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Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

WEDNESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 21, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

FEBRUARY 20 2024	125,000
WEEK AGO	125,000
YEAR AGO	126,175
WEEK TO DATE	229,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	240,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	228,035
YTD 2024	4,398,735
YTD 2023	4,644,099
YTD% CHANGE	-5.3%

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

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2:00 PM FEBRUARY 20, 2024

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	297.37	287.82
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	286.72	270.62
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	0.28	0.42
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		9.55
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		16.10
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):		110
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	294.97	286.27

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 02/19/2024 WAS \$293.29 UP 21 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 02/20/2023 WAS \$274.44 YEAR AGO

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PRIMAL RIB	459.91	423.22
PRIMAL CHUCK	254.98	253.15
PRIMAL ROUND	249.46	250.84
PRIMAL LOIN	392.98	370.90
PRIMAL BRISKET	234.41	226.96
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	196.78	196.78
PRIMAL FLANK	137.60	135.59

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

YEAR AGO

11:00 AM FEBRUARY 21, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	460.59	404.55
PRIMAL CHUCK	231.82	227.19
PRIMAL ROUND	229.59	228.69
PRIMAL LOIN	400.69	365.98
PRIMAL BRISKET	208.34	195.25
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	187.73	187.73
PRIMAL FLANK	163.30	160.07

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total		
02/19	57	25	9	15	105	297.09	287.40
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

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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 20, 2024

Choice Cuts	65.84 loads	2,633,675 pounds
Select Cuts	17.01 loads	680,567 pounds
Trimmings	11.06 loads	442,517 pounds
Ground Beef	15.85 loads	634,154 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

11 DELIVERIES AS OF 02/20/2024

DATE 02/20/24 SETTLEMENT: \$184.40

OLDEST LONG – 01/16/2024 \$168.92

FIRM #	FIRM NAME	DEL	REC
685	R.J.O'BRIEN ASSOC	9	
726	CUNNINGHAM COMMODITIES	2	
905	ADM INVESTOR SERVICE		11

	HEIFERS	
AMARILLO	2 RETENDERS	2 DEMAND
DALHART	9 TENDERS	

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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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CATTLE ON FEED ESTIMATES

January cattle placements seen down 11.6% from year ago, analysts say - Reuters News

	Range	Average	Million head
On feed February 1	99.4-101.1	100.1	11.716
Placements in January	81.6-94.0	88.4	1.707
Marketings in January	98.6-100.3	99.8	1.842

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BEEF PRICES

The boxed beef tables above show current prices compared to last year's boxed beef prices. It is obvious they are higher priced in 2024. It is easy to see beef cuts from Chucks, Rounds, Briskets, Plates and Flanks are higher priced both for Choice and Select beef. When reports about the economy talk about inflation, beef prices are included.

With fewer cattle available there is simply going to be less beef. But US consumers want cheaper beef. Of course there are shoppers that can and do buy any cut or grade they wish. If they want a Prime steak, they don't hesitate buying it. But they are not the majority of consumers. The narrow spread between Choice and Select beef shows what consumers want. Higher Select Chucks and Rounds shows it.

How long will consumers that shops on a budget continue to buy even the cheapest beef? In 2023 US beef consumption was estimated to be down 4 pounds per person. Higher beef prices in 2024 will further discourage consumption. If there is a downturn in the economy, it will further discourage consumption. Cattle sold on the showlist will likely be the first cattle affected by a negative economic change.

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Trade volume Tuesday was light to moderate. There was an attempt to move Live Cattle futures higher but traders gave up with cattle reversing some of the bull spreading that occurred last week.

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As of last week, year to date slaughter is down 246,329 head.

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

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Last week Kansas, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma sold cattle from \$178.00 to \$180.00. Sales in the Midwest were 179.00 - 183.00 averaging \$180.50. Dressed prices in IA/MN were 283.00 - 287.00.

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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

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 2024	16,600MT
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2024	20,600MT
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25, 2024	16,700 MT
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 2024	22,400 MT

[HTTPS://APPS.FAS.USDA.GOV/EXPORT-SALES/HIGHLITE.HTM](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/highlite.htm)

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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 02/20/2024
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG**

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1484	\$180.42	41,658
LIVE HEIFER:	1341	\$180.12	20,961
DRESSED STEER	941	\$286.84	7,905
DRESSED HEIFER:	853	\$287.62	3,384

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**USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 02/20/2024
STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED**

**IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
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DRESSED DELIVERED – 283.00 ON 20 STEERS WEIGHED 730 POUNDS
LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**NE – CASH FOB – 180.00 ON 118 HEIFERS WEIGHING 1425 POUNDS
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.

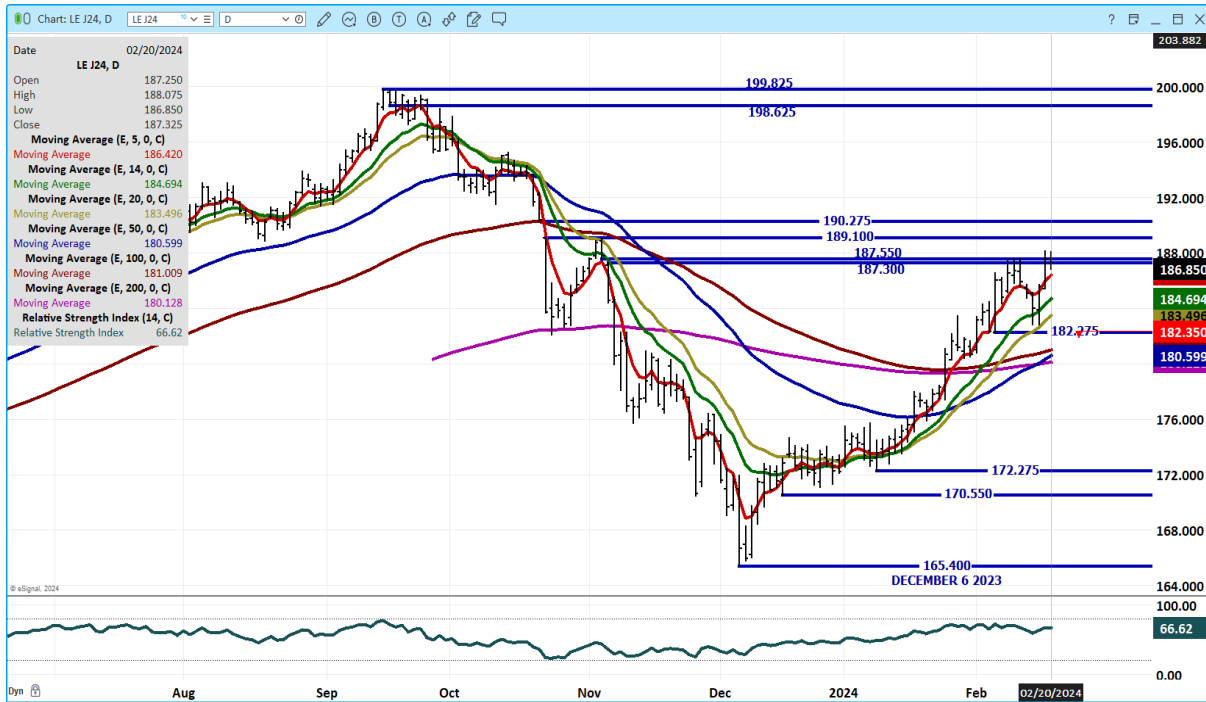
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APRIL 2024/JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - TRADERS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR FEWER CATTLE INTO SPRING.



APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME WAS 21,996 RESISTANCE AT 188.00 TO HIGH GAP AT 190.27 SUPPORT AT 186.37 TO 184.65



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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 02/19/2024 WAS 242.65 UP 38 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 02/20/2024 AT \$251.37

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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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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	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
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	271.47	268.37	274.70 FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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APRIL/MAY FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD



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APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 260.47 SUPPORT AT 247.00 TO 242.37



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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

FEBRUARY 20, 2024	490,000
WEEK AGO	486,000
YEAR AGO	482,027
WEEK TO DATE	980,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	977,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	959,454
YTD 2024	18,708,523
YTD 2023	18,636,914
YTD% CHANGE	0.4%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 02/16/2024 WAS 75.75 UP 46 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 02/19/2024 AT 89.27 UP 91 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$13.52 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
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	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

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Last 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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Packers are making money with pork prices moving up more than hog prices. Pork prices have been steadily moving up and hams are moving out of the hole. The 5 day average at 78.31 for hams remains cheap and could encourage more buying which mainly has been said due to increasing exports. Easter is often a time when there is strength in hams and with high beef prices, hams are likely to be shown as specials this year.

Big exports are the plus to the hog and pork markets, the icing on the cake. No results for consumption for 2024 are out yet, but with higher beef prices, it is likely pork demand will grow a bit.

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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
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

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

Loads PORK CUTS : 233.79
 Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 34.69

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/19/2024	268.48	92.44	85.06	106.81	64.98	150.00	80.97	137.35
CHANGE:		-1.34	-0.32	0.83	-3.14	1.90	1.10	-8.21
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		90.50	84.60	104.98	63.77	145.90	78.31	133.88

11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/20/2024	162.66	92.32	83.79	107.84	67.62	149.34	81.27	135.86
CHANGE:		-1.46	-1.59	1.86	-0.50	1.24	1.40	-9.70
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		90.47	84.34	105.18	64.30	145.77	78.37	133.58

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/19/2024	254.39	93.78	85.38	105.98	68.12	148.10	79.87	145.56
CHANGE:		3.21	1.21	1.52	5.87	0.27	-0.24	11.16
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		89.44	84.35	104.02	63.38	144.01	77.60	130.66

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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE FEBRUARY 19, 2024

National Negotiated Price
 Head Count: 2,453
 Lowest price: 65.00
 Highest price: 73.50
 Weighted Average 70.25
 Change from Previous Day 0.82 higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass)
 Head Count: 20,487
 Lowest Base Price: 73.98
 Highest Base Price: 98.00
 Weighted Average Price: 85.16

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)
 Head Count 147,469
 Lowest base price: 67.67
 Highest Base Price: 87.26
 Weighted Average Price 77.68

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)
 HEAD COUNT: 64,192
 Lowest base price: 70.12
 Highest base price: 101.39
 Weighted Average Price: 82.23

<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 – FEBRUARY 19, 2024

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 244,401

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 285.35

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 213.15

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 31,878

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 282.37

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 212.27

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 175,901

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 284.65

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 217.15

APRIL/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD - NARROWING



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APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – BACK TO LEVELS OF JUNE 2023 RESISTANCE AT 87.10 SUPPORT AT 84.45 TO 83.00



ALL CHARTS FROM ESIGNAL INTERACTIVE, INC

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