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Beef, Veal & Lamb- Last week, beef production fell 3.6% week-to-week but was up just under 1% from last year. As beef packers enter “cooler cleaning season,” production is expected to remain tempered well into March and should support overall beef prices in the process. Seasonal buying is underway for early spring needs, with large sales of ground beef. Plus, growing forward sales of Choice middle meats are being noted. Year-over-year strength in the Choice cutout has faded in recent weeks, but premiums on ribeyes and loins are still occurring in the forward market. Tighter spot beef inventories are anticipated moving deeper into Q1.

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	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ground Chuck	Decreasing	Good	Lower
109 Export Rib (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
171b Outside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
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)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Lower
75% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Decreasing	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

