

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

FRIDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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BEEF AND PORK EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS ON BOTTOM OF REPORT

CATTLE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023	124,000
WEEK AGO	124,000
YEAR AGO	128,000
WEEK TO DATE	498,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	502,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	511,000

2:00 PM SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	301.93	279.00
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	0.67	0.32
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	22.93	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)	132	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	304.15	282.77

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 09/20/2023 WAS **297.28** DOWN 2.41 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	509.17	426.68
PRIMAL CHUCK	257.56	245.73
PRIMAL ROUND	263.90	260.62
PRIMAL LOIN	367.07	324.29

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PRIMAL BRISKET	235.69	230.37
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	195.74	195.74
PRIMAL FLANK	151.95	153.85

2:00 PM SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	509.71	427.53
PRIMAL CHUCK	255.75	243.21
PRIMAL ROUND	261.75	260.35
PRIMAL LOIN	367.64	326.76
PRIMAL BRISKET	237.92	229.18
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	195.95	195.95
PRIMAL FLANK	152.96	151.13

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
09/20	81	57	35	23	196	301.26	278.68
09/19	87	40	19	19	165	302.12	281.78
09/15	97	29	13	18	156	305.71	283.12 FRIDAY
09/14	89	30	0	12	131	306.37	286.86
09/13	93	30	11	8	142	307.55	287.19

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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.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

UPDATED ON MORNING REPORT

Choice Cuts	78.50 loads	3,139,804 pounds
Select Cuts	25.67 loads	1,026,620 pounds
Trimming	16.22 loads	648,963 pounds
Ground Beef	11.14 loads	445,503 pounds

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SEPTEMBER 2023 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 - CATTLE ON FEED REPORT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 COLD STORAGE REPORT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 - HOGS AND PIGS REPORT

ALL REPORTS AT 2:00 PM CENTRAL TIME

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August cattle placements seen down 6.4% from last year -analysts - Reuters News

	Range	Average	Million head
On feed September 1	96.9-99	97.7	11.023
Placements in August	87.9-97.8	93.6	1.980
Marketings in August	94-97.5	94.7	1.898

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Cattle slaughter is down this week and it is not all due to fewer cattle. Boxed beef prices are dropping, off \$5.03 for Choice compared to a week ago, and cattle weights are higher. On September 1st the 5 day accumulated weighted average for steers was 1,449 pounds and for heifers 1,294 pounds. Currently, steer average weights are 1,473 pounds and 1,326 pounds for heifers. There is no incentive for packers to kill more. They aren't making money on cattle they buy on the showlist or beef sold on the daily market. More beef is being sold on the daily market at a lower prices and with fewer cattle it suggests packers have fewer previously contracted beef orders or orders that have been cancelled or moved to future dates at a cost to the buyer.

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Cash cattle started selling Thursday. Cattle in the Midwest were steady to \$1.00 with top prices up to \$187.00 and dressed steers 292 to 293.00, mostly 292.00. Kansas and Southwest cattle were steady on light movement at \$183.00.

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT AUGUST 22, 2023

As of August 22, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 870.3 pounds up 5.3 pound from previous week at 865.0 pounds and 4.3 pounds lower at 874.6 pounds than a year ago. The grading percent as of 8/22/23 was down at 79.6% compared to previous week at 81.0%. A year ago the grading percent was 79.9%.

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****WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	09/15/2023	09/22/2023
OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	186.82	
DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	191.82	
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	196.32	
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	199.75	
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	193.82	
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	192.27	
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	199.25	

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EXPORTS

For week ending September 14, 2023 exports were 13,700 MT, doubling last week but still low for the year. Japan was the largest buyer taking 3700 MT with South Korea at 3100 MT China took 2500 MT There are just no big supportive buyers.

Week Ending September 07, 2023 6200 MT

Week Ending September 01, 2023 11,900 MT

Week Ending August 24 , 2023 18, 18,200 MT

Week Ending August 17 , 2023 11,400 MT

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

As of September 19, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 876.6 pounds up 2.8 pounds from previous week at 875.7 pounds. The grading percent as of 9/19/23 was **77.8%** compared to previous week at 79.7% off 1.9%. On September 20, 2023 carcasses weighed 886.1 pounds and graded 78.1%.

Cattle from the Southwest being moved now that should have moved weeks or a couple months ago have gained weight but are low grade. Also many feedlots cleanout feedlots this time of the year moving all cattle from top grading cattle to the deadheads.

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2700.pdf

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 09/21/2023

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1473	\$184.69	32,930
LIVE HEIFER:	1326	\$184.15	14,025
DRESSED STEER	943	\$292.10	7,465
DRESSED HEIFER:	827	\$292.60	1,545

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 09/21/2023

IA/MN – CASH FOB – 183.00 - 187.00 ON 1,531 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 185.05
LIVE DELIVERED - 186.35 - 187.00 ON 384 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 186.69
DRESSED DELIVERED – 292.00 - 293.00 ON 277 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 292.13

NE – CASH FOB – 184.00 - 186.00 ON 644 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 184.70
DRESSED DELIVERED - 292.00 - 293.00 ON 7053 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 292.15
DRESSED - 293.00 ON 1239 TOTAL HEAD

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KS – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED DELIVERED - 292.00 ON 81 MIXED LOAD

TX/OK/NM CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

CO - **NOT REPORTED DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

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FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE/ FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS –
DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LIVE CATTLE SPREAD –
OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE –
DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE –
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE –
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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 09/20/2023 WAS 254.09 UP 57 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

SEPTEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 09/21/2023 AT \$253.27
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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 09/16/2023

RECEIPTS:	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	226,700	53,100	32,600	312,400
Last Week:	121,300	51,200	75,800	248,300
Year Ago:	190,400	32,000	32,700	255,100

Compared to last week, Feeder Steers and Heifers sold steady to 4.00 Higher. Supply was moderate and demand was moderate to good. In Missouri reporters noted the temperature swings between night and day, making it more difficult to keep calves healthy, those coming to auction without legitimate health and weaning programs seeing discounts. Oklahoma reporters noted Rain and cooler temperatures moved across much of the state this week and this improved demand for calves. Across South Dakota Pastures are getting short and more cow/calf producers will be shipping their calves to town in the coming weeks.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	09/15/2023	09/22/2023
SEPTEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	257.37	
OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	264.47	
NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	268.12	
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	268.32	
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	269.87	
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	273.40	
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	275.77	
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	282.50	

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OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE/NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD –
NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE –
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE -

PRICE LIMIT FRIDAY AT \$5.50

HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023	484,000
WEEK AGO	484,000
YEAR AGO	482,000
WEEK TO DATE	1,938,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	1,905,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	1,940,000

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 09/19/2023 WAS 86.67 UP 9 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 09/20/2023 AT 99.67 UP 16 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$13.00 TO THE CME PORK INDEX.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	09/15/2023	09/22/2023
OCTOBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	83.12	
DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	75.10	
FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS	78.77	
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	84.22	
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	96.15	
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	96.52	
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	95.62	
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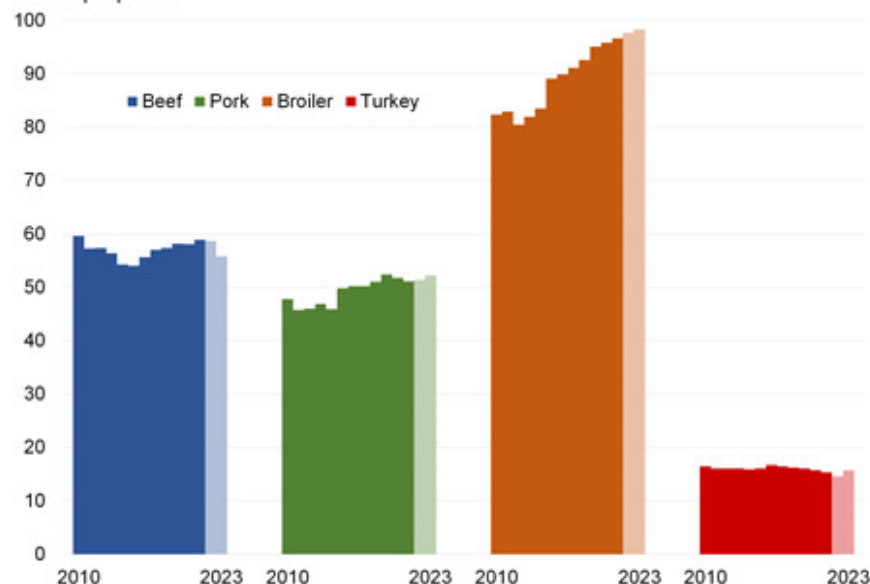
Hog prices fell on profit taking and concerns hog numbers in the US and globally will increase into the next year. Pork prices have been steady this week with the 5 day average carcass price at \$99.67. Volume has been light this week and the move up Wednesday was purely a speculative move and Thursday with weak cash hogs and pork going sideways, traders took their money and ran.

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Less US beef to offset increases in other meats in 2023

<https://www.thepigsite.com/news/2022/09/less-us-beef-to-offset-increases-in-other-meats-in-2023#:~:text=Beef%20per%20capita%20for%202023,first%20increase%20in%207%20years.>

Retail weight per capita disappearance for beef, pork, broilers, and turkey 2010–2023*
Pounds per person



Note: 2022 and 2023 represent forecast values (lighter shading in the graph).
Source: USDA, World Agricultural Outlook Board.

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Beef consumption in the US is expected to be down 3 pounds in 2023 and pork consumption is expected to be up 1 pound. But when US slaughter is up as of last week compared to a year ago 1.3%, a 1 pound gain isn't big enough to add much to pork prices. Pork prices will move up if beef prices remain high or move to higher levels of this summer.

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EXPORTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 30,200 MT. no surprise that Mexico was the largest buyer taking 13,500 MT followed by South Korea with 3600 MT and Canada came in third taking 3300 MT China who was absent last week took 2500 MT and Japan bought 2100 MT. Pork exports definitely are helping the pork and hog markets.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 07, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 23,100 MT

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 01, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 26,300 MT

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 24, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 36,900 MT

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 33,000 MT

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 28,700 MT

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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% lean, 0.55"-0.70" BF Last Rib

Loads PORK CUTS : 254.76

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 41.12

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
09/21/2023	295.88	98.75	97.84	120.20	79.66	111.19	86.67	141.58
CHANGE:		-0.47	1.47	-2.94	-0.36	1.89	-1.03	-0.49
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		99.67	98.00	122.52	81.08	112.39	88.99	139.95

11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
09/21/2023	192.16	99.18	96.74	119.72	83.94	114.14	86.49	142.64
CHANGE:		-0.04	0.37	-3.42	3.92	4.84	-1.21	0.57
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		99.76	97.78	122.42	81.93	112.98	88.95	140.16

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
09/20/2023	328.15	99.22	96.37	123.14	80.02	109.30	87.70	142.07
CHANGE:		-1.91	-2.59	0.19	-3.73	-6.14	-2.73	-0.25
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		99.74	98.04	122.98	81.55	111.87	90.18	137.70

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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 2023

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National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 763

Lowest price: 76.00

Highest price: 80.00

Weighted Average 78.09

Change from Previous Day -0.71 lower

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 53,362

Lowest Base Price: 72.75

Highest Base Price: 91.28

Weighted Average Price: 81.42

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 154,375

Lowest base price: 68.73

Highest Base Price: 92.91

Weighted Average Price 85.52

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 63,972

Lowest base price: 80.34

Highest base price: 110.10

Weighted Average Price: 89.29

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

[HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_2511.PDF](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2511.pdf)

SLAUGHTER DATA – SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 230,397

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 278.19

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 207.88

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 31,023

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 281.75

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 210.60

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 174,330

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 277.75

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 209.04

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DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LEAN HOG SPREAD –

FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD -

DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS –

FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS –

BEEF AND PORK EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Beef: Net sales of 13,700 MT for 2023 were up noticeably from the previous week and up 15 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Japan (3,700 MT, including decreases of 500 MT), South Korea (3,100 MT, including decreases of 2,200 MT), China (2,500 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), Mexico (1,500 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), and Canada (700 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), were offset by reductions primarily for the United Arab Emirates (100 MT) and Italy (100 MT). Net sales of 500 MT for 2024 were reported for Japan (400 MT) and Taiwan (100 MT). Exports of 15,200 MT were up 15 percent from the previous week and 2 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to South Korea (3,900 MT), Japan (3,300 MT), China (2,800 MT), Mexico (1,700 MT), and Taiwan (800 MT).

Pork: Net sales of 30,200 MT for 2023 were up 31 percent from the previous week and 1 percent from the prior 4-week average. Increases primarily for Mexico (13,500 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), South Korea (3,600 MT, including decreases of 300 MT), Canada (3,300 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), China (2,500 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), and Japan (2,100 MT, including decreases of 1,400 MT), were offset by reductions for Nicaragua (200 MT). Net sales of 200 MT for 2024 were reported for Colombia. Exports of 25,600 MT were up 23 percent from the previous week, but down 5 percent from the prior 4-week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (9,700 MT), Japan (3,700 MT), China (2,700 MT), South Korea (2,600 MT), and Canada (2,400 MT).

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DAILY PRICE LIMITS

LIVE CATTLE \$6.75

FEEDER CATTLE \$8.25

LEAN HOGS \$ 5.50 ON FRIDAY 9/22/2023

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