

Daily Futures Market Commentary Livestock Outlook

THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 4, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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CATTLE

| APRIL 3, 2024 | 123,000 |
|-------------------|-----------|
| WEEK AGO | 124,000 |
| YEAR AGO | 123,998 |
| WEEK TO DATE | 352,000 |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 367,000 |
| 2023 WEEK TO DATE | 368,895 |
| YTD 2024 | 8,067,322 |
| YTD 2023 | 8,556,594 |
| YTD% CHANGE | -5.7% |
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2:00 PM APRIL 3, 2024

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 301.30 296.92 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: (2.86) (2.07)

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 4.38
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS): 151

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 306.71 300.76

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 04/02/2024 WAS 305.85 DOWN 93 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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PRIMAL RIB 444.14 446.46
PRIMAL CHUCK 250.20 246.01

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| PRIMAL ROUND | 243.69 | 254.18 |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| PRIMAL LOIN | 417.10 | 390.37 |
| PRIMAL BRISKET | 235.81 | 233.77 |
| PRIMAL SHORT PLATE | 236.49 | 236.49 |
| PRIMAL FLANK | 149.98 | 151.19 |
| | | |
| 2:00 PM APRIL 2, 2024 | | |
| PRIMAL RIB | 453.50 | 449.04 |
| PRIMAL CHUCK | 249.97 | 247.39 |
| PRIMAL ROUND | 245.39 | 256.75 |
| PRIMAL LOIN | 422.01 | 393.54 |
| PRIMAL BRISKET | 244.09 | 236.19 |
| PRIMAL SHORT PLATE | 236.91 | 236.91 |
| PRIMAL FLANK | 150.10 | 150.46 |
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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY

| Date | Choice | Select | Trim | Grinds | Total | | |
|-------|--------|--------|------|--------|-------|---------------|----------------------|
| 04/02 | 95 | 14 | 3 | 13 | 125 | 304.16 | 298.99 |
| 04/01 | 43 | 16 | 5 | 13 | 77 | 305.74 | 301.79 |
| 03/29 | 85 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 114 | FRIDAY 306.72 | 303.43 FRIDAY |
| 03/28 | 97 | 14 | 13 | 25 | 149 | 308.36 | 301.17 |
| 03/27 | 104 | 24 | 5 | 32 | 166 | 308.58 | 298.43 |

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.

April 3, 2024

| Choice Cuts | 88.06 loads | 3,522,395 pounds |
|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Select Cuts | 21.47 loads | 858,659 pounds |
| Trimmings | 18.54 loads | 741,751 pounds |
| Ground Beef | 22.68 loads | 907,315 pounds |

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

| | 03/28/2023 | 04/05/2024 | CONTRACT HIGH |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 185.00 | | 199.82 9/15/2023 |
| JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 180.25 | | 194.02 9/15/2023 |
| AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 178.20 | | 192.45 9/15/2023 |
| OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 181.37 | | 194.67 9/15/2023 |
| DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE | 185.67 | | 197.47 9/15/2023 |
| FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE | 188.97 | | 199.57 9/20/2023 |
| APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE | 190.72 | | 196.40 3/14/2024 |

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| | 4/3/2023 | 4/3/2024 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| APRIL LIVE CATTLE | 168.12 | 180.92 |
| JUNE LIVE CATTLE | 161.22 | 175.60 |
| AUGUST LIVE CATTLE | 160.75 | 172.70 |
| OCTOBER LIVE CATTLE | 165.12 | 175.37 |
| DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE | 170.12 | 179.80 |
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CHOICE SELECT

04/03/2024 CUTOUT VALUES: 302.51 297.94 04/03/2023 CUTOUT VALUES: 285.09 274.18

04/01/2022 CUTOUT VALUES: 267.14 262.52 (4/03/2022 was Sunday)

Beef prices are high and for people and families living pay check to pay check beef is too high. Consumers have talked about high beef prices since the short slaughter days during the COVID outbreak. The current short supply of cattle is one part of the equation for higher cattle prices. What consumers are willing to pay for beef is the other side of the equation. U.S. beef exports show global customers aren't shopping in the U.S. It is also the reason the U.S. is importing more beef, feeder cattle and cattle for slaughter.

Cash cattle started to move Wednesday in the Midwest. Cash prices are \$1.00 to \$2.00 lower on light sales at \$186.00 to \$187.00. No sales in the Southwest with packers bidding \$2.00 to \$3.00 lower from \$182.00 to \$183.00.

The load movement of beef is going up as prices go down. Sellers and packers have fewer contract orders to fill and have to move beef sales to the daily market. Packers are taking in fewer cattle and prices are dropping for beef.

First notice day is April 8th. April 2024 Live Cattle settled at \$180.92 on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

This week if packers need cattle they can pull up more April contracts and their own cattle. Weights have been going up. If feedlots balk at selling cattle cheaper, it will add weight when they do sell.

With the volatility of daily futures price moves there are 3 days until first notice day, and a lot of time for cash and futures to narrow the cash/futures spread.

Last week's slaughter was light with 586,000 head but weights were up from a year ago with the average steer and heifer carcasses up 26.5 pounds at 887.7 pounds compared to a year ago at 861.2 pounds . On 586,000 head it is 15,529,000 pounds or 388.2 more loads of beef or 17,493 more carcasses compared to weights a year ago .

EXPORTS WEEK

FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 38, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 18,700 MT. SOUTH KOREA TOOK 6100 MT, JPAN 5000 MT AND CANADA TOOK 1700 MT. CHINA WAS ABSENT. EXPORTS WERE UP BUT THEY STILL REMAIN LOW.

| WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 2024 | 12,700 MT |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 2024 | 11,200 MT |
| WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2024 | 11,200MT |
| WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024 | 14,000 MT |
| WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2024 | 12,200 MT |

USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls196.txt Full Report

For Week Ending: 3/23/2024

| | Nebraska | Kansas | Texas |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Prime | 13.27% | 8.22% | 5.52% |
| Choice | 75.46% | 77.31% | 66.84% |
| Select | 6.87% | 11.59% | 25.70% |
| Other | 4.40% | 2.88% | 1.93% |

For Week Ending: 3/16/2024

| | Nebraska | Kansas | Texas |
|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Prime | 11.44% | 8.02% | 5.06% |
| Choice | 76.09% | 77.74% | 65.95% |
| Select | 7.70% | 11.46% | 26.93% |
| Other | 4.78% | 2.78% | 2.05% |

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT APRIL 2, 2024

As of April 2, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 887.7 pounds up 3.4 pounds from previous week and <u>up 26.5 pounds from a year ago</u>. The grading percent as of 04/02/24 was 84.6 % compared to previous week at 85.3%. On April 4 2023 carcasses weighed 861.2 pounds and graded 84.2%.

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

***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 04/03/2024 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD
LIVE STEER: 1490 \$188.19 27,320
LIVE HEIFER: 1377 \$188.57 15,706
DRESSED STEER 942 \$299.46 5,460
DRESSED HEIFER: 855 \$299.68 3,710

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USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 04/03/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – 186.00 - 187.00 ON 2336 STEERS AVE PRICE 186.94

DRESSED DELIVERED 295.00 - 296.00 ON 529 TOTAL HEAD AVE PRICE 295.85

LIVE DELIVERED 186.00 ON 14 HEAD

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

NE – CASH FOB – 187.00 ON 662 TOTAL HEAD
LIVE DELIVERED - 189.00 ON 3132 TOTAL HEAD
DRESSED DELIVERED 295.00 ON 3,267 TOTAL HEAD

KS – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM CASH 40 HEAD MIXED LOAD WEIGHING 1325 POUNDS

COLORADO - **INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY**

JUNE LIVE CATTLE/JUNE LEAN HOGS – APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE – JUNE 2024 LIVECATTLE -OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE -

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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 04/02/2024 WAS 247.73 DOWN 54 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 04/03/2024 AT \$240.95

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 03/30/2024

RECEIPTS: Auctions Direct Video/Internet Total This Week: 129,400 23,300 5,200 157,900 Last Week: 196,400 42,200 53,100 291,700 Year Ago: 185,800 48,200 81,700 315,700

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold uneven; 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. The supply of feeders was light to moderate, and demand was moderate to good. An early week snowstorm and poor road conditions in the Northern Plains cancelled early week sales and late week sales were slow

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too as a result. More new crop fall-born calves were noted this week this week which were a little softer and not all weaned. These calves are not near as desirable for turn out as those that have more days weaned and carrying less flesh which had been making up most of the offering in previous weeks.

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

WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

| | 03/28/2023 | 04/05/2024 | CONTRACT HIGH |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 247.75 | | 270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 |
| APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 247.12 | | 273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 |
| MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 248.70 | | 272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 |
| AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 258.82 | | 282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 |
| SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 260.72 | | 285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 |
| OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 261.77 | | 275.17 FEBRUARY 8, 2024 |
| NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE | 261.60 | | 274.70 FEBRUARY 8, 2024 |

HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

| APRIL 03, 2024 | 491,000 |
|-------------------|------------|
| WEEK AGO | 490,000 |
| YEAR AGO | 475,388 |
| WEEK TO DATE | 1,338,000 |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 1,457,000 |
| 2023 WEEK TO DATE | 1,445,777 |
| YTD 2024 | 34,019,884 |
| YTD 2023 | 33,964,006 |
| YTD% CHANGE | 0.2% |

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 04/01/2024 WAS 84.92 UP 14 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 04/02/2024 AT 95.20 UP 37 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$10.28 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 04/03/2024

For the 3rd day in a row June, July, August, and October Lean Hogs made new contract highs on April 3, 2024. February 2025 Lean Hogs also made a contract high

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

| | 03/28/2023 | 04/05/2024 | CONTRACT HIGH |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS | 86.62 | | 91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023 |
| JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS | 102.85 | | 105.72 APRIL 3, 2024 |
| JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS | 104.00 | | 107.42 APRIL 3, 2024 |
| AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS | 103.20 | | 106.02 APRIL 3, 2024 |
| OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS | 87.80 | | 88.75 APRIL 3 2024 |
| DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS | 78.62 | | 80.65 JUNE 21, 2023 |
| FEBRUARY 2025 LEAN HOGS | 81.22 | | 81.62 APRIL 3 2024 |
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More Bearish News for Hog Producers

https://www.porkbusiness.com/news/hog-production/more-bearish-news-hog-producers

The daily morning pork cutout was lower Wednesday with loins, hams and ribs falling the most. Every primal section was lower. Loins and hams dropping as much as they did is a bit concerning but it was just one day. Beef dropping is likely going to affect pork prices. It is also likely with the fewer hogs currently killed, the hog/pork spread could narrow and packers start to lose.

April Lean Hogs settled Wednesday at \$87.97 and the CME Lean Hog Index is \$84.92 but it is two days behind. With about 10 more days on April futures before it expires, there is plenty of time for convergence.

Packers margins remain good. The difference between the Lean Hog Index and the Pork Index has remained above \$10.00. It may begin to narrow.

EXPORTS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 28, 2024 NET EXPORT WERE 28,700 MT. AS USUALLY MEXICO WAS THE LARGEST BUYER TAKING 23,000 MT WITH SOUTH KOREA AT 3000 MT AND CANADA WITH 1200 MT. CHINA BOUGHT 800 MT. AUSTRALIA CANCELLED 3900 MT AND JAPAN CANCECELLED 600 MT.

THE STRENGTH IN PORK EXPORTS IS DEPENDENT ON MEXICO. THE WEEK OF MARCH 21ST, MEXICO BOUGHT 32,000 MT AND IT WAS LIKELY FOR THE EASTER CELEBRATIONS. THIS WEEK THEY TOOK ANOTHER LARGE AMOUNT BECAUSE EASTER LASTS FOR A WEEK PAST EASTER.

WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 55,300 MT WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 33,800 MT WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 25,000 MT WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 36,400 MT

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FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES

<u>Based on negotiated prices and volume of pork cuts delivered within 14 days</u> 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: 249.48

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 24.99

| 2:00 PM | LOADS | CARCASS | LOIN | BUTT | PIC | RIB | HAM | BELLY |
|------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 04/03/2024 | 274.47 | 94.91 | 92.34 | 115.32 | 69.67 | 169.48 | 82.53 | 120.34 |
| CHANGE: | | -2.22 | -3.83 | -0.81 | -2.76 | -4.32 | -2.00 | -3.58 |
| FIVE DAY AVERAGE | | 95.37 | 94.32 | 115.80 | 71.08 | 171.20 | 82.38 | 120.05 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM | LOADS | CARCASS | LOIN | BUTT | PIC | RIB | нам | BELLY |
| 04/03/2024 | 170.23 | 95.62 | 92.56 | 115.15 | 72.11 | 169.74 | 82.14 | 123.28 |
| CHANGE: | | -1.51 | -3.61 | -0.98 | -0.32 | -4.06 | -2.39 | -0.64 |
| FIVE DAY AVERAGE | | 95.51 | 94.36 | 115.76 | 71.57 | 171.25 | 82.30 | 120.64 |
| 2:00 PM | LOADS | CARCASS | LOIN | BUTT | PIC | RIB | нам | BELLY |
| 04/02/2024 | 243.90 | 97.13 | 96.17 | 116.13 | 72.43 | 173.80 | 84.53 | 123.92 |
| CHANGE: | | 0.52 | 1.13 | -1.63 | -0.86 | 4.26 | 0.74 | 0.69 |
| FIVE DAY AVERAGE | | 95.20 | 94.27 | 114.94 | 71.15 | 171.91 | 81.34 | 121.16 |

HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE APRIL 2, 2024

National Negotiated Price

Head Count: 4,974 Lowest price: 80.00 Highest price: 88.00 Weighted Average 86.04

Change from Previous Day 1.33 higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 54,649 Lowest Base Price: 70.00 Highest Base Price: 108.00 Weighted Average Price: 87.91

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 163,910 Lowest base price: 75.36 Highest Base Price: 89.60 Weighted Average Price 84.72 Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 63,628 Lowest base price: 79.78 Highest base price: 96.90 Weighted Average Price: 86.34

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

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS_2511.PDF

SLAUGHTER DATA - APRIL 2, 2024

**PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 237,414
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 286.40
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 214.33

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 38,289
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.66
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.35

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 170,861
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 287.05
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.89

AUGUST/OCTOBER LEAN JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS – OCTOBER LEAN HOGS –

BEEF: NET SALES OF 18,700 MT FOR 2024 WERE UP 48 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 53 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. INCREASES WERE PRIMARILY FOR SOUTH KOREA (6,100 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 400 MT), JAPAN (5,000 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 500 MT), CANADA (1,700 MT), TAIWAN (1,500 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT), AND MEXICO (1,400 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 200 MT). EXPORTS OF 13,300 MT WERE DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 12 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. THE DESTINATIONS WERE PRIMARILY TO SOUTH KOREA (3,800 MT), JAPAN (3,300 MT), CHINA (2,500 MT), MEXICO (1,100 MT), AND TAIWAN (1,000 MT).

PORK: NET SALES OF 28,700 MT FOR 2024 WERE DOWN 48 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 24 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. INCREASES PRIMARILY FOR MEXICO (23,000 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 500 MT), SOUTH KOREA (3,000 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 200 MT), CANADA (1,200 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 600 MT), COSTA RICA (1,000 MT), AND CHINA (800 MT, INCLUDING DECREASES OF 100 MT), WERE OFFSET BY REDUCTIONS FOR AUSTRALIA (3,900 MT) AND JAPAN (600 MT). EXPORTS OF 34,900 MT WERE UP 2 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND 5 PERCENT FROM THE PRIOR 4-WEEK AVERAGE. THE DESTINATIONS WERE PRIMARILY TO MEXICO (11,600 MT), SOUTH KOREA (5,900 MT), JAPAN (4,600 MT), CHINA (3,600 MT), AND CANADA (2,000 MT).

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