



#### WEDNESDAY MORNING MARCH 20, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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#### **CATTLE**

MARCH 19, 2024	122,000
WEEK AGO	122,000
YEAR AGO	126,448
WEEK TO DATE	242,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	233,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	251,069
YTD 2024	6,775,936
YTD 2023	7,166,158
YTD% CHANGE	-5.5%

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BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
<b>CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:</b>	313.22	303.18
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	(0.11)	0.13
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	10.0	04

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TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS): 138

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 311.28 301.56

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/18/2024 WAS \$309.33 UP 65 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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PRIMAL RIB	473.25	457.96
PRIMAL CHUCK	260.87	254.43
PRIMAL ROUND	266.45	268.49
PRIMAL LOIN	418.94	388.52

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243.37	238.27
229.68	229.68
152.53	148.61
475.90	457.52
259.64	257.26
272.73	267.16
415.14	385.48
239.88	240.68
227.75	227.75
149.21	150.01
	229.68 152.53 475.90 259.64 272.73 415.14 239.88 227.75

#### LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total		
03/18	50	19	9	36	114	313.33	303.05
03/15	70	11	0	8	88	FRIDAY 311.90	<b>302.40 FRIDAY</b>
03/14	69	16	9	11	106	310.78	301.69
03/13	72	14	5	13	105	309.82	301.04
03/12	56	15	7	9	87	310.59	299.60

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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.

March 19, 2024

Choice Cuts	100.92 loads	4,036,888 pounds
Select Cuts	14.14 loads	565,415 pounds
Trimmings	8.05 loads	321,855 pounds
<b>Ground Beef</b>	14.80 loads	592,189 pounds

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#### **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	03/15/2023	03/22/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	187.25		199.82 9/15/2023
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	183.60		194.02 9/15/2023
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	182.62		192.45 9/15/2023
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	185.67		194.67 9/15/2023
DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	189.62		197.47 9/15/2023
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	192.67		199.57 9/20/2023
APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE	194.20		196.40 3/14/2024

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#### **USDA REPORTS MARCH 2024**

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – MARCH 21, 2024 CATTLE ON FEED REPORT – MARCH 23, 2024 COLD STORAGE REPORT – MARCH 25, 2024 HOGS AND PIGS REPORT – MARCH 28, 2024

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POLL-US February cattle placements seen up 6.4% from year ago, analysts say - Reuters News

March 19 (Reuters) Last month's placements of cattle into U.S. feedlots were likely up from a year earlier as delays from winter weather in January shifted some cattle into February, analysts said. February also had an extra day due to "leap year," and producers have imported cattle as the U.S. herd shrank to its smallest level in decades.

	Range	Average	Million head
On feed March 1	100.5-101.3	100.9	11.755
Placements in February	104.5-108.8	106.4	1.849
Marketings in February	103-104.7	103.8	1.8

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Live Cattle trade volume was very light Tuesday. The trade range for April Live Cattle was \$1.02, but from June on out the range was within \$1.00. There was also some bear spreading. Traders, hedgers and speculators, have concerns about the packers working fewer hours, what consumers will do as beef prices rise, will there or won't there be a seasonal demand for beef this spring and summer, will there be an increase in the number of cattle sooner than later, should they buy at current levels or sell or is the easiest trade to do nothing.

With the Cattle on Feed report on Friday, look for slow trade the remainder of the week.

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Cash prices were higher last week. Midwest cattle traded for \$187.00 to \$190.00 with an average around \$188.50.. Dressed prices were \$296 to 298.00 with a few at \$301.00 averaging near \$298.00. Kansas sold cattle from 185.00 to 186.00 mostly 186.00. 5218 total head were posted by USDA in Texas for 186.00

Last week slaughter was 601,000 head.

Japan increased interest rate. It could affect buying going forward.

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#### **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.

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024	14,000 MT
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2024	12,200 MT
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 2024	12,600MT
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 8, 2024	16,600MT
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 2024	20,600MT

#### **USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT**

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For Week Ending: 3/09/2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.23%	7.14%	4.81%
Choice	75.71%	78.07%	66.56%
Select	7.69%	11.95%	26.69%
Other	4.37%	2.84%	1.94%

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%

#### NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT MARCH 19, 2024

As of March 19, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 886.6 pounds down .9 pounds from previous week and up 22.9 pounds from a year ago. The grading percent as of 03/19/24 was 84.7 % compared to previous week at 84.3%. On March 21, 2023 carcasses weighed 863.7 pounds and graded 84.3%.

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## \*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 03/19/2024 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD

LIVE STEER: 1504 \$187.42 30,729
LIVE HEIFER: 1359 \$187.14 19,975
DRESSED STEER 956 \$297.95 12,213
DRESSED HEIFER: 867 \$298.10 6,099

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 03/19/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

#### IA/MN - CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED 297.00 ON 67 HEAD MIXED LOAD WEIGHING 903.3 POUNDS

LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

# NE – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE 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

NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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

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#### APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 11909 SUPPORT AT 187.25 TO 184.50 RESISTANCE AT 190.27



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JUNE 2024 LIVECATTLE - VOL 18235 SUPPORT AT 183.40 TO 180.90 RESISTANCE AT 186.62 TO 189.00



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#### **FEEDER CATTLE**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/18/2024 WAS 251.02 UP 16 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 03/19/2024 AT \$250.67

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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 03/16/2024

<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	200,600	33,700	3,300	237,600
Last Week:	213,400	35,200	57,600	306,200
Year Ago:	194,400	45,700	44,100	284,200

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers and Heifers sold mostly steady to 5.00 higher, with instances from 7.00-10.00 higher throughout the bulk of all trade regions. Besides some of the lightweight calves going to grass some of the sharpest gains have been on mid-weight calves from 600-750 lbs all selling on a very active market. Every weight and class of feeders is fully entrenched at price levels

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that the stars continue to line-up for this feeder market; as tight supplies, very good demand and affordable inputs keep buyers so far coming back to the well.

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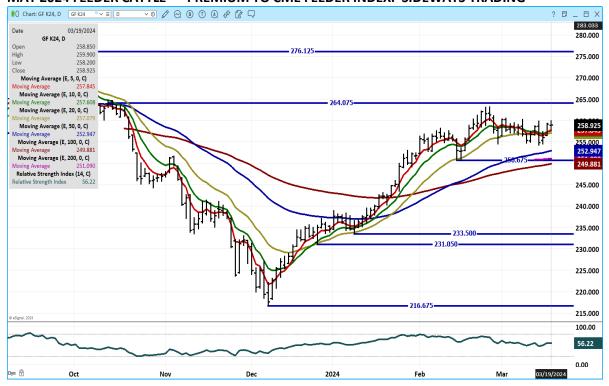
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#### **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

(	03/15/2023	03/22/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	249.27		270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	252.12		273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	256.00		272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	267.37		282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	268.37		285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE268.	62	275.17	FEBRUARY 8, 2024
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	267.60		274.70 FEBRUARY 8, 2024

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#### MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - PREMIUM TO CME FEEDER INDEX. SIDEWAYS TRADING



#### **AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - SIDEWAYS TRADE.**



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#### **HOGS**

**USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER** 

**MARCH 19, 2024** 491,000 484,000 **WEEK AGO YEAR AGO** 487,882 **WEEK TO DATE** 972,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK** 939,000 **2023 WEEK TO DATE** 947,892 YTD 2024 28,742,561 YTD 2023 28,508,819 YTD% CHANGE 0.8%

Lean Hog revision from 3/18/2024\*\* 481,000\*\* Previous Estimate 486,000

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 03/15/2024 WAS 82.54 UP 20 CENT FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/18/2024 AT 92.84 DOWN 6 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$10.30 TO THE CME PORK INDEX. 03/19/2024

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#### **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	03/15/2023	03/22/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	86.92		91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	102.47		103.95 DECEMBER 14, 2022
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	104.50		105.60 MARCH 18, 2024
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	103.42		104.52 MARCH 18, 2024
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	86.75		87.45 MARCH 18, 2024
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	77.45		80.65 JUNE 21, 2023
FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS	80.15		81.50 AUGUST 30, 2023

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It was bound to happen to have a day down in Lean Hogs especially for June through August Lean Hogs. July and August had moved several times to new contract highs over the last month and the spread between April and June was wide. On March 11<sup>th</sup> April was \$17.82 under June. Trade volume was moderate Tuesday. Tuesday also had spec traders bear spreading selling June, July and August plus bear spreading the months and bear spreading against fall October into 2025.

The lows made on Lean Hogs Tuesday are now first support leve	The	lows made	e on Lean	Hogs	Tuesday	are now	first s	troggu	leve	ls.
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Packers are making money and when it comes down to it, when profits are positive they will push hogs through the kill. But it is noticeable, they keep the movement on daily pork sales at levels that are low depending on sales of previously contracted orders.

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July, August and October made new contract highs Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Open interest on the 3 contracts close to the same.

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Exports were off but one lower week doesn't mean a lot.

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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

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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

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#### **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: 247.27

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 22.09

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/19/2024	269.36	93.37	89.96	113.18	71.32	180.98	75.11	129.00
CHANGE:		0.21	-0.37	-1.90	-0.63	3.89	0.41	1.67
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		93.04	88.82	112.82	71.81	177.50	76.08	125.88
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/19/2024	146.95	93.89	89.65	114.35	72.20	184.19	76.31	128.59
CHANGE:		0.73	-0.68	-0.73	0.25	7.10	1.61	1.26
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		93.15	88.76	113.06	71.98	178.14	76.32	125.80
2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/18/2024	256.87	93.16	90.33	115.08	71.95	177.09	74.70	127.33
CHANGE:		-0.31	0.01	0.92	-0.35	0.47	-2.43	3.80
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		92.86	88.43	112.84	71.76	175.72	76.18	125.12

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#### **HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE MARCH 19, 2024**

**National Negotiated Price** 

Head Count: 9,786 Lowest price: 75.00 Highest price: 83.00 Weighted Average 80.78

Change from Previous Day 1.12 higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 26,526 Lowest Base Price: 70.22

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Highest Base Price: 99.86 Weighted Average Price: 83.25

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 167,551 Lowest base price: 72.66 Highest Base Price: 86.08 Weighted Average Price 81.74

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 64,818 Lowest base price: 77.34 Highest base price: 104.21 Weighted Average Price: 85.26

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SLAUGHTER DATA - MARCH 18, 2024

\*\*PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 230,556
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 284.72
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 213.02

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 33,826
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.69
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.58

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 173,616
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 284.47
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.60

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### APRIL/JUNE LEAN HOG SPREAD - SPREAD IS BEAR SPREAD



#### JUNE/JULY 2024 LEAN HOG SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD WIDENING



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#### JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS VOLUME 27101 SUPPORT AT 100.50 TO 99.70 RESISTANCE AT 103.47



#### JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS SUPPORT AT 102.37 RESISTANCE AT 105.60 VOLUME 8034



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