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FRIDAY MORNING JANUARY 26, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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BEEF AND PORK EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS ON LAST PAGE

CATTLE

JANUARY 25, 2024	126,000
WEEK AGO	121,000
YEAR AGO	124,398
WEEK TO DATE	492,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	462,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	499,571
YTD 2024	2,196,364
YTD 2023	2,372,23
YTD% CHANGE	-7.4%

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/ams_3208.pdf

2:00 PM JANUARY 25, 2024

BOXED BEEF	CHOICE	SELECT
CURRENT CUTOFF VALUES:	298.68	287.85
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY:	(0.82)	0.61
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:	10.83	
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS):	146	
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	298.32	285.80

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 01/24/2024 WAS 296.13 UP 20 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

2:00 PM JANUARY 25, 2024

PRIMAL RIB	466.63	413.78
PRIMAL CHUCK	264.38	261.29
PRIMAL ROUND	245.33	246.39
PRIMAL LOIN	383.18	361.92

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PRIMAL BRISKET	252.65	260.65
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	193.64	193.64
PRIMAL FLANK	140.11	140.26

2:00 PM JANUARY 24, 2024

PRIMAL RIB	464.47	412.65
PRIMAL CHUCK	268.18	260.95
PRIMAL ROUND	245.44	245.91
PRIMAL LOIN	383.52	363.17
PRIMAL BRISKET	259.20	258.27
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	188.88	188.88
PRIMAL FLANK	136.00	137.73

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LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total		
01/24	78	26	5	17	126	299.50	287.24
01/23	63	14	7	15	100	301.66	288.38
01/22	53	8	0	18	78	298.67	286.58
01/19	76	11	4	20	111	FRIDAY 295.50	283.05 FRIDAY
01/18	111	12	6	15	144	296.29	283.76

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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.

JANUARY 25, 2024

Choice Cuts	116.05 loads	4,642,060 pounds
Select Cuts	12.36 loads	494,468 pounds
Trimmings	9.62 loads	384,856 pounds
Ground Beef	8.07 loads	322,832 pounds

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/19/2023	01/26/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE	174.37		196.60 9/19/2023
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE	177.37		199.82 9/15/2023
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE	174.32		194.02 9/15/2023
AUGUST 2024 LIVE CATTLE	174.77		192.45 9/15/2023
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	179.35		194.67 9/15/2023
DECEMBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE	183.22		197.47 9/15/2023
FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE	186.75		199.57 9/20/2023
APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE	189.00		195.35 11/02/2023

(APRIL 2025 LIVE CATTLE OPENED ON OCTOBER 31, 2023 AT 192.80)

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JANUARY 2024 USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS

CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT - JANUARY 31, 2024

ALL REPORTS 2:00PM CST

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Packers paid \$175.00 Thursday up \$1.00 from cattle purchased in Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico on Wednesday. In the Midwest cattle sold from \$175.00 up to 177.50 with average prices \$175.50. dressed cattle sold up to \$277.00 to \$278.00 up \$1.00 to \$2.00 from a week ago. Last week dressed cattle were mostly \$275.00 to \$276.00.

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Futures trade volume has been light and volume Thursday started out light but spec traders came into the market around 11:15AM Central time and with sizable contracts drove prices higher. With Choice boxed beef prices down, the increase in buy volume was not expected and stops were hit as markets blew through moving averages. Last week you may recall I warned about light volume trading. Traders also reversed bear spreads Thursday. Volume was moderately active with April 2024 Live Cattle Globex volume 28,905. First notice day is February 5th.

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Boxed beef prices were lower Thursday. Choice beef has been falling this week as packers push up slaughter. The Choice/Select spread has continued to narrow and Thursday morning was at \$9.92 and in the afternoon at \$10.83.

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USDA CATTLE ON FEED - JANUARY 19, 2024

	USDA	ACTUAL HEAD
ON FEED JANUARY 1	102	11.930
PLACEMENTS IN DECEMBER	96	1.704
MARKETINGS IN DECEMBER	99	1.725

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USDA NATIONAL STEER & HEIFER ESTIMATED GRADING PERCENT REPORT

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

For Week Ending: January 13, 2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas	National
Prime	12.99%	7.04%	4.05%	9.93%
Choice	74.97%	77.37%	66.25%	73.75%
Select	8.08%	12.22%	27.50%	13.27%
Other	3.96%	3.37%	2.20%	3.05%

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For Week Ending: January 6, 2024

	Nebraska	Kansas	Texas
Prime	12.34%	7.51%	3.75%
Choice	74.15%	77.34%	64.33%
Select	9.36%	12.61%	29.22%
Other	4.16%	2.54%	2.70%

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EXPORTS

For week ending January 16, 2024 net exports were 22,400 MT. South Korea took 9600MT compared to previous week at 7800MT, China was second at 3100 MT about what they normally buy compared to last week 5200 MT. Japan took bought 2800MT compared to the previous week at 2400 MT and Mexico bought 2400MT compared to last week at 2200MT.

A year ago total January 2023 exports were 100,942 MT. Current for January 2024 exports are 56,00MT with 2 weeks to go.

Two solid weeks of exports are good. Both weeks are what beef exports need to average for the week.

Week Ending January 11, 2024 21,400 MT

Week Ending January 4, 2024 12,200 MT

Week Ending December 28, 2023 9,500 MT

Week Ending December 21, 2023 2,100 MT

Week ending December 14, 2023 9700 MT

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NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT JANUARY 23, 2024

As of January 23, 2024, dressed steer and heifer carcasses averaged 887.8 pounds down 13.4 pounds from previous week but up 6.9 pounds from a year ago. The grading percent as of 01/23/24 was 83.5 % compared to previous week at 82.9% up .6%. On January 24, 2023 carcasses weighed 880.9 pounds and graded 84.5% .

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***NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 01/25/2024

5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

	WEIGHT	PRICE	HEAD
LIVE STEER:	1442	\$174.05	17,227
LIVE HEIFER:	1316	\$174.05	10,312
DRESSED STEER	938	\$273.99	7,310
DRESSED HEIFER:	854	\$273.84	1,579

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**USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 01/25/2024
STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES**

**IA/MN – CASH FOB – 173.00 - 177.50 AVE PRICE 175.32
DRESSED DELIVERED – 275.00 - 277.00 AVE PRICE 276.59
LIVE DELIVERED – 175.00 ON 38 HEAD
DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**NE – CASH FOB – 175.00 - 177.00 AVE PRICE STEERS 175.71
DRESSED FOB - 279.00 ON 1532 HEAD AVE WT 974.2 POUNDS
DRESSED DELIVERED - 275.00 - 277.50 AVE PRICE 276.78 AVE WT 919.1 POUNDS**

**KS – CASH – 174.00 - 175.00 AVE PRICE 174.99
DRESSED DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

**TX/OK/NM CASH – 175.00 ON 5712 TOTAL HEAD
LIVE DELIVERED – NO REPORTABLE TRADE**

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**APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE/ APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS –
APRIL 2024/JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD –
FEBRUARY 2024 LIVE CATTLE –
APRIL 2024 LIVE CATTLE –
JUNE 2024 LIVE CATTLE –
OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE –
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FEEDER CATTLE

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 01/24/2024 WAS 230.68 UP .47 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

**JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON 01/25/2024 AT \$232.02
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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 01/20/2024

RECEIPTS:	AUCTIONS	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	96,900	47,000	4,500	148,400
LAST WEEK:	241,700	29,500	164,000	435,200
YEAR AGO:	267,000	25,700	147,200	439,900

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COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD 4.00 TO 10.00 HIGHER, GETTING BACK THE LOSSES FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. MOST ADVANCE THIS WEEK WAS ON CATTLE GOING TO SUMMER GRASS OR HEADED TO WHEAT PASTURES AS THOSE ARE IN SHORTER SUPPLY. DEMAND WAS MODERATE TO GOOD FOR CALVES AND FEEDERS. WEATHER AGAIN WAS THE STORY THIS WEEK AS ARCTIC TEMPERATURES PLUNGED THROUGH THE PLAINS STATES TO THE SOUTHEAST PART OF THE COUNTRY, LEAVING BITTER COLD TEMPERATURES AND ANYTHING FROM RAIN TO ICE TO SNOW IN ITS PATH. MANY AUCTIONS DID NOT HAVE SALES MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY LAST WEEK, INCLUDING JOPLIN REGIONAL STOCKYARDS AND OKLAHOMA CITY NATIONAL STOCKYARDS.

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/19/2023	01/26/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
JANUARY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	230.10		268.50 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	231.95		270.10 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	237.47		273.60 SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	242.30		272.47 SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
AUGUST 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	257.87		282.92 SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
SEPTEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	260.77		285.90 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	262.80		265.77 JANUARY 24, 2024
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	263.15		266.00 JANUARY 24, 2024

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APRIL 2024 FEEDER CATTLE/MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD –
MARCH 2024 FEEDER CATTLE –
MAY 2024 FEEDER CATTLE –

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HOGS

USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 25, 2024	480,000
WEEK AGO	484,000
YEAR AGO	487,622
WEEK TO DATE	1,935,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,805,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	1,962,756
YTD 2024	9,104,884
YTD 2023	9,539,409
YTD% CHANGE	-4.6%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 01/23/2024 WAS 69.39 UP 84 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOFF INDEX 01/24/2024 AT 88.80 UP 16 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$19.41 TO THE CME PORK INDEX. 01/25/2024

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WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

	01/19/2023	01/26/2024	CONTRACT HIGH
FEBRUARY 2023 LEAN HOGS	70.75		88.35 FEBRUARY 21, 2023
APRIL 2023 LEAN HOGS	78.15		91.60 FEBRUARY 23, 2023
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS	91.65		103.95 DECEMBER 14, 2022
JULY 2024 LEAN HOGS	93.42		102.60 FEBRUARY 22, 2023
AUGUST 2024 LEAN HOGS	93.32		96.90 JUNE 26, 2023
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	82.10		85.20 MAY 15, 2023
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	75.22		80.65 JUNE 21, 2023

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February 2024 Lean Hogs are \$4.91 above the CME Lean Hog Index. There is close to 3 weeks before February settles and prices converge. There is a lot of time for cash to go up or futures to come down.

April 2024 Lean Hogs have widened the spread over February 2024 Lean Hogs. On Thursday, April settled \$8.25 over February.

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The pork market is moving higher. leading the carcass higher are bellies and ribs. The carcass needs to be led by loins and hams.

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EXPORTS

FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 24,100 MT. MEXICO TOOK 9700MT, JAPAN 3100 MT, AUSTRALIA 2200 MT CANADA 1800MT. CHINA WAS ABSENT. THIS IS AN AVERAGE NET SALES AND IF EXPORTS CAN REMAIN AT THE LEVEL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, EXPORTS WILL BE A PLUS FOR U.S PORK. MEXICO REMAINS THE LARGEST BUYER BUT IS NOT TAKING AS MUCH AS THEY DID IN 2023. THEY BUY PORK FROM BRAZIL AND IN 2023 THEY WERE BIG BUYERS IMPORTING MORE PORK FROM THE U.S. AND BRAZIL FIGHTING HIGH INFLATION.

A YEAR AGO TOTAL PORK EXPORTS FOR ALL OF JANUARY 2023 WERE 236,767 MT. CURRENTLY EXPORTS FOR JANUARY 2024 ARE 80,800MT

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 11, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 33,400 MT
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 23,300 MT
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 28, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 17,800 MT

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WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 23,800 MT

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 14, 2023 NET EXPORTS WERE 37,500 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 : 279.12

Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 57.53

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
01/25/2024	336.65	88.91	85.52	97.84	64.45	130.19	69.81	144.56
CHANGE:		0.05	-0.60	0.06	-0.01	2.85	-0.03	1.17
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		88.91	85.80	101.44	65.05	127.70	71.85	138.86

11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
01/25/2024	149.93	90.37	85.35	97.30	66.42	133.10	70.14	151.63
CHANGE:		1.51	-0.77	-0.48	1.96	5.76	0.30	8.24
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		89.20	85.77	101.34	65.44	128.28	71.91	140.28

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
01/24/2024	284.81	88.86	86.12	97.78	64.46	127.34	69.84	143.39
CHANGE:		0.83	1.09	-2.86	-1.64	-2.32	-0.90	7.78
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		88.87	85.95	102.25	65.53	127.00	73.40	135.55

PREVIOUS WEEK 1/19/2024

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
FIVE DAY AVERAGE --		88.02	85.74	103.79	65.52	125.19	76.04	126.68

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HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE JANUARY 25, 2024

National Negotiated Carcass Price

Head Count: 3,343

Lowest price: 45.00

Highest price: 60.00

Weighted Average 54.63

Change from Previous Day 1.53higher

Other Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count: 65,137

Lowest Base Price: 59.08

Highest Base Price: 98.26

Weighted Average Price: 80.33

Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)

Head Count 164,881

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Lowest base price: 35.74
Highest Base Price: 82.34
Weighted Average Price 69.79

Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)

HEAD COUNT: 69,508
Lowest base price: 57.62
Highest base price: 103.76
Weighted Average Price: 76.04

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

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NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE

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SLAUGHTER DATA – JANUARY 24, 2024

****PRODUCER SOLD:**

HEAD COUNT 234,483
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.59
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 215.71

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 30,856
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 291.84
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 219.73

PACKER OWNED:

HEAD COUNT 180,876
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.09
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 220.12

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**FEBRUARY/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD –
OCTOBER/DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOG SPREAD –
FEBRUARY 2024 LEAN HOGS –
APRIL 2024 LEAN HOGS –
JUNE 2024 LEAN HOGS –
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS -**

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USDA COLD STORAGE REPORT JANUARY 24, 2024

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 4 percent from the previous month but down 9 percent from last year.

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Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 6 percent from the previous month but down 11 percent from last year.

Frozen pork supplies were up 3 percent from the previous month but down 6 percent from last year.

Stocks of pork bellies were up 16 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year.

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Strong sales of beef in December were mostly due to the high end cuts, rib and loin primals. Middle meat primal cuts dropped in price. Exports were poor leaving beef in cold storage To have less beef than a year ago is no surprise. Cattle slaughter was down 4.2% by year end.

Pork prices dropped in December. However, exports were strong throughout 2023 which kept hog and pork prices from falling more than they did in 2023.

There were no surprises on the report. Traders now are looking at what the recent weather did and what is going to happen in months to come. They aren't looking backwards.

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Beef: Net sales of 22,400 MT for 2024 were primarily for South Korea (9,600 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), China (3,100 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), Japan (2,800 MT, including decreases of 600 MT), Mexico (2,400 MT, including decreases of 200 MT), and Taiwan (1,200 MT, including decreases of 100 MT). Exports of 16,200 MT were primarily to South Korea (4,700 MT), Japan (4,500 MT), China (2,500 MT), Mexico (1,800 MT), and Taiwan (700 MT).

Pork: Net sales of 24,100 MT for 2024 were primarily for Mexico (9,700 MT, including decreases of 400 MT), Japan (3,100 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), Australia (2,200 MT, including decreases of 100 MT), Canada (1,800 MT, including decreases of 700 MT), and Colombia (1,700 MT). Exports of 28,400 MT were primarily to Mexico (9,800 MT), Japan (5,300 MT), South Korea (3,100 MT), China (2,600 MT), and Colombia (2,100 MT).

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