

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

WEDNESDAY MORNING OCTOBER 18, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

OCTOBER 17, 2023	127,000
WEEK AGO	128,000
YEAR AGO	125,000
WEEK TO DATE	251,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	253,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	250,000

2:00 PM OCTOBER 17, 2023

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	305.14	278.63
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	0.47	1.43
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	26.51	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)	153	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	301.60	275.83

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 10/16/2023 WAS 294.87 UP 27 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM OCTOBER 17, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	531.85	433.92
PRIMAL CHUCK	259.19	248.06
PRIMAL ROUND	271.07	268.13
PRIMAL LOIN	370.58	317.09

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PRIMAL BRISKET	223.13	223.45
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	180.30	180.30
PRIMAL FLANK	137.30	136.37

2:00 PM OCTOBER 16, 2023

PRIMAL RIB	532.26	427.83
PRIMAL CHUCK	259.87	246.78
PRIMAL ROUND	270.92	267.29
PRIMAL LOIN	368.38	317.74
PRIMAL BRISKET	220.43	220.42
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	178.63	178.63
PRIMAL FLANK	138.33	135.30

2:00 PM OCTOBER 18, 2022 PREVIOUS YEAR

PRIMAL RIB	419.23	314.58
PRIMAL CHUCK	209.72	196.02
PRIMAL ROUND	217.17	213.43
PRIMAL LOIN	316.15	259.36
PRIMAL BRISKET	200.78	195.54
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	148.38	148.38
PRIMAL FLANK	140.76	130.38

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
10/16	54	24	0	8	87	304.67	277.20
10/13	43	13	16	20	92	FRIDAY 300.80	275.49 FRIDAY
10/12	109	23	17	17	166	301.19	275.02
10/11	83	30	8	25	146	300.28	275.30
10/10	111	48	34	24	217	301.06	276.15

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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.

October 17, 2023 2:00PM

Choice Cuts	86.27 loads	3,450,765 pounds
Select Cuts	30.26 loads	1,210,575 pounds
Trimming	19.00 loads	759,840 pounds
Ground Beef	17.72 loads	708,868 pounds

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OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

NO DELIVERIES AS OF 10/17/2023

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DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – OCTOBER 2023 - LIVE CATTLE

DATE 10/17/23 SETTLEMENT: \$185.50

OLDEST LONG – 04/10/2023 \$166.52

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OCTOBER 2023 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

COLD STORAGE REPORT – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

REPORTS AT 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME

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A few cattle sold Tuesday in Iowa/Minnesota and Nebraska. In IA/MN prices were 289.00 - 294.00 on 518 head and 239 head at 293.00 dressed delivered in Nebraska. It was reported that steers in Nebraska sold late at \$187.00

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Futures trade volume was light Tuesday. It is going to be light this week ahead of the COF report on Friday. As it usually happens, spec traders will position themselves to be flat or spread before the report.

Beef prices are starting out the week higher. Packers have pared down slaughter to the point less beef is available for the daily boxed beef sales. Packers are making sure for every cattle killed there is an order for beef.

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Compared to a year ago, boxed beef prices are much higher in 2023. Consumers are buying beef. there are consumers shifting to lower priced and lower grade beef but there are consumers that are buying the high priced beef.

People in the US are working and this is good for beef especially going into the holiday season. The strength in primal Choice ribs is showing retailers are buying for the holidays.

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OCTOBER 11, 2023

As of October 11, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 883.8 pounds down .6 pound from previous week at 884.4 pounds and 2.5 pounds lower at 886.3 pounds than a year ago. The grading percent as of 10/11/23 was up to 79.7% compared to previous week at 78.5%. A year ago the grading percent was 78.5%.

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****WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	10/13/2023	10/20/2023
OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	185.12	
DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE	186.75	
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	190.92	
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	193.85	
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	187.70	
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	186.15	
 FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	 195.37	

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EXPORTS

For the week ending October 5, 2023 exports were just 9,000 MT. South Korea took a lowly 2400 MT, Japan took a 1900 MT and Mexico took 1800 MT.

The US beef exports are poor because it can't sell what it doesn't have. With the drop in slaughter and with fewer Choice and Prime cattle, the beef wanted for exports from the US, export buyers are limited on the beef that is available. Top it off with the race to add more exports from Brazil, Australia, Argentina and other South American countries that are increasing cattle herds specifically for the export markets, plus the strength in the US Dollar, the US is being pushed out. There are many exporting countries that produce and sell lower quality and grades of beef, but buyers come to the US for Choice and Prime grain fed beef.

Week Ending September 28, 2023 13,300 MT
 Week Ending September 21, 2023 17,700 MT
 Week Ending September 14, 2023 13,700 MT
 Week Ending September 07, 2023 6200 MT
 Week Ending September 01, 2023 11,900 MT

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USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

Week Ending: 10/7/2023

	NEBRASKA	KANSAS	TEXAS
PRIME	8.71%	7.45%	4.00%
CHOICE	70.51%	73.68%	60.56%
SELECT	13.31%	14.78%	32.38%
OTHER	7.47%	4.08%	3.06%

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OCTOBER 17, 2023

As of October 17, 2023, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 888.1 pounds up 4.3 pounds from previous week at 883.8 pounds. The grading percent as of 10/17/23 was 78.9 compared to previous week at 79.7 down .8%. On October 18, 2022 carcasses weighed 888.2 pounds and graded 79.8 %.

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 10/17/2023

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1464	\$184.35	46,879
LIVE HEIFER:	1326	\$184.22	18,076
DRESSED STEER	950	\$292.11	2,592
DRESSED HEIFER:	853	\$291.92	2,657

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 10/17/2023

IA/MN – CASH FOB – DRESSED DELIVERED

DRESSED FOB - 289.00 - 291.00 AVE PRICE 289.26 ON 274 STEERS

DRESSED DELIVERED – 291.00 - 294.00 ON 244 HEAD MIXED LOAD AVE PRICE 292.97

NE – CASH FOB – DRESSED DELIVERED

DRESSED DELIVERED - 293.00 ON 239 HEAD WEIGHING 945 POUNDS

DRESSED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

KS – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

NO REPORTABLE TRADE

CO - **NOT REPORTED DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

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FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE/ FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS –

DECEMBER2023/APRIL LIVE CATTLE SPREAD –

APRIL 2024/JUNE2024 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 10/16/2023 WAS 246.83 DOWN 1.43 FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 10/17/2023 AT \$248.80

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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 10/14/2023

RECEIPTS:	Auctions	Direct	Video/Internet	Total
This Week:	206,000	45,000	7,200	258,200
Last Week:	190,400	50,200	34,600	275,200
Year Ago:	227,000	23,300	4,300	254,600

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold steady to 3.00 higher in the North Central region, while the South Central and Southeast regions were steady to 3.00 lower. Demand was moderate to good for calves and good for yearlings with the best demand on calves continues to depend a lot on health and reputable programs. In the middle of October, many things are happening in the feeder cattle arena.

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls850.txt

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	10/13/2023	10/20/2023
OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	249.87	
NOVEMBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE	251.57	
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	252.25	
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	254.92	
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	259.27	
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	262.72	
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	271.50	

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

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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

OCTOBER 17, 2023	483,000
WEEK AGO	486,000
YEAR AGO	481,000
WEEK TO DATE	963,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	972,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	968,000

***Revised Monday Hog Slaughter.. 480,000** Previous Estimate 485,000**

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 10/13/2023 WAS 81.60 DOWN 51 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 10/16/2023 AT 91.90 DOWN 62 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$10.30 TO THE CME PORK INDEX.

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Packers are losing margins. The CME Lean Hog Index to the CME Pork Cutout narrowed again and is at \$10.30. A week ago it was at \$11.69. Packers aren't having to search for hogs and with weights moving higher and with increasing inventory, more hogs and more weight are why packers are buying hogs lower.

October Lean Hogs are off the board and December is next sport month with close to 2 months until expiration. This is the time speculators become dominate trader. The CME Lean Hog Index is \$13.81 over December.

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December Lean Hogs made new contract lows Tuesday and closed on a new contract low. February also did the same. Trade volume was moderate.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	10/13/2023	10/20/2023
OCTOBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	81.92	
DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS	69.50	
FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS	74.35	
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	81.30	
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	94.67	
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	95.80	
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	95.47	

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EXPORTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 21,100 MT. EXPORTS ARE DISAPPOINTING. MEXICO THE LARGEST BUYER TOOK JUST 8700 MT, JAPAN TOOK 3500 MT AND COLUMBIA TOOK 2600 MT CHINA TOOK NOTHING.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 43,000 MT

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 27,400 MT

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 30,200 MT

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

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 01, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 26,300 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 : 322.47

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 32.14

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/17/2023	354.62	89.55	93.99	108.54	79.65	113.81	80.03	107.48
CHANGE:		-1.67	0.80	-2.00	5.58	-1.33	-1.67	-10.24
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		91.16	93.47	112.32	76.86	114.12	82.05	113.85

11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/17/2023	207.29	89.29	94.56	108.72	76.05	116.20	79.76	107.19
CHANGE:		-1.93	1.37	-1.82	1.98	1.06	-1.94	-10.53
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		91.11	93.58	112.35	76.14	114.60	82.00	113.80

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/16/2023	246.89	91.22	93.19	110.54	74.07	115.14	81.70	117.72
CHANGE:		0.72	-0.50	-2.94	0.43	0.46	-0.66	7.18
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		91.86	93.76	114.08	77.49	113.93	83.02	114.80

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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

OCTOBER 17, 2023

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LMRSwineReportingHandout.pdf>

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 8,167

Lowest price: 68.00

Highest price: 76.00

Weighted Average 73.29

Change from Previous Day -1.53 lower

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Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 22,425

Lowest Base Price: 60.55

Highest Base Price: 88.75

Weighted Average Price: 69.86

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 145,746

Lowest base price: 70.80

Highest Base Price: 85.60

Weighted Average Price 79.40

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 71,415

Lowest base price: 62.82

Highest base price: 108.77

Weighted Average Price: 81.83

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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 – OCTOBER 16, 2023

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 225,375

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 282.27

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 210.81

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 32,905

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 283.21

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 211.97

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 182,061

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 284.31

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.14

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DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LEAN HOG SPREAD –
FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD -
DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS –
FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS –
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