

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

THURSDAY MORNING OCTOBER 19, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

OCTOBER 18, 2023	126,000
WEEK AGO	126,000
YEAR AGO	129,000
WEEK TO DATE	377,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	379,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	379,000

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BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:	303.86	278.35
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	(1.28)	(0.28)
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	25.51	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS)	173	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	302.42	276.33

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 10/17/2023 WAS 296.09 UP 1.22 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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PRIMAL RIB	524.28	433.72
PRIMAL CHUCK	260.08	248.36
PRIMAL ROUND	269.76	267.21
PRIMAL LOIN	368.10	316.70
PRIMAL BRISKET	223.30	219.66
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	181.80	181.80
PRIMAL FLANK	138.13	136.97

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PRIMAL RIB	531.85	433.92
PRIMAL CHUCK	259.19	248.06
PRIMAL ROUND	271.07	268.13
PRIMAL LOIN	370.58	317.09
PRIMAL BRISKET	223.13	223.45
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	180.30	180.30
PRIMAL FLANK	137.30	136.37

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	600-900	600-900
10/17	86	30	19	18	153	305.14	278.63
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

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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.

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Choice Cuts	93.93 loads	3,757,007 pounds
Select Cuts	44.01 loads	1,760,248 pounds
Trimming	7.06 loads	282,480 pounds
Ground Beef	27.61 loads	1,104,465 pounds

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OCTOBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

NO DELIVERIES AS OF 10/18/2023

DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – OCTOBER 2023 - LIVE CATTLE

DATE 10/18/23 SETTLEMENT: \$185.72

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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CORRECTED-POLL-US SEPTEMBER CATTLE MARKETINGS SEEN DOWN 9.7% FROM LAST YEAR -ANALYSTS - REUTERS NEWS

	Range	Average	Million head
On feed Oct 1	99-100.3	99.7	11.42
Placements in September	95.9-103.4	100.8	2.102
Marketings in September	88-92	90.3	1.68

www.thomsonreuters.com

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Just a handful of cash cattle were sold Wednesday in IA/MN and MN. No FOB steers were sold and a few heifers sold for 186.00 and mixed load at 182.00 to 184.00. A few sales dressed at 291.00.

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Futures trade volume was light Tuesday and light on Wednesday. Trading 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.

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.

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. Prices are up because there are fewer cattle and people in the US like beef. They do buy first chicken, then beef, followed by pork.

People in the US are working and this is good for beef especially going into the holiday season. The strength in primal Choice ribs and loins show 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%.

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

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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	

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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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For the week ending October 12, 2023 exports were HORRIBLE! Only 400 MT and for 2024 there were only 200 MT net sales.

Week Ending October 5, 2023	9,000 MT
Week Ending September 28, 2023	13,300 MT
Week Ending September 21, 2023	17,700 MT
Week Ending September 14, 2023	13,700 MT

[HTTPS://APPS.FAS.USDA.GOV/EXPORT-SALES/HIGHLITE.HTM](https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/highlite.htm)

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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%

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 %.

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

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 10/18/2023

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1464	\$184.36	46,393
LIVE HEIFER:	1326	\$184.27	17,791
DRESSED STEER	950	\$292.39	2,587
DRESSED HEIFER:	853	\$291.92	2,657

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 10/18/2023

IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO FOB STEERS SOLD 186.00 FOR HEIFERS 182.00 - 184.00 MIXED LOAD
DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED DELIVERED – 291.00 – ON 80 HEAD

NE – CASH FOB – DRESSED DELIVERED
DRESSED DELIVERED - 291.00 ON 253 TOTAL HEAD FOR STEERS AND HEIFERS
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 10/17/2023 WAS 247.10 UP 27 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY –

OCTOBER 2023 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 10/18/2023 AT \$247.12

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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

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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

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	

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

HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

OCTOBER 18, 2023	483,000
WEEK AGO	485,000
YEAR AGO	488,000
WEEK TO DATE	1,446,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK	1,457,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)	1,456,000

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 10/13/2023 WAS 81.15 DOWN 45 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 10/16/2023 AT 91.10 DOWN 80 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$9.95 TO THE CME PORK INDEX.

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CHINA THIRD-QUARTER PORK OUTPUT HITS HIGHEST IN AT LEAST A DECADE – REUTERS

<https://www.porkbusiness.com/news/industry/china-third-quarter-pork-output-hits-highest-least-decade>

Pork prices continue to drop. Wednesday's morning carcass price was 88.07 down 1.48 from Tuesday. Compared to the 5 day average price on Friday, October 13th, the 5 day carcass price is down 2.33 and daily load movement is increasing on a down market usually a negative indicator.

Trade volume was light Wednesday as Lean Hogs bounced off lows to close mixed. Traders are looking at lower pork prices and waiting for Thursday's exports. When Lean Hogs made contract lows on May 26th, December gained \$10.77 in a month. However, in May through June trading was during a spot month. Now, trading is in a non-spot month where speculators dominate trading.

December Lean Hogs made new contract lows Tuesday and closed on a new contract lows.

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	

With the increasing hog slaughter in 2023 exports MUST remain strong. However, it should be recalled the strength in 2023 exports come after weak exports in 2022. In 2023 pork exports are up 11% at 1,913,338 MT. In 2022 January through August pork exports were down 15% at 1,721,000 MT.

EXPORTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 30,700 MT WITH MEXICO TAKING 9100 MT, JAPAN TOOK 6200 MT SOUTH KOREA WAS THIRD WITH 4000MT AND CHINA BOUGHT 2000 MT. COLUMBIA HAS BECOME A LARGER BUYER RECENTLY TAKING 1900 MT BUT COLUMBIA HAS A NEW AGREEMENT WITH CHINA TO SELL MORE BEEF GOING FORWARD. FOR 2024 NET SALES WERE JUST 900 MT.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 21,100 MT

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

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

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WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 30,200 MT
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 07, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 23,100 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 : 250.73

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 54.86

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/18/2023	305.59	87.95	92.06	107.04	76.98	112.93	79.24	104.15
CHANGE:		-1.60	-1.93	-1.50	-2.67	-0.88	-0.79	-3.33
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		90.27	93.42	110.69	75.94	114.24	81.57	110.91

11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/18/2023	185.64	88.07	91.64	106.44	76.69	112.05	79.80	105.43
CHANGE:		-1.48	-2.35	-2.10	-2.96	-1.76	-0.23	-2.05
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		90.30	93.33	110.57	75.89	114.06	81.68	111.17

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		92.63	94.24	114.71	78.16	113.24	83.48	117.57
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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

OCTOBER 18, 2023

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

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 8,576

Lowest price: 68.00

Highest price: 76.00

Weighted Average 73.75

Change from Previous Day 0.46 higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 24,826

Lowest Base Price: 60.55

Highest Base Price: 92.69

Weighted Average Price: 68.15

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Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 111,614

Lowest base price: 68.80

Highest Base Price: 84.88

Weighted Average Price 78.46

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 68,233

Lowest base price: 62.07

Highest base price: 108.92

Weighted Average Price: 81.08

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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 17, 2023

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 233,384

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 282.21

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 210.33

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 34,070

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 282.74

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 212.09

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 172,318

AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 280.20

AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 211.84

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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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