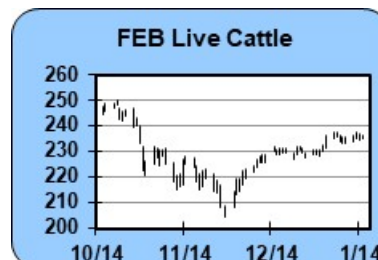


DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

1/16/2026

Cattle feeders holding out for higher money

The cattle market will be closed on Monday for MLK day. Live cattle prices closed modestly higher yesterday, but feeders jumped sharply. The uptrend continues but some profit-taking ahead of the weekend is likely today. Cutout was stronger yesterday, but packers are holding out on cash trade to see if prices will pull back to finish the week. A small cash sale was reported yesterday in the north at 232, unchanged from last week but nothing yet for the South. The 5 - area, 5 - day weighted average for the week now stands at 232.29, up from 232.04 at the end of last week. Daily trading volume has been strong this week, reinforcing the bull trend. The next cattle on feed report will be a week from today. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 117,000 head Thursday. This brings the total for the week so far to 469,000 head, up from 465,000 last week at this time but down from 484,813 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was up \$1.91 at mid-session Thursday and closed \$2.24 higher at \$360.77. This was up from \$356.79 the previous week.



U.S. beef export sales for the week ending January 8 came in at 11,200 tonnes compared with the average of the previous four weeks of 10,500 tonnes. Cumulative sales for the 2026 marketing year have reached 113,500 tonnes, down 1.6% versus last year's pace.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

A 2nd inside trading day for April live cattle yesterday but feeders made a new high for the move. Although some end of week profit-taking may be expected today, the bull trend remains in place. The late October gap at 239.52 is key nearby resistance and another larger gap stands near the contract highs and may be a longer-term upside target for the bull trend at 249.17.

TRADE IDEAS:

No new recommendations for today.

CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LIVE CATTLE (APR) 01/16/2026: Momentum studies are trending higher but have entered overbought levels. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. The market has a slightly positive tilt with the close over the swing pivot. The next upside objective is 239.470. The next area of resistance is around 239.070 and 239.470, while 1st support hits today at 237.770 and below there at 236.850.

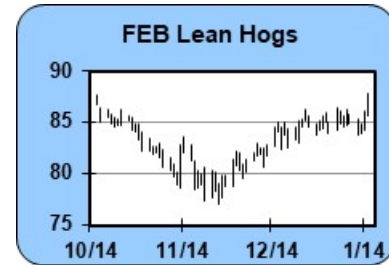
FEEDER CATTLE (MAR) 01/16/2026: The daily stochastics gave a bullish indicator with a crossover up. Momentum studies are trending higher but have entered overbought levels. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. Market positioning is positive with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The next upside target is 368.593. The market is becoming somewhat overbought now that the RSI is over 70. The next area of resistance is around 367.212 and 368.593, while 1st support hits today at 361.888 and below there at 357.944.

DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY

1/16/2026

New contract highs on April futures

After choppy trade for the last week, April hogs finally followed through to the upside with a sharply higher close yesterday, taking out the contract highs. Open interest surged another 7100 contracts following a 9500 contract gain the previous session. A sharp \$10 rally in the cash market this week was supportive along with strong trading volume and bullish technical action. Weekly export shipments last week were very large and the bull camp has the clear edge. CME Lean Hog Index as of January 13 was 80.39, down -0.11 for the day and down -0.86 versus a week ago. This is the lowest since March 4. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 492,000 head Thursday. This brings the total for the week so far to 1.973 million head, up from 1.966 million last week at this time and up from 1.926 million a year ago. The USDA pork cutout, released after the close Thursday, came in at \$93.68, up \$2.59 from Wednesday and up from \$90.31 the previous week.



U.S. pork export sales for the week ending January 8 came in at 26,800 tonnes compared with the average of the previous four weeks of 35,400 tonnes. Cumulative sales for the 2026 marketing year have reached 303,600 tonnes, up 1.4% versus last year's pace.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Two consecutive strong rally days pushed April to new contract highs yesterday and open interest is rising as new longs move in. While some end of week profit-taking may be seen today, yesterday's close was a strong technical indication the bull trend is likely to continue.

TRADE IDEAS:

No new recommendations for today.

PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LEAN HOGS (APR) 01/16/2026: Studies are showing positive momentum but are now in overbought territory, so some caution is warranted. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. Since the close was above the 2nd swing resistance number, the market's posture is bullish and could see more upside follow-through early in the session. The next upside objective is 97.050. With a reading over 70, the 9-day RSI is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 96.300 and 97.050, while 1st support hits today at 93.670 and below there at 91.770.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
MEAT COMPLEX										
LCJ26	238.420	66.04	63.78	85.24	88.09	237.70	236.78	233.85	227.01	227.34
FCH26	364.550	74.31	71.03	91.55	93.50	360.64	358.34	350.43	333.46	333.14
LHJ26	95.000	74.29	69.83	83.74	89.40	92.43	91.86	90.77	87.59	87.38

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
MEAT COMPLEX						
LCJ26	Live Cattle	236.820	237.750	238.150	239.070	239.470
FCH26	Feeder Cattle	357.943	361.887	363.268	367.212	368.593
LHJ26	Lean Hogs	91.750	93.650	94.400	96.300	97.050

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