



WEDNESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 26, 2025 LIVESTOCK REPORT
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# **CATTLE**

122,000 **FEBRUARY 25, 2025** 118,000 **WEEK AGO YEAR AGO** 123,986 **WEEK TO DATE** 217,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK** 213,000 **PREVIOUS WEEK 2024** 245,479 **2025 YEAR TO DATE** 4,028,345 **2024 YEAR TO DATE** 5,001,179 PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE -8.0%

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2:00 PM FEBRUARY 25, 2025

BOXED BEEF CHOICE SELECT CURRENT CUTOUT VALUES: 314.32 304.13 CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY: 0.59 0.16 CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD: 10.19

TOTAL LOAD COUNT (CUTS, TRIMMINGS, GRINDS: 144

5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE: 313.36 303.44

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CME BOXED BEEF INDEX ON 02/24/2025 WAS 311.38 DOWN .20 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

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2:00 PM FEBRUARY 25, 2025	
PRIMAL RIB 466.47	443.54
PRIMAL CHUCK 264.34	263.08
PRIMAL ROUND 283.33	279.48
PRIMAL LOIN 408.34	378.45
PRIMAL BRISKET 242.18	242.65
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE 222.08	222.08
PRIMAL FLANK 150.40	149.95
2:00 PM FEBRUARY 24, 2025	
PRIMAL RIB 466.62	435.12
PRIMAL CHUCK 267.82	263.79
PRIMAL ROUND 284.64	286.96
PRIMAL LOIN 402.94	377.72
PRIMAL BRISKET 240.07	238.93
PRIMAL SHORT PLATE 215.41	215.41
PRIMAL FLANK 144.28	3 142.14

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### LOAD COUNT AND CUTOUT VALUE SUMMARY FOR PRIOR 5 DAYS

DATE	CHOICE	SELECT	TRIM	<b>GRINDS</b>	TOTAL	600-900	600-900
02/24	46	16	9	13	85	313.73	303.97
02/21	96	10	46	22	174	310.77 FRIDA	Y 302.56 FRIDAY
02/20	63	21	6	11	101	312.63	303.18
02/19	79	14	8	19	121	313.89	303.76
02/18	85	27	14	14	140	315.77	303.71

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. **FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AFTERNOON** 

CHOICE CUTS	94.87 LOADS	3,794,603 POUNDS			
SELECT CUTS	21.76 LOADS	870,590 POUNDS			
TRIMMINGS	15.84 LOADS	633,530 POUNDS			
<b>GROUND BEEF</b>	11.74 LOADS	469,775 POUNDS			
(ONE LOAD EQUALS 40,000 POUNDS)					

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**FEBRUARY 2025 USDA REPORTS** 

**COLD STORAGE REPORT – FEBRUARY 26, 2025** 

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#### FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE DELIVERIES

**0 DELIVERIES ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025** 

DATE 02/25/2025 SETTLEMENT: \$199.50

OLDEST LONG 11/13/2024 \$178.72

FEBRUARY LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST AS OF 02/26/2024 IS 1,713 CONTRACTS

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FEBRUARY 2025 LIVE CATTLE SETTLED ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AT \$199.50 5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG STEER PRICE ON FEBRUARY 25, 2025 WAS \$199.61

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USDA CATTLE ON FEED REPORT FEBRUARY 21, 2025

	RANGE	AVERAGE	ACTUAL	<b>ACTUAL HEAD</b>	ESTIMATE HEAD
ON FEED AS OF FEBRUARY 1	98.6-100	99.2	99	11.716	11.703
PLACEMENTS IN JANUARY	98.3-106.1	102.2	102	1.822	1.830
MARKETINGS IN JANUARY	101.6-102.5	102.1	101	1.869	1.882

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BOXED BEEF PRICES WERE UP MONDAY AND TUESDAY AS PACKERS KEEP KILL DOWN. PACKERS PICK THE CATTLE THEY NEED TO FILL CONTRACT ORDERS AND ON LOW KILL HAVE JUST ENOUGH CATTLE TO MEET DAILY ORDERS. PACKER MARGINS ON CATTLE THEY BUY ON THE SHOWLIST AND BEEF SOLD ON THE DAILY MARKET HAVE BEEN LOSING MONEY. LAST WEEK SLAUGHTER WAS 21,486 HEAD LESS THAN A YEAR AGO FOR THE SAME PERIOD, HOWEVER, WITH HEAVIER CATTLE, UP 50 POUNDS FROM A YEAR AGO, BEEF PRODUCTION WAS UP .4%. PACKERS ARE WORKING FEWER HOURS AND GETTING THE BEEF THEY NEED. THEY AREN'T GOING TO KILL ANY EXTRA THAN WHAT IS NEEDED.

SLAUGHTER SHOULD BE LARGER THIS WEEK AS CATTLE THAT WERE HELD BACK LAST WEEK DUE TO SUBZERO TEMPERATURES ARE MOVED THIS WEEK. PRODUCERS NEED TO MOVE CATTLE AND TRY TO GET WEIGHTS DOWN AND CATTLE MORE CURRENT. THE HIGHER WEIGHTS ALLOW PACKERS TO KILL FEWER CATTLE AND HAVE HIGHER BEEF PRODUCTION.

TUESDAY TRADERS WERE BUYING CATTLE AND SELING HOGS AND NARROWING SPREADS BETWEEN APRIL CATTLE AND JUNE CATTLE. VOLUME WAS LIGHT AND IT WAS MOSTLY SPREADING.

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FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2025 LIVE CATTLE WEIGHTS WERE DOWN 2 POUNDS OVER THE PRE-VIOUS WEEK BUT UP 50 POUNDS COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO. DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE THE SAME AS A WEEK AGO AND 40 POUNDS MORE THAN A YEAR AGO.

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CASH CATTLE PRICES LAST WEEK WERE DOWN \$3.00 TO \$4.00 MIDWEST CATTLE \$198.00 TO \$2.00 WITH MOST AT \$2.00 DRESSED PRICES \$315.00 DOWN \$5.00. CATTLE IN THE SOUTHWEST \$199.00.

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BOXED BEEF WAS LOWER LAST WEEK. COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO CHOICE BEEF ON FRIDAY WAS \$310.77 DOWN \$3.93 FROM A WEEK AGO AND SELECT BEEF WAS \$302.56 DOWN \$4.58. THE CME BEEF INDEX WAS DOWN \$5.77.

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#### **EXPORTS**

BEEF EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13 2025 WERE 21,500 MT

TOTAL NET SALES FOR 2025 110,100 MT
FOR SAME PERIOD IN 2024 122,500 MT
TOTAL NET EXPORT SALES DOWN 12,400 MT FOR 2025
(TABLES AT THE BOTTOM OF REPORT)

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\*\*\*NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT CATTLE 02/25/2025
5 DAY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG

WEIGHT PRICE HEAD
LIVE STEER: 1511 \$199.61 23,270
LIVE HEIFER: 1379 \$199.63 10,627
DRESSED STEER 967 \$315.18 5,335
DRESSED HEIFER: 878 \$315.16 1,487

USDA POSTED SUMMARY CATTLE PRICES ON 02/25/2025 FOB STEER AND HEIFER COMBINED PRICES UNLESS NOTED

IA/MN – CASH FOB – NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED DELIVERED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

LIVE DELIVERED - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

NE – CASH FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED NO REPORTABLE TRADE

DRESSED FOB - NO REPORTABLE TRADE.

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

# TX/OK/NM - CASH - NO REPORTABLE TRADE

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# WEEKLY BEEF PRODUCTION (MILLIONS OF POUNDS) - FEB 22, 2025

**WEEK ENDING: BEEF** 22-FEB-25 491.1 15 -FEB-25 489.2 CHANGE: 0.4% 24 FEB-24 491.1 CHANGE: 0.0% 2025 YTD 3825.1 2024 YTD 3969.7 CHANGE: -3.6%

### **AVERAGE WEIGHTS (POUNDS) CATTLE**

### **WEEK ENDING LIVE:**

22-FEB-25 ESTIMATE 1437 15 -FEB-25 ESTIMATE 1439 24 -FEB-24 ACTUAL 1387

DRESSED:

 22-FEB-25
 ESTIMATE
 874

 15 -FEB-25
 ESTIMATE
 874

 24 -FEB-24
 ACTUAL
 834

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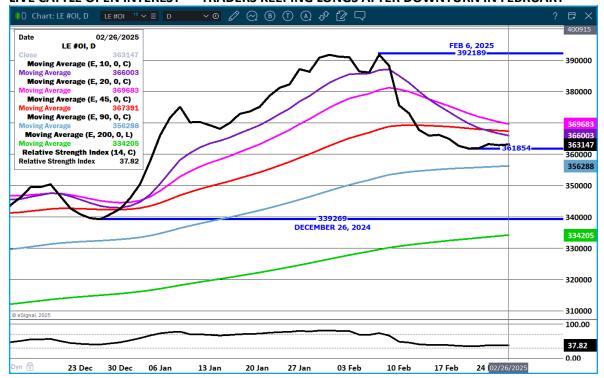
### STERLING MARKETING BEEF MARGINS WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 2025

PACKER MARGIN (\$/HEAD (\$195.60) LAST WEEK \$278.73 MONTH AGO (\$88.60) YEAR AGO (\$76.88) FEEDLOT MARGINS \$237.36 LAST WEEK \$277.47 MONTH AGO \$325.69 YEAR AGO (\$54.13) STERLING MARKETING USES THE COMPREHENSIVE BEEF CUTOUT VALUE REPORTED BY USDA.

Lower packer margin reflects raising freight cost of cattle to the plant.

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### LIVE CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - TRADERS KEEPING LONGS AFTER DOWNTURN IN FEBRUARY



# JUNE LIVE CATTLE/JUNE LEAN HOGS - CATTLE GAINING ON HOGS DURING MARCH LOOK FOR CATTLE TO GAIN ON HOGS FOR JUNE SPREAD



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# APRIL/JUNE LIVE CATTLE SPREAD - BULL SPREAD WEAKENING



### APRIL LIVE CATTLE- RESISTANCE AT 190.75 TO 198.10 SUPPORT AT 193.02 VOLUME AT 25.859



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# JUNE LIVE CATTLE - CLOSED ABOVE ALL MOVING AVERAGES. SUPPORT AT 191.35 RESISTANCE AT 193.35 TO 196.00



### **FEEDER CATTLE**

CME FEEDER INDEX ON 02/24/2024 WAS 279.44 UP .07 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

MARCH 2025 FEEDER CATTLE SETTLED ON 02/25/2025 AT \$274.22

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NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING 02/22/2025

RECEIPTS:	<b>AUCTIONS</b>	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	80,300	11,400	53,400	145,100
LAST WEEK:	150,000	16,300	6,000	172,300
YEAR AGO:	281,800	40,200	57,900	379,900

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, ON A LIGHT TEST STEERS SOLD UNEVENLY STEADY 2.00 LOWER TO 2.00 HIGHER, WHILE HEIFERS SOLD 4.00 TO 8.00 LOWER. DEMAND FOR THE FEEDER STEERS WAS STRONG ACROSS ALL WEIGHT CLASSES, DESPITE EXTREME COLD WEATHER. PRODUCERS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON HIGH MARKET PRICES.

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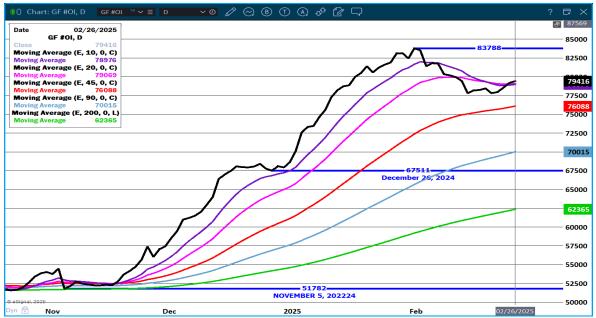
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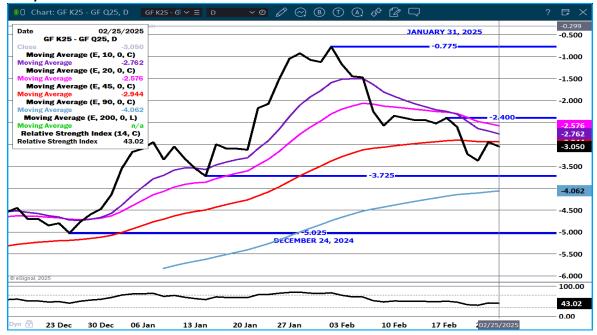
#### MARCH FEEDER FUTURES IS NARROWING THE CASH INDEX AS FUTURES MOVE HIGHER.

TRADERS ARE ALSO REVERSING FEEDER CATTLE SPREADS THAT HAVE BEEN BULL SPREAD TO BEAR SPREADS.

#### FEEDER CATTLE OPEN INTEREST - LONGS RE-ENTERING

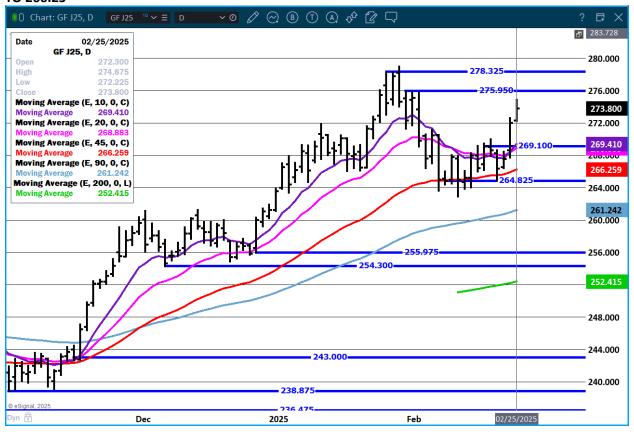


### MAY/AUGUST FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD



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# APRIL FEEDER CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 275.95 TO 278.32 CONTRACT HIGH CLOSE SUPPORT AT 26935 TO 266.25



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# **HOGS**

FEBRUARY 25, 2025,	489,000
WEEK AGO	478,000
YEAR AGO	491,569
WEEK TO DATE	979,000
PREVIOUS WEEK	968,000
PREVIOUS WEEK 2024	979,753
2025 YEAR TO DATE	20,120,483
2024 YEAR TO DATE	21,277,847
PERCENT CHANGE YEAR TO DATE	-5.4%

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CME LEAN HOG INDEX ON 02/21/2025 WAS 89.68 DOWN .85 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

CME PORK CUTOUT INDEX 02/24/2025 AT 96.86 DOWN .63 FROM PREVIOUS DAY

THE CME LEAN HOG INDEX IS MINUS \$7.18 TO THE CME PORK INDEX 02/25/2025

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PACKER MARGINS DROPPED TO NEGATIVE. AS MORE HOGS BECOME AVAILABLE AND WEIGHTS INCREASE, IT WILL BE HARD FOR PACKERS TO SLOW KILL. INSTEAD THEY WILL LOWER HOG PRICES.

CHINA'S PORK CONSUMPTION HAS NO MORE ROOM TO GROW, SAYS RESEARCHER - REUTERS NEWS

HTTPS://WWW.PORKBUSINESS.COM/NEWS/INDUSTRY/CHINAS-PORK-CONSUMPTION-HAS-NO-MORE-ROOM-GROW-RESEARCHER-SAYS

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**EXPORTS** 

NET EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 2025 WERE 25,600 COMPARED TO A WEEK AGO AT 24,900 MT AND 27% DOWN ON THE 4 WEEK AVERAGE. MEXICO BOUGHT 5700 MT COMPARED TO 5000 MT LAST WEEK. JAPAN TOOK 4100 MT COMPARED TO 6500 A WEEK AGO

TOTAL NET SALES FOR 2025 233,800 MT FOR SAME PERIOD IN 2024 263,700 MT DOWN IN 2025 = -29,900 MT

TOTAL NET SALES FOR MEXICO 2025 84,800 MT TOTAL NET SALES FOR MEXICO 2024 88,900 MT DOWN IN 2025 = 4,100 MT

(TABLES AT THE BOTTOM OF REPORT)

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STERLING PORK PROFIT TRACKER WEEK ENDING - FEBRUARY 22, 2025

PACKER MARGINS (\$1.41) LAST WEEK \$6.59 MONTH AGO 66.61 YEAR AGO \$27.76

FARROW TO FINISH MARGIN \$49.50 LAST WEEK \$44.71 MONTH AGO \$25.23 YEAR AGO (\$4.47)

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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**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%

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**LOADS PORK CUTS: 261.62** 

LOADS TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 57.38

2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/25/2025	319.00	95.65	85.56	110.15	69.21	152.06	84.92	142.14
CHANGE:		-2.78	-4.69	-0.87	-0.64	2.20	-2.92	-5.02
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		96.14	86.86	108.95	68.89	150.47	86.63	142.8
11:00 AM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/25/2025	175.03	96.58	86.25	110.80	70.30	151.61	85.97	144.19
CHANGE:		-1.85	-4.00	-0.22	0.45	1.75	-1.87	-2.97
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		96.33	87.00	109.08	69.11	150.38	86.84	143.25
2:00 PM	LOADS	CARCASS	LOIN	BUTT	PIC	RIB	HAM	BELLY
02/24/2025	245.74	98.43	90.25	111.02	69.85	149.86	87.84	147.16
CHANGE:		1.36	1.24	2.02	0.93	-0.92	-0.02	2.75
FIVE DAY AVERAGE		96.90	87.17	108.52	68.70	149.80	87.50	146.56

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### **HOG REPORT - PLANT DELIVERED PURCHASE FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

NATIONAL NEGOTIATED PRICE
HEAD COUNT 4,355
LOWEST PRICE: 86.00
HIGHEST PRICE 92.00
WEIGHTED AVERAGE 88.84

**CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY 0.24 HIGHER** 

**OTHER MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)** 

HEAD COUNT: 25,758 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 70.67 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 93.99 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 82.69

SWINE/PORK MARKET FORMULA (CARCASS)

HEAD COUNT 148,413 LOWEST BASE PRICE: 66.75 HIGHEST BASE PRICE 95.00 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 88.34

**OTHER PURCHASE ARRANGEMENT (CARCASS)** 

HEAD COUNT: 58,551 LOWEST BASE PRICE 79.71 HIGHEST BASE PRICE: 97.69 WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 88.29

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### WEEKLY PORK PRODUCTION (MILLION POUNDS) SATURDAY, FEB 15, 2025

**WEEK ENDING PORK** 22-FEB-25 551.8 15-FEB-25 551.2 CHANGE: 0.1% 24 FEB-24 556.3 -0.8% CHANGE: 2025 YTD 4176.5 2024 YTD 4403.6 CHANGE: -5.2%

### WEEKENDING SATURDAY, SATURDAY, FEB 15, 2025

**AVERAGE WEIGHTS (LBS) HOGS** 

**WEEK ENDING LIVE:** 

 22-FEB-25
 ESTIMATE
 292

 15-FEB-25
 ESTIMATE
 292

 24 FEB-24
 ACTUAL
 290

DRESSED:

22-FEB-25 ESTIMATE 218 15-FEB-25 ESTIMATE 218 24- FEB-24 ACTUAL 216

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**SLAUGHTER DATA - FEBRUARY 24, 2025** 

\*\*PRODUCER SOLD:

**HEAD COUNT 230,003** 

**AVERAGE LIVE WEIGHT 288.68** 

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 216.25** 

PACKER SOLD:

HEAD COUNT 33,549

**AVERAGE LIVE 286.63** 

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 214.83** 

PACKER OWNED:

**HEAD COUNT 186,414** 

**AVERAGE LIVE 282.85** 

**AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT 214.32** 

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# LEAN HOG OPEN INTEREST - LONGS AREN'T KEEPING TRADES



# APRIL/JUNE HOG SPREAD – BULL SPREAD - DURING MARCH COULD SEE SPREAD WIDENING A YEAR AGO IT WIDENED TO OVER MINUS \$18.



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### APRIL LEAN HOGS - VOLUME 25,859 SUPPORT AT 86.35 TO 85.45 RESISTANCE AT 88.27 TO 89.40



### JUNE LEAN HOGS - SUPPORT AT 97.95 TO 97.10 RESISTANCE AT 101.70 TO 102.30



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