

## Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

### WEDNESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 06, 2023 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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#### CATTLE

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| DECEMBER 5, 2023             | 126,000 |
| WEEK AGO                     | 125,000 |
| YEAR AGO                     | 129,000 |
| WEEK TO DATE (EST)           | 251,000 |
| SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)  | 248,000 |
| SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT ) | 254,000 |

|                                             |        |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| =====                                       |        |        |
| 2:00 PM DECEMBER 05, 2023                   |        |        |
| BOXED BEEF                                  | CHOICE | SELECT |
| CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES:                      | 293.75 | 259.13 |
| CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:                      | (1.24) | (3.70) |
| CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:                       |        | 34.62  |
| TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS): |        | 155    |
| 5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:                       | 297.33 | 264.70 |

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 12/04/2023 WAS 289.73 DOWN 3 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

|                           |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| =====                     |        |        |
| 2:00 PM DECEMBER 05, 2023 |        |        |
| PRIMAL RIB                | 578.21 | 468.04 |
| PRIMAL CHUCK              | 231.95 | 220.19 |
| PRIMAL ROUND              | 217.36 | 209.68 |
| PRIMAL LOIN               | 388.54 | 313.44 |
| PRIMAL BRISKET            | 236.35 | 220.39 |
| PRIMAL SHORT PLATE        | 168.09 | 168.09 |
| PRIMAL FLANK              | 130.63 | 127.38 |

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11:00 AM DECEMBER 05, 2023

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| PRIMAL RIB         | 577.30 | 463.67 |
| PRIMAL CHUCK       | 232.96 | 220.65 |
| PRIMAL ROUND       | 218.01 | 209.18 |
| PRIMAL LOIN        | 387.95 | 313.34 |
| PRIMAL BRISKET     | 238.89 | 221.47 |
| PRIMAL SHORT PLATE | 167.52 | 167.52 |
| PRIMAL FLANK       | 131.67 | 127.36 |

2:00 PM DECEMBER 04, 2023

|                    |        |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| PRIMAL RIB         | 589.63 | 460.74 |
| PRIMAL CHUCK       | 232.30 | 225.69 |
| PRIMAL ROUND       | 218.92 | 218.77 |
| PRIMAL LOIN        | 386.84 | 317.18 |
| PRIMAL BRISKET     | 232.31 | 220.28 |
| PRIMAL SHORT PLATE | 169.06 | 169.06 |
| PRIMAL FLANK       | 130.14 | 128.18 |

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#### LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

| Date  | Choice | Select | Trim | Grinds | Total |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| 12/04 | 82     | 24     | 27   | 36     | 169   | 294.99 | 262.83 |
| 12/01 | 109    | 15     | 5    | 30     | 159   | 297.46 | 265.49 |
| 11/30 | 115    | 33     | 15   | 18     | 181   | 299.02 | 264.75 |
| 11/29 | 83     | 37     | 6    | 12     | 137   | 297.03 | 264.09 |
| 11/28 | 90     | 40     | 16   | 18     | 164   | 298.17 | 266.35 |

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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.

December 05, 2023

|             |             |                  |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Choice Cuts | 74.95 loads | 2,998,125 pounds |
| Select Cuts | 38.84 loads | 1,553,485 pounds |
| Trimming    | 19.77 loads | 790,867 pounds   |
| Ground Beef | 21.11 loads | 844,495 pounds   |

#### DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

NO DELIVERIES AS OF 12/04/2023

#### DELIVERY NOTICE SERVED – DECEMBER 2023 - LIVE CATTLE

DATE 12/05/23 SETTLEMENT: \$168.50

OLDEST LONG – 07/15/2022 \$154.00

(FYI - December 2023 Live Cattle opened on June 30, 2022 at \$153.32)

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#### WEEK FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

|                           | 12/01/2023 | 12/08/2023 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE | 169.27     |            |
| FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 169.12     |            |
| APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE    | 171.62     |            |
| JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE     | 167.55     |            |
| AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE   | 168.07     |            |
| OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE  | 173.25     |            |
| DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 177.87     |            |
| FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE | 180.55     |            |

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#### USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2023

CATTLE ON FEED REPORT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

COLD STORAGE REPORT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

HOGS AND PIGS REPORT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

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A handful of cattle sold Tuesday from \$170.00 to \$171.00 with dressed cattle at \$271.00. Prices are \$4.00 lower. Cattle in the Midwest were light and the dressed cattle graded 56% to 80% so its prices this week so far are based not on the best cattle. Prices will be lower but not as low as they are starting out.

Tuesday, Live Cattle futures trading was light to moderate on technical quick profit taking moving up to the 5 day moving average on an inside day up.

The 5 day negotiated average steer price as of December 4<sup>th</sup> was \$174.53. Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Live Cattle settled at \$168.50. There were no December deliveries. As of December 4<sup>th</sup>, the oldest long was from July 15<sup>th</sup> at \$154.00.

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With slaughter down there is increasing load movement in the daily boxed beef sales suggesting there is less beef contracting. This is not positive as packers will begin to slow fed cattle contracting if they cannot contract beef. Packers will also become pickier to the feedlots they use to contract cattle and more cattle will move to showlists.

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Boxed beef prices are moving lower. The middle primals, Chucks and Rounds feel throughout November and over the past two days primal ribs have turned lower. Sales also have been active with trimmings and ground beef along with Select losing at a faster to the downside than Choice. It is early for the holiday demand for rib and loin primals to be over but if it is the case, packers will back of cash cattle prices as they did last week.

Slaughter last week was light 635,000 down 25,000 head from a year ago. Packers are buying exactly how many cattle that are needed to fill beef orders.

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#### USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

December 4, 2024

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw\\_ls196.txt](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls196.txt) Full Report

For week ending November 25, 2023

|        | Nebraska | Kansas | Texas  |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Prime  | 12.95%   | 7.42%  | 3.63%  |
| Choice | 73.53%   | 74.63% | 63.89% |
| Select | 10.11%   | 14.64% | 29.72% |
| Other  | 3.41%    | 3.32%  | 2.75%  |

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#### EXPORTS

Exports could be worse. Remember the week ending October 12<sup>th</sup>, there were more cancellations than exports. But net sales of 6,300 MT are too low and do little if anything to help maintain high beef prices. It is the opposite, high US beef prices and US slaughter down have slowed exports and marketing analysts show when sales are lost, they are difficult to bring back.

For the week ending November 23, 2023 net export sales were 6,300 MT.

Week Ending November 16, 2023 10,000 MT

Week Ending November 9, 2023 8,900 MT

Week Ending November 2, 2023 13,600MT

Week Ending October 26, 2023 17,100 MT

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

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#### NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT NOVEMBER 28, 2023

As of November 28, 2023, 2023 dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 906.3 pounds up 5.9 pounds from previous week and 16 pounds in 2 weeks. On Nov 21<sup>st</sup> the weight was at 900.4 pounds.

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The grading percent as of 11/28/23 was 81.8% compared to previous week at 80.5% up 1.2%. On November 29, 2022 carcasses weighed 896.0 pounds and graded 81.1%.

[https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams\\_2700.pdf](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2700.pdf)

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**\*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 12/05/2023  
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG**

|                 | WEIGHT | PRICE    | HEAD   |
|-----------------|--------|----------|--------|
| LIVE STEER:     | 1492   | \$174.35 | 29,130 |
| LIVE HEIFER:    | 1353   | \$173.96 | 14,304 |
| DRESSED STEER   | 961    | \$274.79 | 8,882  |
| DRESSED HEIFER: | 859    | \$274.89 | 3,762  |

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**USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 12/05/2023 FOR FRIDAY**

**IA/MN – CASH FOB – 170.00 ON 235 HEAD ON STEERS, HEIFERS AND MIXED LOAD WEIGHT 1,300 - 1,425 POUNDS**

**DRESSED DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**LIVE DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.**

**NE – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**DRESSED DELIVERED - 271.00 ON 308 HEAD GRADING 65% TO 80% WEIGHING 927.8 POUNDS**

**KS – CASH – 171.00 ON 37 HEAD WEIGHING 1525 POUNDS**

**DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**TX/OK/NM CASH – 171.00 ON 539 HEAD STEERS AND HEIFERS, AVE WEIGHT 1464.8 POUNDS**

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## APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE/ APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – CATTLE CONTINUE LOOSING TO HOGS



## FEBRUARY 2024/APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – BEAR SPREAD THIS IS A GOOD BARAMETER FOR DIRECTION FOR 2024



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## DECEMBER 2023 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 3165 OPEN INTEREST AT 13424 SUPPORT AT 165.20 TO 162.37 RESISTANCE AT 169.25 TO 173.40



## FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE – VOLUME AT 25630 SUPPORT AT 166.50 TO 161.00



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## JUNE 2023 LIVE CATTLE - VOLUME AT 8814 SUPPORT AT 163.00 RESISTANCE AT 168.30 TO 169.70



## FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 12/01/2023 WAS 223.27 DOWN \$2.62 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 12/05/2024 AT \$214.70

## NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 12/02/2023

| RECEIPTS:  | Auctions | Direct | Video/Internet | Total   |
|------------|----------|--------|----------------|---------|
| This Week: | 224,500  | 32,600 | 35,800         | 292,900 |
| Last Week: | 67,000   | 17,300 | 10,600         | 94,900  |
| Year Ago:  | 305,900  | 30,600 | 51,300         | 387,800 |

Compared to last week, Steers and Heifers in the North Central and Southeast regions sold steady to 10.00 higher with the exception of 600 lbs steers in the Southeast selling 6.00 lower. In the South

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Central region Steers sold 6.00 to 17.00 lower and Heifers selling 17.00 to 19.00 lower with the exception of 500 lbs heifers staying steady. Demand was moderate to good

FULL REPORT - [https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj\\_ls850.txt](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/sj_ls850.txt)

Like Live Cattle, Feeder Cattle were higher Tuesday on light quick profit taking. On November 30<sup>th</sup> January Feeder Cattle open at 222.62 and Monday December 4, settled at \$210.52 after making a new contract low at \$209.52. Tuesday the high on January as it was for other contracts was the 5 day exponential moving average. Volume was light. From November 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup> Jan Feeders high was \$242.37 to December 4<sup>th</sup> low at \$209.15.

This time of the year more feeder cattle are usually sold. Now, it is likely feeders will be held until the first of the year as producers hold off taking income after a profitable year in 2023 and wait until 2024. Most pastures now are in good condition across the Southwest as temperatures have cooled and have had rain which will also induce sales into 2024 as producers add weight versus selling. This will add more pressure on feeder cattle prices in 2024.

#### WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

|                              | 12/01/2023 | 12/08/2023 | CONTRACT HIGH             |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE   | 214.42     |            | 268.50 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 |
| MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE     | 217.22     |            | 270.10                    |
| APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE     | 221.17     |            | 273.60                    |
| MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE       | 224.90     |            | 272.47                    |
| AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE    | 238.97     |            | 282.92                    |
| SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 241.82     |            | 285.90                    |

#### JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE/MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD – BEAR SPREAD



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## JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 215.60 TO 223.80 SUPPORT AT 207.30 TO 209.15



## MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 221.45 SUPPORT AT 212.00 TO 210.20



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## HOGS

### USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| DECEMBER 05, 2023            | 488,000 |
| WEEK AGO                     | 484,000 |
| YEAR AGO                     | 491,000 |
| WEEK TO DATE (EST)           | 971,000 |
| SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)  | 960,000 |
| SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT ) | 977,000 |

**\*\*Revised Monday Hog Slaughter.. 483,000\*\* Previous Estimate 488,000**

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**CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 12/01/2023 WAS 69.84 DOWN 74 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY**

**CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 12/04/2023 AT 84.13 DOWN 79 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY**

**THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$14.29 TO THE CME PORK INDEX. 12/05/2023**

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### WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

|                         | 12/01/2023 | 12/08/2023 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS | 68.60      |            |
| FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS | 70.10      |            |
| APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS    | 76.37      |            |
| JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS     | 92.22      |            |
| JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS     | 94.37      |            |
| AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS   | 95.20      |            |
| OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS  | 82.10      |            |

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**With less than 2 weeks to go before December Lean Hogs expire December settled Tuesday at \$66.82. The CME Lean Hog Index is \$69.84.**

**Packer margins improve. Although the CME Pork Index has been slowing dropping, the CME Lean Hog Index is dropping at a faster rate. Hog prices are dropping as slaughter and weights increase. Pork has been on a steady decline. Spec traders continue to bear spread.**

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### EXPORTS

**US pork exports are up this year, but will they remain as strong in 2024? I don't feel the US hog herd will be less in 2024 and I feel global competition is going to strong. If by chance Mexico slows buying US pork, then US exports would need to expand into other countries. The problem is other countries have trade agreements they are committed to fill with other hog producing countries and it will be difficult for the US to increase exports.**

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For the week ending November 23, 2023 net export sales were 21,200 MT.

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 16, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 26,300 MT

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 24,300 MT

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 49,000 MT

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 26, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 31,100 MT.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 19, 2023 NET EXPORT SALES WERE 28,200 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 : 313.81

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 58.41

| 2:00 PM             | LOADS  | CARCASS | LOIN  | BUTT   | PIC   | RIB    | HAM   | BELLY |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 12/05/2023          | 372.22 | 84.67   | 84.84 | 107.81 | 76.15 | 114.02 | 84.95 | 85.67 |
| CHANGE:             |        | 0.24    | 1.49  | -1.76  | -1.75 | 1.26   | 2.36  | -2.54 |
| FIVE DAY AVERAGE -- |        | 84.09   | 83.18 | 107.78 | 77.74 | 111.94 | 83.61 | 86.40 |

| 2:00 PM             | LOADS  | CARCASS | LOIN  | BUTT   | PIC   | RIB    | HAM   | BELLY |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| 12/04/2023          | 312.33 | 84.43   | 83.35 | 109.57 | 77.90 | 112.76 | 82.59 | 88.21 |
| CHANGE:             |        | 0.88    | 1.44  | 0.61   | -0.05 | 0.68   | -1.51 | 3.88  |
| FIVE DAY AVERAGE -- |        | 84.12   | 82.75 | 107.88 | 77.69 | 111.48 | 82.76 | 88.76 |

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#### HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE

DECEMBER 05, 2023

##### National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 9,398

Lowest price: 48.00

Highest price: 57.00

Weighted Average 53.83

Change from Previous Day -1.70 LOWER

##### Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 27,944

Lowest Base Price: 61.03

Highest Base Price: 94.33

Weighted Average Price: 67.11

##### Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 146,536

Lowest base price: 55.38

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Highest Base Price: 77.68  
Weighted Average Price 68.46

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)  
HEAD COUNT: 74,574  
Lowest base price: 60.78  
Highest base price: 105.32  
Weighted Average Price: 75.68

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

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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 – DECEMBER 4, 2023**

**\*\*PRODUCER SOLD:**  
HEAD COUNT 237,838  
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 285.89  
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 214.01

**PACKER SOLD:**  
HEAD COUNT 32,773  
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 291.04  
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.20

**PACKER OWNED:**  
HEAD COUNT 183,759  
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 286.37  
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 217.60

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## FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD – BEAR SPREAD



## DECEMBER 2023 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME AT 10160 OPEN INTEREST AT 20960 SUPPORT AT 65.40 RESISTANCE AT 69.40



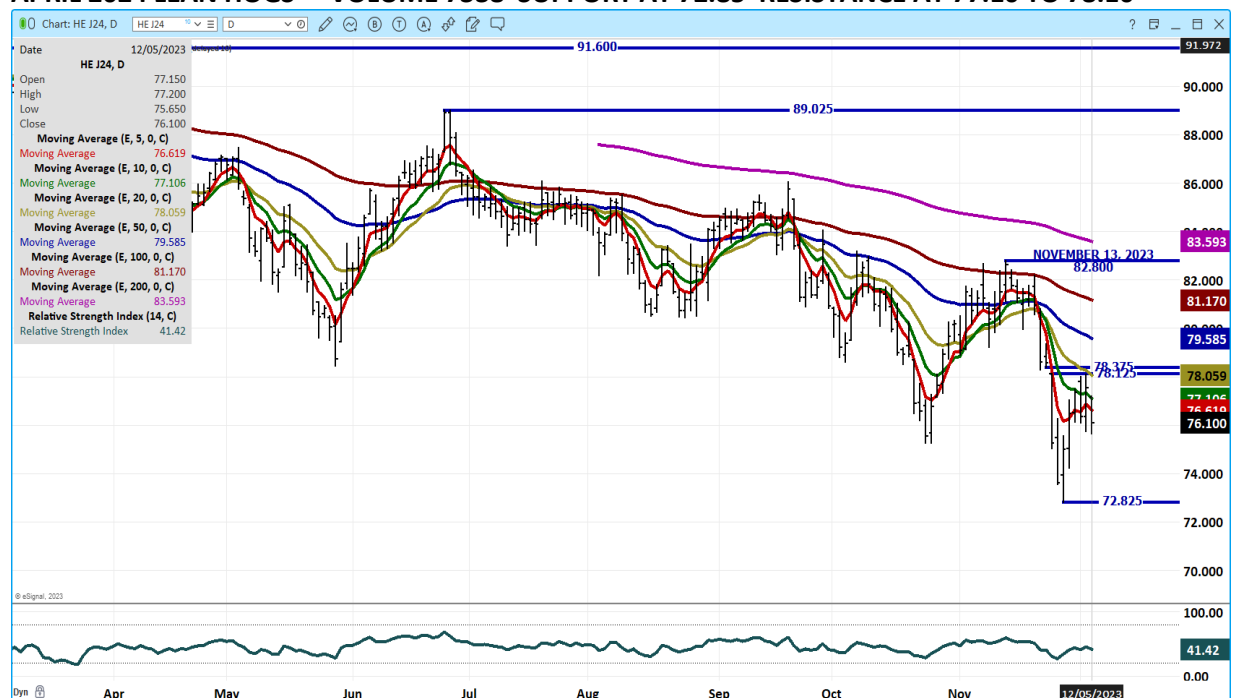
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## FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME AT 21324 SUPPORT AT 65.80 RESISTANCE AT 70.75 TO 72.00



## APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME 7338 SUPPORT AT 72.85 RESISTANCE AT 77.10 TO 78.10



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