL ROUND	243.32	236.49
PRIMAL LOIN	383.54	351.57
PRIMAL BRISKET	272.28	262.71
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	188.31	188.31
PRIMAL FLANK	138.35	136.09

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2:00 PM JANUARY 15, 2024 **PRIMAL RIB** 456.98 401.73 PRIMAL CHUCK 250.67 241.10 **PRIMAL ROUND** 236.51 231.78 **PRIMAL LOIN** 344.00 382.04 **PRIMAL BRISKET** 271.55 260.80 **PRIMAL SHORT PLATE** 184.13 184.13 PRIMAL FLANK 135.78 134.20

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total		
01/15	65	16	5	16	102	291.42	272.56
01/12	80	16	4	26	126	FRIDAY 289.26	271.85 FRIDAY
01/11	72	14	10	20	115	285.89	269.94
01/10	86	16	10	26	137	283.07	266.94
01/09	54	24	4	19	101	280.16	262.83

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.

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Choice Cuts 73.96 loads 2,958,400 pounds

Select Cuts15.67 loads626,892 poundsTrimmings3.98 loads159,366 poundsGround Beef18.32 loads732,752 pounds

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/05/2023	01/12/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	170.57	171.37	196.60 9/19/2023
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	173.40	174.17	199.82 9/15/2023
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	170.55	171.62	194.02 9/15/2023
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	171.57	172.07	192.45 9/15/2023
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	176.42	176.97	194.67 9/15/2023
DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	181.00	181.02	197.47 9/15/2023
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	184.80	184.42	199.57 9/20/2023
APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE	186.92	186.92	195.35 11/02/2023

(APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE OPENED ON OCTOBER 31, 2023 AT 192.80)

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JANUARY 2024 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT - JANUARY 19, 2024 COLD STORAGE REPORT – JANUARY 24, 2024 CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT - JANUARY 31, 2024

ALL REPORTS 2:00PM CST

Packers are biding their time and waiting for roads to clear. They know the cattle are delayed due to the weather conditions. Packers know cattle will need to be moved to slaughter. There are also feedlots that have feeder cattle scheduled to move onto feed and need to move fed cattle to the packer. Beef prices are going up but with light slaughters the cost to kill is more. Last week packers bought cattle lower. They will wait until cattle start moving again. Next week temperatures will be in their favor.

With negative packer margins the last thing a packer wants is to have feedlots moving too many cattle at one time. Packers will take their own cattle and contract cattle first and then take showlist cattle.

Cheaper beef is what buyers want from the home shopper to the fast food industry. With the severe cold, fast food restaurants saw decreased traffic. It is very likely that U.S. beef buyers will increase imports. There are going to be cattle discounted due to problems with freezing. Feedlots selling these cattle will see big discounts.

Last week cash cattle price were \$1.00 to \$2.00 Lower. Midwest cattle sold for \$173.00 to \$175.00 with dressed prices \$273.00. Southwest cattle didn't sell until Friday with prices \$172.00.

First notice day for February 2024 Live Cattle is February 5, 2024.

USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw ls196.txt Full Report

For Week Ending: January 6, 2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.34%	7.51%	3.75%
Choice	74.15%	77.34%	64.33%
Select	9.36%	12.61%	29.22%
Other	4.16%	2.54%	2.70%

PREVIOUS WEEK

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	14.25%	7.74%	4.54%
Choice	73.59%	77.62%	66.42%

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Select 7.85% 12.08% 27.11% Other 4.30% 2.57% 1.94%

EXPORTS

For week ending January 4, 2024 net exports were 12,200 MT. South Korea took 3,300 MT China bought 2300 MT Exports are starting out the new year low. Exports need to average on a weekly basis 20,000 MT to 25,000 MT.

Week Ending December 28, 2023 9,500 MT
Week Ending December 21, 2023 2,100 MT
Week ending December 14, 2023 9700 MT
Week Ending December 7, 2023 10,600 MT
Week Ending November 30, 2023 200 MT

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT JANUARY 16, 2024

As of January 16, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 901.2 pounds up 2.0 pounds from previous week but up 17.2 pounds from a year ago. The grading percent as of 01/16/24 was 82.9 % compared to previous week at 83.4% down .5%. On January 17, 2023 carcasses weighed 884.0 pounds and graded 84.1 % .

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

***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 01/16/2024 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD
LIVE STEER: 1491 \$173.59 19,065
LIVE HEIFER: 1350 \$173.36 8,361
DRESSED STEER 950 \$273.85 8,319
DRESSED HEIFER: 855 \$273.48 2,628

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 01/16/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES

IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

LIVE DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

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- NE CASH FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE

 DRESSED FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE

 DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE
- KS CASH NO REPORTABLE TRADE

 DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
LIVE DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

COLORADO - **INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE/ APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – CATTLE LOSING TO HOGS AND SHOULD CONTINUE



Chart provided by eSignal Interactive

APRIL 2024/JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – BULL SPREAD NOW BUT HAS BEEN NARROWING



FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME AT 26597 RESISTANCE AT 173.47 SUPPORT AT 170.75



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APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME AT 23.717 RESISTANCE AT 176.37 SUPPORT AT 173.75



JUNE 2023 LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME AT 13975 RESISTANCE AT 172.5 SUPPORT AT 170.90



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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 01/15/2024 WAS 226.43 UP 82 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 01/16/2024 AT \$227.62

Like cattle, feeder movement was slowed due to weather. Once roads clear, sales will increase.

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/05/2023	01/12/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	225.55	226.57	268.50 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	223.47	227.70	270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	229.15	233.00	273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	234.32	237.82	272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	250.22	253.85	282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	253.10	256.82	285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	255.30	258.87	257.00 NOVEMBER 21, 2023

APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE/MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD



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MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 230.00 SUPPORT AT 225.75



MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 242.00 SUPPORT AT 233.50



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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 16, 2024	464,000
WEEK AGO	395,000
YEAR AGO	490,062
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	842,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	863,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	910,694

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_3208.pdf

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 01/12/2023 WAS 66.55 UP 7 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 01/15/2024 AT 85.72 UP 41 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$19.17 TO THE CME PORK INDEX. 01/16/2024

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/05/2023	01/12/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS	70.00	71.90	88.35 FEBRUARY 21, 2023
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	76.37	78.62	91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	91.35	92.45	103.95 DECEMBER 14, 2022
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	93.12	94.37	102.60 FEBRUARY 22, 2023
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	93.17	94.47	96.90 JUNE 26, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	81.80	82.20	85.20 MAY 15, 2023
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	75.17	75.00	80.65 JUNE 21, 2023
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On a light slaughter for the first 2 days of the week, early pork sales on Tuesday had the pork carcass price down 17 cents. What is going to happen once roads clear and packers have a full workforce?

Pork prices have improved over the past week due to the light slaughter because of the snow and subzero temperatures. Packing plants have fewer people showing up either because they can't travel on roads or need to stay home with children that are home from school. But as weather moderates, roads are cleared and schools reopen, look for packers to increase line speed and put more pork into the market. Packers have positive profit margins. They want to kill hogs and need to kill to make up for light movement on contracted pork.

EXPORTS

FOR THE START OF THE NEW YEAR EXPORTS AT 23,300 MT WERE GOOD. THIS IS THE AVERAGE EXPORTS NEED TO BE WEEK AFTER WEEK TO BE PRICE SUPPORTING. IT WAS A BIT DISAPPOINTING LAST WEEK TO HAVE MEXICO BUY ONLY 7,400 MT. PORK CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE EXPORTS ESPECIALLY EXPORTS TO MEXICO.

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 23,300 MT
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 17,800 MT
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 23,800 MT
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 37,500 MT
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7, 2023 NET EXPORTS SALES WERE 28,200 MT.

FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES

<u>Based on negotiated prices and volume of pork cuts delivered within 14 days</u> and on average industry cutting yields. Calculations for 215 lb. Pork Carcass. 55-56% lean, 0.55"-0.70" BF Last Rib

Loads PORK CUTS: 301.53

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 23.88

2:00 PM 01/16/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 325.41	CARCASS 87.79 0.73 86.43	LOIN 84.93 0.73 83.77	BUTT 104.76 1.26 102.53	PIC 66.02 0.90 65.56	RIB 125.61 1.52 123.27	HAM 76.82 0.51 77.31	BELLY 124.43 1.41 118.50
2:00 PM 01/15/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 167.77	CARCASS 86.89 -0.17 86.25	LOIN 84.92 0.72 83.77	BUTT 105.46 1.96 102.67	PIC 65.62 0.50 65.48	RIB 124.47 0.38 123.04	HAM 76.57 0.26 77.26	BELLY 120.26 -2.76 117.66
2:00 PM 01/15/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 279.54	CARCASS 87.06 0.98 85.77	LOIN 84.20 1.01 83.18	BUTT 103.50 -0.26 101.80	PIC 65.12 0.75 65.68	RIB 124.09 0.44 122.38	HAM 76.31 -2.27 77.62	BELLY 123.02 7.02 115.52

HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE JANUARY 16, 2024

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 5,655 Lowest price: 41.00 Highest price: 47.00 Weighted Average 45.90

Change from Previous Day NOT AVAILABLE

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Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 19,594 Lowest Base Price: 64.40 Highest Base Price: 87.35 Weighted Average Price: 68.98

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 156,497 Lowest base price: 43.74 Highest Base Price: 80.31 Weighted Average Price 66.98

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 74,380 Lowest base price: 54.53 Highest base price: 103.89 Weighted Average Price: 75.54

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams 2511.pdf
SLAUGHTER DATA — JANUARY 15, 2024

**PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 195,761
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 287.07
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.03

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 15,234
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 280.90
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 213.76

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 118,772
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.15
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 219.33

FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD BUT HAS BEEEN CORRECTING



FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS - VOLUME AT 24,726 RESISTANCE AT 73.30 SUPPORT AT 70.10

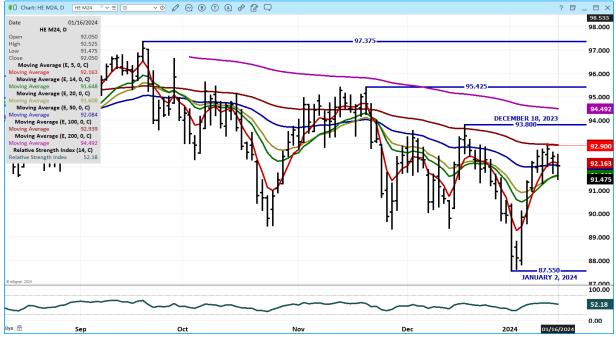


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APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS - VOLUME AT 16283 RESISTANCE AT 79.45 SUPPORT AT 76.75



JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS - VOLUME AT 6837 RESISTANCE AT 93.00 SUPPORT AT 91.50



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