



MORNING November 23, 2020 Livestock Report
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CATTLE

USDA FEDERAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER

NOVEMBER 20, 2020	115,000	
WEEK AGO	118,000	
YEAR AGO	116,000	
SATURDAY 11/21/2020	72,000-	A WEEK AGO 63,000, YEAR AGO 79,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	665,000	
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	653,000	
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	668,000	
2020 YEAR TO DATE	28,725,000	
*YEAR TO DATE	29,794,000	
Percent change year to date	-3.6%	Previous week -3.7%

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	CHOICE	SELECT
BOXED BEEF FINAL	238.35	214.98
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY	0.65	1.09
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		23.37
TOTAL LOAD COUNT		105
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	232.04	212.66

	CHOICE	SELECT
PREVIOUS WEEK 11/13/2020		
BOXED BEEF FINAL PRICE	225.98	209.46

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Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds

FINAL NOVEMBER 20, 2020

Primal Rib	477.30	360.72
Primal Chuck	197.65	186.79
Primal Round	194.30	192.23
Primal Loin	291.71	262.41
Primal Brisket	153.50	151.27
Primal Short Plate	124.19	124.19
Primal Flank	107.15	105.41



PREVIOUS WEEK

FINAL NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Primal Rib	424.98	357.00
Primal Chuck	188.98	183.42
Primal Round	188.58	188.04
Primal Loin	279.69	248.18
Primal Brisket	152.15	148.26
Primal Short Plate	125.84	125.84
Primal Flank	105.65	102.18

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	CHOICE	SELECT
						600-900	600-900
11/19	91	30	11	21	152	237.70	213.89
11/18	80	24	13	26	142	235.84	213.62
11/17	80	16	14	32	142	233.72	213.96
11/16	66	16	9	37	128	226.95	212.35
11/13	123	11	27	9	171	225.98	209.46

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. CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)

Choice Cuts	49.77 loads	1,990,647 pounds
Select Cuts	18.06 loads	722,408 pounds
Trimming	12.12 loads	484,748 pounds
Ground Beef	24.64 loads	985,481 pounds

**USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (STEER) FOB CENTRAL U.S.
[HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/NW_LS441.TXT](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls441.txt)**

**NOVEMBER USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS
 COLD STORAGE REPORT NOVEMBER 23, 2020 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**

USDA POSTED CATTLE PRICES ON 11/20/2020
IA/MN – CASH 105.00 ON 170 AVERAGE WEIGHT 1600 Dressed.- 170.00 - 172.00
NE - CASH – 107.00 640 HEIFERS AVERAGE WEIGHT 1352– Dressed 172.00
KS – CASH 109.00 AVERAGE WEIGHT 1480 DRESSED No Reportable Trade.
TX/OK/NM – No Reportable Trade ON FRIDAY
CO – Information not available due to confidentiality



*****National Daily Direct Cattle November 20, 2020
(5 day accumulated weighted avg)**

	Weight	Price	Head
Live Steer:	1479	\$109.68	66,819
Live Heifer:	1309	\$109.75	27,965
Dressed Steer:	975	\$171.78	15,382
Dressed Heifer:	879	\$171.74	6,415

PREVIOUS WEEK

*****National Daily Direct Cattle November 13, 2020
(5 day accumulated weighted avg)**

	Weight	Price	Head
Live Steer:	1511	\$108.96	38,239
Live Heifer:	1350	\$108.65	12,817
Dressed Steer:	977	\$171.34	15,282
Dressed Heifer:	867	\$170.72	4,109

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USDA CATTLE ON FEED REPORT NOVEMBER 20, 2020 CATTLE ON FEED REPORT NOVEMBER 20, 2020

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States
Department of Agriculture (USDA).

cent of	Item	2019	2020	Per-
year				previous
cent		----	1,000 head	---- per-
	On feed October 1	11,288	11,717	104
	Placed on feed during October	2,462	2,192	89
	Fed cattle marketed during October	1,875	1,873	100
	Other disappearance during October	59	63	107
	On feed November 1	11,816	11,973	101

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United States Cattle on Feed Up 1 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 12.0 million head on November 1, 2020. The inventory was 1 percent above November 1, 2019. This is the highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.19 million head, 11 percent below 2019. Net placements were 2.13 million head. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 495,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 465,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 387,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 185,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.87 million head, slightly below 2019.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during October, 7 percent above 2019.

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MY THOUGHTS – CHRISTOPHER LEHNER

December futures will move with boxed beef market which is bullish so December should be higher Monday and regaining losses of Thursday.

2021 Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle should all be limit especially after Thursday's down move and with slight recovery on Friday. Feeder cattle have been bull spread for some time indicating higher markets and 11 percent fewer placements should be enough bullish data to move feeders higher.

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The trading malarky of Live Cattle and Feeder Cattle that took place this week happened because trade volume slowed, and big spec money took advantage of it and shoved cattle and feeder futures lower. Boxed beef this week has gained \$12.00 plus dollars with Choice primal rib sections over \$50 higher. Packers killing 665,000 head shows packers are wanting to kill cattle. If it wasn't for big heavy cattle in the Midwest and the fear of COVID 19 scare on Thursday's futures, cash cattle would be higher than the \$110 with a few at \$111 this week. A slaughter of 665,000 certainly doesn't look like packers are having fewer people showing up at work A a full work force was needed to fill shacles with as many cattle.



COVID 19 is a real concern without a doubt, but at this time, if packers are saying they have planned for possible problems, it is best to accept they have prepared. Last spring people didn't stop eating and one of the side problems recent reports are showing is that doctors are noticing people are gaining weight.

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Livestock producers should anticipate, even though it might not happen, to have China or some country reject loads of US meat after finding COVID 19. For several months Argentina and Brazil have had loads of beef, pork, poultry and fish reject. Norway had fish rejected. This week COVID was found on frozen meat from New Zealand and South America and was rejected. As COVID 19 increases over the next few months in the northern hemisphere, anticipate it is highly possible to happen.

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Consumers are hoarding everything from toilet paper, cleaning supplies. Potatoes, rice, pasta to beef. But unlike last spring, retailers are limiting how much a consumer can buy at one time. I talked to a retail store manger on Wednesday. He told me some people are getting creative. They buy what is allowed, load up the car and come back with a different debit card or credit card. However, if customer uses the store coupon and tracking card, it notifies the cashier.

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As of November 17, 2020, dressed steer and heifer weights were 896.7 compared to previous week at 891.2 up 5.5 pounds from week ago and 22 pounds over a year ago compared to a week ago up 24 pounds. Grading percent was 81.6%, down compared to previous week at 81.6%.

FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE/APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - CONTINUES TO WIDEN LOOK FOR HEDGING OPPORTUNITIES. AT END OF DECEMBER LIKELY TO SEE BEEF DEMAND LESSEN



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**DECEMBER 2020 LIVE CATTLE - A week ago November 13th settlement 109.92
 Settlement on November 20th 108.10 Friday's low is the support needs to hold 106.87
 Resistance is Resistance is 109.70 to 110.27**

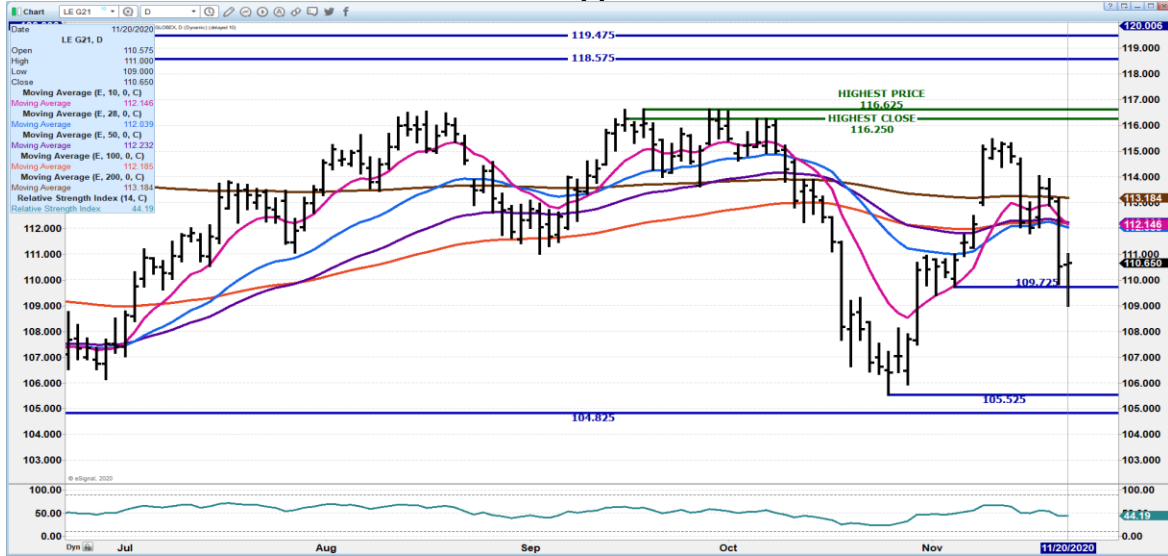


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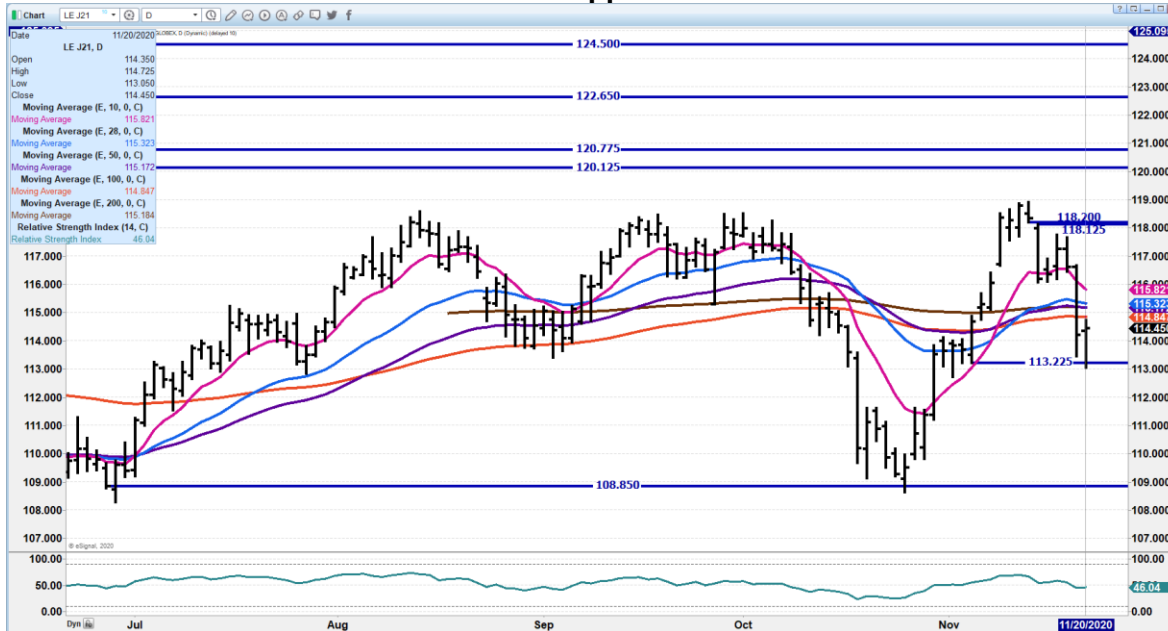
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**FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE - A week ago November 13th settlement 112.25
 Settlement on November 20th 110.65 Support at 109.72 Resistance at 112.15 to 113.20**



**APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE – A week ago November 13th settlement 116.20
 Settlement on November 20th 114.45.. Support at 113.22 Resistance at 114.87 to 115.87**





Feeder Cattle

THE CME FEEDER INDEX ON 11/19/2020 WAS 136.75 DOWN.76 FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

NOVEMBER 2020 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT \$136.77

JANUARY 2021 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2020 AT \$134.60

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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 11/20/2020

RECEIPTS:	AUCTIONS	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	321,900	45,400	9,800	377,100
LAST WEEK:	305,300	75,100	10,400	390,800
YEAR AGO:	323,900	40,700	21,000	385,600

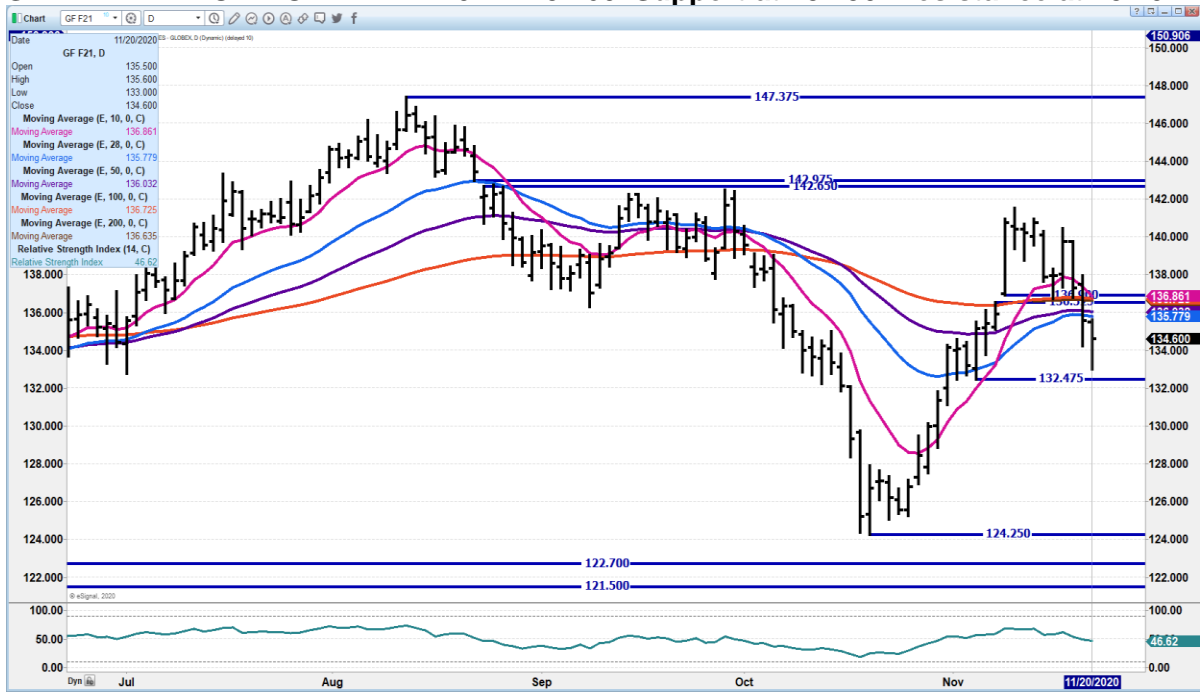
COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD UNEVEN, DEPENDING ON THE DAY OF THE WEEK THE AUCTION OCCURRED. EARLY WEEK SALES OF CALVES AND YEARLING WERE STEADY TO 3.00 HIGHER, WHILE THOSE LATER IN THE WEEK WERE STEADY TO 4.00 LOWER. LOCAL AUCTIONS SEE A WIDE VARIATION OF TYPE AND KIND COMING TO TOWN THIS TIME OF YEAR AND RUNS THE GAMUT FROM THINNER, HARDER YEARLING TYPE TO FLESHY, BAWLING CALVES ON THEIR FIRST TRIP OFF THE COW-CALF PRODUCERS FARM OR RANCH. MANY RANCHERS HAVE NOW HAD TIME TO HAVE CALVES ON A VACCINATION AND WEANING PROTOCOL FOR 45-60 DAYS; THE IDEAL TIME THAT BACKGROUNDERS WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO TURN OUT AND NOT HAVE ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS. DEMAND FOR THE WEEK WAS MODERATE TO GOOD.

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JANUARY 2021/MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD – SPREAD IS BULL SPREAD.

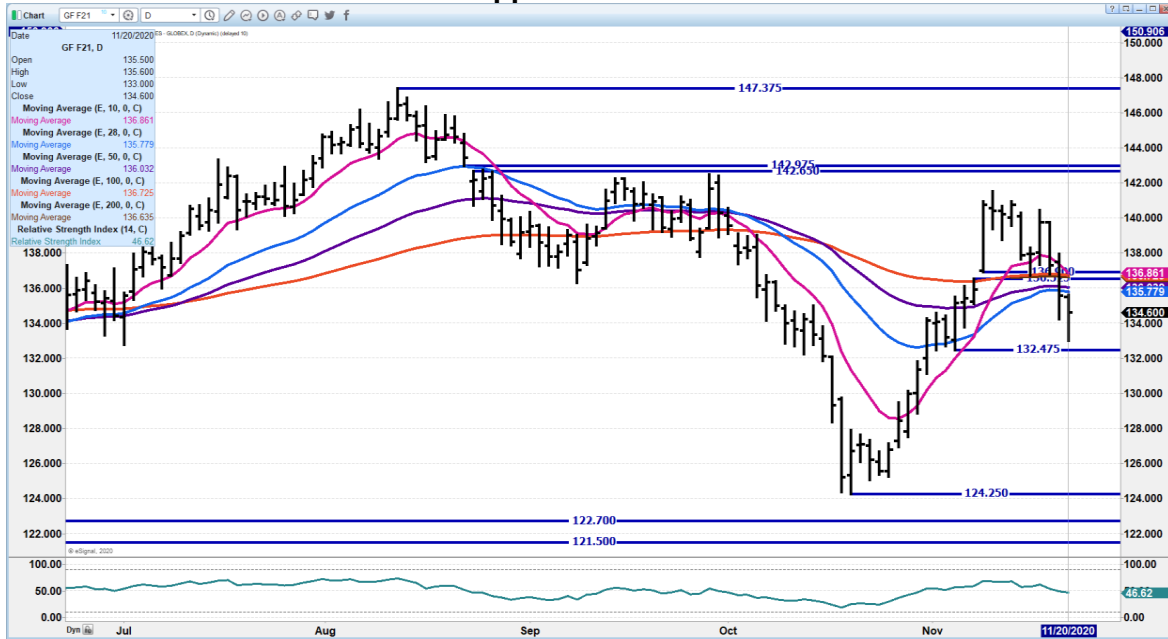


**JAN 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – A WEEK AGO NOVEMBER 13TH SETTLEMENT 137.87
SETTLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 20TH 134.60 Support at 132.50 Resistance at 137.07**





MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE Support at 132.47 Resistance at 136.37



LEAN HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

NOVEMBER 20, 2020	485,000	
WEEK AGO	477,000	
YEAR AGO	488,000	
SATURDAY 21/14/2020	277,000-	A WEEK AGO 283,000 - YEAR AGO 310,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	2,711,000	
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	2,683,000	
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	2,767,000	
2020 YEAR TO DATE	116,430,000	
2019 *YEAR TO DATE	115,547 000	

PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE .8% COMPARED TO PREVIOUS WEEK AT .9%

****REVISED THURSDAY HOG SLAUGHTER..485,000 PREVIOUS ESTIMATE 491,000**

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CME CASH HOG INDEX 11/18/2020 AT 68.77 DOWN .55 FROM PREVIOUS DAY
CME CASH HOG INDEX 11/11/2020 AT 71.32

CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 11/18/2020 AT 79.28 DOWN .62 FROM PREVIOUS DAY
CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 11/12/2020 AT 83.77

CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 11/13/2020 WAS 141.67 COMPARED TO 11/06/2020 WAS 158.37.

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 There was a lot of up and down over the past week on Lean Hog futures and the pork cutout but by the end of the week there was not much change. December hogs were 78 cents lower than last Friday, Nov 13th close. Feb hogs were up 78 cents, April up 20 cents and June was up 10 cents.

The pork cut was down for the week Carcass close to \$2.00 lower, loins 61 cents lower, hams off \$3.92 lower and bellies \$1.84 loer. Ribs gained about \$4.00. Germany was selling ribs to China and likely US has picked up some of Germany's loss.

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 These are the Top 7 U.S. Hog Producers. The drop in sow numbers shows the largest producers have reduced their breeding herds during 2020 partly in response to market distortions caused by COVID. This year's increased sow slaughter is affirmation.

Source: Successful Farming, Meredith Publishing

Top Pork Powerhouses – Number of Sows

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Smithfield	915,000	930,000	
Seaboard Foods	340,000	345,000	
Pipestone	274,245	282,000	Also have 42,674 sows in Mexico and 67,280 sows in China
Iowa Select Farms	242,500	242,500	
The Maschhoffs	187,000	195,000	
Prestage Farms	178,000	185,000	
JBS	169,000	167,000	
Top 40 Total Sows	4,187,625	4,248,100	

Source: Successful Farming, Meredith Publishing



USDA MARKET NEWS

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% lean, 0.55"-0.70" BF Last Rib

NATIONAL DAILY PORK REPORT FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 342.18

LOADS TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 49.19

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Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
11/202020	391.36	78.17	72.33	74.94	73.22	134.52	75.86	93.35
CHANGE :		-1.05	.72	- 6.32	-0.61	0.36	-4.16	2.70
Five Day Average --		78.96	72.24	80.32	73.60	133.20	77.51	93.02

FINAL PREVIOUS WEEK'S CLOSE

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
11/13/2020	354.83	80.14	72.94	79.81	74.18	130.79	79.78	95.19

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

SLAUGHTER DATA FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020

Average live weight - 287.49

Average carcass - 215.27

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DAILY DIRECT HOGS PLANT DELIVERED AS OF 1:30 PM November 20, 2020

NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PURCHASE BASE CARCASS PRICES

Carcass Base Price: \$50.00 - \$59.75

Weighted Average: \$58.73

Change from Prior Day: 0.33 higher

HOGS SOLD: 4,961

SWINE OR PORK MARKET FORMULA PURCHASE (Including Packer Sold)

PRICE RANGE: 173,630

Weighted Average: \$66.35

Previous Day: \$66.85

HOGS SOLD: 168,208

PREVIOUS WEEK

SWINE OR PORK MARKET FORMULA PURCHASE (Including Packer Sold)

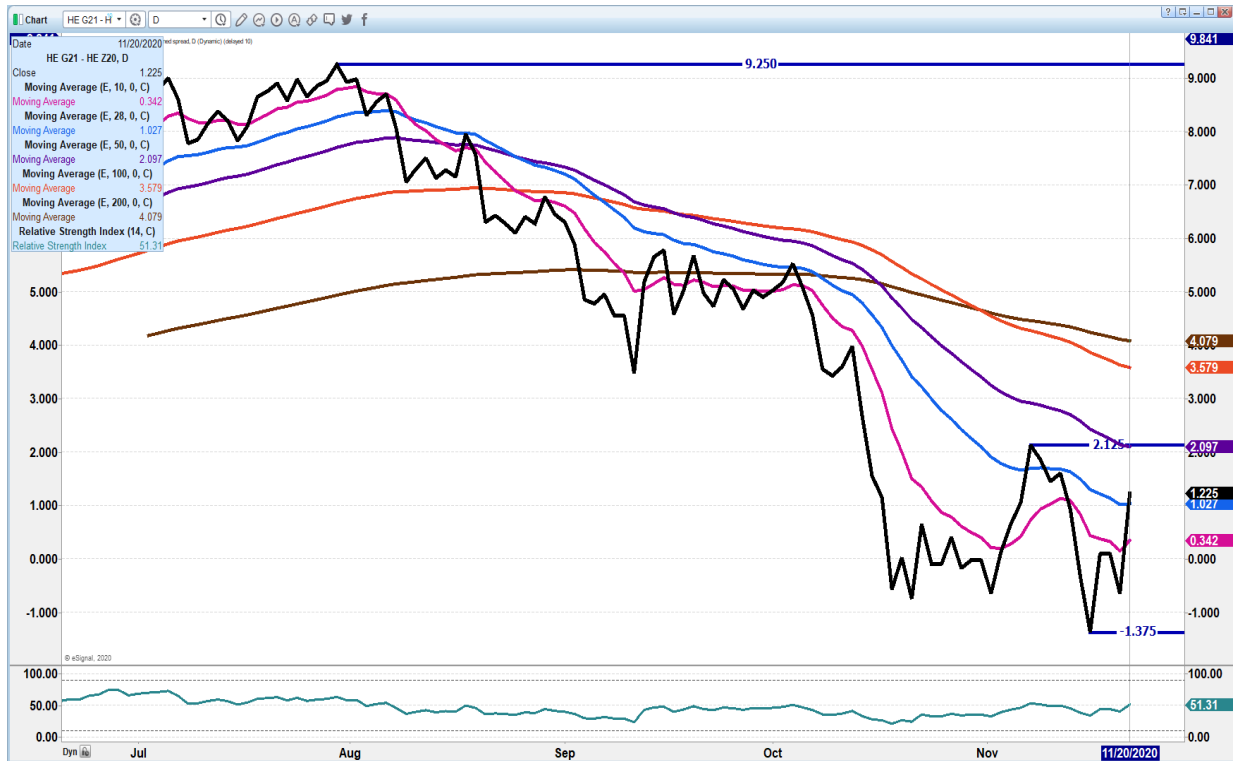
PRICE RANGE: \$59.71 - \$78.65



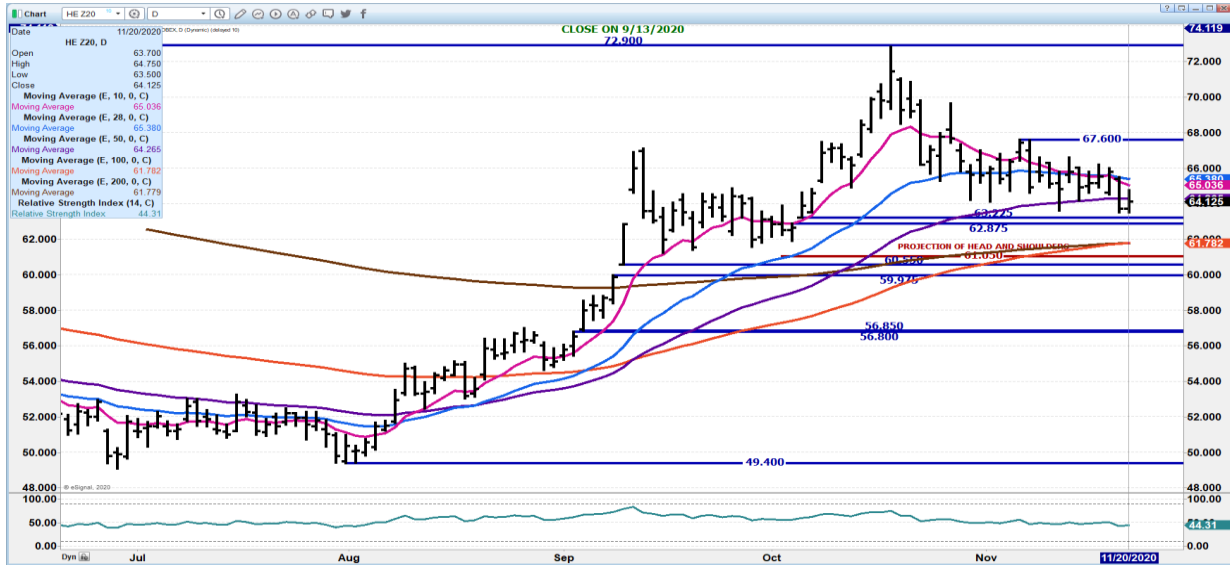
Weighted Average: \$68.90
Previous Day: \$69.37
HOGS SOLD: 174,343

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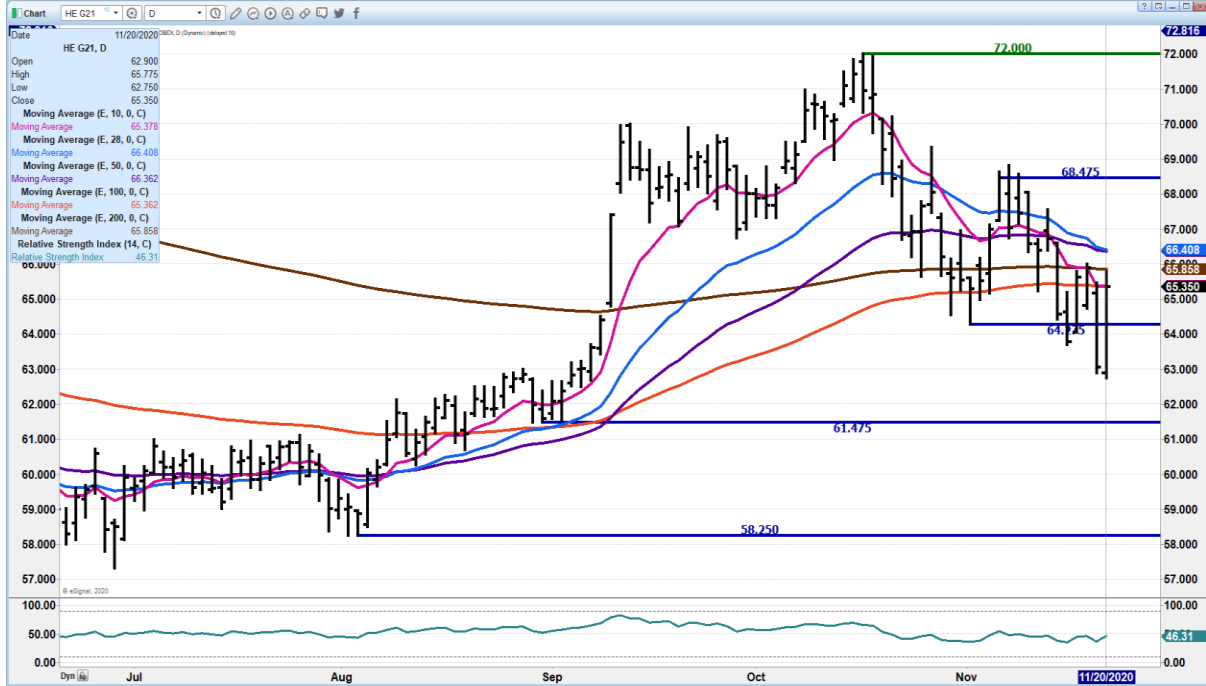
FEB 2021/DECEMBER 2020 LEAN HOG SPREAD – LOOK FOR FEB TO GAIN ON DEC



**DECEMBER 2020 LEAN HOGS – A WEEK AGO NOVEMBER 13TH SETTLEMENT 64.90
SETTLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 20TH 64.12 RESISTANCE AT 65.05 9SUPPORT AT 61.75**

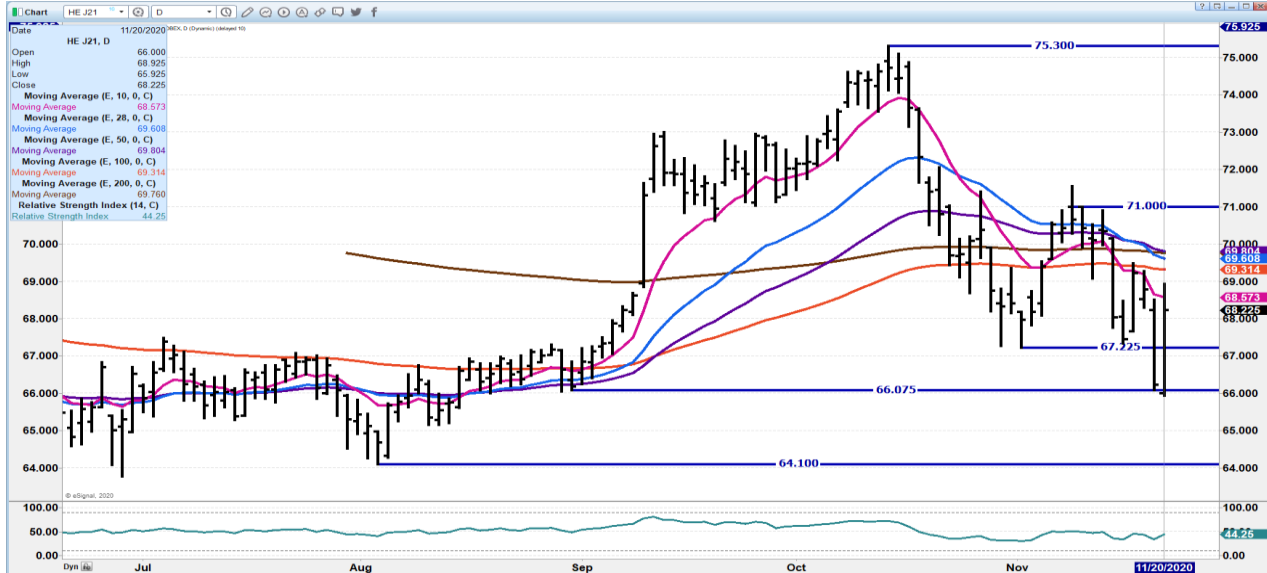


FEB 2021 LEAN HOGS – A WEEK AGO NOV 13TH SETTLEMENT 64.57 SETTLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 20TH 65.35 RESISTANCE AT 65.35 TO 66.37 SUPPORT AT 62.87

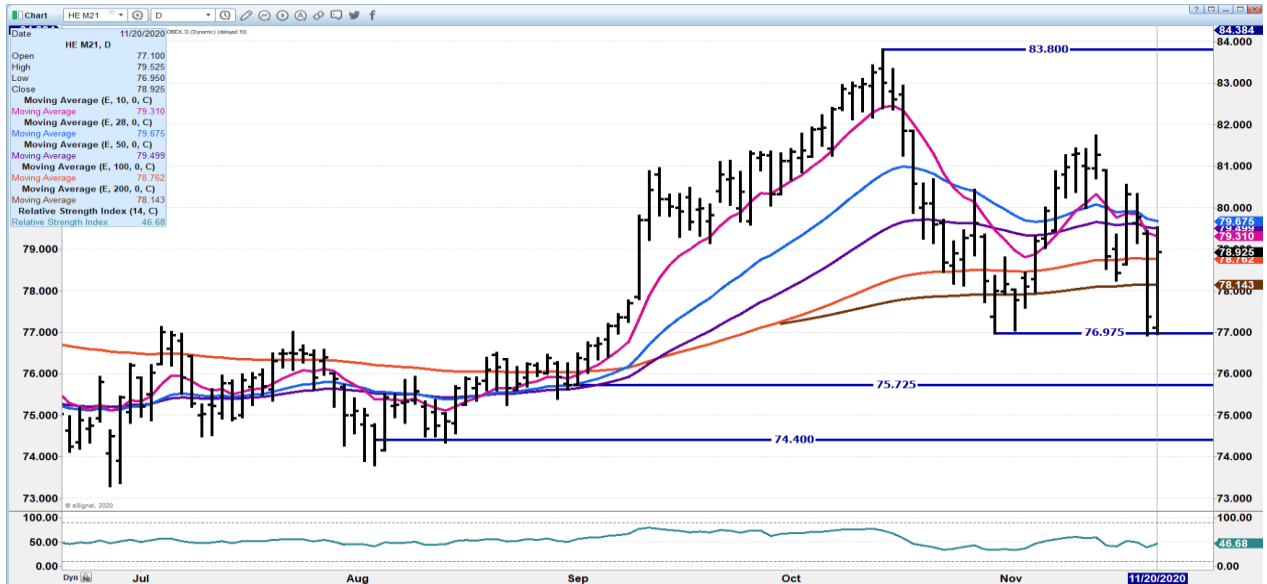




**APRIL 2021 LEAN HOGS – A WEEK AGO NOVEMBER 13TH SETTLEMENT 68.02
SETTLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 20TH 68.22. RESISTANCE AT 68.55 TO 69.30**



**JUNE 2021 LEAN HOGS – A WEEK AGO NOVEMBER 13TH SETTLEMENT 78.82 SET-
TLEMENT ON NOVEMBER 20TH 78.92. RESISTANCE AT 79.25 SUPPORT AT 78.07**



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