

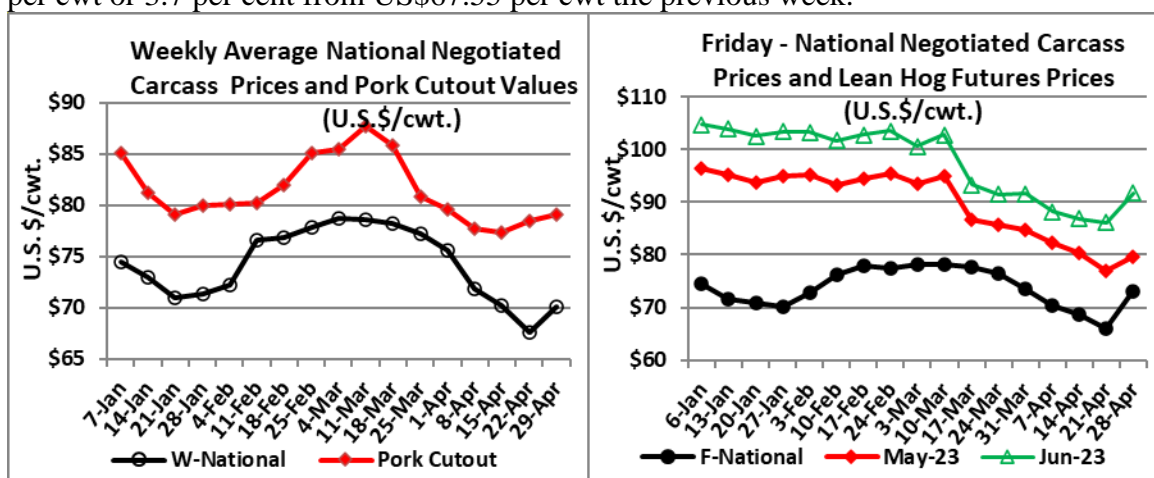
*This information is provided as a resource by Saskatchewan Agriculture staff.
All prices are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.
 Please use this information at your own risk.*

Bi-Weekly Hog Report

May 1, 2023

Cash Slaughter Weight Hog Prices

United States daily average slaughter weight cash hog prices (National Negotiated) moved higher last week after trending lower since mid- March. Cash hog prices on Friday April 28 averaged US\$72.95 per cwt, a price increase of US\$6.90 per cwt or 10.4 per cent from US\$66.05 per cwt the previous Friday. The negotiated weekly average National base price averaged US\$70.08 per cwt last week, a price increase of US\$2.53 per cwt or 3.7 per cent from US\$67.55 per cwt the previous week.



Source: LMIC

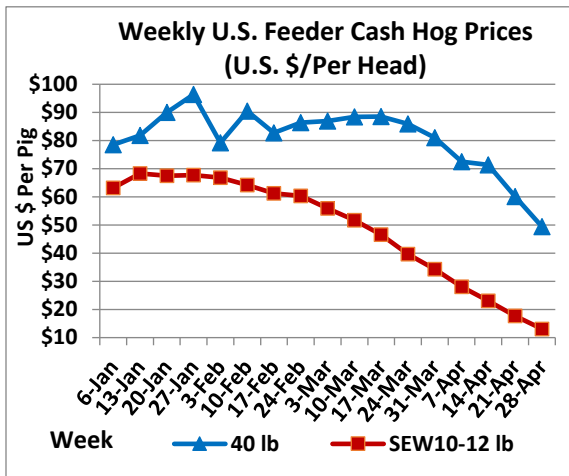
Source: LMIC, CME

Futures Markets

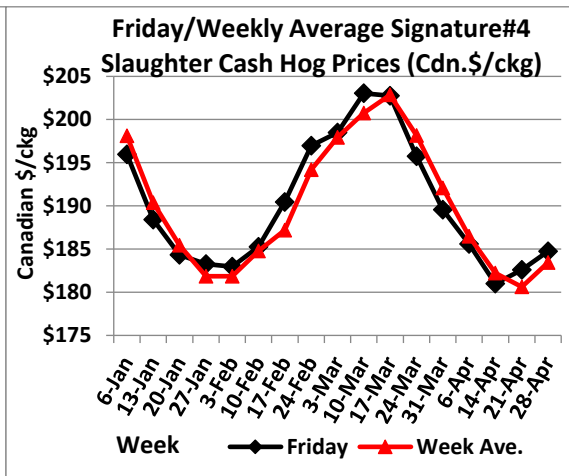
United States lean hog futures prices also moved higher last week after trending primarily lower since mid-March. The nearby May 2023 lean hog futures contract increased US\$2.625 per cwt or 3.4 per cent from the previous Friday's close to settle Friday at US\$79.650 per cwt. The June 2023 contract increased US\$5.625 per cwt and the July 2023 contract increased US\$4.875 per cwt, with the June contract settling Friday at US\$91.700 per cwt, while the July contract settled Friday at US\$93.675 per cwt.

Cash Feeder Hog Prices

North American (Iowa) iso-wean (10-12lb) cash hog prices and feeder (40lb) prices continued to trend lower last week and have declined significantly since early March. Weighted average cash prices for U.S. based iso-weans (12lb) were US\$13.09 per head last week, down US\$4.66 per pig or 26.3 per cent from US\$17.75 per head the previous week, and down over US\$42 per pig or almost 77 per cent from the first week in March. Feeder (40lb) cash prices averaged US\$49.45 per head last week, a price decline of US\$10.66 per head or 17.7 per cent from US\$60.11 per head the previous week. Feeder prices are over US\$37 per pig or 43 per cent lower since the first week in March 2023.



Source: HAMS Marketing



Source: LMIC, USDA

Canadian Hog Markets

In Canada, the Signature#4 (Maple Leaf) Index 100 daily price for Friday April 28, 2023, was \$184.76 per ckg, a price increase of \$2.18 per ckg or 1.2 per cent from \$182.58 per ckg from the previous Friday. The Signature#4 (Maple Leaf) Index 100 weekly price (Friday to Thursday) averaged \$183.44 per ckg last week; a price increase of \$2.82 per ckg or 1.6 per cent from the previous weeks' average price of \$180.62 per ckg. The Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar declined slightly (0.21 cents) last week to settle Friday at 73.65 cents, down from 73.86 cents the previous Friday.

United States Hogs Slaughtered

U.S. hogs slaughtered under federal inspection for the week ending April 29, 2023, were estimated at 2.387 million head, a 2.7 per cent decline from the previous week's estimate of 2.454 million head, but a 0.9 per cent increase from 2.366 million head the same week a year ago. Weekly U.S. hog slaughter numbers over the last four weeks averaged 2.409 million head, up 1.3 per cent from 2.379 million head over the same period a year ago. U.S hog slaughter numbers over the last eight weeks averaged 2.449 million head, up 1.7 per cent from 2.408 million head over the same period a year ago.

Meat Production

U.S. pork production for the week ending April 29, 2023, was estimated at 518.2 million lb., down 2.7 per cent from 532.6 million lb. the previous week, and almost unchanged from 517.3 million lb. the same week a year ago. Pork production over the last four weeks ending April 29, 2023, was estimated to average 523.1 million lb., up 0.65 per cent from 519.7 million lb. over the same period a year ago. Pork production over the last eight weeks ending April 29, 2023, averaged 531.8 million lb., up 1.1 per cent from 526.1 million lb. the same period a year ago.

U.S. beef production for the week ending April 29, 2023, was estimated at 507.9 million lb., down 0.4 per cent from 509.7 million lb. the previous week, and down 5.1 per cent from 535.0 million lb. the same week a year ago.

Combined production of U.S. beef, pork, chicken, and turkey over the last four weeks ending April 22, 2023, were estimated to average 2.194 billion lb., down 1.1 percent from

2.218 billion lb. over the same four weeks a year ago. Based on the weekly production numbers U.S. meat production over the first sixteen weeks of 2023, was 0.6 per cent lower compared to the same period a year ago in 2022. U.S. beef production over the last four weeks was 6.0 per cent lower compared to the same period a year ago, while beef production year-to-date for the first sixteen weeks in 2023 was 4.8 per cent lower compared to the same period a year ago.

United States Weekly Meat Production

| | (Apr.22) Four Week Average - Million Lb. | | Percent Change | |
|--------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2022 | 2023 | 4 Week | YTD 2023 |
| Pork | 524.0 | 528.4 | 0.84% | 1.02% |
| Beef | 540.9 | 508.6 | -5.99% | -4.82% |
| Chicken | 1,036.4 | 1,038.9 | 0.24% | 1.04% |
| Turkey | 116.6 | 118.7 | 1.77% | -3.78% |
| Total | 2,217.9 | 2,194.5 | -1.057% | -0.648% |

Source: LMIC

Cutout Values

Pork cutout values for the week ending April 29, 2023, averaged US\$79.12 per cwt, a price increase of US\$0.73 per cwt or 0.9 per cent from US\$78.39 per cwt the previous week; but **down 24.8 per cent** from US\$105.18 per cwt from the same week a year ago. Belly prices had the biggest losses over the week from the three main cutouts with prices declining US\$2.73 per cwt or 3.1 per cent to average US\$79.91 per cwt. Ham prices were higher with price gains of 1.3 per cent to average US\$72.59 per cwt, while loin prices increased 1.4 per cent to average US\$81.69 per cwt last week.

Choice beef cutout prices (600-900 lb.) for the week ending April 29, 2023, averaged US\$309.30 per cwt over the week, a price increase of 0.9 per cent from US\$306.51 per cwt from the previous week. Current beef cutout values are 17.5 per cent higher than the same week a year ago when they averaged US\$263.21 per cwt.

Average chicken cutout values (breast) for the week ending April 29, 2023, averaged US\$130.95 per cwt, a price increase of US\$0.90 per cwt or 0.7 per cent from US\$130.05 per cwt from the previous week.

Meat In U.S. Cold Storage

USDA released the latest U.S. cold storage numbers on April 25th for the March 31, 2023, inventory numbers. The United States' pork stocks in cold storage totaled 533.9 million lb. on March 31, 2023, up 9.9 per cent from 486.0 million lb. a year ago on March 31, 2022; and up 2.4 per cent from 521.6 million lb. a month ago on February 28, 2023. U.S. pork stocks in cold storage for March 31, 2023, were below the monthly 15-year average and the monthly 15-year highs for March.

U.S. beef stocks in cold storage totaled 480.9 million lb. on March 31, 2023, down 10.3 per cent from 535.8 million lb. a year ago on March 31, 2022; and down 4.0 per cent from 500.8 million lb. the previous month on February 28, 2023. Beef stocks in cold storage for March 31, 2023, were above the monthly 15-year average for March, but below the monthly highs for March.

United States Stocks in Cold Storage (Frozen)

| 1,000 Pounds | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Commodity | 31-Mar-2022 | 28-Feb-2023 | 31-Mar-2023 |
| Pork | 485,999 | 521,606 | 533,916 |
| Beef | 535,839 | 500,783 | 480,896 |
| Chicken | 786,243 | 865,786 | 854,132 |
| Turkey | 308,087 | 317,477 | 338,327 |
| Total Combined | 2,116,168 | 2,205,652 | 2,207,271 |

Source: NASS

Total pork, beef, chicken and turkey in cold storage on March 31, 2023, was estimated to be 2.207 billion lb., up 4.3 per cent from 2.116 billion lb. a year ago on March 31, 2022; and only slightly higher from 2.206 billion lb. a month ago on February 28, 2023. U.S. meat in cold storage for March 31, 2022, was above the monthly 15-year average, but well below the monthly 15-year highs for March.

For more information, contact:

Brad Marceniuk, PAg, MSc, BSA
Provincial Livestock Economist
(306) 933-5098
brad.marceniuk@gov.sk.ca