

Pork

Pork production last week declined .2% but was 3.3% larger than the same week the previous year. Still, the wholesale pork belly markets remain elevated due in a larger part to retail feature activity. During January, the average retail bacon price was the second lowest since the spring of 2013. Rising wholesale markets should cause retail prices to rise in the coming months which could dampen bacon demand. Thus, the upside price risk in the wholesale pork belly markets from here is believed to only be modest.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Sow	Increasing	Ample	Lower
Belly (bacon)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ham (20-23 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Ham (23-27 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Loin (bone in)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Picnic, untrmd	Decreasing	Good	Higher
SS Picnic, smoker trm box	Increasing	Good	Lower
42% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
72% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher

