

# Beef, Veal and Lamb Report

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** Beef production last week rose notably from the holiday shortened prior week and was 4.4% better than the same week last year. Ample near slaughter ready cattle supplies are expected to cause beef output to trend above 2016 levels for the next several months. The USDA is forecasting Q4 2017 beef production to be 5% bigger than last year. Beef prices have continued to decline as of late with the USDA choice boxed beef cutout falling to a multi-month low. But buyers are starting to step back in with spot shipments last week the largest since the fall of 2015. This suggests the downside price risk in beef from here is limited.

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

