

Beef, Veal and Lamb Report

Beef, Veal & Lamb- Beef output last week declined 1.2% but was a whopping 8.8% more than the same week last year. The USDA is projecting spring beef production to be 7.4% larger than the previous year which should temper any pending price gains for the grill season. The fairly flat beef prices are starting to encourage some demand with spot sales last week the second biggest in over two months. Forward beef sales for delivery 22-90 days out have been solid as of late as well. Retailers continue to feature beef. During January, retail beef prices were down 4.5% from last year with the average price for ground beef the lowest in three years. Low retail prices may underpin the wholesale beef markets in March.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Ground Beef 81/19	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120 Brisket (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Lower
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
168 Inside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 1x1 Strip (ch)	Steady	Good	Lower
180 1x1 Strip (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Lower
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
50% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Lower
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Lower

