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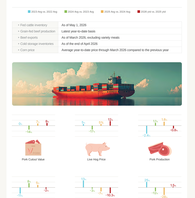
Summary of Key Market Indicators Update by the US Department of Agriculture



- Fed cattle inventory
- Grain fed beef production
- Beef exports
- Cold storage inventories
- Corn price

As of May 1, 2026
Latest year-to-date basis
As of March 2026, excluding variety meats
As of the end of April 2026
Average year-to-date price through March 2026 compared to the previous year

- Pork production
- Pork exports
- Cold Storage
- Corn Price

2025 Avg vs. 2024 Avg
2025 Avg vs. 2023 Avg
2025 Avg vs. 2022 Avg
2025 Avg vs. 2021 Avg

U.S. Beef Market Trends

The Choice beef cutout reached a record high of $4.34/lb. the first week of September 2025, and remained above $4.00/lb. through the end of December. Although it dropped below $3.50/lb. in January, it rebounded to a record high $4.34/lb. in April. Strong demand for the cutout drove prices higher. The Choice cutout stayed below $3.50/lb. in mid-February, before trending higher for four weeks and reaching a record high $4.34/lb. in April. Although it dropped below $3.50/lb. in May, it remained above the Select cutout. The Choice cutout ended last week's reporting period at $3.93/lb., down $0.09 from the previous week, but still up $0.41 from a year ago. The Select cutout ended last week's reporting period, and the week, it ranged at $3.42/lb. Fed cattle held steady at $2.00/lb., which was the same as the week before and the same as a year ago. Fed cattle prices have been at or near record highs, supported by record demand, tight supplies, and strong beef production.

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) 2026

In mid-March, the Select cutout dropped below the Choice cutout for the first time since mid-August 2025. The Choice-Select spread narrowed to $0.51/lb. by the end of April, but widened to $0.91/lb. last week. The current spread is the widest since late-August 2025. The Choice cutout ended last week, the current week's reporting period, at $4.48/lb., which was up 10% from last week and up $0.41/lb. from a year ago. The Select cutout ended last week, the current week's reporting period, at $3.57/lb., which was up 15% from last week and up $0.50/lb. from a year ago.

Cutout	Unit: Dollar/pound
$3.93	$0.09
Previous week $3.93	

Slaughter Number	Unit: Head
448,000	15.8 %
Previous week 448,000	

Beef Production	Unit: Million pounds
402.2	15.8 %
Previous week 379.9 Million	

Live Cattle	Unit: Dollar/pound
$2.00	$0.00
Previous week $2.00	

Cutout value
Live cattle price
Spread between the cutout and the live cattle price

Beef Primal Values

Beef Primal	Unit: Dollar/pound Current Week	Prior Week	Prior Month	Prior Year	3-Year Average	5-Year Average	7-Year Average	Olympic Average	Short Plate	Flank	5% Fat
5/30/2026	5.15	5.15	4.91	2.91	2.92	4.42	3.57	2.91	2.09	1.97	6.78
5/23/2026	5.08	5.32	5.21	2.91	2.92	4.39	3.54	2.93	1.94	1.77	6.77
5/16/2026	5.32	5.45	5.45	3.08	2.93	4.34	3.51	2.98	2.03	2.46	7.05
Year-to-Date Average	5%	10%	12%	19%	14%	12%	10%	21%	22%	30%	14%
Year-to-Date Average	4%	8%	9%	17%	13%	11%	9%	19%	18%	28%	13%

Note: The primal value is a wholesale price in the United States based on the primal and trap fees from past prices.

U.S. Pork Market Trend

The pork cutout reached an average of $1.06/lb. in mid-April, the highest in four weeks. The cutout remained above $1.00/lb. through the end of April, before dropping below $1.00/lb. in May. Weak demand pushed the cutout to a low of $0.88/lb. last week, down $0.09 from the week before and down $0.18/lb. from a year ago. The cutout has been below year-ago levels for the last three weeks, and last week was the lowest since late-March.

Compared to a year ago, carcass weekly slaughter was down 2.9% to 2.4 million head, down 0.7% from last week, and down 1.5% from a year ago. Weekly pork production was down 2.1% to 467.6 million pounds, down 0.6% from last week and down 1.6% from a year ago. Pork production was down 0.1% from last week and down 1% from a year ago.

Wholesale pork prices were generally lower last week, the highest was the loin at $1.12/lb., down 0.4% from last week. The ham was the lowest at $0.88/lb., down 0.8% from last week. The loin, ribs, and ham were lower compared to a year ago. The loin was down 12%, the ribs were down 10%, and the ham was down 8% from a year ago. The ribs were the only primal with a price higher than a year ago, up 2% from last week.

U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) 2026

Cutout	Unit: Dollar/pound
$0.99	$0.02
Previous week $1.07	

Slaughter Number	Unit: Head
2143	7.5 %
Previous week 2,159 Million	

Pork Production	Unit: Million pounds
467.6	7.6 %
Previous week 469.5 Million	

Live Hog	Unit: Dollar/pound
$93.23	$0.0
Previous week $93.23	

Cutout value
Live hog price
Spread between the cutout and the live hog price

Pork Primal Values

Pork	Carcass	Loin	Ham	Ribs	Shoulder	Butt	Picnic	Belly	Leaf Lard	Trim
5/31/2026	1.03	1.22	1.30	0.76	1.00	0.86	1.21	1.00	0.86	1.31
5/24/2026	1.06	1.12	1.00	0.88	1.00	0.86	1.21	1.00	0.86	1.31
5/17/2026	1.07	1.12	0.88	0.88	1.00	0.86	1.21	1.00	0.86	1.31
Compared to Year Ago	-3%	-2%	-12%	2%	-8%	-10%	-1%	-10%	-10%	-10%
Compared to Year Ago	-4%	-3%	-8%	2%	-8%	-10%	-1%	-10%	-10%	-10%

Note: The above price is wholesale price in the United States based on the flat, thigh and rump, rolled from export prices.

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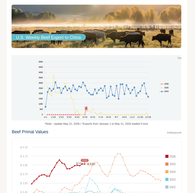
Beef information is sold always more and longer than the previous month from year when the Price is year ago, trading 400 is 400kg pounds. Price information is provided from the slaughter plant or wholesale of the beef, and year-to-date is 2025 (2026 year).

Beef in Cold Storage

U.S. Beef Market Trends



Note: Update May 5, 2026. *Imports from January 1 to May 31, 2026 (Initial 5.0%)

U.S. Pork Market Trend

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