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## **Update Alert – March 26, 2020**

The Annual Hog Price Reactions table was updated for 2018 and 2019 on page 6.

### **Livestock Reports and Price Reactions Overview**

This report contains price reactions to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) *Cattle on Feed* and *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* reports.

The USDA *Cattle on Feed* report is released monthly and publishes on-feed inventory, fed cattle marketings, and feeder cattle placements. Annual average price reactions to the *Cattle on Feed* reports are provided in this publication using prices data from the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Market News reports.

The USDA *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* reports are published each year in March, June, September, and December and provide data on hog and pig inventory, sows farrowing, pig crop estimates, and 3-month and 6-month farrowing intentions. Annual average price reactions to the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* reports are provided in this publication using prices data from the AMS Market News reports.

The AMS prices used in this report for cattle and hogs represent sales from producers to first buyers at major markets. The price reaction to the *Cattle on Feed* and *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* reports is indicated by the difference between the price the week prior and the week after each report.

## Annual Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Reports

[Marketing year represents the January-December calendar year]

Marketing year	Number of and average price changes <sup>1</sup>							
	Week prior to release				Week after release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average (dollars)	Number	Average (dollars)	Number	Average (dollars)	Number	Average (dollars)
2009 .....	5	1.72	7	0.91	6	1.26	6	0.62
2010 .....	7	2.39	5	1.15	3	2.03	9	0.97
2011 .....	4	2.14	8	2.53	7	2.41	5	1.67
2012 .....	8	1.44	4	1.39	6	1.06	6	1.77
2013 .....	5	0.55	7	0.91	8	2.40	4	0.82
2014 .....	6	4.03	6	2.07	8	2.45	4	1.79
2015 .....	2	2.22	10	2.60	6	2.38	6	1.91
2016 .....	6	2.14	6	3.41	7	3.42	5	3.46
2017 .....	5	2.34	7	2.67	5	4.17	7	2.00
2018 .....	5	2.20	7	1.78	6	1.89	6	1.91
2019 .....	8	1.29	4	1.13	7	1.87	5	1.48

<sup>1</sup> Based on the weekly weighted average prices per cwt. for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.  
Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service.

## Monthly Cattle Price Reactions to Cattle on Feed Reports

Release date	Inventory change <sup>2</sup>	Average price <sup>1</sup>			Change from	
		Week prior	Week of release	Week after	Week before to week of release	Week of release to week after
		(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
February 22, 2019 .....	1.7	124.94	126.21	128.15	1.27	1.94
March 8, 2019 .....	0.5	128.15	128.09	127.07	-0.06	-1.02
March 22, 2019 .....	0.7	127.07	128.83	126.27	1.76	-2.56
April 18, 2019 .....	2.0	125.83	128.14	126.47	2.31	-1.67
May 24, 2019 .....	2.2	116.54	115.58	115.68	-0.96	0.10
June 21, 2019 .....	1.6	113.37	110.35	109.97	-3.02	-0.38
July 19, 2019 .....	1.7	113.19	112.72	113.56	-0.47	0.84
August 23, 2019 .....	0.2	106.25	107.04	105.25	0.79	-1.79
September 20, 2019 .....	-1.3	99.95	101.81	104.82	1.86	3.01
October 25, 2019 .....	-1.0	109.70	110.09	113.03	0.39	2.94
November 22, 2019 .....	1.1	115.18	116.01	118.31	0.83	2.30
December 20, 2019 .....	2.5	119.22	120.30	122.23	1.08	1.93

<sup>1</sup> Based on the weekly weighted average prices per cwt. for live steers and heifers from feedlots in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Minnesota. Total increases and decreases may not add to twelve for a year when the week-to-week price does not change.  
Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>2</sup> Percent change from previous year at time of each report.

## Annual Hog Price Reactions to Hogs and Pigs Reports

[Marketing year represents December of the previous year through November of current year]

Marketing year	Number of and average price changes <sup>1</sup>							
	Week prior to release				Week after release			
	Increases		Decreases		Increases		Decreases	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
	(dollars)		(dollars)		(dollars)		(dollars)	
2009 .....	3	0.50	1	0.86	3	1.41	1	0.54
2010 .....	2	0.82	2	0.60	2	2.24	2	1.12
2011 .....	3	2.73	1	0.08	3	3.04	1	0.30
2012 .....	1	4.68	3	2.04	2	1.78	2	0.11
2013 <sup>2</sup> .....	1	1.61	3	0.95	3	1.20	0	0.00
2014 .....	3	3.28	1	0.52	3	0.96	1	0.04
2015 .....	1	0.90	3	1.86	4	0.48	0	0.00
2016 .....	1	1.45	3	1.07	2	0.55	2	1.72
2017 .....	1	0.09	3	1.82	2	1.66	2	1.32
2018 .....	2	3.48	2	2.19	2	3.02	2	3.76
2019 .....	3	3.61	1	1.11	2	5.82	2	1.86

<sup>1</sup> Slaughter Hogs, Iowa, Southern Minnesota base lean prices, converted to live price. Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>2</sup> Week after release is missing the October 7, 2013 Market News Report due to government furlough.

## Quarterly Hog Price Reactions to Hogs and Pigs Reports

[Price change may not equal difference between average prices due to rounding]

Release date	Inventory change <sup>2</sup>	Average price <sup>1</sup>			Change from	
		Week prior	Week of release	Week after	Week before to week of release	Week of release to week after
		(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)
	(percent)					
March 29, 2018 .....	3.1	43.82	40.46	36.56	-3.36	-3.90
June 28, 2018 .....	3.4	60.35	60.84	57.22	0.49	-3.62
September 27, 2018 .....	2.9	35.64	42.11	46.59	6.47	4.48
December 20, 2018 .....	1.9	34.28	33.17	32.97	-1.11	-0.20
March 28, 2019 .....	2.1	38.36	46.52	55.39	8.16	8.87
June 27, 2019 .....	3.6	56.40	56.62	53.11	0.22	-3.51
September 27, 2019 .....	3.4	45.16	47.60	50.36	2.44	2.76
December 23, 2019 .....	3.0	47.47	48.73	50.70	1.26	1.97

<sup>1</sup> Slaughter Hogs, Iowa, Southern Minnesota base lean prices, converted to live price. Source: Market News, Agricultural Marketing Service.

<sup>2</sup> Percent change from previous year at time of each report.

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**Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will hold a virtual meeting for users of U.S. domestic and international agriculture data. NASS is organizing the 2020 Data Users' Meeting in cooperation with five other USDA agencies – Agricultural Marketing Service, Economic Research Service, Farm Service Agency, Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board – and the Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. Agency representatives will provide updates on recent and pending changes in statistical and information programs important to agriculture, answer questions, and welcome comments and input from data users.

For registration details or additional information about the Data Users' Meeting, see the meeting page on the NASS website ([https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education\\_and\\_Outreach/Meeting/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/Meeting/index.php)). Contact Vernita Murray (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or [vernita.murray@usda.gov](mailto:vernita.murray@usda.gov) or Patricia Snipe (NASS) at 202-720-2248 or [patricia.snipe@usda.gov](mailto:patricia.snipe@usda.gov) for information.