



FRIDAY MORNING APRIL 25, 2025, LIVESTOCK REPORT
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CATTLE

APRIL 24, 2025 116,000 120,000 **WEEK AGO YEAR AGO** 127,117 **WEEK TO DATE** 466,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK** 477,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK 2024** 490,864 **2025 YEAR TO DATE** 9,472,355 **2024 YEAR TO DATE** 10,026,877 PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -5.5%

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2:00 PM APRIL 24, 2025

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 333.70 316.35 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: 1.73 1.83

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 17.35
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS: 102

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 332.64 316.55

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CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 04/23/2025 WAS 329.20 DOWN .77 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

552.70	509.19
259.51	255.60
270.87	270.30
463.44	412.34
262.53	257.39
228.61	228.61
167.44	167.86
552.76	505.12
256.48	254.93
269.08	268.10
462.39	410.04
260.90	256.55
227.70	227.70
165.46	165.64
	259.51 270.87 463.44 262.53 228.61 167.44 552.76 256.48 269.08 462.39 260.90 227.70

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	GRINDS	TOTAL		
04/23	108	38	8	17	171	331.97	314.52
04/22	79	16	29	10	134	331.73	317.65
04/21	39	10	8	19	75	333.52	318.77
04/18	68	13	12	7	101	331.52	FRIDAY 315.55 FRIDAY
04/17	103	14	13	14	143	332.90	316.39

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. APRIL 23, 2025 (ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)

CHOICE CUTS	70.55 LOADS	2,821,985 POUNDS
SELECT CUTS	14.60 LOADS	583,810 POUNDS
TRIMMINGS	9.45 LOADS	378,138 POUNDS
GROUND BEEF	6.90 LOADS	276,056 POUNDS

APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

0 DELIVERIES ON APRIL 24, 2025

DATE 04/24/2025 SETTLEMENT: \$212.70 OLDEST LONG 01/10/2025 \$199.47

APRIL LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST AS OF 04/24/2024 IS 4,061 CONTRACTS

5 DAY NEGOTIATED STEER PRICE AS OF APRIL 24, 2025 AT \$211.75

PACKERS ARE CUTTING BACK ON SLAUGHTER THIS WEEK. IT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN KEEP BEEF PRICES FROM CRASHING ON WHAT THEY BUY FROM THE SHOWLIST AND WHAT IS SOLD ON THE DAILY BEEF MARKET. PRODUCERS ARE TOLD WHEN TO MOVE CATTLE AND HOW MANY ARE NEEDED. PACKERS ARE BUYING EXACTLY THE NUMBER OF CATTLE TO FILL ORDERS AND PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED BEEF.

PACKERS ARE WAITING UNTIL FRIDAY TO PRICE CATTLE. THURSDAY THERE WERE 2,134 HEIFERS SOLD IN KANSAS FOR \$210.00. PRODUCERS ARE ASKING \$3.00 TO \$4.00 HIGHER.

EXPORTS

BEEF EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2025 WERE 10,300 MT COMPARED TO LAST WEEK AT 17,500 MT DOWN 41 % FROM LAST WEEK AND 11% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. SOUTH KOREA TOOK 3200 MT COMPARED TO 3700 MT LAST WEEK. JAPAN TOOK 1,900 MT COMPARED TO 7700 MT PREVIOUS WEEK.

FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18TH THE CME BOXED BEEF INDEX WAS DOWN \$3.01.

CASH SALES LAST WEEK IN THE MIDWEST WERE UP \$6.00 AND IN THE SOUTHWEST UP TO \$4.00 HIGHER .

FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2025 LIVE CATTLE WEIGHTS WERE UP 1 POUND FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND UP 34 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO

WEEKLY BEEF PRODUCTION (MILLIONS OF POUNDS) – APRIL 19, 2025

WEEK ENDING: BEEF

19-APR-25 502.8 12- APR-25 491.2 CHANGE: 2.4% 20-APR-24 523.6 CHANGE: -4.0% 2025 YTD 7858.7 2024 YTD 8005.9 CHANGE: -1.8%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (POUNDS) CATTLE

WEEK ENDING LIVE:

19 - APR-25 ESTIMATE 1432 12 -MAR-25 ESTIMATE 1431 20 -APR-24 ACTUAL 1398

DRESSED:

19-APRR -25 ESTIMATE 875 12 -MAR -25 ESTIMATE 873 20-APR -24 ACTUAL 849

***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 04/24/2025
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD

LIVE STEER: 1511 \$211.75 23,869 LIVE HEIFER: 1348 \$211.33 11,548 DRESSED STEER 975 \$336.64 11,756 DRESSED HEIFER: 876 \$335.90 1,952

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 04/24/2025 FOB STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

NE – CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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KS – CASH FOB - 210.00 ON 2,134 HEIFERS WEIGHING 1,319.2 POUNDS LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM - CASH - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2025

PACKER MARGIN (\$/HEAD (\$137.59) LAST WEEK (\$152.89) MONTH AGO (\$157.99) YEAR AGO (\$90.21)

FEEDLOT MARGINS \$512.77 LAST WEEK \$470.95 MONTH AGO \$612.46 YEAR AGO \$364.47

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

LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - NEW BUYERS AND BULL SPREADING



JUNE LIVE CATTLE/JUNE LEAN HOGS - CATTLE NEAR HIGHS POSSIBLE HEAD AND SHOULDERS FORMING



AUGUST/OCTOBER LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD



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JUNE LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME 24824 RESISTANCE AT 209.50 SUPPORT AT 205.87



AUGUST LIVE CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 206.25 SUPPORT AT 202.10 VOLUME 11773



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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 04/23/2025 WAS 287.24 DOWN 1.73 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MAY 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON APRIL 24, 2025 AT \$289.07

BULL SPREADS ARE REVERSING AND TRADERS ARE LIQUIDATING. OPEN INTEREST HAS BEEN STEADILY GOING DOWN.

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 04/19/2025

RECEIPTS:	AUCTIONS	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	168,300	32,000	52,100	252,400
LAST WEEK:	122,400	23,000	32,700	178,100
YEAR AGO:	167,700	44,900	70,900	283,500

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD 5.00 TO 10.00 HIGHER WITH INSTANCES IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL AREA OF UP TO 13.00 HIGHER. DEMAND WAS GOOD TO VERY GOOD FOR ALL TYPES OF CATTLE THIS WEEK AS BUYERS WORKED TO FILL THE GREEN GRASS PASTURES WITH CALVES OR EVEN YEARLING THAT COULD GO MULTIPLE WAYS...

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FEEDER CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - SLIGHT INCREASE MAINLY SPREADING



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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - MOVING TO BEAR SPREAD



AUGUST FEEDER CATTLE - RESISTANCE 294.77 SUPPORT AT 291.00 TO 287.60



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HOGS

REVISION FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2025 ** 472,000 ** PREVIOUS 488,000

APRIL 24, 2025	475,000
WEEK AGO	475,000
YEAR AGO	486,208
WEEK TO DATE	1,788,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,937,000
PREVIOUS WEEK 2024	1,936,232
2025 YEAR TO DATE	40,586,059
2024 YEAR TO DATE	41,966,858
PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	-3.3%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 04/22/2025 WAS 86.75 UP .67 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 04/23/2025 AT 95.15 UP .36 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS 8.40 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 04/24/2025

MAY 2025 LEAN HOGS ON APRIL 24, 2025 SETTLED AT \$91.95

JUNE 2025 LEAN HOGS ON APRIL 24, 2025 SETTLED AT \$99.92

EXPORTS

CHINA NOT ONLY DIDN'T BUY PORK LAST WEEK THEY CANCELLED 12,000 MT. CHINA HAS NOT IMPORTED U.S. PORK IN OVER A MONTH. BEFORE THE TARIFFS CHINA WAS THE SECOND LARGEST BUYER OF U.S. PORK IN 2025.

MEXICO BOUGHT JUST 3800 MT DOWN ABOUT HALF OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK. IT IS LIKELY THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN LIGHT BUYING DUE TO EASTER HOLIDAY. EASTER TIME IN MEXICO IS A 2 WEEK HOLIDAY. HOWEVER, MEXICO HAS STARTED TO INCREASE PURCHASES FROM THE E.U.

THE PHILLIPINES ARE INCREASING BUYING FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION RATIFYING 8 FACILITIES IN PORTUGAL.

NET EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2025 WERE 5,800MT COMPARED TO PREVIOUS WEEK AT 20,500 MT, DOWN 82% FROM THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. JAPAN BOUGHT 6300 MT COMPARED TO 7,100 MT LAST WEEK . MEXICO BOUGHT TOOK 3800 COMPARED TO 7100 MT PREVIOUS WEEK. CHINA CANCELLED 12,000 MT

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LEAN HOGS WERE LOWER THURSDAY. TRADERS ARE LOOKING AHEAD AND NOT SEEING ANY INCREASE IN PORK DEMAND. UNLESS PACKERS INCREASE SLAUGHTER FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THIS WEEKS SLAUGHTER IS GOING TO BE LIKE A STORM MARKET WITHOUT STORMS AS OF THURSDAY COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO SLAUGHTER IS DOWN 149,000 HEAD.

HOG WEIGHTS HAVE BEEN STEADY. LAST WEEK HOGS GAINED A POUND. WEIGHTS WILL BE IM-PORTANT TO WATCH GOING FORWARD TO SEE IF THEY BEGIN TO GAIN WEIGHT INDICATING PACKERS ARE INTENTIONALLY HOLDING BACK ON KILL.

VOLUME WAS LIGHT THURSDAY OPEN INTEREST HAS BEEN DROPPING. AFTER PEAKING IN DECEMBER .TRADE VOLUME HAS DECLINED AND THE MAJORITY OF TRADING IS SPEC SPREADING.

HOG SLAUGHTER LAST WEEK WAS DOWN 113,000 HOGS. YEAR TO DATE WITH LAST WEEK'S LOWER REVISION AND THE LIGHT SLAUGHTER APRIL 21ST SLAUGHTER IS OFF 1,350,401 HOGS.

WEEKLY PORK PRODUCTION (MILLIONS OF POUNDS) - APRIL 19, 2025

WEEK ENDING: BEEF 19-APR-25 516.4 12 APR25 538.4 CHANGE: -4.1% 20-APR-24 534.8 CHANGE: -3.4% 2025 YTD 8427.3 2024 YTD 8656.9 -2.7% CHANGE:

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (POUNDS) PORK APRIL 19 2025

WEEK ENDING LIVE:

19 - APR-25 ESTIMATE 291 12-APR-25 ESTIMATE 291 20 -APR-24 ACTUAL 290

DRESSED:

19-APR -25 ESTIMATE 217 12-APR -25 ESTIMATE 217 20-APR -24 ACTUAL 216

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STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - APRIL 19, 2025

PACKER MARGINS (\$0.36) LAST WEEK \$0.24 MONTH AGO (\$0.48) YEAR AGO \$7.96

FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$37.55 LAST WEEK \$37.17 MONTH AGO \$45.04 YEAR AGO \$35.54

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

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%

LOADS PORK CUTS: 284.82

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 30.34

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
04/24/2025	15.16	95.86	88.56	110.84	71.54	144.83	85.93	143.46
CHANGE:		1.78	4.70	1.25	0.24	1.62	3.38	-1.73
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.82	87.65	110.10	71.49	145.43	84.78	3 146.12
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
04/24/2025	135.76	94.91	87.07	112.31	68.82	146.84	85.01	141.72
CHANGE:		0.83	3.21	2.72	-2.48	3.63	2.46	-3.47
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.63	87.35	110.39	70.95	145.83	84.60	145.78
2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
04/23/2025	326.24	94.08	83.86	109.59	71.30	143.21	82.55	145.19
CHANGE:		-1.70	-3.18	1.97	-1.39	-3.80	-2.51	-1.59
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.21	86.83	109.22	71.36	145.89	84.35	144.43

HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE APRIL 24, 2025

NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE
HEAD COUNT 4,845
LOWEST PRICE: 83.00
HIGHEST PRICE 94.00
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 91.31

CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY -0.56 LOWER

OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT: 19,394
LOWEST BASE PRICE: *
HIGHEST BASE PRICE *
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE *

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SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT 154,202 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 76.64 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 96.68 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 85.95

OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT: 62,451

LOWEST BASE PRICE 78.75
HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 103.13
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 86.99

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SLAUGHTER DATA – APRIL 23, 2025

**PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 230,528
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 289.98
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 217.61

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 32,282
AVERAGE LIVE 288.73
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.70

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 176,344
AVERAGE LIVE 285.10
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.94

LEAN HOG OPEN INTEREST - SLIGHT INCREASE MOSTLY DUE TO SPREADING



AUGUST/OCTOBER LEAN HOG SPREAD - BULL SPREAD



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JUNE LEAN HOGS - RESISTANCE AT 101.47 SUPPORT AT 99.10



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USDA COLD STORAGE REPORT APRIL 24, 2025

TOTAL RED MEAT SUPPLIES IN FREEZERS WERE DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

TOTAL POUNDS OF BEEF IN FREEZERS WERE DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH BUT UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

FROZEN PORK SUPPLIES WERE DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

STOCKS OF PORK BELLIES WERE UP 14 PERCENT FROM LAST MONTH BUT DOWN 26 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.

BEEF STOCKS WERE UP COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO BECAUSE SALES IN MARCH SAW A SLIGHT DROP OFF IN THE HIGHER PRICED BEEF. LITTLE WILL HAPPEN FRIDAY DUE TO THE REPORT. WHAT HAPPENED IN APRIL THROUGH APRIL 21ST WITH THE SHARP RALLY IN BEEF PRICES NEGATES MARCH.

PORK IN STORAGE WAS DOWN FROM A YEAR AGO BECAUSE SLAUGHTER WAS DOWN. BY THE END OF MARCH 2025 HOG SLAUGHTER WAS DOWN CLOSE TO A MILLION AND A QUARTER HOGS COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO. NATURALLY, STOCKS WERE GOING TO BE DOWN. IT IS NO SURPRISE.

TO A YEAR AGO. NATURALLY, STOCKS WERE GOING TO BE DOWN. IT IS NO SURPRISE.	
WITH A WEEK FROM MAY 2025, WHAT TOOK PLACE IN MARCH IS OLD NEWS.	

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