

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

TUESDAY MORNING AUGUST 22, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

AUGUST 21, 2023	122,000
WEEK AGO	119,000
YEAR AGO	123,000

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2:00 PM AUGUST 21, 2023

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	315.56	287.33
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	(0.55)	(1.03)
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	28.23	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)	64	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	310.40	284.57

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 08/18/2023 WAS 303.82 UP 1.95 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM AUGUST 21, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	506.68	405.51
PRIMAL CHUCK	261.59	257.16
PRIMAL ROUND	264.39	261.89
PRIMAL LOIN	404.40	342.38
PRIMAL BRISKET	269.68	239.37
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	218.21	218.21
PRIMAL FLANK	193.49	189.37

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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

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
08/18	61	18	0	14	92	FRIDAY 316.11	288.36 FRIDAY
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	36.36 loads	1,454,348 pounds
Select Cuts	18.15 loads	725,897 pounds
Trimming	4.44 loads	177,570 pounds
Ground Beef	4.92 loads	196,989 pounds

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NO DELIVERIES AS OF AUGUST 21, 2023

AUGUST 2023 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – AUGUST 2023 - LIVE CATTLE

DATE 08/15/23 SETTLEMENT: \$178.97

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.

<https://downloads.usda.library.cornell.edu/usda-esmis/files/m326m174z/m326nj53g/st74f672f/cofd0823.pdf>

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For a post Cattle on Feed report day futures trade volume was light. October Live Cattle volume was just 21,354 contracts and December volume was 13,006. October was up \$1.05 settling at \$179.87 and December was up \$1.12.

Placements down 8% from 2022 didn't shock traders and it shouldn't. Since COVID and then 2 years of droughts traders have known breeding has been down, and cows have been sold off. Last spring when backgrounders were looking for calves to put on grass, buyers took anything from very light to heavy calves.

Last week boxed beef prices moved up and cash cattle prices were lower. Beef sales were active especially for the primals for steaks as week as Chucks and Rounds. Monday, rib and loin primals were lower. It appears the "surge" of last week for Labor Day beef is tailing off.

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August Live Cattle settled Monday at \$178.97. The 5 day average negotiated steer price is \$185.17. There have been no deliveries for August Live Cattle and with the wide basis, its likely there won't be deliveries.

Last week cattle slaughter was up 9,000 head from the previous week and packers were able to buy cattle \$1.00 lower.

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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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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 08/21/2023**

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1461	\$185.17	33,693
LIVE HEIFER:	1336	\$184.87	13,003
DRESSED STEER	914	\$293.17	10,488
DRESSED HEIFER:	830	\$294.58	2,470

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 08/21/2023

IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

NE – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

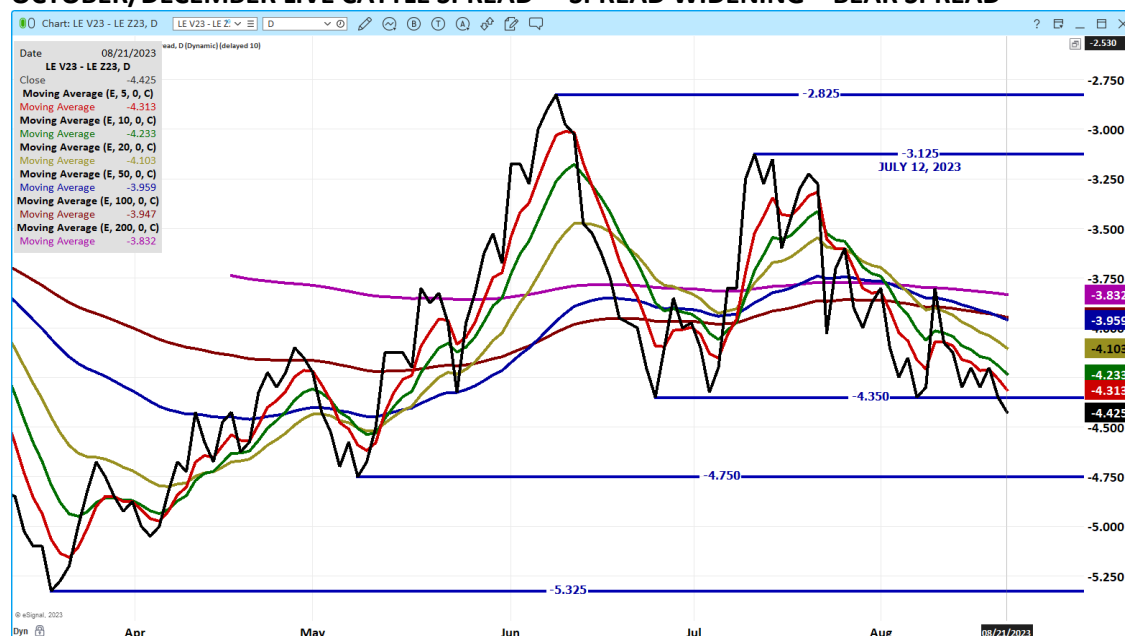
KS – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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

CO - *NOT REPORTED DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY*****

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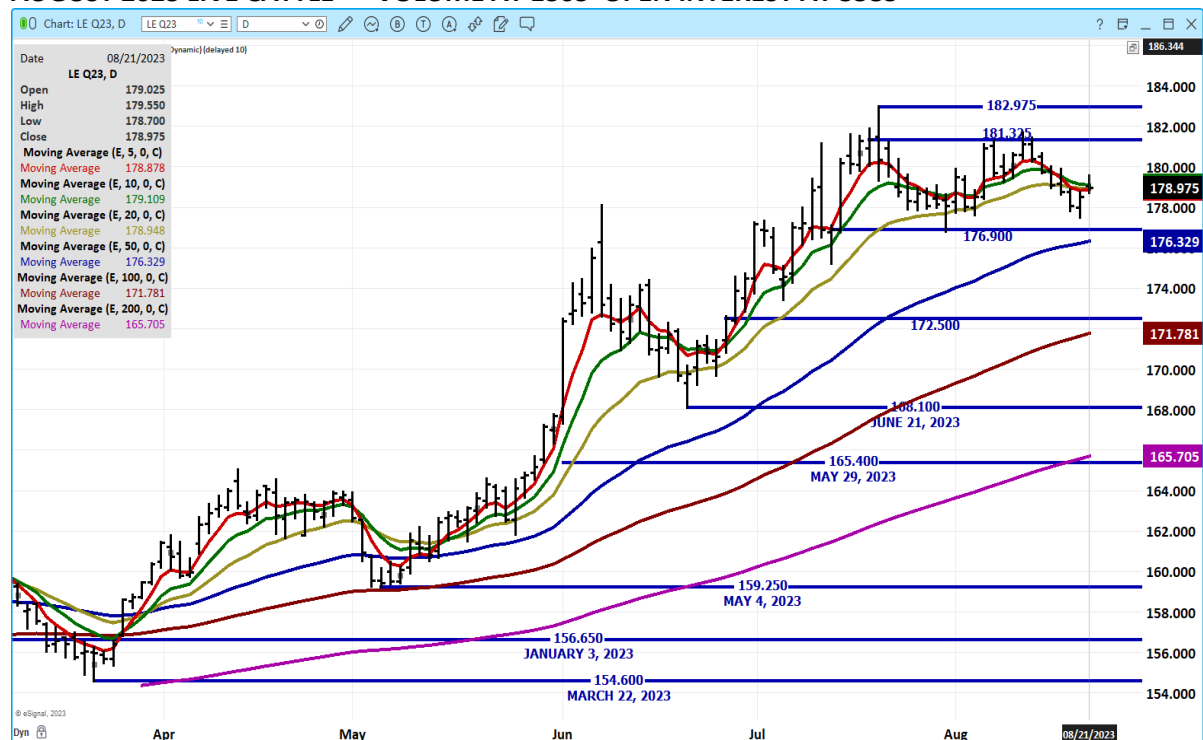
OCTOBER/DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - SPREAD WIDENING – BEAR SPREAD



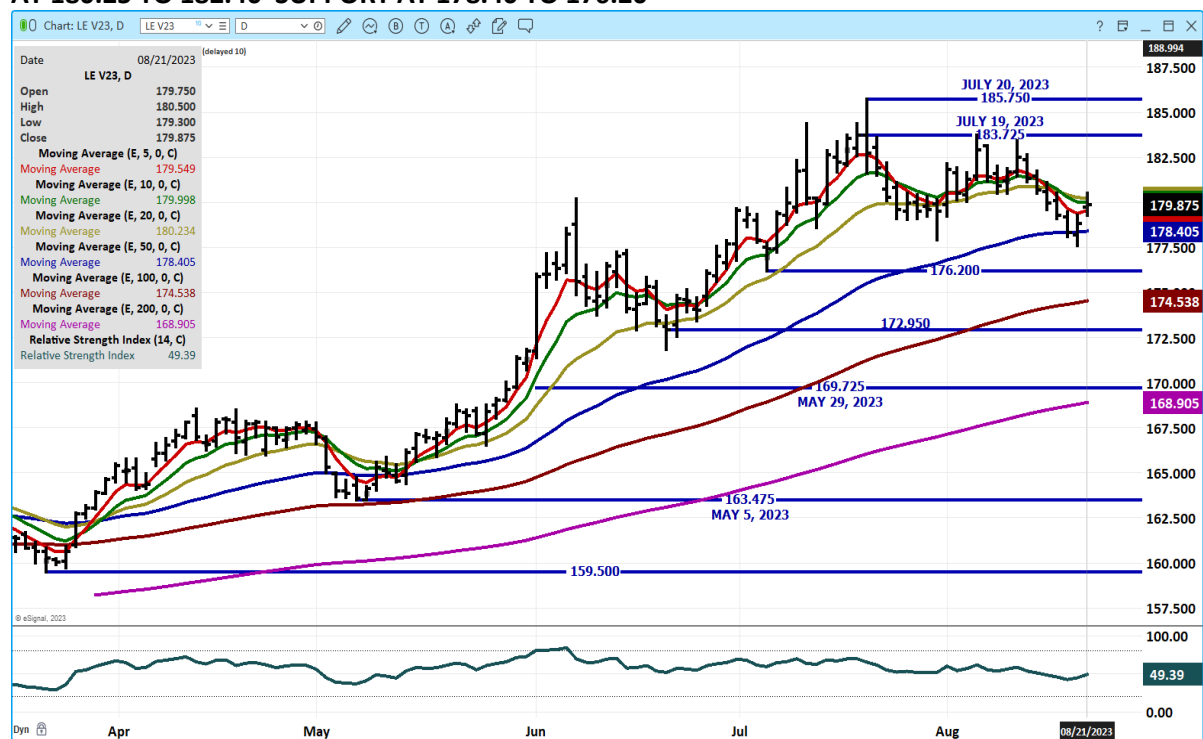
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AUGUST 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 1363 OPEN INTEREST AT 5583



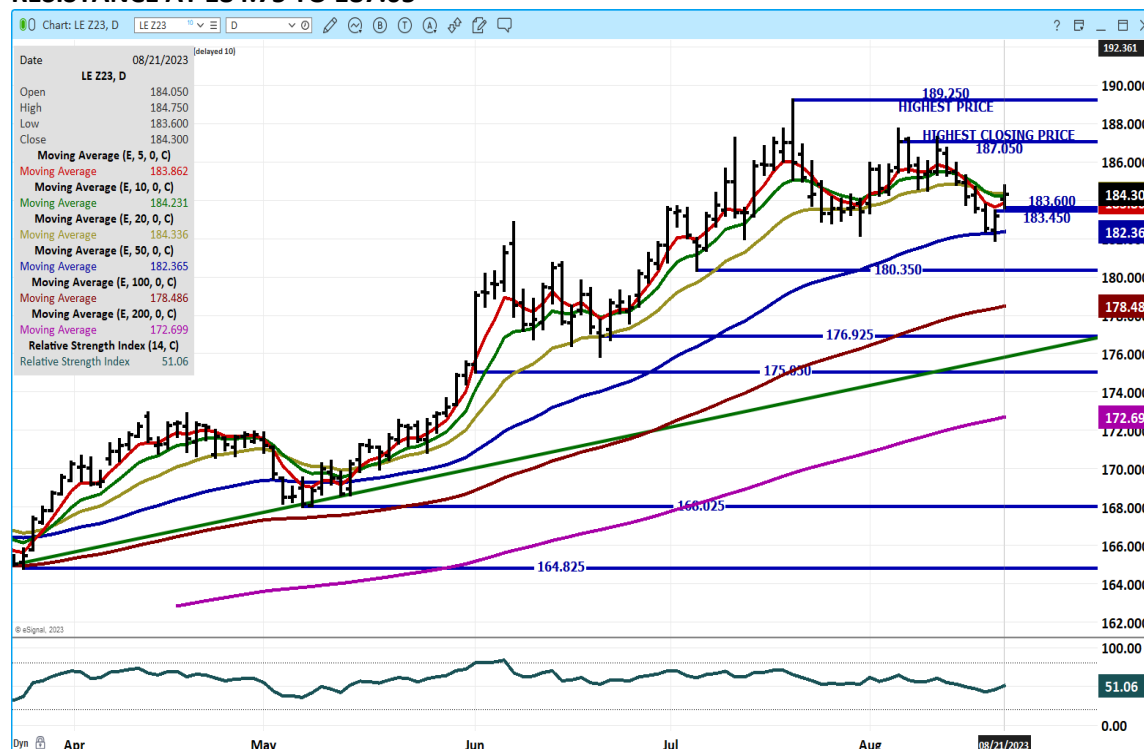
OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE – GAPPED OPEN BUT CLOSED THE GAP. VOLUME AT 21354 RESISTANCE AT 180.25 TO 182.40 SUPPORT AT 178.40 TO 176.20



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DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 13006 GAPPED OPEN SUPPORT AT 182.35 TO 180.35 RESISTANCE AT 184.75 TO 187.05



FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 08/18/2023 WAS 245.23 UP 1.19 FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

AUGUST 2023 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 08/21/2023 AT \$246.77

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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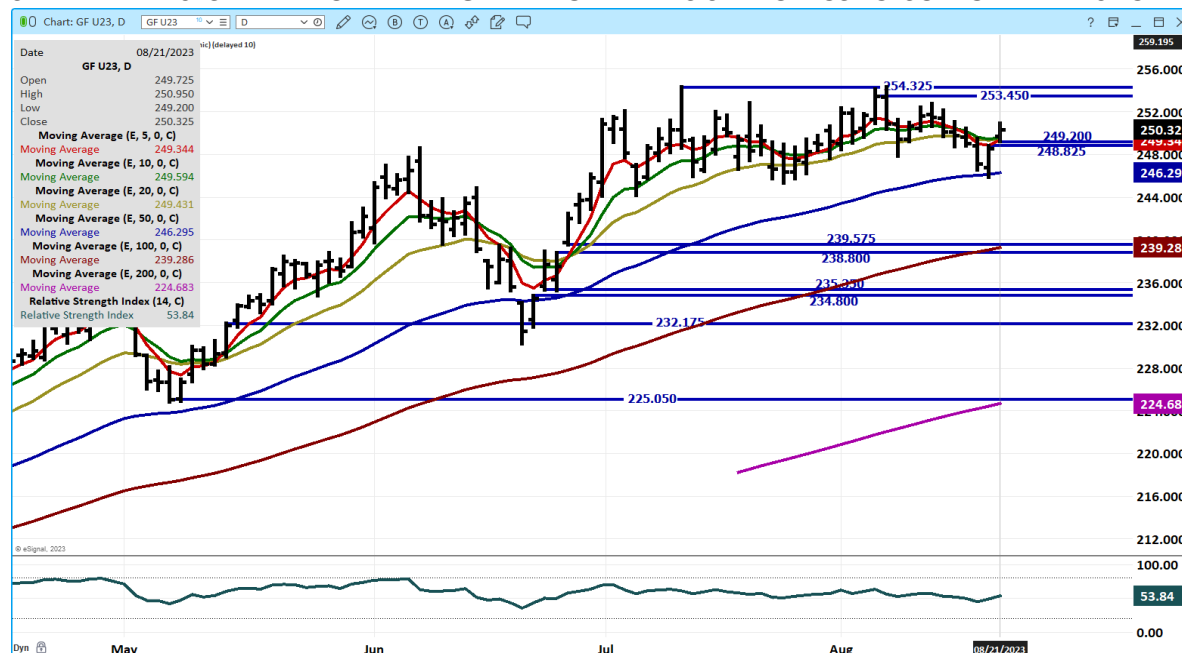
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There are feedlots especially smaller non contracting lots that sell on showlist worrying about if prices will remain high next year with concern about the economy turning sour that are hesitant now about buying feeders.

OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE/NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD – SPREAD NEUTRAL BUT MOVING TO BEAR SPREAD



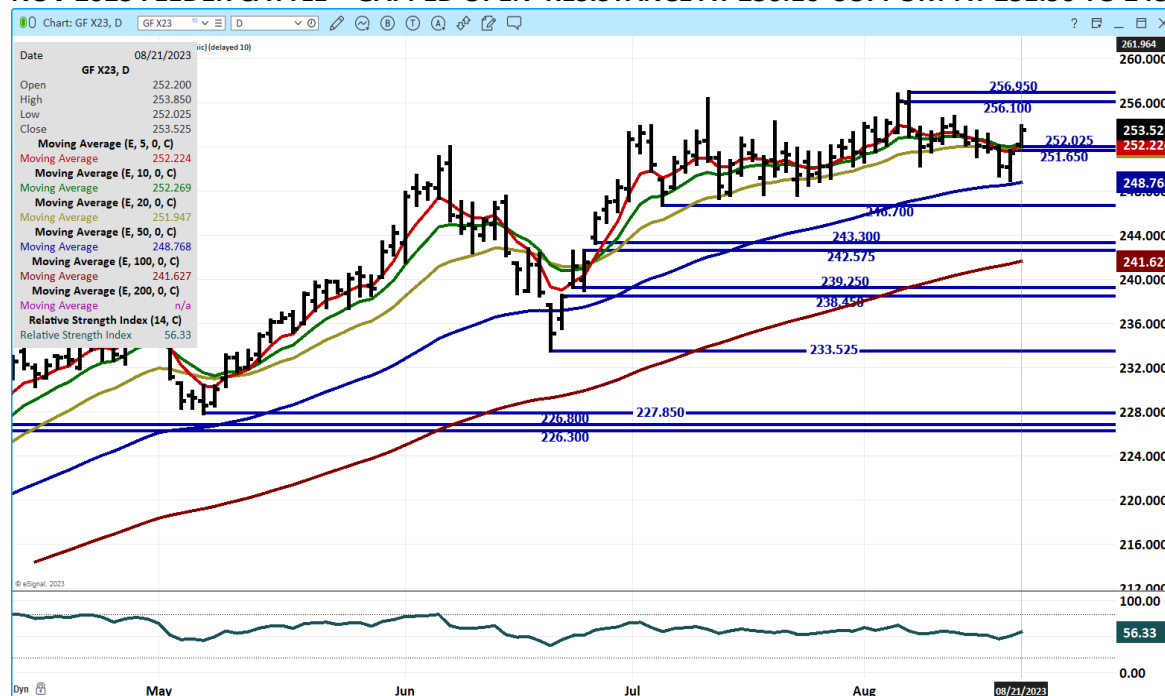
SEPTEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE – GAPPED OPEN RESISTANCE 253.45 SUPPORT AT 246.25



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NOV 2023 FEEDER CATTLE – GAPPED OPEN RESISTANCE AT 256.10 SUPPORT AT 251.90 TO 248.75



HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

AUGUST 21, 2023	478,000
WEEK AGO	461,000
YEAR AGO	482,000

AS OF AUGUST 19, 2023

YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE PLUS 1.3% PREVIOUS WEEK 1.3%
PLUS 1,000,000 YEAR TO DATE PREVIOUS WEEK 983,000

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 08/17/2023 WAS 99.61 DOWN 71 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 08/18/2023 AT 107.76 DOWN 85 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$8.15 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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The increasing slaughter pretty much tells why prices are down. Slaughter as of August 19th is 1,000,000 more hogs year to date.

Pork prices are working lower. Loins, hams and bellies are the main products pulling down the cutout down. Currently, it is the better than average exports that are the support of pork.

Trade volume was light Monday.

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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 : 253.92

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 38.19

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/21/2023	292.11	105.21	95.19	106.82	75.75	105.80	87.73	192.54
CHANGE:		-0.96	-0.07	0.54	-2.26	-3.26	-5.86	3.78
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		107.01	96.18	104.63	78.50	110.82	93.96	191.59

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11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
08/21/2023	167.34	106.34	95.26	106.78	81.04	111.84	88.68	192.51
CHANGE:		0.17	0.00	0.50	3.03	2.78	-4.91	3.75
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		107.24	96.20	104.63	79.56	112.03	94.15	191.59

200 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

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AFTERNOON HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

AUGUST 21, 2023

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

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 828

Lowest price: 86.00

Highest price: 97.00

Weighted Average 91.65

Change from Previous Day -1.87 lower

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 24,627

Lowest Base Price: 72.15

Highest Base Price: 105.80

Weighted Average Price: 83.86

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 166,862

Lowest base price: 84.33

Highest Base Price: 103.68

Weighted Average Price 96.09

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 158,526

Lowest base price: 76.70

Highest base price: 111.13

Weighted Average Price: 93.36

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

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SLAUGHTER DATA – FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

**PRODUCER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 260,782

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 277.19

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 207.34

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 34,052

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 280.02

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 210.53

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 192,674

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 277.88

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 209.40

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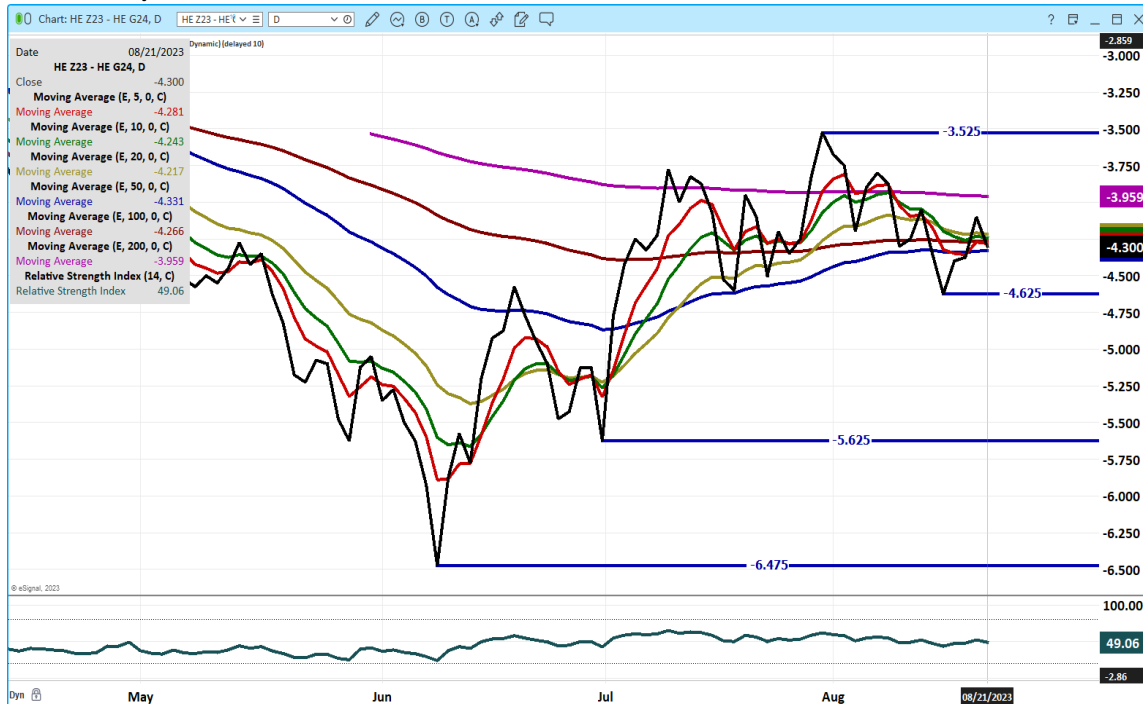
OCTOBER /DECEMBER LEAN HOG SPREAD – BULL SPREAD BUT HAS BEEN NARROWING



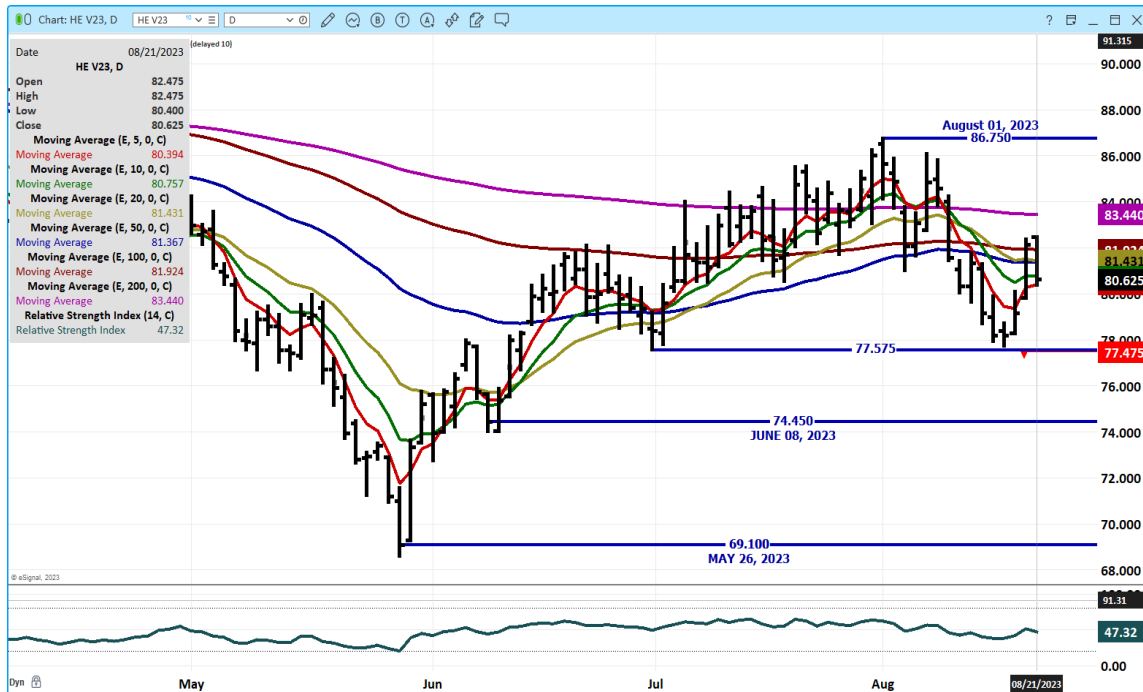
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DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LEAN HOG SPREAD – BEAR SPREAD MONITOR FOR DIRECTION



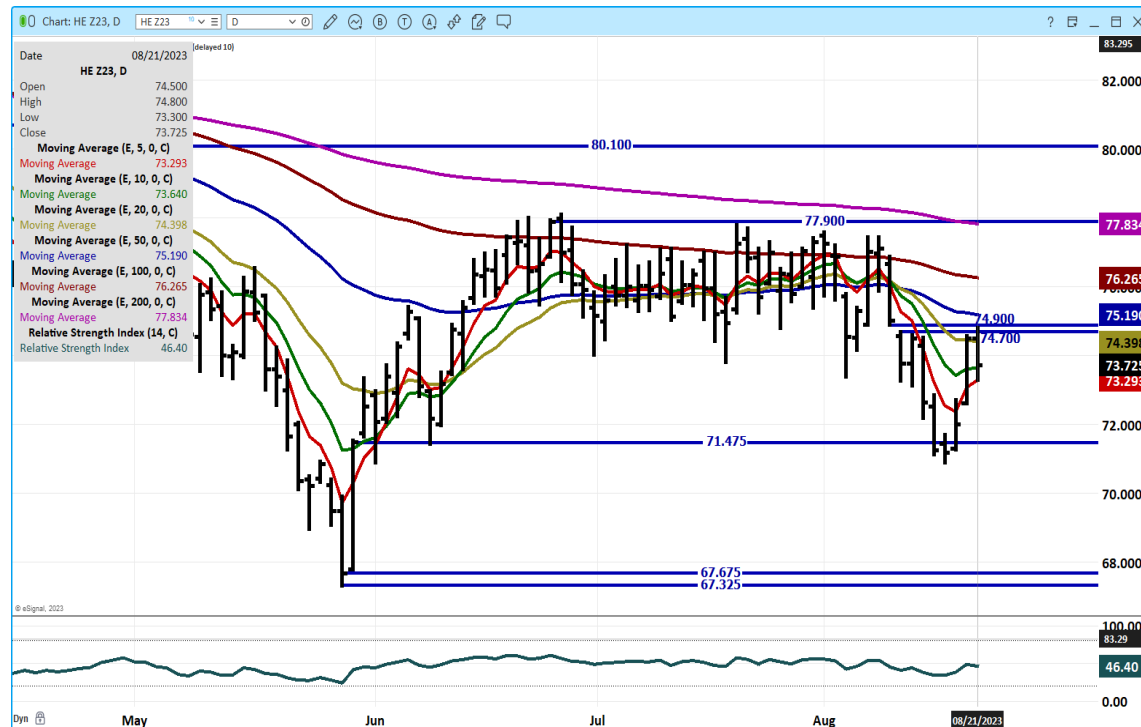
OCTOBER 2023 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME LIGHT AT 17,986 CONTRACTS RESISTANCE AT 83.50 SUPPORT AT 80.35 TO 77.57



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DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS – TRIED TO FILL GAP BUT DIDN'T AND CLOSED LOWER RESISTANCE 75.20 SUPPORT AT 73.25 VOLUME AT 7405



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