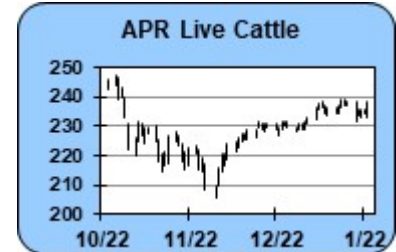


### DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

1/26/2026

#### Arctic blast raises cattle stress, COF report this afternoon

Extreme weather and strong cash prices are likely to support the opening this morning as cattle stress remains high with lingering bitter cold temperatures. Friday's cattle on feed report may be a slight headwind today as placements were above expectations but on feed and marketing numbers were right on the guesses. Beef in cold storage, however, came in at its lowest level since 2009. COT data showed the managed money net long position was unchanged at just under 102,000 contracts for live cattle. Feeders were also little changed at just over 16,000 net long. The bulls retain the edge and a four-month low in the US dollar today is another supportive factor. Cash cattle trade on Friday was active in both the north and the south at 232 - 236, \$2 - \$5 higher than the prior week. The 5 - area, 5 - day weighted average for the week ended at 234.43, up from the prior week at 232.46. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 84,000 head Friday and 4,000 head for Saturday. This brought the total for last week to 535,000 head, down from 562,000 the previous week and down from 593,858 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was up \$1.25 at mid-session Friday and closed \$1.47 higher at \$368.92. This was up from \$362.38 the previous week. The estimated average dressed cattle weight for the week ending January 24 is 897 pounds, unchanged from 897 the previous week and up from 872 a year ago. The 5-year average weight for that week is 845 pounds. Estimated beef production last week was 479.1 million pounds, down from 517.1 million a year ago.



The Commitments of Traders report for the week ending January 20th showed Cattle Managed Money traders were net long 101,477 contracts after increasing their already long position by 161 contracts. CIT traders were net long 97,795 contracts after increasing their already long position by 1,056 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders net sold 853 contracts and are now net long 70,416 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders were net long 102,259 contracts after decreasing their long position by 10 contracts.

Cattle on Feed supply as of January 1st came in at 96.8% of last year versus average trade estimate of 96.8% with a range of 96.0% to 97.6%. Placements for the month of December at 94.6% versus trade expectations of 93.1% and a range of 88.0% to 95.4%. Marketings for December came in at 101.8% of last year as compared with the average estimate of 101.7% and a range of 100.0% to 102.5%.

Beef in cold storage as of December 31, 2025 was 437.458 million pounds, 96.5% of last December and 102.8% of November. This is the lowest December since 2009.

#### TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Frigid temperatures, a lower dollar and bullish cold storage numbers may offset the slightly bearish cattle on feed placements seen Friday afternoon and the bulls retain the edge following Friday's strong close. A move back over recent highs at 239.05 on April futures would point to additional upside potential, and key support stands at 231.27.

#### TRADE IDEAS:

No new recommendations for today.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 1/13/2026 - 1/20/2026						
Livestock	Non-Commercial		Commercial		Non-Reportable	
	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change
Feeder Cattle	15,817	+706	-7,674	-1,442	-8,143	+737

Cattle	122,810	-163	-102,259	+10	-20,551	+153
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## CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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**LIVE CATTLE (APR) 01/26/2026:** Declining momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce lower price action. The market now above the 18-day moving average suggests the intermediate-term trend has turned up. The outside day up and close above the previous day's high is a positive signal. There could be more upside follow through since the market closed above the 2nd swing resistance. The next downside objective is 230.670. The next area of resistance is around 239.670 and 241.650, while 1st support hits today at 234.200 and below there at 230.670.

**FEEDER CATTLE (MAR) 01/26/2026:** Stochastics turning bearish at overbought levels will tend to support lower prices if support levels are broken. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The upside daily closing price reversal gives the market a bullish tilt. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next downside target is 352.038. The next area of resistance is around 363.725 and 366.237, while 1st support hits today at 356.625 and below there at 352.038.

## DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY

1/26/2026

### Pork in cold storage lowest since 1997, funds add to net long

April hogs had a quiet low volume day on Friday after gapping to new highs on Thursday morning. COT data showed Managed Money bought nearly 15,000 contracts, pushing their net long up to 97,400. Open interest also rose more than 4000 contracts Friday, continuing the steady increase seen over the last 2 weeks. Prices may continue higher this morning after pork supplies in cold storage on Friday was the lowest since 1997. Furthermore, the US dollar hit a four-month low this morning and the bulls retain control. CME Lean Hog Index as of January 21 was 83.07, up 0.67 for the day and up 2.57 versus a week ago. This is the highest since December 29. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 438,000 head Friday and 160,000 head for Saturday. This brought the total for last week to 2.484 million head, down from 2.623 million the previous week but up from 2.474 million a year ago. The USDA pork cutout, released after the close Friday, came in at \$95.28, up 89 cents from Thursday and up from \$93.41 the previous week. Estimated US pork production for the week ending January 24 is 546.2 million pounds, down from 574 the previous week and up from 537.7 a year ago.



The Commitments of Traders report for the week ending January 20th showed Hogs Managed Money traders added 14,794 contracts to their already long position and are now net long 97,418. CIT traders were net long 117,833 contracts after increasing their already long position by 2,739 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders net bought 19,697 contracts and are now net long 53,856 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders net bought 18,256 contracts and are now net long 94,978 contracts.

Pork in cold storage as of December 31, 2025 was 390.555 million pounds, 98.5% of last December and 105.2% of November. This is the lowest December since 1997.

### TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

April hogs gapped up to new contract highs on Thursday and will have support at the bottom of the gap at 95.72. The market still has had no meaningful corrections since mid-December, but speculators are still adding longs. April nearly tested nearby resistance at 97.25 late last week and if that is taken out, a run to 99.65 resistance can be expected.

**TRADE IDEAS:**

No new recommendations for today.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 1/13/2026 - 1/20/2026						
	Non-Commercial			Commercial		Non-Reportable
	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change
<b>Livestock</b>						
Hogs	110,003	+21,061	-94,978	-18,256	-15,025	-2,805

**PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:**

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LEAN HOGS (APR) 01/26/2026: Rising stochastics at overbought levels warrant some caution for bulls. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. It is a slightly negative indicator that the close was lower than the pivot swing number. The next upside target is 97.070. The 9-day RSI over 70 indicates the market is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 96.570 and 97.070, while 1st support hits today at 95.770 and below there at 95.420.

**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
<b>MEAT COMPLEX</b>										
LCJ26	236.920	58.99	58.68	66.58	62.94	235.32	236.23	235.28	228.46	227.23
FCH26	360.175	61.86	62.72	78.00	72.36	359.13	359.50	355.70	338.01	333.74
LHJ26	96.150	76.55	71.97	89.56	90.32	95.83	94.24	92.43	88.85	87.93

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**DAILY SWING STATISTICS**

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
<b>MEAT COMPLEX</b>						
LCJ26	Live Cattle	230.650	234.170	236.150	239.670	241.650
FCH26	Feeder Cattle	352.037	356.625	359.137	363.725	366.237
LHJ26	Lean Hogs	95.400	95.750	96.250	96.570	97.070

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