



WEDNESDAY MORNING OCTOBER 09, 2024 LIVESTOCK REPORT
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### CATTLE

**OCTOBER 08, 2024** 124,000 124,000 **WEEK AGO** YEAR AGO 128.138 **WEEK TO DATE** 234,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK** 243,000 251,334 **2023 WEEK TO DATE 2024 YEAR TO DATE** 24,150,639 **2023 YEAR TO DATE** 25,118,481 PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -3.9%

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2:00 PM OCTOBER 08, 2024

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 306.84 288.61 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: 0.91 (0.72)

CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 18.23
TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS): 118

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 301.66 285.89

CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 10/07/2024 WAS 297.35 UP 1.55 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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2:00 PM OCTOBER 08, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	493.72	446.06
PRIMAL CHUCK	278.48	264.97
PRIMAL ROUND	264.05	259.42
PRIMAL LOIN	365.82	333.24
PRIMAL BRISKET	249.37	235.52
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	191.47	191.47
PRIMAL FLANK	161.82	157.29
2:00 PM OCTOBER 07, 2024		
PRIMAL RIB	487.01	446.90
PRIMAL CHUCK	276.72	268.95
PRIMAL ROUND	264.26	259.31
PRIMAL LOIN	366.73	328.39
PRIMAL BRISKET	250.85	243.31
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE	193.10	193.10
PRIMAL FLANK	160.33	157.47

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DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	GRINDS	TOTAL		
10/07	53	26	11	16	106	305.93	289.33
10/04	66	18	0	21	105 FRIDAY	302.58	287.61 FRIDAY
10/03	90	28	11	17	146	299.80	283.29
10/02	123	36	3	21	184	299.81	283.93
10/01	89	26	17	11	143	300.17	285.30

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.

## OCTOBER 08, 2024 FINAL

**CURRENT VOLUME - (ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)** 

CHOICE CUTS	61.93 LOADS	2,477,325 POUNDS
SELECT CUTS	<b>30.49 LOADS</b>	1,219,689 POUNDS
TRIMMINGS	8.00 LOADS	319,940 POUNDS
<b>GROUND BEEF</b>	17.60 LOADS	703,862 POUNDS

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#### **OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES**

**O DELIVERIES ON OCTOBER 8, 2024** 

DATE 10/08/24 SETTLEMENT: \$188.47 OLDEST LONG –12/21/2023 \$175.45

OCTOBER OPEN INTEREST AS OF 10/09/2024 IS 13,429 CONTRACTS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS DAY AT 14.303.

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#### WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE

09/27/2024	10/04/2024
183.75	187.00
184.47	187.00
185.55	187.95
186.40	188.75
180.07	182.52
177.40	179.77
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MCDONALD'S SUES MAJOR BEEF PRODUCERS IN US PRICE-FIXING LAWSUIT - REUTERS NEWS McDonald's sues major beef producers in US price-fixing lawsuit | Reuters

BOXED BEEF CONTINUES TO MOVE UP MOSTLY DRIVEN BY CHOICE RIB PRIMALS AS BUYERS BUILD STOCKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THE QUESTION HAS TO BE ASKED, HOW MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN CONTRACTED FOR THE LATE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER? IN SEPTEMBER, PRICES FOR RIB AND LOINS DROPPED WHILE CHUCKS AND ROUNDS WERE HIGHER. ON THE WEAK DEMAND FOR RIB AND LOIN SECTIONS, BUYERS LIKELY WERE BUILDING STOCKS IN SEPTEMBER.

WITH GOOD EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BEEF USAGE SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST THE SAME AS A YEAR AGO FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

BEEF WHOLESALERS AND BROKERS HAVE HISTORICAL DATA FROM PAST SALES. CONTRACT BUYERS SHOULD HAVE THE MAJORITY OF BEEF ALREADY CONTRACTED.

INCREASED BEEF IMPORTS IN 2024 WILL ALSO WEIGH ON PRICES.

WILL CATTLE PRICES GO UP? PACKERS CAN KEEP SLAUGHTER DOWN, LIMITING BEEF FOR SALE, MOVING UP BEEF PRICES AND KEEPING THE PRICE OF CATTLE FROM BIG RALLIES AND ADDING WEIGHT.

A YEAR AGO, CATTLE PRICES DROPPED FROM MID SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER 7, 2023 WHILE BEEF MOVED HIGHER. FEEDLOTS ARE ASKING \$2.00 HIGHER THIS WEEK. WITH PACKERS KEEPING KILL AT CURRENT LEVELS, PACKERSWILL FIGHT HIGHER PRICES.

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SLAUGHTER FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> WEEK WAS 611,000 DOWN 1,000 HEAD FROM THE PRE-VIOUS WEEK AND DOWN 16,495 FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 2023.

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THE 5 DAY NEGOTIATED AVERAGE STEER PRICE AS OF OCTOBER 08, 2024 WAS \$187.03. OCTOBER 2024 LIVE CATTLE SETTLED ON OCTOBER 8, 2024 AT \$188.47

LAST WEEK CATTLE IN THE SOUTHWEST WERE STEADY TO \$1.00 HIGHER. CATTLE PRICES WERE \$185.00 TO \$187.00. FRIDAY CATTLE WERE AT \$186.00. IN THE MIDWEST CATTLE WERE \$187.00 TO \$188.00. DRESSED PRICES WERE \$296.00 BUT A FEW ON THURSDAY WERE AS HIGH AS \$300.00.

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#### **EXPORTS**

FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 EXPORTS WERE 22,500 MT UP 68% FROM THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. SOUTH KOREA WAS THE LARGEST BUYER TAKING 7900 MT. CHINA WAS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> LARGEST BUYER TAKING 6200 MT CLOSE TO 3 TIMES WHAT THEY BOUGHT LAST WEEK AT 2100 MT. WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL OVER IN CHINA, THEY LIKELY WERE BUYING TO REPLACE STOCKS USED DURING THE HOLIDAY. .

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 15,500 MT
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 11,400 MT
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2024 16,500 MT
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 2024 17,200 MT

NATIONAL WEEKLY FED CATTLE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OCTOBER 08, 2024

AS OF OCTOBER 08, 2024, DRESSED STEER AND HEIFER CARCASSES AVERAGED 912.3 POUNDS, DOWN .8 POUNDS FROM PREVIOUS WEEK, AND UP 28.5 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO. THE GRADING PERCENT AS OF 10/08/2024 WAS 81.8% COMPARED TO PREVIOUS WEEK AT 82.6% AND UP 2.1% OVER A YEAR AGO AT 79.7%.

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#### STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 5, 2024

PACKER MARGIN (\$ /HEAD (\$111.10) LAST WEEK (\$69.40) MONTH AGO \$32.00 YEAR AGO (\$187.06)

FEEDLOT MARGINS: \$89.68 LAST WEEK \$64.86 MONTH AGO \$85.95 YEAR AGO \$271.02

Sterling Marketing uses the Comprehensive Beef Cutout Value reported by USDA. I have included a document that explains this cutout value. I looked at this value about 4 years ago and compared the beef packer margin values from my Choice-Select Adjusted value and this Comprehensive value. There was little difference. However, over the past few weeks, the difference has become significant. I believe this is because the mix of cattle slaughtered is increasingly includes higher valued cattle – i.e., Prime, Upper 2/3 Choice, and Branded Program cattle. In addition, it includes the formula-priced cattle. Using just the Choice and higher grade and Select grade to generate the cutout does not reflect this important difference in the quality of cattle which in turn is definitely a driver to the notable improvement in beef demand over the past year.

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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: 9/28/2024** 

	NEBRASKA	KANSAS	TEXAS		
PRIME	10.96%	7.97%	5.51%		
CHOICE	73.43%	75.11%	62.16%		
SELECT	11.54%	13.55%	27.77%		
OTHER	4.06%	3.37%	4.57%		

**FOR WEEK ENDING: 9/21/2024** 

	NEBRASKA	KANSAS	TEXAS
PRIME	10.91%	7.50%	5.95%
CHOICE	74.00%	76.57%	64.15%
SELECT	11.09%	12.73%	26.72%
OTHER	4.00%	3.20%	3.19%

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\*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 10/08/2024
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD
LIVE STEER: 1501 \$187.03 20,737
LIVE HEIFER: 1350 \$186.74 10,623
DRESSED STEER 976 \$295.92 13,188
DRESSED HEIFER: 871 \$295.59 1,756

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 10/08/2024 STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – 187.00 ON 42 FOB HEIFERS AVE WT 1,375 POUNDS

DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

LIVE DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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# NE – CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

KS – CASH – NO REPORTABLE TRADE
LIVE DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE
DRESSED FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

TX/OK/NM - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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## **DECEMBER/FEBRUARY LIVE CATTLE SPREAD -**



### DECEMBER LIVE CATTLE - RESISTANCE AT 188.30 SUPPORT THE 5 DAY AVERAGE AT 186.95



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## **FEEDER CATTLE**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 10/07/2024 WAS 248.75 UP 1.27 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON OCTOBER 08, 2024 AT \$250.32

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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 10/05/2024

RECEIPTS: AUCTIONS DIRECT VIDEO/INTERNET TOTAL

THIS WEEK: 179,400 38,400 24,300 242,100 250.32

LAST WEEK: 173,500 40,800 6,100 220,400 YEAR AGO: 190,400 50,200 34,600 275,200

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD UNEVEN; 3.00 LOWER TO 3.00 HIGHER.

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DEMAND WAS MODERATE TO GOOD, WITH THE BEST DEMAND ON WEANED PRECONDITIONED CALVES WITH ALL THE BELLS AND WHISTLES. THE RECEIPTS OUT OF THE HURRICANE HELENE BATTERED SOUTHEAST WERE NOT UP TO PAR WITH HISTORIC NUMBERS THIS WEEK, HOWEVER HOPE IS THAT STORM DAMAGED AREAS CAN GET BACK TO SOME TYPE OF NORMAL IN THE WEEKS TO COME.

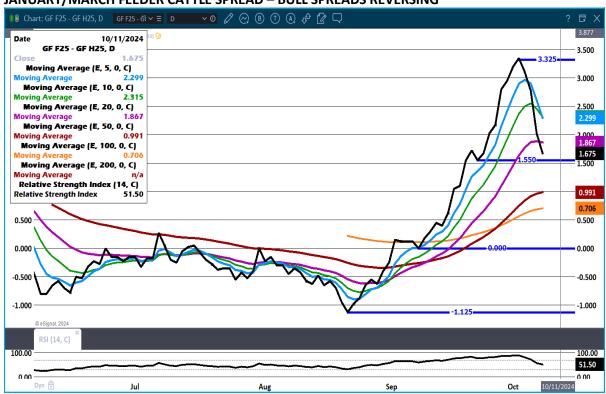
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### **WEEKLY PRICE CHANGE**

	09/27/2024	10/04/2024
OCTOBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	247.07	249.62
NOVEMBER 2024 FEEDER CATTLE	245.70	249.27
JANUARY 2025 FEEDER CATTLE	239.60	244.37
MARCH 2025 FEEDER CATTLE	236.80	241.60
APRIL 2025 FEEDER CATTLE	238.42	242.87
MAY 2025 FEEDER CATTLE	239.55	243.72

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# JANUARY/MARCH FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREADS REVERSING



### HOGS

## **USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER**

REVISION FOR OCTOBER 7, 2024\*\*471,000\*\* PREVIOUS 488,000

OCTOBER 8, 2024	484,000
WEEK AGO	486,000
YEAR AGO	487,164
WEEK TO DATE	955,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	971,000
2023 WEEK TO DATE	968,558
2024 YEAR TO DATE	98,754,907
2023 *YEAR TO DATE	97,660,179
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YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE 1.1%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 10/04/2024 WAS 84.26 DOWN 57 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 10/07/2024 AT 95.34 UP 8 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$11.08 THE CME PORK INDEX 10/08/2024

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**CME LEAN HOG INDEX AS OF OCTOBER 04, 2024 = \$84.26** 

**OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS AS OF OCTOBER 08, 2024 = \$84.12** 

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## **WEEKLY FUTURES PRICE CHANGE**

	09/27/2024	10/04/2024
OCTOBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	82.05	84.02
DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS	73.37	76.15
FEBRUARY 2025 LEAN HOGS	77.50	79.82
APRIL 2025 LEAN HOGS	82.70	84.15
JUNE 2025 LEAN HOGS	94.07	95.35
JULY 2025 LEAN HOGS	94.52	95.50
AUGUST 2025 LEAN HOGS	93.45	94.40

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PORK CARCASS PRICES HAS BEEN SEADY TO SLIGHTLY BETTER OVER THE PAST MONTH. PACKER PROFITS ARE POSITIVE AND HAVE BEEN ABOUT THE SAME OVER THE PAST MONTH. CASH HOG PRICES HAVE BEEN MOSTLY STEADY TO A SLOW MOVE UP.

LEAN HOG TRADE VOLUME IS LIGHT. TUESDAY, THE RANGE OF TRADE FOR DECEMBER WAS ONLY \$1.02. FEBRUARY ONLY 80 CENTS. LIGHT VOLUME NEEDS TO BE WATCHED FOR REVERSALS.

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SLAUGHTER FOR 2024 IS WELL OVER 1 MILLION MORE THAN 2023 BUT THE INCREASED SLAUGHTER HASN'T DONE MUCH TO CHANGE THE PRICE. A YEAR AGO THE 5 DAY PORK CARCASS AVERAGE WAS \$94.70 COMPARED TO TUESDAY AT \$95.00. THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX WAS \$83.70 A YEAR AGO IT WAS \$84.26. PORK IS CHEAP COMPARED TO BEEF AND BUYERS KNEW A YEAR AGO CATTLE SALUGHTER WOULD BE DOWN. PRICES WERE CONTRACTED.

THE DAILY MOVEMENT OF PORK IS A MINISCLUE AMOUNT OF THE PORK MOVED. EXPORTS ARE UP IN 2024 AND IT HELPS TO REDUCE THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF HOGS. ESTIMATES FOR 2024 HAVE U.S. CONSUMPTION UP 1.5 POUNDS AND EXPORTS UP 5%.

SLAUGHTER AND WEIGHTS SHOULD START TO GO UP AS MORE ROADS ARE PASSABLE IN THE SOUTHEAST. DEPENDING ON HURRICANE MILTON, AND HOW THE SOUTHEAST WILL BE AFFECTED THIS WEEK COULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

LAST WEEK THE CME PORK CUTOUT WAS UP \$1.36 COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO. THE 5 DAY DAILY PORK CARCASS PRICE WAS UP 68 CENTS. THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX UP 73 CENTS.

SLAUGHTER FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10/5/2024 WAS UP 34,000 FROM A WEEK AGO AND 11,431 PLUS FROM THE SAME PERIOD IN 2023.

**EXPORTS** 

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 43,400 MT UP 61% ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. MEXICO BOUGHT 24,000 MT CHINA TOOK 7,900 MT AND CANADA 2,900 MT. SOUTH KOREA TOOK ONLY 2000 MT AND JAPAN 1500 MT.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 28,000 MT WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 29,000 MT WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 29,700 MT WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2024 NET EXPORTS WERE 16,500 MT

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#### STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - OCTOBER 5, 2024

PACKER MARGINS \$22.33 LAST WEEK \$21.75 MONTH AGO \$22.54 YEAR AGO (\$18.76)

FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$12.16 LAST WEEK \$8.55 MONTH AGO \$13.95 YEAR AGO (\$11.02)

THE PRICES TO CALCULATE MARGINS ARE FROM HOGS SOLD ON NEGOTIATED PRICES AND PORK POSTED ON DAILY CARCASS. BOTH ARE A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL PORK OR HOG SOLD. STERLING MARKETING CAN ONLY USE DATA PROVIDED AND PRIVATE FORMULAS AND GRIDS FOR HOGS AND PORK ARE NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE PACKERS DON'T SHARE CONTRACTED PORK PRICES AND HOG PRODUCERS SELLING ON FORMULAS AND CONTRACTS DON'T SHARE HOW PRICES ARE STRUCTURED.

#### **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: 291.59** 

**LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 32.41** 

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/08/2024	324.00	94.81	90.45	104.31	76.47	133.82	86.06	134.12
CHANGE:		-1.24	-2.25	-0.12	-4.38	3.02	2.04	-1.29
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.00	91.33	104.07	78.02	130.53	84.64	134.13
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/08/2024	198.19	94.81	90.22	105.01	77.37	133.40	87.20	131.83
CHANGE:		-1.24	-2.48	0.58	-3.48	2.60	3.18	-3.58
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.00	91.29	104.21	78.20	130.44	84.87	133.67
2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
10/07/2024	338.08	96.05	92.70	104.43	80.85	130.80	84.02	135.41
CHANGE:		1.74	1.76	2.28	3.59	-0.54	-0.55	1.55
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		95.30	91.79	104.30	78.63	130.00	84.56	134.60
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**HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE OCTOBER 07, 2024** 

**NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE** 

HEAD COUNT 2,136 LOWEST PRICE: 70.00 HIGHEST PRICE: 77.50

WEIGHTED AVERAGE 76.68

**CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY 1.79 HIGHER** 

OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT: 49,907 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 70.10 HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 95.60 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE: 82.07

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SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT 198,392 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 72.81 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 88.43 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 82.83

OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT: 145,962 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 75.30 HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 103.57 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 81.58

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# NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/AMS\_2511.PDF

SLAUGHTER DATA - OCTOBER 7, 2024

\*\*PRODUCER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 216,712
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 283.24
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 211.73

PACKER SOLD:
HEAD COUNT 33,554
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 284.30
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 212.80

PACKER OWNED:
HEAD COUNT 184,119
AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 281.68
AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 213.08

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DECEMBER 2024/FEBRUARY 2025 LEAN HOG SPREAD -

FEBRUARY 2025 LEAN HOGS -

# DECEMBER 2024 LEAN HOGS - VOLUME AT 21436 A CLOSE OVER 77.00 NEEDED TO MOVE TO NEXT RESISTANCE AT 79.55 SUPPORT AT 76.37



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