

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

TUESDAY MORNING AUGUST 17, 2021 LIVESTOCK REPORT Chris Lehner, Senior Livestock Analyst | 312.242.7942 | <u>chris.lehner@admis.com</u>

# **CATTLE**

AUGUST 16, 2021119,000WEEK AGO113,000YEAR AGO113,000\*\*REVISED FRIDAY CATTLE SLAUGHTER..116,000PREVIOUS ESTIMATE 119,000NEW WEEK TO DATE SALUGHTER 636,000\*PREVIOUS ESTIMATE 639,000

	CHOICE	SELECT
BOXED BEEF FINAL	329.80	303.55
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	4.97	5.53
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	26	.25
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):	7	8
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	311.73	288.35

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX FOR 08/13/2021 WAS AT \$306.14 UP \$4.76 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

FINAL AUGUST 16, 2021		
PRIMAL RIB	549.84	426.25
PRIMAL CHUCK	271.93	270.37
PRIMAL ROUND	269.96	268.38
PRIMAL LOIN	414.48	368.45
PRIMAL BRISKET	294.83	264.94
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	258.02	258.02
PRIMAL FLANK	157.71	155.28

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FINAL AUGUST 13, 2021		
PRIMAL RIB	542.26	423.71
PRIMAL CHUCK	270.37	260.64
PRIMAL ROUND	263.53	260.89
PRIMAL LOIN	407.94	361.85
PRIMAL BRISKET	287.78	288.64
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	252.38	252.38
PRIMAL FLANK	155.55	153.83

# LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

						CHOICE	SELECT
Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
08/13	48	18	12	12	91	324.83	298.02
08/12	51	10	7	30	97	317.93	290.31
08/11	69	19	10	12	110	310.80	287.99
08/10	63	17	14	34	128	305.32	284.61

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	43.72 loads	1,748,821 pounds
Select Cuts	15.51 loads	620,274 pounds
Trimmings	8.70 loads	348,033 pounds
<b>Ground Beef</b>	10.44 loads	417,452 pounds

# AUGUST 2021 LIVESTOCK REPORTS

FRIDAY AUGUST 20, 2021 CATTLE ON FEED REPORT 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2021 COLD STORAGE REPORT 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – AUGUST 2021 - LIVE CATTLE SETTLEMENT: AUGUST 16, 2021 - \$123.52 OLDEST LONG: 06/30/21 SETTLEMENT AT \$122.72 25 RETENDERS AND RECLAIMS

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# ftp://ftp.cmegroup.com/delivery reports/live cattle delivery/081121 livecattle.txt

Large group in Nebraska moved at \$128.50, the same group mostly heifers that were sold 2 weeks ago delivered on Monday that topped the market.

Will cattle prices move higher? When packers can't meet all contracted meat orders and have to pay up. But for futures, cattle have large premiums into 2022 and basis marketing says to sell the premium. If bullish, use options to cover shorts. Packers aren't going to share profits until it is necessary when they are short cattle for kill and must pay more for cattle. With large cow kill over past year, we will see fewer cattle as trade moves into end of 2021 into 2022. Until then, cattle will move steadily higher. Last week cash was steady buy packers did pay more for dressed cattle. There is not an overabundance of cattle and it is no secret. Packers will have to give up some of big profits and likely will happen when they do it with a big sudden move higher.

Last year corn cost around \$3.30/bushel and now cash corn is over \$6.00 so the increase in feed takes most profits this year. A year ago, replacement feeders were around \$145.00 and now they are near \$160.00. It isn't a big cost, but a cost subtracted from profit margins. Last year, cash cattle averaged about \$102.00 and this year. Choice or Prime at \$125.00.

Showlist feedlots are happier this year because compared to a year ago COVID isn't slowing down packers but as far as profits, they aren't seeing big profits from super high beef prices. They aren't getting profits from rib sections at \$542/cwt compared to a year ago at \$349/cwt or loin sections this year over \$410/cwt compared to a year ago at \$290/cwt.

This year compared to a year ago, feedlots that sell in the cash market may feel better because they can see higher prices and better times into 2022 if they use the prices offered to their advantage.

As of AUGUST 10, 2021 dressed steer and heifer weights were 862.8 compared to previous week at 866.9 down 4.1 pounds for the week. Grading percent was 80.6% up .3% compared to previous week at 80.3%.

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 08/16/2021

IA/MN – CASH – No Reportable Trade DRESSED - 197.00 on 200 head

### NE – CASH - 128.75 968 HEAD STEERS WEIGHING 1525 HEIFERS ON 2373 WEIGHING 1370

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DRESSED - No Reportable Trade.

KS – CASH - No Reportable Trade. DRESSED – No Reportable Trade.

TX/OK/NM – No Reportable Trade. DRESSED No Reportable Trade.

CO – \*\*Not reported due to confidentiality\*\* DRESSED \*\*Not reported due to confidentiality\*\*

***National Daily Direct Cattle 08/16/21							
5 day accumulated weighted avg)							
Weight Price Head							
Live Steer:	1442	\$123.40	27,734				
Live Heifer:	1289	\$122.58	12,099				
Dressed Steer:	930	\$200.58	16,406				
Dressed Heifer:	849	\$200.12	4,703				

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OCTOBER/DECEMBER 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - SPREAD TRYING TO NARROW. SHOULD AT LEAST MOVE TO MINUS \$3.00 CATTLE ARE NOT IN A BEAR MARKET SO SPREADS COULD EASILY GO FROM BEAR SPREAD TO BULL SPREAD



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# AUGUST LIVE CATTLE - OPEN INTEREST 6754 NOT MANY CONTRACTS LEFT. DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN RETENDERS AND RECLAIMS. 124.05 TO 125.00 RESISTANCE. SUPPORT AT 122.60



OCTOBER 2021 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME 20004 129.97 TO 130.47 RESISTANCE SUPPORT AND BUY AT 127.80 WITH SCO BELOW 126.50



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# DECEMBER 2021 LIVE CATTLE – NEW CONTRACT HIGH CLOSE 134.57 RESISTANCE STRONG SUPPORT AT 133.00 TO 131.80



# **Feeder Cattle**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 08/13/2021 WAS 155.54 DOWN 29 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY -AUGUST 2021 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON AUGUST 16, 2021 \$157.20

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY – WEEK ENDING 08/13/2021

RECEIPTS:	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	147,800	50,900	74,000	74,000
Last Week:	174,200	58,600	204,600	437,400
Year Ago:	158,100	66,500	7,000	231,600

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold uneven; 3.00 lower to 1.00 higher as most of the higher trend would be associated in the North Central region. Extreme heat across the Plains was the case until Thursday making it difficult to dangerous for cattle transport. A few auctions cancelled in the Southern Plains and others had much smaller volume that typical, even for the slower summer marketing time. August is historically a good time to sell yearlings and this year is no exception as very good demand remains for yearling steers and heifers, especially those coming right off grass.

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# SEPTEMBER 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – CLOSED BELOW 20 DAY AVERAGE. SUPPORT AT 159.70 TO 159.30 TO 157.65. COULD FILL GAP, DROP TO LOWEST SUPPORT MORE IN LINE WITH CURRENT CEME INDEX RESISTANCE AT 162.65



# **LEAN HOGS**

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

AUGUST 16, 2021	477,000
WEEK AGO	456,000
YEAR AGO	485,000

CME CASH LEAN HOG INDEX 08/12/2020 AT \$109.90 DOWN 29 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

AUGUST 2021 LEAN HOGS SETTLED ON FUTURES 08/13/2021 AT \$109.80

CME AUGUST 2021 LEAN HOGS TO CME LEAN HOG INDEX = 0

CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 08/13/2021 AT 123.31 UP 46 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 8/13/2021 WAS 294.55 COMPARED TO 8/06/2021 WAS 291.10

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CME PORK INDEX TO CME LEAN HOG INDEX plus 13.41

Because of the large price spread between current cash and where August futures closed at \$109.90, buyers bought October Lean Hogs with December into 2022 following on light volume. Gaps from 8/4/21 and 8/5/21 above Monday's close as well as the gap left from Monday's open are key trader's targets.

Futures higher Monday on moderate movement. There is a gap on October at from 89.70 to 89.97. There is also a gap from Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 86.87 to Monday's low at 87.25.

5 day average last week was down \$2.01 and Monday the 5 day pork carcass average was down another 98 cents.

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CBP Casts Wide Net to Assess African Swine Fever Threats to the U.S.

https://www.porkbusiness.com/news/industry/cbp-casts-wide-net-assess-african-swinefever-threats-us

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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

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NATIONAL DAILY PORK REPORT FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES AUGUST 16, 2021 LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 287.15 TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 29.88

FINAL								
DATE	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/16/2021	317.03	119.35	115.43	124.90	95.72	143.45	75.06	227.55
CHANGE		-6.33	-1.15	2.30	2.18	4.02	-25.94	-2.17
FIVE DAY AVERAG	E	122.15	115.56	120.65	96.83	145.01	85.02	230.98
FINAL								
DATE	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/13/2021	379.61	125.68	116.58	122.60	93.54	139.43	101.00	229.72
CHANGE		6.31	2.03	12.30	-5.29	-7.66	22.70	-0.43
FIVE DAY AVERAG	E	123.13	115.47	120.20	96.93	145.82	88.38	232.44
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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, August 13, 2021 and Saturday, August 14, 2021 Average live weight: 277.48 Average carcass : 208.71

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https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LMRSwineReportingHandout.pdf DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOG REPORT AUGUST 16, 2021

National Negotiated Carcass Price Lowest price: 94.00 Highest price: 100.00 Weighted Average Price: 95.68 Head Count: 5,015 On a National basis, compared to the previous day, 2.29 lower

Other Market Formula (Carcass) Lowest Base Price 58.84 Highest base price: 112.11 Weighted Average Price: 98.56 Head Count: 22,608

Pork Market Formula (Carcass) Lowest base price: 86.81 Highest Base Price: 127.57 Weighted Average Price: 108.84 Head Count: 174,614

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass) Lowest base price: 75.59 Highest base price: 113.78 Weighted Average Price: 103.68 HEAD COUNT: 69,890

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# OCTOBER 2021/DECEMBER 2021 LEAN HOG SPREAD – Spread is wide SPREAD SETTLED

- 2017 -\$1.80
- 2018 +\$13.25 HIGH ON 10/11/2018 \$14.25
- 2018 -\$6.05
- 2020 +10.00 HIGH ON 10/17/2020 \$12.30
- 2021 CURRENT +7.15



DECEMBER 2021/FEBRUARY 2022 LEAN HOG SPREAD – NARROWING IS FRIENDLY



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# OCTOBER 2021 LEAN HOGS - MAY BE BATTLE OF GAPS. 89.97 TO 92.37 REISTANCE Support at 87.37 to 86.87



DECEMBER 2021 LEAN HOGS – good close above all moving averages. Next resistance at 83.87 Support at 80.00



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