



MONDAY MORNING MARCH 24, 2025, 2025 LIVESTOCK REPORT CHRIS LEHNER, SENIOR LIVESTOCK ANALYST | 312.242.7942 | 913.787.6804 | CHRIS.LEHNER@ADMIS.COM

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# **CATTLE**

**MARCH 21, 2025** 100,000 **WEEK AGO** 99,000 **YEAR AGO** 108,782 **SATURDAY 03/22/2025** 20,000 **WEEK AGO** 2,000 YEAR AGO 13,257 **WEEK TO DATE (EST)** 560,000 SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST) 584,000 SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT) 592,712 **2025 YEAR TO DATE** 6,671,962 **2024 YEAR TO DATE** 7,124,034

PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -6.4 PREVIOUS WEEK -6.4%

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2:00 PM MARCH 21, 2025

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 325.45 309.62 PREVIOUS WEEK 318.27 306.32 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: (2.61) 0.26

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 15.83
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS: 124

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 324.09 308.30

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# CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/20/2025 WAS 321.84 UP 1.79 FROM PREVIOUS DAY CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 03/13/2025 WAS 317.47

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2:00 PM MARCH 21, 2025		
PRIMAL RIB	520.20	468.32
PRIMAL CHUCK	265.77	261.75
PRIMAL ROUND	283.04	282.65
PRIMAL LOIN	428.80	389.14
PRIMAL BRISKET	245.92	240.13
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	220.51	220.51
PRIMAL FLANK	156.92	159.28
2:00 PM MARCH 14, 2025		
PRIMAL RIB	501.62	448.62
PRIMAL RIB PRIMAL CHUCK	501.62 262.21	448.62 264.39
PRIMAL CHUCK	262.21	264.39
PRIMAL CHUCK PRIMAL ROUND	262.21 281.77	264.39 283.84
PRIMAL CHUCK PRIMAL ROUND PRIMAL LOIN	262.21 281.77 414.08	264.39 283.84 381.61

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# LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	<b>GRINDS</b>	TOTA	.L	
03/20	76	20	9	16	121	328.06	309.36
03/19	72	14	5	20	110	329.61	308.68
03/18	65	18	10	17	109	323.32	309.23
03/17	71	13	8	12	104	321.16	307.90
03/14	55	4	6	28	93	318.27	306.32 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 1:30 PM ARE INCLUDED. MARCH 21, 2025

CHOICE CUTS	82.69 LOADS	3,307,606 POUNDS
SELECT CUTS	<b>9.38 LOADS</b>	375,219 POUNDS
TRIMMINGS	<b>8.77 LOADS</b>	350,678 POUNDS
<b>GROUND BEEF</b>	22.71 LOADS	908,539 POUNDS

(ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)

#### **USDA REPORTS FOR MARCH 2025**

MARCH 25, 2025 – COLD STORAGE REPORT MARCH 27, 2025 – HOGS AND PIGS REPORT

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### **USDA CATTLE ON FEED REPORT – MARCH 21, 2025**

	Range	Average	Actual	Million Head	Est Head
On feed as of March 1	97.0-99.0	98.3	98	11,577	11.637
Placements in February	79.1-90.5	86.0	82	1,554	1.625
Marketings in February	88.7-94.0	91.9	91	1,633	1.648

#### 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 11.6 million head on March 1, 2025. The inventory was 2 percent below March 1, 2024.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.55 million head, 18 percent below 2024. Net placements were 1.49 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 295,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 415,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 389,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 130,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 50,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.63 million head, 9 percent below 2024.

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It is a bullish report. With the recent higher move, price action will also depend on how much more to the upside can beef move. March and April are normally months when beef moves higher. It is obvious why traders have been bull spreading.

Friday was a day when shorts were blowing out with stops and long specs were taking profits. The report is friendly to Feeder Cattle that will regain Friday's loss and add \$3.00 to \$4.00. Live Cattle from June on out since they are discounted might be near limit up.

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APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE SETTLED ON MARCH 21, 2025 AT \$206.95
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG STEER PRICE ON MARCH 21, 2025 WAS \$205.46

FIRST NOTICE DAY FOR APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE IS APRIL 7, 2025

BOXED BEEF WAS DOWN ON FRIDAY BUT COMPARING PRICES FROM FRIDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, THE INCREASES IN PRIMAL CUTS ALL HAD SIGNIFICANT GAINS EXCEPT FOR SELECT CHUCKS AND ROUNDS. THE CME BOXED BEEF INDEXED FOR THE WEEK GAINED \$4.37.

CHOICE BEEF IS GAINING ON SELECT. THERE IS AN OBVIOUS REASON. THERE IS MORE LOW GRADE BEEF IMPORTED TO THE U.S.. THAT MIGHT STOP DEPENDING IF THERE ARE TARIFFS PLACED ON PRODUCTS FROM AUSTRALIA.

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FRIDAY LIVE CATTLE FUTURES OPENED LOWER, BOUNCED UP AND THEN CLOSED LOWER. IT WAS AN OUTSIDE DAY DOWN FOR JUNE ON OUT. APRIL DID NOT TRADE BELOW THURSDAY'S LOW. THE 5 DAY MOVING AVERAGE WAS SUPPORT AND LOWS. FOR JUNE OUT IT WAS NOT A KEY REVESAL BECAUSE IT DID NOT GAP HIGHER ON THE OPEN. IT COULD HAVE BEEN A BLOW OFF TOP. VOLUME WAS ACTIVE BUT NOT BIG WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED IF THERE WAS HEAVY VOLUME.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY IT WAS OBVIOUS TRADERS WERE BULL SPREADING. MOST LARGE SPECULATORS ARE SPREAD TRADERS. SPREAD TRADERS HAVE LOWER MARGINS AND SPREADERS DON'T TRADE PRICE BUT TRADE THE STATISTICAL DIFFERENTIALS.

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PACKERS DIDN'T TRY TO PUSH KILL ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY TO MAKE UP FOR THE BAD WEATHER LAST WEDENSDAY. THEY DID THE OPPOSITE. IT WAS THE LOWEST SLAUGHTER IN THE PAST 4 WEEKS. SLAUGHTER WAS DOWN 24,000 HEAD FROM A WEEK AGO AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO IT WAS DOWN 32,712 HEAD. YEAR TO DATE SLAUGHTER IS DOWN 452,072 HEAD. MARCH HAS COME OUT OF THE NORMAL SLOW DEMAND IN FEBRUARY AND BUYERS WANT BEEF.

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

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 2025 LIVE CATTLE WEIGHTS WERE DOWN 4 POUNDS FROM THE PREVI-OUS WEEK AND UP 31 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO BUT DOWN 8 POUNDS PROM THE SAME PERIOD. DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE DOWN 3 POUNDS FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK

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# **EXPORTS**

BEEF EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 13 , 2025 WERE 10,200 MT COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO AT 14,300 MT . ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE DOWN 40% WITH A WEEK AGO DOWN 13% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. THE LARGEST BUYER WAS SOUTH KOREA AT 3000 MT, JAPAN AT 2800 MT WITH NO SALES TO CANADA OR CHINA

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# \*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 03/21/2025 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD

LIVE STEER: 1536 \$205.46 35,810 LIVE HEIFER: 1386 \$205.14 16,092 DRESSED STEER 977 \$325.03 12,066 DRESSED HEIFER: 864 \$324.19 4,263

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 03/21/2025 FOB STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – 210.00-215.00 AVE PRICE 213.38

DRESSED DELIVERED 330.00-340.00 AVE PRICE 335.44

LIVE DELIVERED 210.00-215.50 AVE PRICE 213.39

NE – CASH FOB - 212.00-215.00 AVE PRICE 214.08 DRESSED 332.00-340.00 AVE PRICE 335.68 DRESSED FOB - 335.00

KS – CASH FOB - 209.00-210.50 AVE PRICE 209.78 LIVE DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

# TX/OK/NM - CASH - 209.00-210.00 AVE PRICE 209.99

WEEKLY BEEF PRODUCTION (MILLIONS OF POUNDS) – MARCH 15, 2025

**WEEK ENDING: BEEF** 22-MAR-25 486.7 15- MAR-25 509.3 CHANGE: -4.4% 23-MAR-24 501.1 CHANGE: -2.9% 2025 YTD 5821.3 2024 YTD 5964.6 CHANGE: -2.4%

# **AVERAGE WEIGHTS (POUNDS) CATTLE MARCH 15, 2025**

**WEEK ENDING LIVE:** 

22 - MAR-25 ESTIMATE 1431 15 -MAR-25 ESTIMATE 1435 23 -MAR-24 ACTUAL 1400

DRESSED:

22-MAR -25 ESTIMATE 871 15 -MAR -25 ESTIMATE 874

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#### 23-MAR -24 ACTUAL 847

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STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2025

PACKER MARGIN (\$/HEAD (\$137.78) LAST WEEK (\$126.27) MONTH AGO (\$198.44) YEAR AGO (\$28.51)

FEEDLOT MARGINS \$419.93 LAST WEEK \$366.40 MONTH AGO \$278.73 YEAR AGO \$29.33

STERLING MARKETING USES THE COMPREHENSIVE BEEF CUTOUT VALUE REPORTED BY USDA.

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# LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - RECORD OPEN INTEREST



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



# JUNE/AUGUST LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD



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#### APRIL LIVE CATTLE- VOLUME AT 18633 RESISTANCE AT 212.87 SUPPORT AT 206.25



#### JUNE LIVE CATTLE – NEW CONTRACT HIGHS VOL 38414 RESISTANCE AT 208.37 SUPPORT AT 202.25



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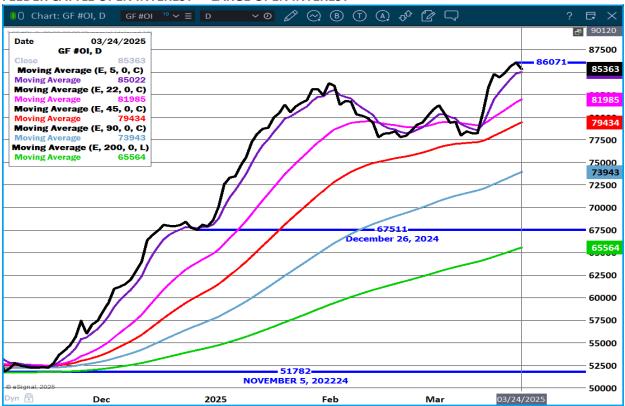
# **FEEDER CATTLE**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/20/2024 WAS 287.78 UP 1.84 FROM PREVIOUS DAY CME FEEDER INDEX ON 03/12/2024 WAS 282.72

MARCH 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON 03/21/2025 AT \$286.47 MARCH 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON 03/14/2025 AT \$281.97

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT IS BULLISH FOR FEEDER CATTLE. PLACEMENTS DOWN 18% ARE TOO BIG.

# FEEDER CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - LARGE OPEN INTEREST



# MAY/AUGUST FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD NOW



# MAY FEEDER CATTLE - SLIGHTLY BELOW SUPPORT AT 5 DAY AVERAGE. RESISTANCE AT 290.65



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# **HOGS**

REVISION FOR MARCH 0, 2025 \*\* 465,000 \*\* PREVIOUS 471,000

MARCH 21, 2025, 472,000 **WEEK AGO** 474,000 **YEAR AGO** 483,568 SATURDAY 03/22/2025 158,000 **WEEK AGO** 81.000 YEAR AGO 90.449 **WEEK TO DATE (EST)** 2.428.000 SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST) 2,509,000 SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT) 2,520,684 **2025 YEAR TO DATE** 28,976,306 **2024 YEAR TO DATE** 30,266,568

PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -4.3% PREVIOUS WEEK -4.2%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 03/19/2025 WAS 89.20 DOWN .21 FROM PREVIOUS DAY CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 03/12/2025 WAS 89.74

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/20/2025 AT 96.38 DOWN .24 FROM PREVIOUS DAY CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 03/13/2025 AT 97.30

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$7.18 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 03/21/2025 THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$7.56 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 03/14/2025

**APRIL 2025 LEAN HOGS ON MARCH 20, 2025 SETTLED AT \$86.12 APRIL 2025 LEAN HOGS ON MARCH 14, 2025 SETTLED AT \$86.62** 

HOG PACKERS INCREASED THE KILL FRIDAY AND SLAUGHTER TO MAKE UP SOME OF THE LOSS DUE TO THE WEATHER MARKET MID-WEEK. FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> SLAUGHTER WAS DOWN 81,000 HEAD FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO IT WAS DOWN 92,684. YEAR TO DATE SLAUGHTER IS DOWN 1,290,262 HEAD.

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HOG PRICES WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER OVER THE WEEK WITH THE CME HOG INDEX DOWN 54 CENTS AND THE CME PORK CUTOUT DOWN 92 CENTS. LEAN HOGS INDEX TO THE PORK CUTOUT WAS DOWN 36 CENTS SHAVING OFF PACKER MARGINS AND LIKELY WHY THEY KEPT THE SLAUGHTER DOWN FOR THE WEEK. THEY CAN USE THE HOGS NEXT WEEK. PACKERS AREN'T IN ANY RUSH TO INCREASE THE KILL.

#### **EXPORTS**

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NET EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 2025 WERE 18,100 MT COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO AT 20,300 MT. DOWN 40% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. MEXICO WAS THE LARGEST BUYER AT WITH 4,700 MT COMPARED TO LAST WEEK AT 6,300 MT LAST WEEK. JAPAN BOUGHT 3500 MT COMPARED TO 5,100 MT COMPARED TO 3,200 MT A WEEK AGO, CHINA TOOK NOTHING FOR SECONS WEEK

#### MEXICO BUYING LESS EACH WEEK IS DISAPPOINTING.

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STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - MARCH 15, 2025

PACKER MARGINS (\$0.87) LAST WEEK \$1.10 MONTH AGO \$6.45 YEAR AGO \$15.16 FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$46.23 LAST WEEK \$47.33 MONTH AGO \$44.50 YEAR AGO \$8.45 THE PRICES TO CALCULATE MARGINS ARE FROM HOGS SOLD ON NEGOTIATED PRICES AND HOGS AND PORK POSTED WITH USDA DATA PRO-

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#### **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: 307.77** 

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 29.59

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
03/21/2025	337.35	96.86	90.38	110.16	70.62	148.68	90.81	136.41
CHANGE:		1.00	3.18	1.56	-1.25	2.10	1.52	-1.03
<b>FIVE DAY AVERAGE</b>		96.24	88.51	107.83	71.79	148.44	90.10	136.71
PREVIOUS WEEK								
2:00 PM	LOADS	<b>CARCASS</b>	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

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**HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE MARCH 21, 2025** 

**NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE** 

**HEAD COUNT 4,509 LOWEST PRICE: 85.50 HIGHEST PRICE 92.00** WEIGHTED AVERAGE 89.39

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY -1.63 LOWER

OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

**HEAD COUNT: 21,040 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 72.64** 

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HIGHEST BASE PRICE 95.86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 80.81

SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT 136,300 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 77.29 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 95.79 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 87.33

OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT: 187,697 LOWEST BASE PRICE 78.56 HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 103.46 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 84.44

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# WEEKLY PORK PRODUCTION (MILLION POUNDS) SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

**WEEK ENDING PORK** 22-MAR-25 524.1 542.4 15-MAR-25 CHANGE: -3.4% 22- MAR-24 543.1 CHANGE: -3.5% 2025 YTD 6289.8 2024 YTD 6550.4 CHANGE: -4.0%

**WEEKENDING SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025** 

**AVERAGE WEIGHTS (LBS) HOGS** 

**WEEK ENDING LIVE:** 

22-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 290 15-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 290 236 MAR-24 ACTUAL 290

DRESSED:

22-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 216 15-MAR-25 ESTIMATE 216 23- MAR-24 ACTUAL 215

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# NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

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**SLAUGHTER DATA - MARCH 20, 2025** 

\*\*PRODUCER SOLD: HEAD COUNT 232,290

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AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 290.51
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 217.81

**PACKER SOLD:** 

HEAD COUNT 26,622 AVERAGE LIVE 283.44

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 212.88** 

**PACKER OWNED:** 

HEAD COUNT 164,272 AVERAGE LIVE 287.06 AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 217.35

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# LEAN HOG OPEN INTEREST - NOT INCREASING.



# AUGUST/OCTOBER HOG SPREAD – IS MOVING TO A BULL SPREAD



# APRIL HOGS - TRADING IN A SIDEWAYS RANGE SUPPORT AT 85.25 RESISTANCE AT 88.55



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JUNE LEAN HOGS - IN A SIDEWAYS RANGE RESISTANCE AT 99.25 DOWNSIDE 96.25



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