

ArrowStream

Beef, Veal & Lamb- Last week, beef production fell 4.5% from the week prior, but came in nearly even with last year, at 492.2 million pounds. Weekly average production schedules are expected to ease through the balance of February before escalating sharply from March well into the summer. But, lighter cattle carcass weights may temper those seasonal increases. Significant forward sales of middle meats, as well as beef 50s, pose continued risks for tight beef supplies (and higher prices) deep into the peak grilling season. Retail features of beef grinds have been active, and the lower price environment should encourage further activity.

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	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
168 Inside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
50% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Lower
65% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
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	Higher

