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Pork - Last week, pork production jumped 5.7% (yoy), with hog slaughter a whopping 2.5 million head for the second consecutive week. Increasing pork output has been problematic for the wholesale market, pressuring the USDA cutout to multi-year lows, down more than 17% year-over-year. Pork bellies have been in freefall mode breaking below the \$1.00 mark earlier this week. If the lower prices hold, that puts bellies near a 30% discount (yoy). Ham sales are expected to ramp up ahead of the Easter holiday, with prices languishing at favorable levels.

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

