

Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

TUESDAY MORNING MARCH 18, 2025, 2025 LIVESTOCK REPORT CHRIS LEHNER, SENIOR LIVESTOCK ANALYST | 312.242.7942 | 913.787.6804 | CHRIS.LEHNER@ADMIS.COM

CATTLE

REVISION MARCH 14, 2025 ** 99,000 ** PREVIOUS 102,000 REVISION FOR THE WEEK ** 582,000 ** PREVIOUS 587,000

MARCH 17 2025	114,000
WEEK AGO	115,000
YEAR AGO	117,837
2025 YEAR TO DATE	6,224,695
2024 YEAR TO DATE	6,649,159
PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	-6.4%
HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/N	INREPORTS/AMS_3208.PDF

2:00 PM MARCH 18, 2025		
BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	321.16	307.90
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	2.89	1.58
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	13.2	26
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS:	104	1
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	319.57	307.03

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/14/2025 WAS 318.05 UP .58 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM MARCH 17, 2025		
PRIMAL RIB	504.02	451.51
PRIMAL CHUCK	262.76	265.18
PRIMAL ROUND	283.17	282.55

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

PRIMAL LOIN	423.12	385.72
PRIMAL BRISKET	241.82	241.95
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	218.61	218.61
PRIMAL FLANK	156.10	158.68
2:00 PM MARCH 14, 2025		
PRIMAL RIB	501.62	448.62
PRIMAL CHUCK	262.21	264.39
PRIMAL ROUND	281.77	283.84
PRIMAL LOIN	414.08	381.61
PRIMAL BRISKET	242.89	237.43
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	216.23	216.23
PRIMAL FLANK	152.88	157.48
11:00 AM MARCH 18, 2024 PREVIOUS YEAR		
PRIMAL RIB	472.67	457.03
PRIMAL CHUCK	258.98	256.76
PRIMAL ROUND	273.95	270.62
PRIMAL LOIN	416.47	385.56
PRIMAL BRISKET	239.17	242.67
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	228.30	228.30
PRIMAL FLANK	149.27	150.83

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	GRINDS	ΤΟΤΑ	L	
03/14	55	4	6	28	93	318.27	306.32
03/13	108	23	6	25	162	319.69	307.47
03/12	101	21	5	25	153	321.10	307.53
03/11	109	17	8	12	146	321.20	306.86
03/10	59	10	10	9	87	317.58	306.95
03/07	82	7	3	9	101	314.90	305.80

NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES FOB PLANT BASIS NEGOTIATED SALES FOR DELIVERY WITHIN 0-21 DAY PERIOD. PRIOR DAYS SALES AFTER 1:30 PM ARE INCLUDED. MARCH 17, 2025 AFTERNOON

CHOICE CUTS	71.28 LOADS	2,851,095 POUNDS				
SELECT CUTS	12.54 LOADS	501,730 POUNDS				
TRIMMINGS	8.25 LOADS	330,168 POUNDS				
GROUND BEEF	12.18 LOADS	487,045 POUNDS				
(ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)						

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

USDA REPORTS FOR MARCH 2025

MARCH 21, 2025 – CATTLE ON FEED REPORT MARCH 25, 2025 – COLD STORAGE REPORT MARCH 27, 2025 – HOGS AND PIGS REPORT

APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE SETTLED ON MARCH 17, 2025 AT \$205.02 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG STEER PRICE ON MARCH 14, 2025 WAS \$201.23

U.S. CONSUMERS LIKE BEEF. IN 2024 CONSUMPTION WAS AT 13.3 MILLION TONS COMPARED TO 2023 AT 13.0 MILLION TONS. FOR THE FEEDLOT SELLING CATTLE, IT IS GOOD NEWS BECAUSE CONSUMERS ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR BEEF AND THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY HIGH PRICES FOR THE HIGHEST PRICED CUTS.

FOR THE 2025 BEEF PRODUCTION IS DOWN 2.3% COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO. AS THE TABLES ABOVE SHOW, BUYERS WILL PAY MORE FOR IT WHEN PRODUCTION IS DOWN.

DAILY BEEF SALES HAVE BEEN LIGHT AND WHEN THE DAILY LOADS ARE LIGHT, IT HAPPENS WHEN PACKERS FILL PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED BEEF ORDERS FIRST AND BEEF ON THE DAILY MARKET IS FILLED AFTER. OVER THE PAST 6 DAYS CHOICE RIB PRIMALS ARE UP \$26.45 AND CHOICE LOIN PRIMALS ARE UP \$20.05.

CASH CATTLE WERE \$3.00 TO \$4.00 HIGHER LAST THE WEEK. DRESSED CATTLE RANGED FROM UN-CHANGED TO \$10.00 HIGHER WITH AVERAGE UP \$3.00 TO \$5.00 HIGHER.

REVISION

CATTLE SLAUGHTER INCREASED LAST WEEK COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO BY 4,000 HEAD. YEAR TO DATE SLAUGHTER IS DOWN BY 412,627 HEAD.

FOR 2024, TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS OF CATTLE READY FOR SLAUGHTER AND CATTLE FOR FEEDING TO-TALED 1,864,666 HEAD. IF U.S. BUYERS MUST PAY TARIFFS ON THE CATTLE, THE ADDITIONAL PRICE BECAUSE OF TARIFFS WILL FIRST HAVE U.S. BUYERS USE UP U.S. CATTLE FIRST. WITH THE U.S. INVEN-TORY OF CATTLE DOWN AS IT IS NOW, INCREASING THE PRICE ON IMPORTED FEEDERS AND FED CAT-TLE WITH TARIFFS WILL MAKE U.S. CATTLE INCREASE IN PRICE. IT WILL ALSO MAKE IMPORTING BEEF A BETTER VALUE FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRAZIL AND AUSTRALIA.

========================

CATTLE WEIGHTS WILL START TO COME DOWN AS BUYERS NEED TO REACH MORE INTO FEEDLOTS TO FILL BEEF CONTRACTS.

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2025 LIVE CATTLE WEIGHTS WERE DOWN 2 POUNDS FROM THE PREVI-OUS WEEK AND UP 39 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO AND DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE UP 27 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO.

EXPORTS

BEEF EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 2025 WERE 14,300 MT COMPARED TO 13,400 MT A WEEK AGO, DOWN 13% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. THE LARGEST BUYER WAS JAPAN AT 4600 MT FOLLOWED BY SOUTH KOREA WITH 3000 MT AND CHINA AT 2500 MT. MEXICO BOUGHT 1000 MT.

***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 03/17/2025 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG WEIGHT PRICE HEAD LIVE STEER: 1535 \$205.38 35,334 LIVE HEIFER: 1384 \$205.01 16,250 DRESSED STEER 977 \$324.87 11,712 DRESSED HEIFER: 864 \$324.19 4,263

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 03/17/2025 FOB STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

- IA/MN CASH FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED DELIVERED 323.00 ON 111 MIXED LOAD LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE
- NE CASH FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE
- KS CASH FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE LIVE DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM - CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

WEEKLY BEEF PRODUCTION (MILLIONS OF POUNDS) – MARCH 15, 2025 WEEK ENDING: BEEF 15-MAR-25 511.9 08- MAR-25 504.9

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

CHANGE:	1.4%	
16-MAR-24	504.9	
CHANGE:	504.9	
2025 YTD	5340.4	
2024 YTD	5463.5	
CHANGE:	-2.3%	
AVERAGE WI	EIGHTS (POUN	IDS) CATTLE MARCH 15, 2025
WEEK ENDI	NG LIVE:	
15 - MAR-25	ESTIMATE	1435
08 -MAR-25	ESTIMATE	1437
16 -MAR-24	ACTUAL	1396
DRESSED:		
15-MAR -25	ESTIMATE	874
08 -MAR -25	ESTIMATE	876
16 -MAR -24	ACTUAL	847

. ...

STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 2025 PACKER MARGIN (\$/HEAD (\$126.27) LAST WEEK (\$154.46) MONTH AGO (\$191.13) YEAR AGO (\$48.68) FEEDLOT MARGINS \$366.40 LAST WEEK \$198.44 MONTH AGO \$341.05 YEAR AGO (\$18.80) STERLING MARKETING USES THE COMPREHENSIVE BEEF CUTOUT VALUE REPORTED BY USDA.



LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - BUYERS MOVING BACK FROM OUTRIGHT BUY TO SPREADS

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai



JUNE LIVE CATTLE/JUNE LEAN HOGS - CATTLE CONTINUING TO GAIN ON HOGS

APRIL/JUNE LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD



ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai



APRIL LIVE CATTLE- RESISTANCE AT 207.72 SUPPORT AT 200.50

JUNE LIVE CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 201.35 TO 205.37RSI AT 68 FAR FROM OVERBOUGHT



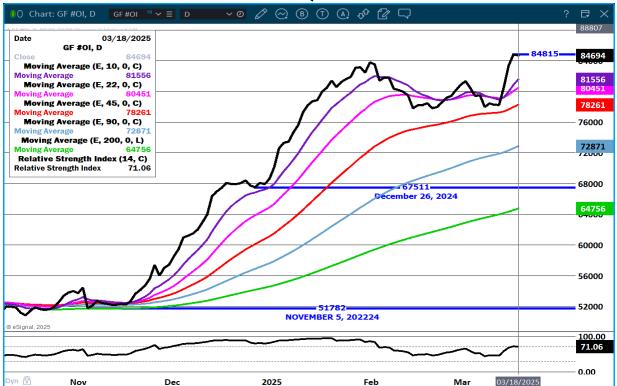
ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/14/2024 WAS 283.27 UP .55 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON 03/17/2025 AT \$284.62

THE QUESTION FOR CATTLE ON FEED AND PLACEMENTS FOR FRIDAY'S COF REPORT WILL BE; HOW MANY HEIFERS ARE AND HAVE BEEN RETAINED OVER THE PAST YEAR? FOR THE MARCH 2024 COF RE-PORT, IT HAD PLACEMENTS PLACEMENTS AT 10% ABOVE THE 2023 REPORT.



FEEDER CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - BUYERS NOT LIQUIDATING

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai



MAY/AUGUST FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD AS BUYERS BUYING MORE MAY

MAY FEEDER CATTLE – RSI AT 72 IS NOT OVERBOUGHT RESISTANCE AT 288.37 SUPPORT AT 279.37



ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

HOGS

REVISION MARCH 14, 2025 **474,000 ** PREVIOUS 480,000 FOR THE WEEK REVISON **2,509,000 ** PREVIOUS 2,515,000

MARCH 17, 2025,	487,000
WEEK AGO	487,000
YEAR AGO	481,036
2025 YEAR TO DATE	27,052,259
2024 YEAR TO DATE	28,226,920
PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	-4.2%

HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_3208.PDF

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 03/13/2025 WAS 89.55 DOWN .19 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/14/2025 AT 97.09 UP .21 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$7.54 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 03/17/2025

APRIL 2025 LEAN HOGS ON MARCH 17, 2025 SETTLED AT \$88.07

THE DAILY PORK MARKET CHANGES LIKE IT IS ON A BUNGE CORD ESPECIALLY BELLY PRICES. BUT WHEN DAILY PORK SALES ONLY MAKE UP ABOUT 10% OF SALES, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED. WITH FOR-MULA AND CACASS BASE BUYING OF HOGS AND CONTRACTING ON PORK, IT IS OBVIOUS PACKERS POST THE PRICES TO PLACATE THE USDA PRICE DISCOVERY RULES, AND THE VERY FEW BUYERS THAT BUY HAND TO MOUTH

MONDAY ON EARLY PORK SALES BELLIES JUMPED 16.22 BY AFTERNON SALES THEY WERE UP JUST 1.72. LOINS WERE UP \$5.33 UP IN THE MORNING AND BY LATE SALES WERE 3.77 HIGHER. THE DAILY CARCASS PRICE WAS UP \$3.55 IN THE MORNING AND UP JUST 27 CENTS LATER IN THE DAY. THE 5 DAY CARCASS AVERAGE WAS UP .54 CENTS AND THEN JUST 27 CENTS. THE 5 DAY AVERAGE GIVES A LITTLE BETTER PICTURE OF THE PRICE AS DOES THE CME PORK CUTOUT.

BIG MOVE UP ON HOGS MONDAY. WITH EXPIRATION FOR APRIL STILL ABOUT A MONTH AWAY, THE PRICE APRIL SETTLED AT \$88.07 IS NOT FAR FROM THE CME HOG INDEX AT \$89.55. SPREAD TRADERS WERE ACTIVE WITH SUMMER HOGS. CURRENTLY LARGE SPEC TRADERS AND FUNDS HAVE MOVED TO JUNE ON OUT AND ARE MOVING SPREADS ON SUMMER TO FALL AND WINTER HOGS.

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

REVISION

WEEK TO DATE HOG SLAUGHTER AS OF WEEK ENDING MARCH 15TH WAS UP 91,000 HEAD YEAR TO DATE 2025 SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO 2024 IS DOWN 1,174,625 HEAD.

EASTER NORMALLY INCREASES HAM DEMAND IN THE U.S. NOW THROUGH THE END OF MARCH AND FIRST WEEK OF APRIL WATCH HAM PRICES. WITH HIGH BEEF PRICES, CONSUMERS WATCHING FINAN-CIAL MARKETS, HAM PRICES SHOULD INCREASE.

MEXICO, IS THE LARGEST BUYER OF U.S. PORK. LAST YEAR THEY BOUGHT 1,154,989 MT FAR SURPAS-SING ANY COUNTRY.

CHINA WAS SECOND BUYER WITH 467,227 MT DOWN 6% IN 2024

CANADA BOUGHT 212,439 MT WAS 5TH BUYER DOWN 3% IN 2024

EXPORTS

NET EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 2025 WERE 20,300 MT COMPARED TO 42,400 MT A WEEK AGO, DOWN 52% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. MEXICO WAS THE LARGEST BUYER AT 6,300 MT COM-PARED TO 21,800 MT LAST WEEK. JAPAN BOUGHT 5,100 MT COMPARED TO 3,200 MT A WEEK AGO, CHINA BOUGHT NOTHING

MARKET WILL BE DISAPPOINTED MEXICO BOUGHT SO LITTLE AND CANADA CANCELLED THEIR PREVI-OUS PURCHASES AS WELL AS CHINA WAS OUT.

STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - MARCH 08, 2025

PACKER MARGINS \$1.10 LAST WEEK \$2.86 MONTH AGO \$3.71 YEAR AGO \$18.39

FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$47.33 LAST WEEK \$44.21 MONTH AGO \$32.64 YEAR AGO \$3.80

THE PRICES TO CALCULATE MARGINS ARE FROM HOGS SOLD ON NEGOTIATED PRICES AND HOGS AND PORK POSTED WITH USDA DATA PRO-VIDED

FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES

BASED ON NEGOTIATED PRICES AND VOLUME OF PORK CUTS DELIVERED WITHIN 14 DAYS AND ON AV-ERAGE INDUSTRY CUTTING YIELDS. CALCULATIONS FOR 215 LB. PORK CARCASS. 55-56%

LOADS PORK CUTS : 257.70 LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 38.23

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/17/2025	295.93	97.65	90.09	107.02	72.54	151.38	89.82	142.80
CHANGE:		0.27	3.77	-0.47	-0.29	-0.85	-2.38	1.72
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		96.90	87.19	105.95	72.31	150.18	89.85	141.92
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/17/2025	179.49	100.93	91.85	108.23	74.25	151.99	90.31	157.30
CHANGE:		3.55	5.53	0.74	1.42	-0.24	-1.89	16.22
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		97.55	87.55	106.19	72.65	150.30	89.95	144.82

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/14/2025	303.68	97.38	86.32	107.49	72.83	152.23	92.20	141.08
CHANGE:		0.09	-0.42	2.61	0.75	5.56	0.66	-3.64
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		97.01	86.94	106.19	72.27	150.00	89.29	143.48

HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE MARCH 17, 2025

NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE HEAD COUNT 3,144 LOWEST PRICE: 86.00 HIGHEST PRICE 92.50 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 88.05 CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY -1.00 LOWER

OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS) HEAD COUNT: 25,827 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 73.10 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 93.59 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 82.97

SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS) HEAD COUNT 151,881 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 77.71 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 94.18 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 88.27

OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS) HEAD COUNT: 113,574 LOWEST BASE PRICE 78.35 HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 97.49 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 86.75

WEEKLY PORK PRODUCTION (MILLION POUNDS) SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 WEEK ENDING PORK 15-MAR-25 543.7 08-MAR-25 524.1 CHANGE: 3.7% 16- MAR-24 528.6 CHANGE: 2.9% 2025 YTD 5773.0 2024 YTD 6007.3 CHANGE: -3.9%

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai

WEEKENDING SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 AVERAGE WEIGHTS (LBS) HOGS WEEK ENDING LIVE: 15-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 290 08-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 291 16 MAR-24 ACTUAL 289 DRESSED: 15-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 216 08-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 217 16- MAR-24 ACTUAL 215

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE <u>HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_2511.PDF</u> SLAUGHTER DATA - MARCH 17, 2025

**PRODUCER SOLD: HEAD COUNT 252,402 AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 291.17 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.21

PACKER SOLD: HEAD COUNT 34,911 AVERAGE LIVE 287.60 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.46

PACKER OWNED: HEAD COUNT 216,519 AVERAGE LIVE 288.36 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.16

ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai



LEAN HOG OPEN INTEREST - LONGS AREN'T HOLDING POSITIONS

APRIL/JUNE HOG SPREAD - JUNE TO GAIN ON APRIL



ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai



APRIL HOGS - RESISTANCE AT 88.52 SUPPORT AT 85.30

JUNE LEAN HOGS - RESISTANCE AT 100.87 TO 101.67 SUPPORT AT 93.15



ADMIS.com | 312.242.7000 | Chicago | New York | London | Hong Kong | Singapore | Taipei | Shanghai