

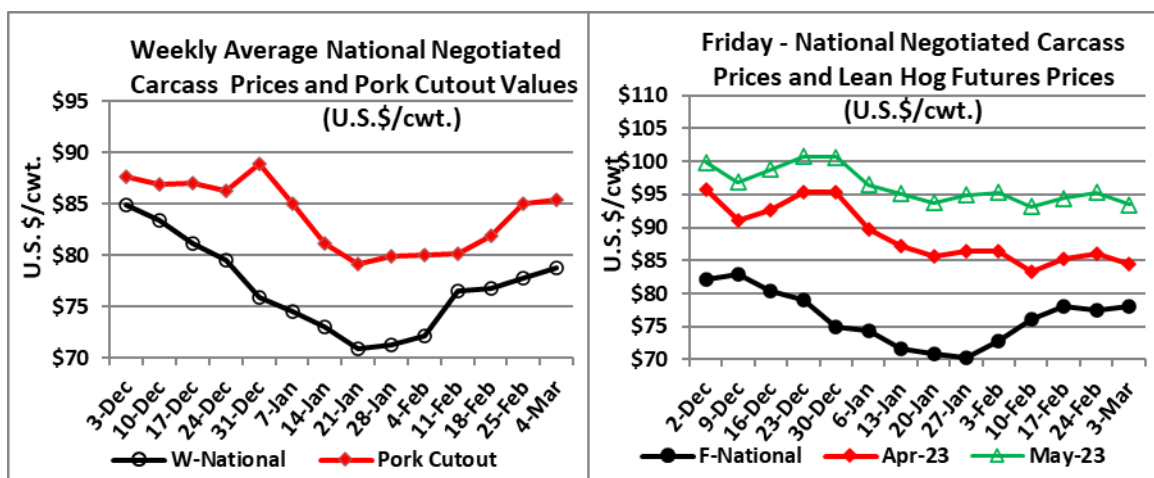
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Bi-Weekly Hog Report

March 6, 2023

Cash Slaughter Weight Hog Prices

United States daily average slaughter weight cash hog prices (National Negotiated) were overall steady last week with prices peaking on Wednesday, before pulling back. Daily average prices managed to edge higher, week-over-week. Cash hog prices on Friday March 3rd averaged US\$78.07 per cwt, a price increase of US\$0.53 per cwt or 0.7 per cent from US\$77.54 per cwt the previous Friday. The negotiated weekly average National base price averaged US\$78.73 per cwt last week, a price increase of US\$0.91 per cwt from US\$77.82 per cwt the previous week.



Source: LMIC

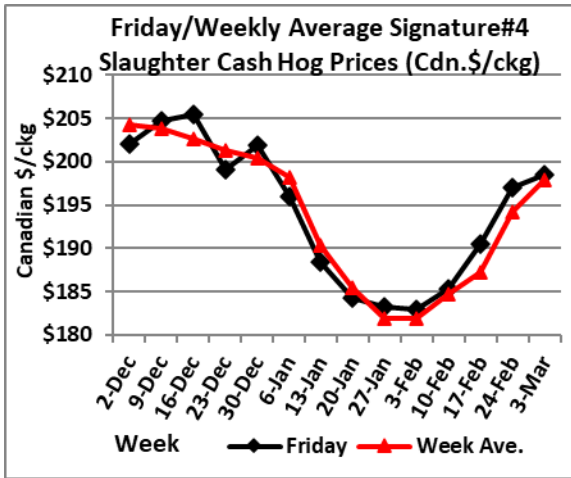
Source: LMIC, CME

Futures Markets

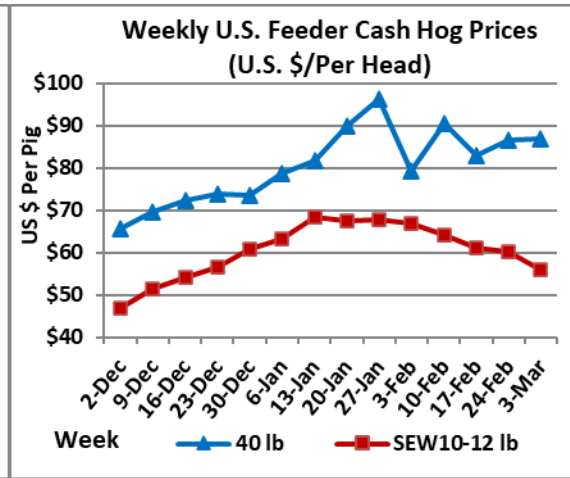
United States lean hog futures prices primarily trended lower last week to end the week lower, week-over-week. The nearby April 2023 lean hog futures contract settled Friday at US\$8.550 per cwt, a price decline of US\$1.750 per cwt or 1.7 per cent from the previous Friday's close of US\$86.025 per cwt. The May 2023 contract declined US\$1.850 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$93.500 per cwt, while the June 2023 contract declined US\$2.850 per cwt to settle Friday at US\$100.625 per cwt.

Cash Feeder Hog Prices

North American (Iowa) iso-wean (10-12lb) cash hog prices and feeder (40lb) prices were mixed last week. Weighted average cash prices for U.S. based iso-weans (12lb) were US\$55.93 per head last week, a price decline of US\$4.36 per pig or 7.2 per cent from US\$60.29 per head the previous week. Feeder (40lb) cash prices averaged US\$86.89 per head last week, a small price increase of US\$0.51 per head from US\$86.38 per head the previous week.



Source: HAMS Marketing



Source: LMIC, USDA

Canadian Hog Markets

In Canada, the Signature#4 (Maple Leaf) Index 100 daily price for Friday March 3, 2023, was \$198.49 per ckg, a price increase of \$1.52 per ckg from \$196.97 per ckg from the previous Friday. The Signature#4 (Maple Leaf) Index 100 weekly price (Friday to Thursday) averaged \$197.95 per ckg last week; a price increase of \$3.77 per ckg from the previous weeks' average price of \$194.18 per ckg. The Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar did not change much last week settling Friday at 73.48 cents, a slight price increase from 73.41 cents the previous Friday.

United States Hogs Slaughtered

U.S. hogs slaughtered under federal inspection for the week ending March 4, 2023, were estimated at 2.520 million head, a 6.1 per cent increase from the previous week's estimate of 2.375 million head, and up 4.2 per cent from 2.419 million head the same week a year ago. Weekly U.S. hog slaughter numbers over the last four weeks averaged 2.465 million head, down 0.5 per cent from 2.477 million head over the same period a year ago. U.S hog slaughter numbers over the last eight weeks averaged 2.528 million head, up 2.8 per cent from 2.459 million head over the same period a year ago.

Meat Production

U.S. pork production for the week ending March 4, 2023, was estimated at 545.3 million lb., up 6.0 per cent from 514.5 million lb. the previous week, and up 3.5 per cent from 526.7 million lb. the same week a year ago. Pork production over the last four weeks ending March 4, 2023, was estimated to average 533.3 million lb., down 1.3 per cent from 540.2 million lb. over the same period a year ago. Pork production over the last eight weeks ending March 4, 2023, averaged 548.5 million lb., up 2.1 per cent from 537.5 million lb. the same period a year ago.

U.S. beef production for the week ending March 4, 2023, was estimated at 518.4 million lb., up 1.7 per cent from 509.8 million lb. the previous week, but down 6.3 per cent from 553.4 million lb. the same week a year ago.

Combined production of U.S. beef, pork, chicken, and turkey over the last four weeks ending February 25, 2023, were estimated to average 2.243 billion lb., down 0.9 percent from 2.262 billion lb. over the same four weeks a year ago. Based on the weekly production numbers U.S. meat production over the first eight weeks of 2023, was only 0.3 per cent lower compared to the same eight-weeks a year ago. Pork production over the first eight-weeks in 2023 was 0.6 per cent higher compared to the same eight-week period in 2022.

United States Weekly Meat Production

	(Feb.25) Four Week Average - Million Lb.		Percent Change	
	2022	2023	4 Week	2023
Pork	541.3	537.3	-0.74%	0.60%
Beef	552.0	516.9	-6.36%	-4.25%
Chicken	1,043.5	1,067.0	2.26%	1.67%
Turkey	125.7	121.7	-3.15%	-3.58%
Total	2,262.5	2,243.0	-0.862%	-0.298%

Source: LMIC

Cutout Values

Pork cutout values for the week ending March 4, 2023, averaged US\$85.43 per cwt, a price increase of US\$0.40 per cwt or 0.5 per cent from US\$85.03 per cwt the previous week; but down 20.8 per cent from US\$107.86 per cwt from the same week a year ago. Belly prices had the biggest losses over the week declining 7.0 per cent to average US\$100.45 per cwt. Hams had the biggest price gains increasing 3.9 per cent to average US\$83.98 per cwt, while loins increased 2.1 per cent to average US\$84.51 per cwt.

Choice beef cutout prices (600-900 lb.) for the week ending March 4, 2023, averaged US\$288.59 per cwt over the week, a price increase of US\$1.95 per cwt or 0.7 per cent from US\$286.64 per cwt from the previous week. Current beef cutout values are 12.9 per cent higher than the same week a year ago when they averaged US\$255.72 per cwt.

Average chicken cutout values (breast) for the week ending March 4, 2023, averaged US\$132.15 per cwt, a price increase of US\$2.14 per cwt or 1.6 per cent from US\$130.01 per cwt from the previous week.

Meat In U.S. Cold Storage

USDA released the latest U.S. cold storage numbers on February 24 for the January 31, 2023, inventory numbers. The United States' pork stocks in cold storage totaled 517.7 million lb. on January 31, 2023, up 19.2 per cent from 434.4 million lb. a year ago on January 31, 2022; and up 13.4 per cent from 456.4 million lb. a month ago on Dec. 31, 2022. U.S. pork stocks in cold storage for January 31, 2023, were below the monthly 18-year average and the monthly 18-year highs for January.

U.S. beef stocks in cold storage totaled 532.7 million lb. on January 31, 2023, up 1.3 per cent from 525.7 million lb. a year ago on January 31, 2022; but down 2.1 per cent from 544.0 million lb. the previous month on December 31, 2022. Beef stocks in cold storage for January 31, 2023, were above the monthly 18-year average for January, but still below the monthly 18-year highs for January.

United States Stocks in Cold Storage (Frozen)

1,000 Pounds			
Commodity	31-Jan-2022	31-Dec-2022	31-Jan-2023
Pork	434,415	456,379	517,727
Beef	525,724	543,955	532,733
Chicken	771,304	931,844	866,111
Turkey	243,749	189,715	284,506
Total Combined	1,975,192	2,121,893	2,201,077

Source: NASS

Total pork, beef, chicken and turkey in cold storage on January 31, 2023, was estimated to be 2.201 billion lb., up 11.4 per cent from 1.975 billion lb. a year ago on January 31, 2022; and up 3.7 per cent from 2.122 billion lb. on December 31, 2022. U.S. meat in cold storage for January 31, 2023, was above the monthly 18-year average, but well below the monthly 18-year highs for January.

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