

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

FRIDAY MORNING MARCH 15, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

MARCH 14, 2024	122,000
WEEK AGO	122,000
YEAR AGO	124,108
WEEK TO DATE	473,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	484,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	498,259
YTD 2024	6,405,936
YTD 2023	6,784,964
YTD% CHANGE	-5.6%
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2:00 PM MARCH 14, 2024		
BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	310.78	301.69
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	0.96	0.65
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	9.09	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):	106	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	308.59	298.64

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/13/2024 WAS \$306.75 UP 1.29 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM MARCH 14, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	468.33	453.56
PRIMAL CHUCK	257.83	254.81
PRIMAL ROUND	272.30	272.48
PRIMAL LOIN	412.03	382.70

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PRIMAL BRISKET	239.79	234.56
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	222.28	222.28
PRIMAL FLANK	149.14	147.27
2:00 PM MARCH 13, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	463.95	451.72
PRIMAL CHUCK	258.54	256.24
PRIMAL ROUND	270.31	268.48
PRIMAL LOIN	411.75	384.40
PRIMAL BRISKET	239.31	233.39
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	220.19	220.19
PRIMAL FLANK	149.24	143.69

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	: Trim	Grinds	Total		
03/13	72	14	5	13	105	309.82	301.04
03/12	56	15	7	9	87	310.59	299.60
03/11	46	14	3	14	77	308.88	298.88
03/08	65	10	0	5	80	FRIDAY 307.04	297.43 FRIDAY
03/07	63	14	6	14	97	306.61	296.26

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.

March 14, 2024

Choice Cuts	69.31 loads	2,772,593 pounds
Select Cuts	16.44 loads	657,536 pounds
Trimmings	8.55 loads	341,841 pounds
Ground Beef	11.37 loads	454,894 pounds

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	03/08/2023	03/15/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	187.60		199.82 9/15/2023
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	183.42		194.02 9/15/2023
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	182.25		192.45 9/15/2023
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	185.55		194.67 9/15/2023
DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	189.50		197.47 9/15/2023
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	192.75		199.57 9/20/2023
APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE	194.42		195.35 11/02/2023

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Cash prices are higher this week. Midwest cattle traded for \$187.00 to \$190.00 with an average around \$188.50. Dressed prices were \$295.00 with a few at \$301.00 averaging near \$299.00. No cattle were posted in Texas and Kansas sold a few loads of heifers and mixed cattle at \$185.00.

Thursday was clearly a technical day of trading lead by April Live Cattle along with traders spreading. Trade volume was active. On October 20, 2023, April 2024 Live Cattle had a low at 190.27. On Monday, April 23, 2023 April Live Cattle gapped lower with a high at 189.10. After making a low on December 6, 2023 at 165.40, April Live Cattle moved up and on February 21, 2024 topped at 188.90, 20 cents below the gap. Since February 21st April Live Cattle moved up 8 times near the gap or into the gap but never succeeded filling it. Thursday, March 14th it moved to the penny up to 190.27 and immediately started to reverse and trade lower. At the same time large speculators have been rolling out of April mostly into June Live Cattle but many traders will also spread positions into several months and that is what they did Thursday. The reverse on Thursday fell to the 20 day moving average as support. How the market reacts Friday March 15th is up to the speculators.

When comparing prices on the close Thursday, they are close to where prices were last Friday. Did the Live Cattle market tumble Thursday? It tumbled for traders long cattle but in reality, it just erased trading Monday through Wednesday.

The intent of cutting slaughter hours is to reduce labor costs and partial expenses of running a packing plant plus to put less meat on the market working beef prices higher against high priced cattle. It also makes killing more expensive as it cost more per head to kill. Reduced kills are negative to packers. Packers need beef prices to move higher and to not pay more for cattle.

Beef prices are being blamed for one of the reasons inflation at the grocery store remain high.

EXPORTS WEEK

EXPORTS ARE NOT SUPPORTING US BEEF. FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 11,200MT. TAIWAN WAS THE LARGEST BUYER AT 2300MT, JAPAN TOOK 2300MT AND MEXICO BOUGHT 1700MT THE SAME AS CHINA AT 1700MT. WHEN SLAUGHTER IS AT CURRENT LEVELS IN THE US AND IT IS UP IN SOUTH AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA THE VUS LOSES MARKET SHARE UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN MARKET SHARE IS LOST, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GAIN IT BACK.

14,000 MT
12,200 MT
12,600MT
16,600MT
20,600MT

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USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

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For Week Ending: 3/2/2024				
	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas	
Prime	12.95%	7.13%	4.59%	
Choice	75.23%	77.68%	64.21%	
Select	8.01%	12.10%	28.51%	
Other	3.80%	3.09%	2.70%	

For Week E	nding: 2/24/20	24		
Nebraska Kansas Texa				
Prime	13.06%	7.14%	5.20%	
Choice	74.14%	77.93%	65.06%	
Select	7.94%	12.02%	25.11%	
Other	4.86%	2.91%	4.63%	

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT MARCH 12, 2024

As of March 12, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 887.5 pounds up 9.4 pounds from previous week and up 22 pounds from a year ago. The grading percent as of 03/12/24 was 84.3 % compared to previous week at 84.0%. On March 14, 2023 carcasses weighed 865.5 pounds and graded 85.1%

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 03/14/2024

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1424	\$185.13	12,460
LIVE HEIFER:	1276	\$185.11	8,011
DRESSED STEER	942	\$294.14	1,786
DRESSED HEIFER:	857	\$297.39	957

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 03/14/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

- IA/MN CASH FOB 187.00 190.00 ON 6313 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 188.37 SEERS DRESSED DELIVERED – 295.00 - 300.00 ON 246 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 299.17 LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE. DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.
- NE CASH FOB 187.00 ON 86 HEIFERS WEIGHING 1285 POUNDS DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE. DRESSED DELIVERED 294.00 - 301.00 ON 508 HEAD AVE PRICE 298.44

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KS – CASH – 185.00 on 181 HEIFERS AND MIXED LOAD DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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

APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE – FILLED GAP UP TO 190.27 AND FELL TO SUPPORT AT 20 DAY MOVING AV-ERAGE NEXT SUPPORT AT 18760



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JUNE CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 187.00 TO 189.00 SUPPORT AT 183.00 TO 180.50

FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/13/2024 WAS 248.46 UP 27 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 03/14/2024 AT \$247.47

RECEIPTS:	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	213,400	35,200	57,600	306,200
Last Week:	227,500	46,200	6,200	279,900
Year Ago:	205,100	49,400	5,000	259,500

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers and Heifers sold 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Demand was reported as good to very good. Above average temperatures in most regions remain in the forecast, allowing cattle to stay comfortable and gain easily. Cow/calf producers are starting to calve and have been selling last year's calves as they need room to bring cows into calve.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	03/08/2023	03/15/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	248.95		270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	253.70		273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	256.37		272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	267.85		282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	268.95		285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	269.30		275.17 FEBRUARY 8, 2024
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	268.72		274.70 FEBRUARY 8, 2024



APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - SUPPORT AT 247.35 TO 245.50 RESISTANCE AT 257.00 TO 260.00

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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUG	HTER
MARCH 14, 2024	467,000
WEEK AGO	474,000
YEAR AGO	478,325
WEEK TO DATE	1,892,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,909,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	1,930,873
YTD 2024	27,196,561
YTD 2023	26,999,880
YTD% CHANGE	0.7%

Lean Hog revision from 3/13/2024 486,000** Previous Estimate 493,000

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 03/12/2024 WAS 82.02 UP 41 CENT FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/13/2024 AT 92.19 UP 9 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$10.17 THE CME PORK INDEX. 03/14/2024

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE			
	03/08/2023	03/15/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	84.52		91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	101.15		103.95 DECEMBER 14, 2022
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	103.70		104.45 MARCH 11, 2024
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	102.35		103.15 MARCH 11, 2024
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	86.07		86.77 MARCH 11, 2024
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	77.47		80.65 JUNE 21, 2023
FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS	80.10		81.50 AUGUST 30, 2023

Trade volume in hogs was very light Thursday, Livestock traders moved into Live Cattle. The good cash hog market and pork prices moving higher aren't negative, but with large speculators rolling out of April, it appears fewer at this time are rolling into June or beyond because of the large premiums of the front months.

Slaughter is dropping. Weights aren't going up. Cash hog prices are steadily moving up.

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EXPORTS

EXPORTS BACKED DOWN LAST WEEK. FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 25,000 MT. MEXICO TOOK 11,100 MT, JAPAN 5700 MT AND SOUTH KOREA 4100 MT. CHINA TOOK 3900 MT LIKELY VARIETY MEATS. ALTHOUGH IT WAS DOWN FOR THE WEEK, ONE LOWER WEEK DOESN'T PROVE THAT EXPORTS WILL FALL GOING FORWARD. BUT THERE IS A LOT OF PORK GLOBALLY AND WITH INCREASING SUPPLIES IN BRAZIL, THE US IS LIKELY TO FEEL THE COMPETITION.

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 36,400 MT WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 32,400 MT WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 28,900 MT WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 33,736 MT

China meat total meat imports for January and February were 1.1 million metric tons. A year ago for the same time they bought 1.3 million metric tons.

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 : 173.37 Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 15.98

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/14/2024	189.36	93.25	88.40	110.05	73.03	177.33	77.19	125.02
CHANGE:		1.29	3.32	-1.60	2.59	1.84	0.92	0.49
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		92.66	86.82	112.23	70.88	173.13	76.98	126.56
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/14/2024	103.67	93.69	89.04	113.50	72.48	176.04	78.48	123.41
CHANGE:		1.73	3.96	1.85	2.04	0.55	2.21	-1.12
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		92.75	86.95	112.92	70.77	172.87	77.24	126.24

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/13/2024	273.15	91.84	84.94	111.65	70.40	175.49	76.13	124.26
CHANGE:		-0.63	-3.10	-1.60	-0.69	3.43	0.51	-0.93
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		92.22	86.71	112.52	69.60	170.86	76.91	126.03

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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE MARCH 14, 2024

National Negotiated Price Head Count: 11,337 Lowest price: 74.00 Highest price: 81.50 Weighted Average 79.70 Change from Previous Day 1.27higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass) Head Count: 16,327 Lowest Base Price: 71.75 Highest Base Price: 86.60 Weighted Average Price: 80.19

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass) Head Count 166,066 Lowest base price: 73.57 Highest Base Price: 87.10 Weighted Average Price 80.81

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass) HEAD COUNT: 60,166 Lowest base price: 76.61 Highest base price: 104.21 Weighted Average Price: 84.15 <u>https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LMRSwineReportingHandout.pdf</u>

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2511.pdf

SLAUGHTER DATA – MARCH 14, 2024

**PRODUCER SOLD: HEAD COUNT 237,895 AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 285.85 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 214.13

PACKER SOLD: HEAD COUNT 34,500 AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 287.50 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.93

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Packer Owned: HEAD COUNT 178,437 AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 286.36 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.26



APRIL/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD - JUNE LIKELY TO GAIN ON APRIL

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APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – SINCE MARCH 5TH LEAN HOGS MOVING SIDEWAYS. SUPPORT AT 83.00 TO 82.00 RESISTANCE AT 86.00



JUNE LEAN HOGS – JUNE IS NOW THE MOST ACTIVE MONTH. LEAN HOGS HAVE STARTED TO TRADE SIDEWAYS.



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EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2024

BEEF: NET SALES OF 11,200 MT FOR 2024--A MARKETING-YEAR LOW--WERE DOWN 20 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 19 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. INCREASES WERE PRIMARILY FOR TAIWAN (2,300 MT), JAPAN (2,300 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 400 MT), MEXICO (1,700 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT), CHINA (1,700 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 200 MT), AND CANADA (1,000 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT). EXPORTS OF 16,000 MT WERE UNCHANGED FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. THE DESTINATIONS WERE PRIMARILY TO SOUTH KOREA (4,800 MT), JAPAN (4,100 MT), CHINA (2,500 MT), MEXICO (1,800 MT), AND CANADA (800 MT).

PORK: NET SALES OF 24,900 MT FOR 2024 WERE DOWN 32 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 24 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. INCREASES PRIMARILY FOR MEXICO (11,100 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 1,000 MT), JAPAN (5,700 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 200 MT), SOUTH KOREA (4,100 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 200 MT), CHINA (3,900 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT), AND COLOMBIA (1,000 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT), WERE OFFSET BY REDUCTIONS FOR VIETNAM (4,700 MT). EXPORTS OF 34,500 MT WERE UP 8 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK, BUT DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. THE DESTINATIONS WERE PRIMARILY TO MEXICO (11,700 MT), SOUTH KOREA (5,600 MT), JAPAN (5,300 MT), CHINA (3,800 MT), AND CANADA (1,700 MT).

LATE REPORTING: FOR 2024, EXPORTS TOTALING 100 MT OF PORK WERE REPORTED LATE TO TAIWAN.

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