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Pork - Hog harvests pushed over the 2.5 million head mark last week, boosting pork production more than 4% from the week prior and nearly 6% over last year. With both bellies and hams posting notable price increases across the past couple of weeks, the USDA pork cutout is moving well off lows posted in late February. Sharp appreciation across the belly primal comes against seasonal expectations, but attractive prices in the low \$0.90's fueled renewed wholesale buying interest. Belly prices may be choppy until seasonal strength occurs this spring.

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

