



**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** Prior to the Christmas-week slowdown, beef production exceeded expectations coming in at an estimated 7.1% over the year prior; With both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day falling on weekdays this year, Christmas week beef production was light, down 12% year-over-year. December's Cattle on Feed report confirmed expectations for smaller placements vs. 2017. With fewer cattle entering feedlots throughout the fall, expectations remain for tighter inventories of market ready cattle heading into late Q1 and extending into Q2. Beef demand was fantastic throughout 2018 and, if movement remains as brisk into 2019, risk to the wholesale beef cutouts will be to the upside this winter.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Higher
167a Knckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
168 Inside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Steady	Good	Lower
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Lower
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Lower

