

# Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

# **TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 20, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT**

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## **CATTLE**

 FEBRUARY 19, 2024
 104,000

 WEEK AGO
 115,000

 YEAR AGO
 101,860

 2024 YEAR TO DATE
 4,273,735

 2023 YEAR TO DATE
 4,517,924

 PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE
 -5.4%

 FEBRUARY 16, 2024
 120,000

 WEEK AGO
 117,000

 YEAR AGO
 121,652

SATURDAY 02/17/2024 2,000 WEEK AGO 4,000, YEAR AGO 7,478

WEEK TO DATE (EST) 608,000

SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST) 622,000

SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT) 625,272

2024 YEAR TO DATE 4,169,735

2023 YEAR TO DATE 4,416,064

PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -5.6% PREVIOUS WEEK -5.9%

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2:00 PM FEBRUARY 19, 2024

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 297.09 287.40 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: 0.89 0.74

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 9.69
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS): 105

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 294.37 286.20

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# CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 02/15/2024 WAS 292.46 UP 39 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 02/08/2024 WAS 292.18

2:00 PM FEBRUARY 19, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	462.39	423.65
PRIMAL CHUCK	256.08	251.11
PRIMAL ROUND	249.08	252.90
PRIMAL LOIN	388.21	367.61
PRIMAL BRISKET	233.75	230.52
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	198.95	198.95
PRIMAL FLANK	140.24	136.89
2:00 PM FEBRUARY 16, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	458.70	421.88
PRIMAL CHUCK	257.58	253.01
PRIMAL ROUND	249.94	251.56
PRIMAL LOIN	385.40	364.71
PRIMAL BRISKET	228.09	229.71
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	195.91	195.91
PRIMAL FLANK	140.15	139.11
2:00 AM FEBRUARY 9, 2024 PRIOR WEEK		
PRIMAL RIB	454.14	413.11
PRIMAL CHUCK	258.64	258.14
PRIMAL ROUND	249.89	248.24
PRIMAL LOIN	378.55	361.67
PRIMAL BRISKET	235.50	230.49
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	186.56	186.56
PRIMAL FLANK	134.31	136.38
LIMINAL I FUM	134.31	130.36

# LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total		
02/16	76	9	7	16	108	FRIDAY 296.20	286.66 FRIDAY
02/15	99	14	12	8	134	295.30	287.99
02/14	58	15	11	15	99	294.00	284.02
02/13	66	24	5	14	108	292.27	285.30
02/12	44	8	29	8	89	294.08	287.02
02/09	55	16	24	11	105	FRIDAY 294.04	285.08 FRIDAY

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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.

February 19, 2024

Choice Cuts	57.36 loads	2,294,220 pounds
Select Cuts	24.88 loads	995,395 pounds
Trimmings	8.56 loads	342,370 pounds
<b>Ground Beef</b>	14.57 loads	582,671 pounds

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#### **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	02/09/2023	02/16/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	183.50	184.77	196.60 9/19/2023
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	185.82	187.55	199.82 9/15/2023
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	183.00	182.82	194.02 9/15/2023
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	181.97	181.57	192.45 9/15/2023
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	184.75	184.57	194.67 9/15/2023
DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	188.05	187.80	197.47 9/15/2023
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	191.22	190.67	199.57 9/20/2023
APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE	193.50	192.65	195.35 11/02/2023

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#### **FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES**

23 DELIVERIES AS OF 02/16/2024

DATE 02/16/24 SETTLEMENT: \$184.77 OLDEST LONG – 01/16/2024 \$168.92

FIRM #	FIRM NAME	DEL	REC
800	MAREX SPEC	17	
726	<b>CUNNINGHAM COMMODITIES</b>	6	2
905	ADM INVESTOR SERVICE		21

	HEIFERS	STEERS
AMARILLO	9	6
DODGE CITY		8

**FEBRUARY 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORTS** 

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT – FEBRUARY 23, 2024 COLD STORAGE REPORT – FEBRUARY 23, 2024

REPORTS 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

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Traders are bull spreading Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle. Volume on Friday was moderately active and highest volume day for the week. April Live Cattle traded 31831 contracts with June at 15,845 contracts. Last week February and April Live Cattle were higher with June Live Cattle into 2025 lower. As traders unwind spreads, they will sell April combined with trades from equity fund longs such as Goldman Sachs and unwind nearby shorts such as June.

Year to date slaughter is down 246,329 head.	

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Choice boxed beef was up Monday on light movement of 105 total loads.

Choice boxed beef on Friday's early sales was up \$2.02 compared to last Friday's price but it took a lot fewer cattle to move beef prices higher. Packer margins are negative and packers aren't going to kill more cattle than they need to meet their beef orders. It is difficult to know what packers are making or losing since they do not share beef prices on contracted beef and how all the various cattle contracts are paid plus profits or losses on their own cattle but when kill drops as low as it is now, fixed costs are eating margins.

If slaughter remains near current levels of late, packers will start to lay off workers and close inefficient facilities. Feedlots then would have to add higher transportation costs to move cattle.

Beef prices are already high for the consumer. Will the consumer pay higher prices. The Choice to Select boxed beef spread has been narrowing reflecting consumers wanting cheaper beef prices.

Kansas, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma sold cattle from \$178.00 to \$180.00. Sales in the Midwest were 179.00 - 183.00 averaging \$180.5. Dressed prices in IA/MN were 283.00 - 287.00.

Temperatures will be warming with several cattle feeding states as much as 30 plus degrees above normal. Cattle feed efficiencies will up.

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Cattle are recovering from the January winter freeze. Steer and heifer carcasses gained 7 pounds from the previous week and the grading percent was 1.1% higher.

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#### **EXPORTS WEEK**

FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 2024 EXPRTS WERE 16,600MT . THERE WERE NO LARGE BUYERS JAPAN BOUGHT 4100MT, CHINA 3700MT AND SOUTH KOREA TOOK 3200 MT

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2024	20,600MT		
<b>WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 2024</b>	16,700 MT		
<b>WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 2024</b>	22,400 MT		
<b>WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 2024</b>	21,400 MT		
<b>WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 2024</b>	12,200 MT		
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#### **USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT**

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw\_ls196.txt Full Report

For Week Ending: 2/10/2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	13.14%	7.00%	4.44%
Choice	73.21%	77.68%	66.31%
Select	8.99%	12.37%	27.26%
Other	4.66%	2.96%	1.99%

For Week Ending: 2/3/2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.48%	7.04%	4.42%
Choice	73.47%	77.23%	64.84%
Select	9.28%	12.69%	28.59%
Other	4.77%	3.04%	2.15%

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## NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FEBRUARY 6, 2024

As of February 13, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 876.2 pounds up 7.0 pounds from previous week and up 5.9 pounds from a year ago. The grading percent as of 02/13/24 was 84.1 % compared to previous week at 82.9%. On February 14, 2023 carcasses weighed 870.3 pounds and graded 85.8%.

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\*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 02/19/2024
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD

LIVE STEER: 1484 \$180.41 41,761 LIVE HEIFER: 1341 \$180.12 20,998 DRESSED STEER 939 \$286.74 8,265 DRESSED HEIFER: 854 \$287.54 3,464

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 02/19/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN - CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

**CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE** 

DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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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.

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

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APRIL 2024/JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE – JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE –

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# **FEEDER CATTLE**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 02/15/2024 WAS 244.58 DOWN 35 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 02/16/2024 AT \$251.02

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Feedlots are not only benefiting from lower grain prices but depending on local basis and availability of wheat and corn, feedlots benefit from the wheat/corn spread. The May Kansas Wheat/May Corn spread is below \$140.00, and the July spread traded down Thursday to \$119.50. Chicago July wheat/July corn was below \$130.00 Thursday.

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	02/09/2023	02/16/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	245.92	251.02	270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	250.72	253.55	273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	254.82	255.62	272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	268.60	266.97	282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	270.35	268.45	285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	270.82	268.97	275.17 FEBRUARY 8, 2024
<b>NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE</b>	271.47	268.37	274.70 FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE – MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE –

# **HOGS**

**USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER** 

 FEBRUARY 19, 2024
 490,000

 WEEK AGO
 491,000

 YEAR AGO
 477,427

 2024 YEAR TO DATE
 18,218,523

 2023 \*YEAR TO DATE
 18,154,887

 YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
 0.4%

FEBRUARY 16, 2024 482,000 WEEK AGO 484,000 YEAR AGO 473,105

SATURDAY 02/17/2024 122,000 WEEK AGO 181,000 YEAR AGO 102,870

 WEEK TO DATE (EST)
 2,559,000

 SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)
 2,622,000

 SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)
 2,489,502

 2024 YEAR TO DATE
 17,728,523

 2023 \*YEAR TO DATE
 17,677,460

YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE 0.3% PRIOR WEEK -0.2%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 02/15/2024 WAS 75.29 UP 17 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 02/16/2024 AT 88.36 UP 1.05 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$13.07 TO THE CME PORK INDEX. 02/19/2024

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#### **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	02/09/2023	02/16/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	80.75	85.22	91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	94.92	97.75	103.95 DECEMBER 14, 2022
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	96.47	98.62	102.60 FEBRUARY 22, 2023
<b>AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS</b>	96.20	98.07	96.90 JUNE 26, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	82.75	83.97	85.20 MAY 15, 2023
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	75.02	75.95	80.65 JUNE 21, 2023
FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS	78.22	78.72	81.50 AUGUST 30, 2023

FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS SETTLED ON 2/14/2024 75.12

88.35 FEBRUARY 21, 2023

For the week hog slaughter compared to last week was down 63,000 head. Compared to the same week in 2023 slaughter was up 69,498 head. Year to date slaughter is up 51,063 head.

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Compared to the previous week pork prices are improving. All primal cuts were higher. Hams had notable gains up \$5.24. Loins gained 70 cents.

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Pork prices gained over the week. The 5 day pork carcass average gained \$2.47.

Big exports are the plus to the hog and pork markets, the icing on the cake. The U.S. is not a big pork eating country. Exports move pork that would push down prices that people in the US don't eat.

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## **EXPORTS**

EXPORTS WERE VERY BIG FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 2024 AT 71,900 MT . MEXICO TOOK 25,000 MET TONS CHINA BOUGHT 19,500 MT JAPAN 9100 MT AND SOUTH KOREA 6000MT

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 39,200 MT WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 42,900 MT WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 24,100 MT WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 33,400 MT

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# WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 23,300 MT WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 17,800 MT

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#### **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: 215.32

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 39.07

2:00 PM 02/19/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 254.39	93.78 3.21 89.44	LOIN 85.38 1.21 84.35	BUTT 105.98 1.52 104.02	PIC 68.12 5.87 63.38	RIB 148.10 0.27 144.01	HAM 79.87 -0.24 77.60	BELLY 145.56 11.16 130.66
2:00 PM 02/16/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 333.92	CARCASS 90.57 0.78 88.39	LOIN 84.17 -2.37 84.19	BUTT 104.46 -0.58 103.08	PIC 62.25 0.87 62.03	RIB 147.83 7.00 142.38	HAM 80.11 1.58 77.58	BELLY 134.40 5.17 126.71
PRIOR WEEK 2:00 PM 02/09/2024 CHANGE: FIVE DAY AVERAGE	LOADS 303.66	CARCASS 85.97 -0.39 86.03	LOIN 83.72 -1.43 83.65	BUTT 101.16 2.32 99.25	PIC 61.21 -0.99 60.72	RIB 140.79 3.55 137.52	HAM 74.54 -0.78 72.36	BELLY 120.70 -0.91 127.09

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**HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE FEBRUARY 19, 2024** 

**National Negotiated Price** 

Head Count: 62.00 Lowest price: 62.00 Highest price: 71.50 Weighted Average 69.43

Change from Previous Day -0.02 lower

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 51,413 Lowest Base Price: 63.17 Highest Base Price: 98.13 Weighted Average Price: 82.65

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 203,085 Lowest base price: 66.62

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Highest Base Price: 85.75 Weighted Average Price 75.90

**Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)** 

HEAD COUNT: 194,635 Lowest base price: 70.12 Highest base price: 105.91 Weighted Average Price: 80.59

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LMRSwineReportingHandout.pdf

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS 2511.PDF

SLAUGHTER DATA – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024 AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

\*\*PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 291,653
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 289.61
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.61

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 37,213
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 286.13
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.11

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 224,924
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.78
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 219.20

APRIL/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD -APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS –

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