

DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

11/25/2024

Cattle on feed report shows higher than expected placements

Friday's cattle on feed was considered slightly bearish with marginally higher on feed numbers than expected and larger placements as well. The on feed total of 11.99 million head was the largest since 2000. Since cattle prices last week closed on a strong note, the report may result in a lower opening this morning, but trading interest is expected to be subdued for the rest of the holiday week, which may create choppy conditions. Cash cattle ended \$1.50-\$2.00 higher last week. The 5 - area, 5 - day weighted average for the week ended at 186.24, up from 184.79 at the end of the prior week. US beef production last week was



547 million pounds, up from 526 million the previous week and up from 452 million a year ago. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 117,000 head Friday and 18,000 head for Saturday. This brought the total for last week to 631,000 head, up from 606,000 the previous week and up from 534,488 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was up \$1.44 at mid-session Friday and closed 62 cents higher at \$307.41. This was up from \$303.34 the previous week. The previous low was \$306.79 on November 21. The previous high was \$308.79 on November 19.

The USDA Cattle on Feed Report showed placements for the month of October at 105.3% versus trade expectations of 103.4% and a range of 100.0% to 107.0%. Marketings for October came in at 104.7% of last year as compared with the average estimate of 105.1% and a range of 104.7% to 105.7%. Cattle on Feed supply as of November 1st came in at 100.3% of last year versus average trade estimate of 99.9% with a range of 99.2% to 101.3%.

The Commitments of Traders report for the week ending November 19th showed Cattle Managed Money traders were net long 108,415 contracts after increasing their already long position by 5,098 contracts. CIT traders reduced their net long position by 5,471 contracts to a net long 93,372 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders net bought 1,313 contracts and are now net long 81,328 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders are net long 92,439 contracts after net buying 1,474 contracts.

Feeder Cattle positioning in the Commitments of Traders for the week ending November 19th showed Managed Money traders added 1,608 contracts to their already long position and are now net long 13,667. CIT traders were net long 7,481 contracts after increasing their already long position by 1,024 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders were net long 6,701 contracts after increasing their already long position by 3,394 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders added 2,715 contracts to their already long position and are now net long 3,556.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

February live cattle may start lower this morning after the negative cattle on feed report on Friday, but last week's cash trade was a bit stronger than expected and may support prices on a break. Significant resistance sits at 190.00 on February with nearby support at 186.55, which may offer a buying opportunity if the feeder cattle market stays strong.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 11/12/2024 - 11/19/2024								
	Net Position	on-Commercial Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Commercial Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Non-Reportable Weekly Net Change		
Livestock								
Feeder Cattle	12,456	+4,084	-3,556	-2,715	-8,900	-1,369		
Cattle	126,640	-895	-92,439	-1,473	-34,201	+2,369		

CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LIVE CATTLE (DEC) 11/25/2024: The cross over and close above the 40-day moving average is an indication the longer-term trend has turned positive. Momentum studies are rising from mid-range, which could accelerate a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market's short-term trend is positive on the close above the 9-day moving average. A positive setup occurred with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The near-term upside target is at 188.120. The next area of resistance is around 187.500 and 188.120, while 1st support hits today at 186.070 and below there at 185.250.

FEEDER CATTLE (JAN) 11/25/2024: 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. It is a mildly bullish indicator that the market closed over the pivot swing number. The near-term upside objective is at 256.506. The 9-day RSI over 70 indicates the market is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 255.412 and 256.506, while 1st support hits today at 253.188 and below there at 252.057.

DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY 11/25/2024

US pork production last week down 2.6% but up 14.9% YTD

Fegruary hogs closed out last week on a strong note and cash trade was up \$2 - \$2.50 as well. Weekly pork production was down 2.6% from the prior week but still very strong year-to-date up 14.9%. Technical strength on Friday may result in some follow-through early this week and a challenge of this month highs at 86.90. Estimated US pork production for the week ending November 23 is 549.9 million pounds, down from 564.4 the previous week and up from 478.5 a year ago. CME Lean Hog Index as of November 20 was 87.44, down -0.39 for the day and down -2.34 versus a week ago. This is the lowest since



October 31. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 485,000 head Friday and 138,000 head for Saturday. This brought the total for last week to 2.565 million head, down from 2.638 million the previous week but up from 2.221 million a year ago. The USDA pork cutout, released after the close Friday, came in at \$91.10, down \$1.32 from Thursday and down from \$96.66 the previous week.

The Commitments of Traders report for the week ending November 19th showed Hogs Managed Money traders reduced their net long position by 5,371 contracts to a net long 115,590 contracts. CIT traders added 894 contracts to their already long position and are now net long 108,837. Non-Commercial No CIT traders reduced their net long position by 10,627 contracts to a net long 74,317 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders net sold 10,463 contracts and are now net long 110,904 contracts.

TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

Stronger cash trade last week and positive technicals may give the market a boost this morning and next significant resistance is the November highs at 86.90 on February. Volume is expected to be light this week, but traders should be wary of unexpected price swings. The positive technical outlook suggests a test of this month's

highs.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 11/12/2024 - 11/19/2024							
	Non-Commercial			Commercial	Non-Reportable		
		Weekly		Weekly		Weekly	
	Net Position	Net Change	Net Position	Net Change	Net Position	Net Change	
Livestock							
Hogs	130,357	-10,990	-110,905	+10,462	-19,453	+527	

PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LEAN HOGS (DEC) 11/25/2024: A bullish signal was given with an upside crossover of the daily stochastics. Momentum studies are rising from mid-range, which could accelerate a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The market now above the 18-day moving average suggests the intermediate-term trend has turned up. A positive setup occurred with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The near-term upside objective is at 82.700. The next area of resistance is around 82.320 and 82.700, while 1st support hits today at 81.020 and below there at 80.070.

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DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2	
MEAT COM	PLEX						
LCZ24	Live Cattle	185.200	186.050	186.670	187.500	188.120	
FCF25	Feeder Cattle	252.056	253.187	254.281	255.412	256.506	
LHZ24	Lean Hogs	80.050	81.000	81.370	82.320	82.700	
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