

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 21, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

AUGUST 18, 2023	118,000
WEEK AGO	109,000
YEAR AGO	123,000
SATURDAY 08/19/2023	9,000 A WEEK AGO 3,000, YEAR AGO 40,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	616,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	603,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	664,000
2023 YEAR TO DATE	20,553,000
2022 YEAR TO DATE	21,429,000
YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE	MINUS 4.1% PREVIOUS WEEK MINUS 4.0%
	MINUS 876,000 YTD PREVIOUS WEEK 830,000 YTD

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2:00 PM AUGUST 18, 2023

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	316.11	288.36
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	1.97	2.10
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	27.75	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)	92	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	307.70	282.35

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 08/17/2023 WAS 301.87 UP 2.22 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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2:00 PM AUGUST 18, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	512.67	421.44
PRIMAL CHUCK	262.93	254.62
PRIMAL ROUND	261.54	258.80
PRIMAL LOIN	405.36	343.53
PRIMAL BRISKET	268.25	246.66
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	218.02	218.02
PRIMAL FLANK	193.32	191.29

PREVIOUS WEEK

2:00 PM AUGUST 11, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	469.40	385.58
PRIMAL CHUCK	247.99	249.22
PRIMAL ROUND	244.06	242.17
PRIMAL LOIN	406.18	337.87
PRIMAL BRISKET	258.09	237.99
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	218.17	218.17
PRIMAL FLANK	195.46	188.15

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
08/17	60	18	13	8	100	314.14	286.26
08/16	60	32	11	16	118	308.99	284.77
08/15	80	22	30	16	147	307.26	283.03
08/14	62	17	8	9	96	305.50	280.45
08/11	51	10	0	11	73	FRIDAY 302.61	277.23 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.

Choice Cuts	60.62 loads	2,424,814 pounds
Select Cuts	17.93 loads	717,294 pounds
Trimming	0.00 loads	0 pounds
Ground Beef	13.89 loads	555,400 pounds

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NO DELIVERIES AS OF AUGUST 18, 2023

AUGUST 2023 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – AUGUST 2023 - LIVE CATTLE

DATE 08/15/23 SETTLEMENT: \$178.52

OLDEST LONG – 06/09/23 \$171.85

0 DELIVERIES

FIRM #	FIRM NAME	DEL	REC
YARD LOCATION			

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AUGUST 2023 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

COLD STORAGE REPORT WEDNESDAY AUGUST 23, 2023 2:00PM CST

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USDA CATTLE ON FEED REPORT

AUGUST 18, 2023

	Range	Average	Actual
On feed August 1	98 - 99.1	98.4	98
Placements in July	90.4 - 96.5	94.5	92
Marketings in July	94.5 - 95.1	94.8	95

United States Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on August 1, 2023. The inventory was 2 percent below August 1, 2022.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million head, 8 percent below 2022. Net placements were 1.55 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 250,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 370,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 373,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.73 million head, 5 percent below 2022

Other disappearance totaled 65,000 head during July, 16 percent above 2022.

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The lack of cows bred over the past two plus years, and the high temperatures of this summer had placements down 8 percent. It is not a surprise placements are as low and breaking down the weight groups especially the 600 to 699 head group, unless there are big numbers of heavy backgrounded cattle this month and September that will be brought in from the mountains and northern Plains, slaughter will drop during a time of the year when beef demand is at its highest as packers need cattle to push for November into December beef demand.

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For comparison, the Cattle on Feed Report August 19, 2022

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.77 million head, 2 percent above 2021. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 410,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 280,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 400,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 405,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 195,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 75,000 head.

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If contracted beef orders in 2023 are as strong as in 2022 for holiday demand, packers will “fight” over cattle. Look for prices to be up on the opening Monday \$2.50 to \$3.00 and could be limit up by the end of the day.

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****WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	08/11/2023	08/18/2023
AUGUST 2023 LIVE CATTLE	180.37	178.52
OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	181.32	178.82
DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	185.45	183.17
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	189.22	187.37
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	191.62	190.20
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	185.45	184.25

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DATE	SLAUGHTER	AVE PRICE AND WEIGHT*	
JULY 14, 2013	633,000 HEAD	\$183.44	1448#
JULY 21, 2023	624,000 HEAD	\$186.07	1451#
JULY 28, 2023	619,000 HEAD	\$185.56	1451#
AUGUST 4, 2023	613,000 HEAD	\$185.95	1454#
AUGUST 11, 2023	603,000 HEAD	\$186.88	1452#
AUGUST 18, 2023	616,000 HEAD	\$185.68	1451#

*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVERAGES – Steer prices and steer weights**

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Increasing slaughter by 9,000 head last week and packers were able to buy cattle \$1.00 lower back to prices for the weeks ending July 28, and August 4th.

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August Live Cattle on Friday settled at \$178.52 . The 5 day negotiated steer price is \$185.23. With higher cash prices over futures and concern cattle may be near highs for August, feedlots were willing sellers

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Packers bought cattle \$1.00 lower on their terms. Thursday, cattle in the Southwest and Kansas were selling for \$178.00 - \$179.00 for all grades. Iowa/Minnesota cattle are selling for mostly \$188.00 with a few at 189.00 and dressed at \$295.00. By Friday, buying was essentially over and packers lowered prices by \$1.00. Packers so far aren't buying big numbers. They buy what they need and no extra and some cattle are being delivered 2 to 3 weeks out.

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EXPORTS

For week ending August 10, 2023 beef net sale exports were 15,100 MT. South Korea took 4600 MT the third week they were the largest buyer. China took 3200 MT more than they took last week but about average for what they have been buying. Japan was third buyer with 2700 MT.

Week Ending August 3 , 2023 14,800 MT

Week Ending July 27 , 2023 12,400 MT

Week Ending July 20 , 2023 21,400 MT

Week Ending July 13 , 2023 20,900 MT

Week Ending July 6 , 2023 9900 MT

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

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AUGUST 15, 2023

As of August 15, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 865.0 pounds up 3.9 pound from previous week at 861.1 pounds and 1 pound lower at 866.0 pounds than a year ago. The grading percent as of 8/15/23 was 81.0% compared to previous week at 79.5. A year ago the grading percent was 80.3%.

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

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 08/18/2023

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1451	\$185.23	49,616
LIVE HEIFER:	1320	\$184.43	22,713
DRESSED STEER	912	\$294.28	15,443
DRESSED HEIFER:	830	\$294.81	3,897

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PREVIOUS WEEK

*****NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 08/11/2023**

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1451	\$186.95	39,584
LIVE HEIFER:	1289	\$185.24	14,312
DRESSED STEER	927	\$295.49	9,976
DRESSED HEIFER:	821	\$295.11	2,338

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 08/18/2023

**IA/MN – CASH FOB – 186.00 - 187.00 AVE PRICE 186.58 FOR STEERS AND HEIFERS
DRESSED - 294.00**

**NE – CASH FOB – 184.00 - 185.00 FOR STEERS AND HEIFERS AVE PRICE 184.66
DRESSED DELIVERED – 295.00 ON 70 HEAD**

**KS – CASH – 182.00 ON 172 TOTAL HEAD
DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**TX/OK/NM CASH – 178.00 HEAD REGARDLESS OF WEIGHT OR GRADE ON 927 TOTAL HEAD
DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

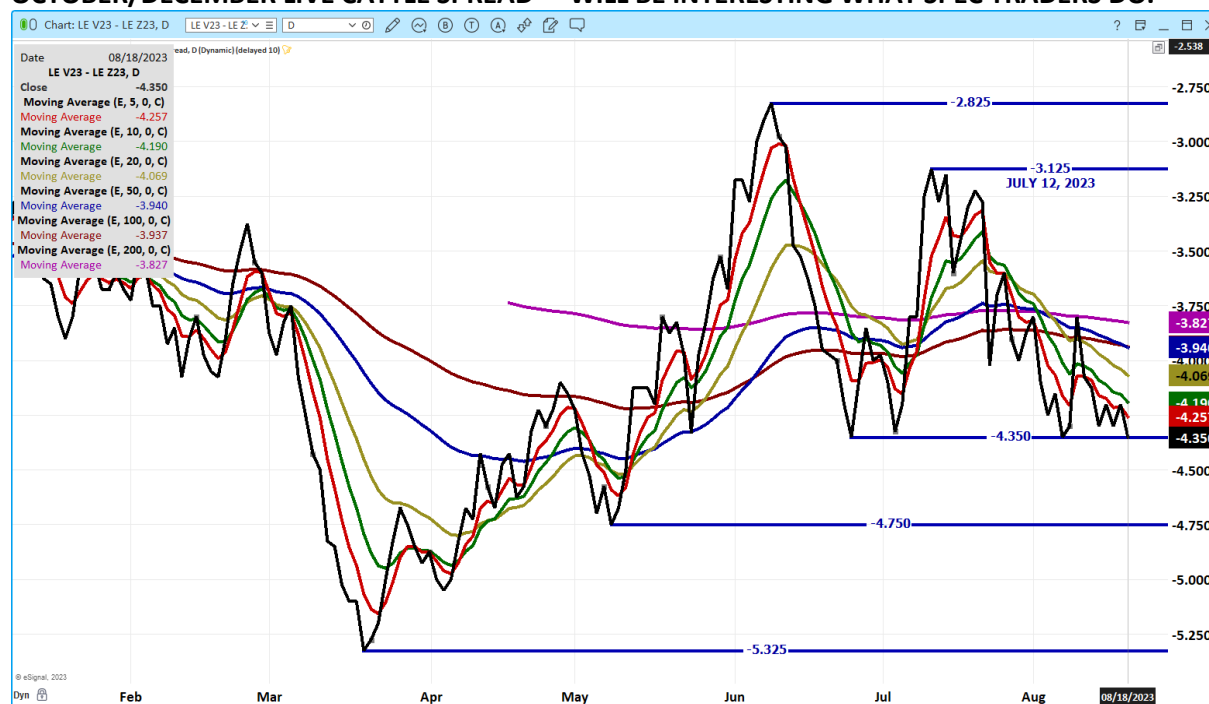
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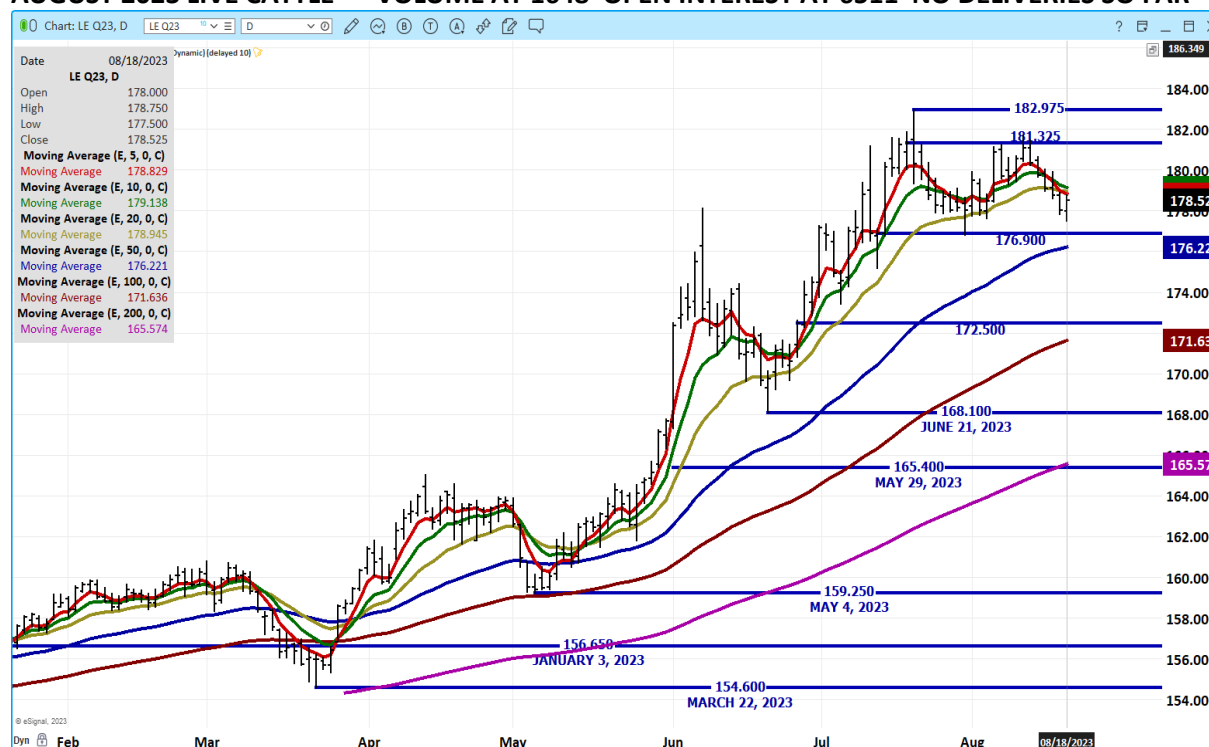
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OCTOBER/DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - WILL BE INTERESTING WHAT SPEC TRADERS DO.



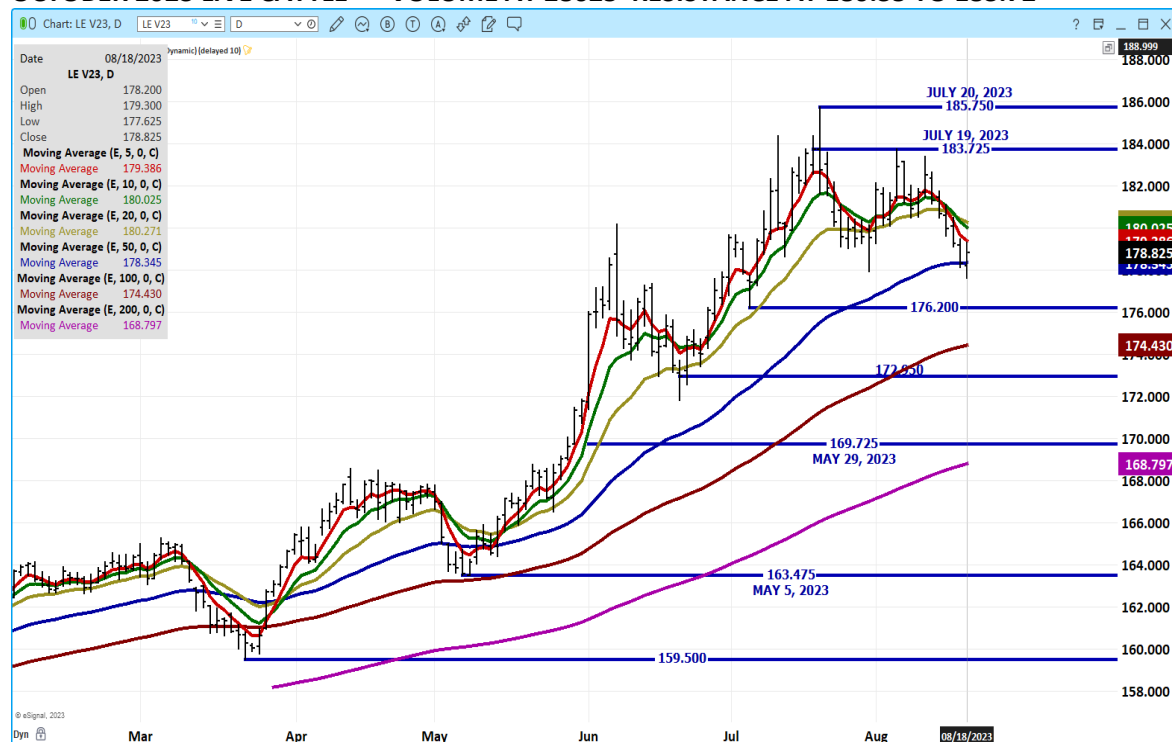
AUGUST 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 1648 OPEN INTEREST AT 6511 NO DELIVERIES SO FAR



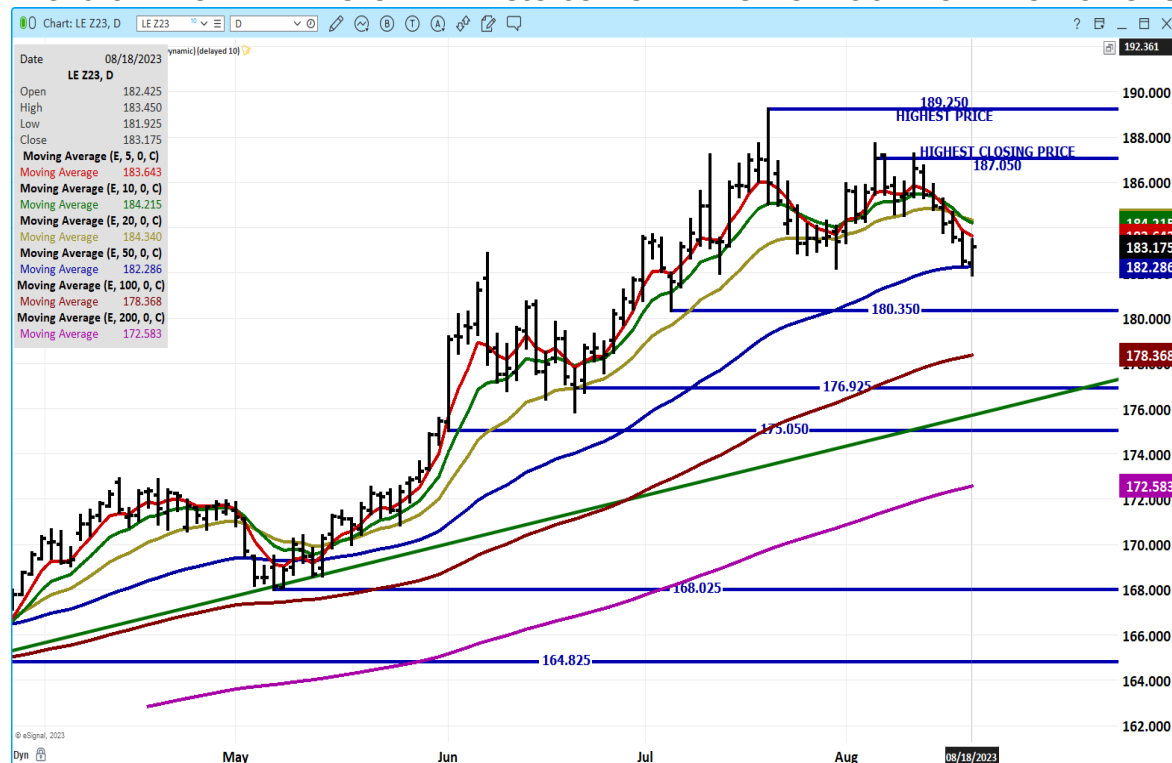
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OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 28625 RESISTANCE AT 180.35 TO 183.72



DEC 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 12865 SUPPORT AT 182.25 RESISTANCE AT 184.25 TO 187.05



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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 08/17/2023 WAS 244.04 DOWN 22 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

AUGUST 2023 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 08/17/2023 AT \$245.57

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	08/11/2023	08/18/2023
AUGUST 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	247.75	245.57
SEPTEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	251.45	248.52
OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	252.87	250.70
NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	253.27	251.42
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	252.47	250.57
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	253.57	252.20
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	256.67	255.22
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	258.82	257.15

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Cheaper grain and need to fill cattle contracts and low placements friendly.

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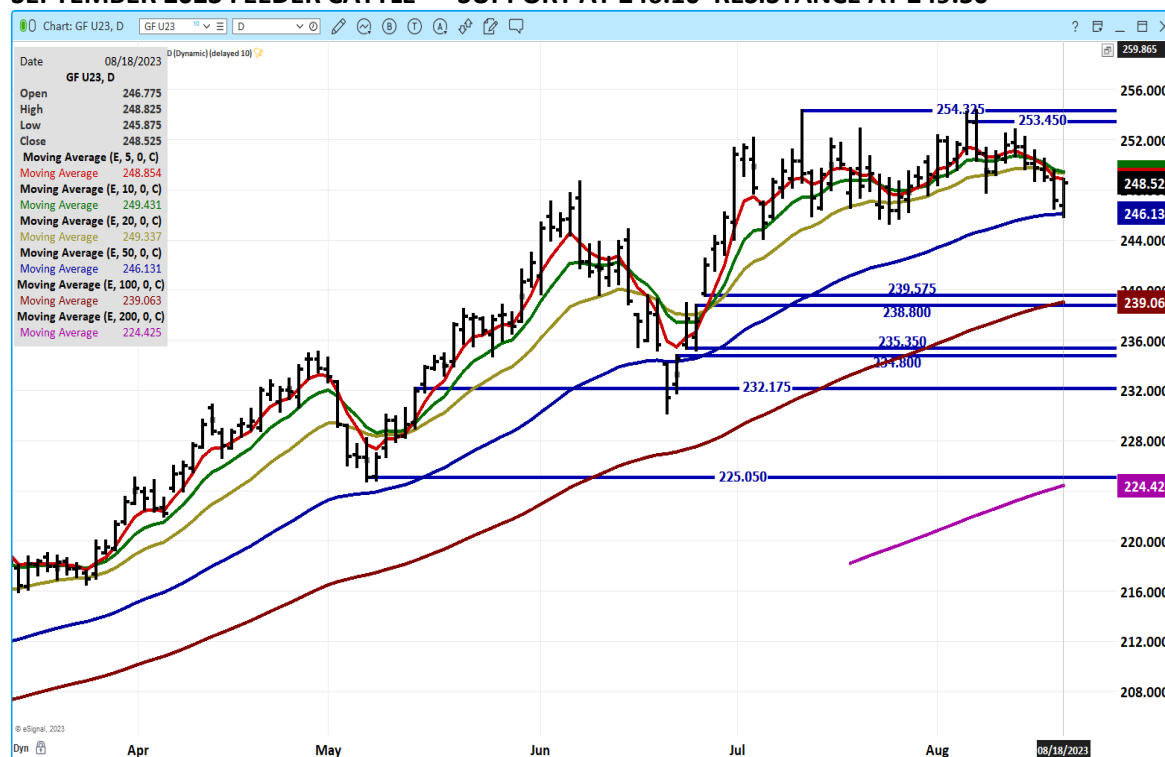
OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE/NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD – NEUTRAL THIS COULD BE A GOOD PREDICTOR FOR PRICES GOING FORWARD



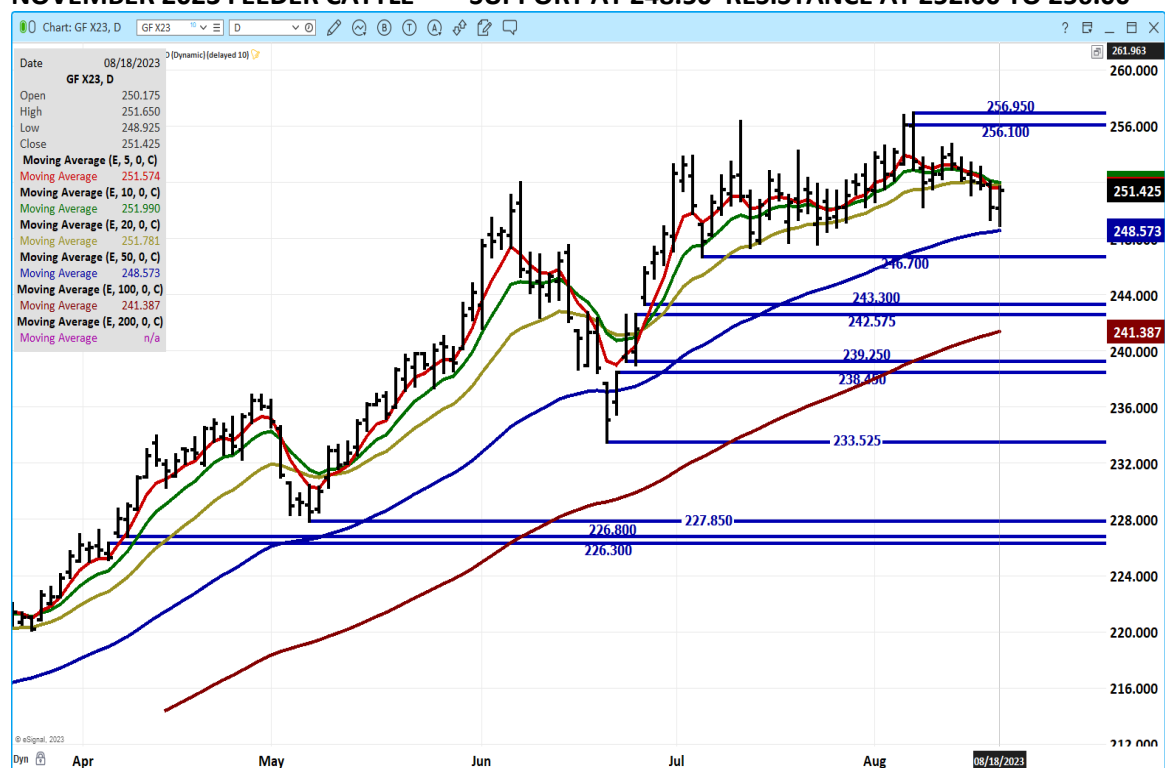
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SEPTEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE – SUPPORT AT 246.10 RESISTANCE AT 249.50



NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE – SUPPORT AT 248.50 RESISTANCE AT 252.00 TO 256.00



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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

AUGUST 18, 2023	469,000
WEEK AGO	456,000
YEAR AGO	465,000
SATURDAY 08/12/2023	61,000 - A WEEK AGO 74,000 - YEAR AGO 61,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	2,414,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	2,354,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	2,407,000
2023 YEAR TO DATE	79,261,000
2022 *YEAR TO DATE	78,261,000
YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE	PLUS 1.3% PREVIOUS WEEK 1.3%
	PLUS 1,000,000 YEAR TO DATE PREVIOUS WEEK 983,000

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 08/16/2023 WAS 100.32 DOWN 71 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 08/17/2023 AT 108.61 DOWN 95 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$8.29 TO THE CME PORK INDEX.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	08/11/2023	08/18/2023
AUGUST 2023 LEAN HOGS	102.10	101.93 CASH SETTLEMENT
OCTOBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	81.32	82.12
DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	74.50	74.50
FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS	78.55	78.60
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	83.30	83.25
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	93.97	93.92
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	94.22	94.05

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With expected stronger cattle and lower pork prices, spec traders likely to sell hogs.

The increasing slaughter pretty much tells why prices are down. Slaughter as of August 19th is 1,000,000 more hogs year to date.

It is good pork exports are up and they MUST remain good. They are consistent and have been the most positive aspect for pork prices.

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Friday's pork sales were large and it appears that packers are dumping pork. Compared to a week ago, the 5 day pork carcass average is down \$4.02. Loins, Hams, Ribs and Belles lower and butts and picnics up, the cuts likely supported for Labor Day.

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EXPORTS

For week ending August 10, 2023 pork exports were 28,700 MT. Mexico was the biggest buyer taking 94,000 MT. Japan came in second with 4900MT followed by China with 3500 MT.

Pork exports remain good. They have been good for 2023 and as hog numbers increase, they need to remain good. Exports are the icing on the cake for pork this year.

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 3, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 22,300 MT

WEEK ENDING JULY 27, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 17,800 MT

WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 21,400 MT

WEEK ENDING JULY 13, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 19,200 MT

WEEK ENDING JULY 06, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 24,500 MT

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REPORT 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 : 295.08

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 20.84

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/18/2023	315.92	106.17	95.26	106.28	78.01	109.06	93.59	188.76
CHANGE:		-1.62	-3.89	2.57	-0.64	-3.52	-1.46	-0.93
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		107.79	96.33	103.95	80.18	112.54	95.41	192.76

PREVIOUS WEEK

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/11/2023	264.37	110.08	96.45	103.11	76.77	113.63	101.38	200.95
CHANGE:		-2.93	0.18	3.38	-2.52	-1.60	4.28	-22.47
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		111.92	97.38	100.92	78.50	113.97	98.07	214.97

AFTERNOON HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

AUGUST 18, 2023

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

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 2,311

Lowest price: 87.00

Highest price: 98.00

Weighted Average 93.52

Change from Previous Day 0.51 higher

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Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 25,307

Lowest Base Price: 71.53

Highest Base Price: 109.48

Weighted Average Price: 81.99

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 157,078

Lowest base price: 84.88

Highest Base Price: 103.68

Weighted Average Price 96.46

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 65,824

Lowest base price: 73.70

Highest base price: 110.95

Weighted Average Price: 95.86

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

[HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_2511.PDF](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2511.pdf)

SLAUGHTER DATA – AUGUST 17, 2023

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 239,833

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 276.82

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 206.70

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 31,237

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 283.04

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 212.79

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 174,573

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 274.31

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 208.34

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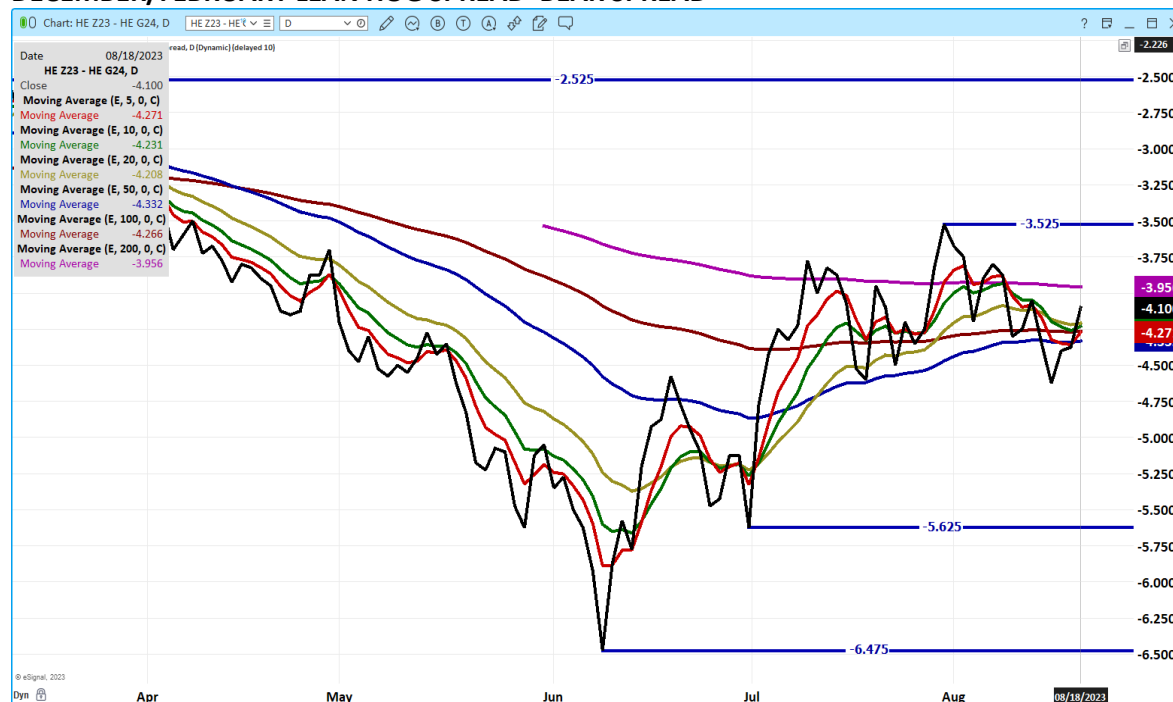
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OCTOBER /DECEMBER LEAN HOG SPREAD – BULL SPREAD



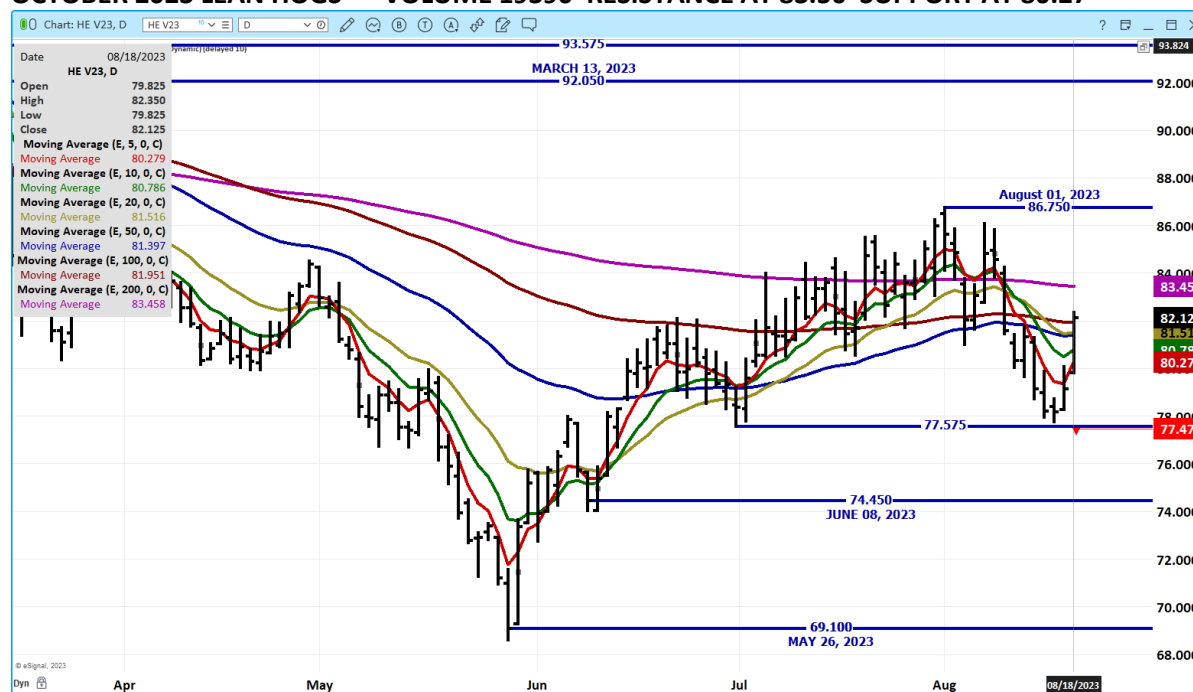
DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LEAN HOG SPREAD BEAR SPREAD



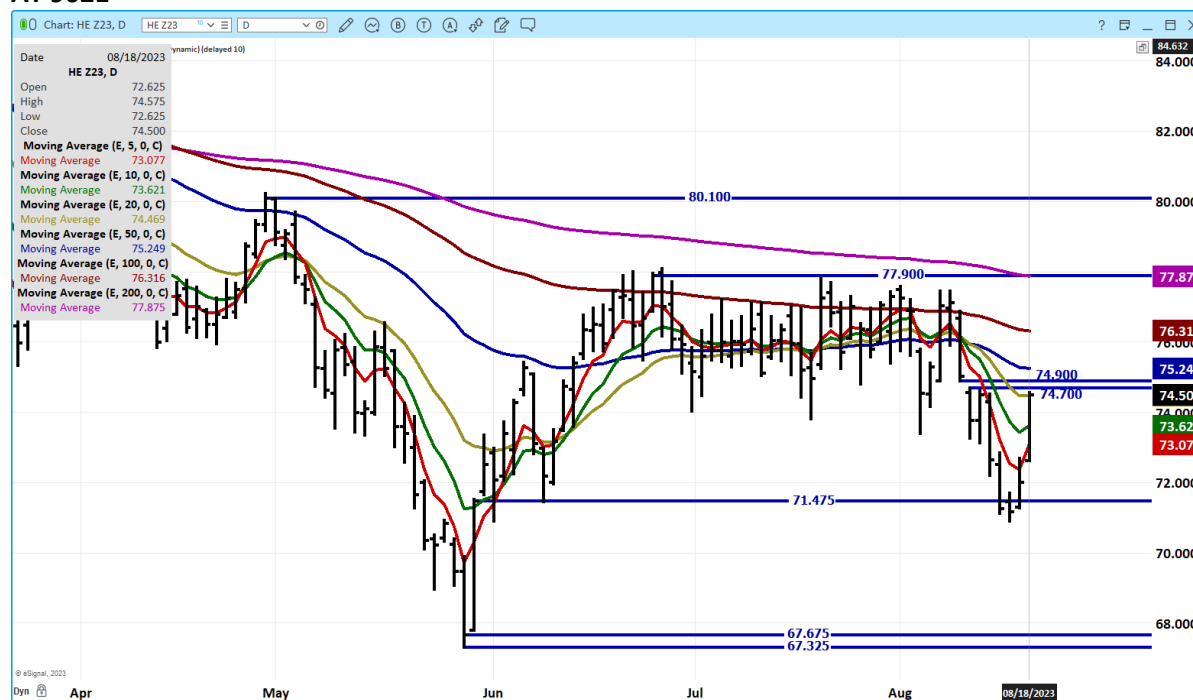
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OCTOBER 2023 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME 19390 RESISTANCE AT 83.50 SUPPORT AT 80.27



DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS – RESISTANCE AT 74.50 TO 75.25 SUPPORT AT 73.00 TO 71.47 VOLUME AT 9021



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