



FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 24, 2025 LIVESTOCK REPORT
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CATTLE ON FEED ESTIMATES AT BOTTOM OF REPORT CATTLE

OCTOBER 23 2025 119,000
WEEK AGO 118,000
YEAR AGO 124,393
WEEK TO DATE 446,000
PREVIOUS WEEK 466,000
PREVIOUS WEEK 2024 493,316

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AS OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD COMPARED TO LAST WEEK CATTLE SLAUGHTER IS DOWN 20,000 HEAD AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO IT IS DOWN 47,316 HEAD

2:00 PM OCTOBER 23, 2025

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 373.14 354.74 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: 2.49 1.13

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 18.40
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS: 117

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 368.93 351.77

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CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 10/22/2025 WAS 365.77 UP .81 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM OCTOBER 23, 2025	

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PRIMAL RIB	612.68	564.40
PRIMAL CHUCK	308.75	299.76
PRIMAL ROUND	327.72	321.13
PRIMAL LOIN	470.43	430.13
PRIMAL BRISKET	305.44	305.29
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	237.36	237.36
PRIMAL FLANK	200.27	194.80
2:00 PM OCTOBER 22, 2025		
PRIMAL RIB	613.45	563.94
PRIMAL CHUCK	307.53	302.73
PRIMAL ROUND	327.44	320.37
PRIMAL LOIN	462.71	425.72
PRIMAL BRISKET	305.60	297.66
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	231.82	231.82
PRIMAL FLANK	196.45	192.29

LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	GRINDS	TOTAL	CHOICE	SELECT
10/22	112	24	7	10	153	370.65	353.61
10/21	94	21	3	10	128	371.93	352.57
10/20	45	17	4	21	86	369.18	353.46
10/17	135	24	18	11	188	366.77 FRIDAY	350.27 FRIDAY
10/16	63	17	6	12	99	366.11	348.93

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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 1:30 PM ARE INCLUDED.

OCTOBER 23, 2025 (ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)

 CHOICE CUTS
 65.06 LOADS
 2,602,380 POUNDS

 SELECT CUTS
 22.50 LOADS
 900,139 POUNDS

 TRIMMINGS
 14.20 LOADS
 567,989 POUNDS

 GROUND BEEF
 15.13 LOADS
 605,059 POUNDS

DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVERAGE STEER PRICE \$239.78

OCTOBER 2025 LIVE CATTLE PRICE AS OF OCT 23, 2025 AT \$239.72

OCTOBER LIVE CATTLE ON OCTOBER 22, 2025 CLOSED .06 UNDER THE 5 DAY AVERAGE NEGOTIATED CASH STEER PRICE.

OCTOBER 2025 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

0 DELIVERIES ON OCTOBER 23, 2025

DATE 10/23/2025 SETTLEMENT: \$239.72

OLDEST LONG 08/13/2025 \$229.42

ON OCTOBER 24, 2025 OPEN INTEREST FOR OCTOBER LIVE CATTLE WAS 3,349 CONTRACTS

TRUMP QUADRUPLING ARGENTINA BEEF TARIFF RATE QUOTA TO 80,000 METRIC TONS

Trump quadrupling Argentina beef tariff rate quota to 80,000 metric tons | Reuters

THE PAST QUOTA WAS 20,000 METRIC TONS. THE BEEF FROM ARGNETINA IS LEAN BEEF USED FOR RESTAURANTS AND FOOD PROCESSORS TO LOWER FAT LEVELS IN GROUND BEEF. IT ISN'T BEEF THAT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER THE GROCERY BILL OF CONSUMERS. THE RISING COSTS AT FAST FOOD

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RESTAURANTS DUE TO HIGH PRICED BEEF SHOULD SEE A DECEASE IN PRICE. TIME WILL TELL IF THEY PASS THE SAVINGS ONTO THE CONSUMER.

AUSTRALIA'S IN 2024 EXPORTED 394,716 MT TO THE U.S. BRAZIL IN 2024 EXPORTED 229,000 MT TO THE U.S.

COMPARED TO WHAT AUSTRALIA AND BRAZIL EXPORTED IN IN 2024 TO THE U.S., ARGENTINA WILL EXPORT TO THE U.S. ABOUT 12.8%

CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS DON'T WANT TO IMPORT ARGENTINE BEEF AND ARE USING FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AS A REASON. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE WOULD ENTER THE U.S FROM ARGENTINA. ARGENTINA HAS NOT HAD AN OUTBREAK SINCE 2006.

CHINA IMPORTS ABOUT HALF OF THE BEEF ARGENTINA EXPORTS AND CHINA HAS VERY STRICT MONITORING AND INSPECTIONS OF ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ENTERING CHINA.

ARGENTINA HAS THE HIGHEST GLOBAL BEEF CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA. ARGENTINA DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH INVENTORY OF CATTLE TO INCREASE EXPORTS. THE ARGENTINE PESO IS COLLAPSING. TAKING MORE BEEF FROM ARGENTINA WILL RAISE INTERNAL PRICES AND FURTHER DAMAGE THEIR ECONOMY.

THE SHOWLIST IS LIGHT THIS WEEK. CATTLE SOLD IN THE MIDWEST IN THE MIDWEST SOLD FOR 238.00 TO 239.00, WITH A COUPLE LOADS AT 240.00. NO SALES WERE IN KANASAS OR THE SOUTHWEST. PACKERS LAST WEEK BOUGHT ABOUT 30,000 HEAD FORWARD THAT WEREN'T KILLED LAST WEEK AND THEY HAVE THEM TO KILL IF THEY WANT THIS WEEK. THEY INITIALLY WERE BOUGHT 3 WEEKS AHEAD FOR FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER.

SPREAD TRADERS ARE WIDENING BULL SPREADS. CHARTS BELOW

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 10/23/2025
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD

LIVE STEER: 1554 \$239.78 49,155
LIVE HEIFER: 367 \$239.84 17,274
DRESSED STEER 1018 \$372.21 8,328
DRESSED HEIFER: 897 \$371.66 2,210

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 10/23/2025 FOB STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – 235.00-239.00 AVE PRICE 238.03

DRESSED DELIVERED - 370.00-ON 65 HEAD

LIVE DELIVERED 240.00- ON 34 HEAD

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

- NE CASH FOB 238.00- ON 181 HEAD

 DRESSED DELIVERED 368.00-370.00 AVE PRICE 368.90

 DRESSED FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE
- KS CASH FOB NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

 LIVE DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

 DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

TX/OK/NM - CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2025
PACKER MARGIN (\$/HEAD (\$208.98) LAST WEEK (\$130.46) MONTH AGO (\$34.32) YEAR AGO (\$34.83)
FEEDLOT MARGINS \$557.54 LAST WEEK \$490.04 MONTH AGO \$623.82 YEAR AGO \$\$175.51
STERLING MARKETING USES THE COMPREHENSIVE BEEF CUTOUT VALUE REPORTED BY USDA.

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LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST -



DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE/DECEMBER LEAN HOG SPREAD



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DECEMBER 2025/APRIL 2026 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD WIDENING



FEBRUARY/APRIL LIVE CATTLE SPREAD- BULL SPREAD WIDENING



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DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE - SUPPORT AT 240.50 RESISTANCE AT 246.25



FEBRUARY LIVE CATTLE - SUPPORT AT 238.50 RESISTANCE AT 247.15



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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 10/22/2025 WAS 370.62 DOWN 1.38 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

OCTOBER 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON OCTOBER 23, 2025 AT \$363.35

FEEDER CATTLE MAY BE LOWER ON OUTRIGHT FUTURES ON THURSDAY BUT BULL SPREADS ARE WID-ENING AND SPREADS ARE WHERE THE BIG MONEY IS TRADING.

FEEDER CATTLE OPEN INTEREST -



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NOVEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD WIDENING



JANUARY FEEDER CATTLE - SUPPORT AT 353.75 RESISTANCE AT 373.00



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HOGS

OCTOBER 23, 2025	486,000
WEEK AGO	492,000
YEAR AGO	492,240
WEEK TO DATE	1,958,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,960,000
PREVIOUS WEEK 2024	1,947,376

AS OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD COMPARED TO LAST WEEK HOG SLAUGHTER IS DOWN 2,000 HEAD AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD A YEAR AGO IT IS UP 10.624 HEAD.

CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 10/21/2025 WAS 94.18 DOWN .80 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 10/22/2025 AT 101.47 DOWN .42 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$7.29 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 10/23/2025.

DECEMBER 2025 LEAN HOGS SETTLED ON OCTOBER 23, 2025 \$81.77

DECEMBER 2025 LEAN HOGS ARE \$12.41 UNDER THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX

TRADE VOLUME WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE WEDNESDAY AS DECEMBER THROUGH APRIL WERE LOWER AND SUMMER MONTHS WERE HIGHER. SPREADING WAS THE MAJORITY OF THE TRADE WITH MOST VOLUME IN THE FRONT 3 MONTHS WIDING SPREADS.

PORK EXPORTS
NO EXPORT DATA DUE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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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% LOADS PORK CUTS: 291.71

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 36.14

2:00 PM 10/23/2025	LOADS 327.85	CARCASS 99.71	LOIN 89.14	BUTT 111.89	PIC 85.13	RIB 157.32	HAM 97.17	BELLY 131.16
CHANGE:	027.00	-0.04	-3.41	-0.44	4.95	4.77	1.26	-3.81
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		100.97	92.22	112.22	83.26	158.61	98.34	134.82
11:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/23/2025	195.99	98.84	88.82	109.83	82.69	154.92	97.83	131.37
CHANGE:		-0.91	-3.73	-2.50	2.51	2.37	1.92	-3.60
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		100.79	92.16	111.81	82.77	158.13	98.47	134.86
2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/22/2025	308.93	99.75	92.55	112.33	80.18	152.55	95.91	134.97
CHANGE:		-0.84	1.00	0.52	-1.53	-9.29	-2.08	0.08
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		101.46	93.51	112.62	83.30	159.20	98.86	135.34

HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE OCTOBER 23, 2025 - NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE

HEAD COUNT 1,160
LOWEST BASE PRICE 82.00
HIGHEST PRICE 88.00
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 86.38
CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY -1.78

OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)
HEAD COUNT: 23,257
LOWEST BASE PRICE 68.75
HIGHEST BASE PRICE 97.47
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 81.06

SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS) HEAD COUNT 142,953

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LOWEST BASE PRICE: 82.14
HIGHEST BASE PRICE 97.98
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 91.22

OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS)
HEAD COUNT: 62,519
LOWEST BASE PRICE 70.50
HIGHEST BASE PRICE 105.21
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 89.74

NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_2511.pdf
SLAUGHTER DATA — OCTOBER 22, 2025

PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 32,661
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 291.85
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 220.21

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 34,473
AVERAGE LIVE 290.79
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 218.86

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 187,724
AVERAGE LIVE 286.60
AVERAGE CARCASS 216.61

STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - OCTOBER 18, 2025

PACKER MARGINS \$11.27 LAST WEEK \$3.27 MONTH AGO \$1.48 YEAR AGO \$32.26

FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$51.84 LAST WEEK \$63.90 MONTH AGO \$82.39 YEAR AGO \$1.53

THE PRICES TO CALCULATE MARGINS ARE FROM HOGS SOLD ON NEGOTIATED PRICES AND HOGS AND PORK POSTED WITH USDA DATA PROVIDED

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LEAN HOG OPEN INTEREST –



DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LEAN HOG SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD



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FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD - BEAR SPREAD



DECEMBER LEAN HOGSSUPPORT AT 81.00 RESISTANCE AT 84.65



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FEBRUARY LEAN HOGS – SUPPORT AT 83.50 RESISTANCE AT 87.00



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CHICAGO, Oct 23 (Reuters) - The following are analysts' estimates for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's monthly Cattle on Feed report.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service said on Thursday that all reports were on hold as the federal government's shutdown entered its 23rd day. The agency was previously slated to release the cattle report at 2 p.m. CDT (1900 GMT) on Friday.

All figures, except headcount, for feedlots with 1,000-plus head of cattle are shown as a percentage versus a year ago:

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	Range	Average	Million head
On feed as of October 1	97.4-98.4	98	11.368
Placements in September	88.1-94	91.2	1.966
Marketings in September	93-96.9	95.9	1.628

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