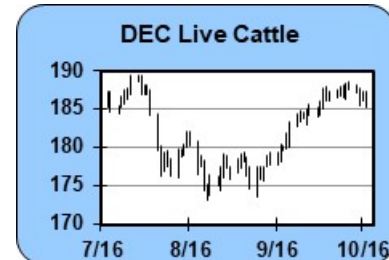


DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

10/18/2024

Cash trade develops slightly higher than last week

December live cattle made a new low for the week yesterday but did not convincingly close below key moving average support. Weekly export sales this morning were in line with the average of the last month. Live cattle prices have had 5 higher weekly closes in a row but unless prices have a significant rally today, that streak will end. The rally since early September looks to be weakening. Cash cattle yesterday traded in all major regions at \$0.50 to \$1 higher. The 5-area, 5-day weighted average for the week is now 187.45, up from 187.19 at the end of last week. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 118,000 head Thursday. This brings the total for the week so far to 488,000 head, up from 474,000 last week at this time but down from 501,670 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was up 69 cents at mid-session Thursday and closed 13 cents higher at \$319.26. This was up from \$309.95 the previous week.



U.S. beef export sales for the week ending October 10 came in at 14,100 tonnes compared with the average of the previous four weeks of 15,700 tonnes. Cumulative sales for the 14.1 have reached 759,400 tonnes, up 2.1% versus last year's pace.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The December live cattle uptrend may be coming to an end but prices need a convincing close below key 20-day moving average support, which the market has not closed below since September 10, to confirm further weakness. That level stands at 186.15 today. The 1st lower weekly close in 5 weeks is expected today and look for 1st pullback support at 184.20 and then 183.45 on December live cattle.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

Note: Data is collected using the closing values of the previous session and calculations and analysis are run at the same time. Technical commentary is based solely on statistical indicators and does not necessarily correspond to any fundamental analysis that may appear elsewhere in this report. Data sources can and do produce bad ticks that can cause computation errors. Please verify before use.

LIVE CATTLE (DEC) 10/18/2024: Declining momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce lower price action. The close under the 18-day moving average indicates the intermediate-term trend could be turning down. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The next downside objective is now at 184.100. The next area of resistance is around 187.220 and 188.320, while 1st support hits today at 185.120 and below there at 184.100.

FEEDER CATTLE (NOV) 10/18/2024: Momentum studies trending lower at mid-range should accelerate a move lower if support levels are taken out. The market's short-term trend is negative as the close remains below the 9-day moving average. The close over the pivot swing is a somewhat positive setup. The next downside objective is 243.482. The next area of resistance is around 246.987 and 248.431, while 1st support hits today at 244.513 and below there at 243.482.

10/18/2024

December hogs made a six-month high yesterday but pulled back to close unchanged. This morning's weekly export sales were right in line with the average of the last month. The recent strength in the US Dollar did not reduce sales last week. While the uptrend of the last 2 months continues, the rally seems to be slowing as we approach the 2024 highs of 79.60 area on December. The CME Lean Hog Index as of October 15 was 83.85, down from 84.08 the previous session and from 84.47 the previous week. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 486,000 head Thursday. This brings the total for the week so far to 1.932 million head, up from 1.928 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 \$95.46, up \$1.24 from Wednesday and up from \$94.67 the previous week.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

LEAN HOGS (DEC) 10/18/2024: Rising stochastics at overbought levels warrant some caution for bulls. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. The downside closing price reversal on the daily chart is somewhat negative. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The near-term upside target is at 79.070. The next area of resistance is around 78.350 and 79.070, while 1st support hits today at 77.000 and below there at 76.350.

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									

LCZ24	186.170	52.37	56.86	78.32	67.44	186.81	187.24	186.35	181.37	181.70
FCX24	245.750	46.69	52.59	68.83	51.48	246.83	248.35	247.16	239.91	241.19
LHZ24	77.650	61.70	61.65	79.22	81.68	76.60	76.73	75.83	73.25	71.90

Calculations based on previous session. Data collected 10/17/2024

Data sources can & do produce bad ticks. Verify before use.

DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
MEAT COMPLEX						
LCZ24	Live Cattle	184.070	185.100	186.200	187.220	188.320
FCX24	Feeder Cattle	243.481	244.512	245.956	246.987	248.431
LHZ24	Lean Hogs	76.320	76.970	77.700	78.350	79.070

Calculations based on previous session. Data collected 10/17/2024

Data sources can & do produce bad ticks. Verify before use.

***This report includes information from sources believed to be reliable and accurate as of the date of this publication, but no independent verification has been made and we do not guarantee its accuracy or completeness. Opinions expressed are subject to change without notice. Any information or recommendation contained herein: (i) is not based on, or tailored to, the commodity interest or cash market positions or other circumstances or characterizations of particular investors or traders; (ii) is not customized or personalized for any such investor or trader; and (iii) does not take into consideration, among other things, risk tolerance, net worth, or available risk capital. Any use or reliance upon the information or recommendations is at the sole discretion and election of the subscriber. The risk of loss in trading futures contracts or commodity options can be substantial, and traders should carefully consider the inherent risks of such trading in light of their financial condition. Any reproduction or retransmission of this report without the express written consent of Lakefront Futures is strictly prohibited.