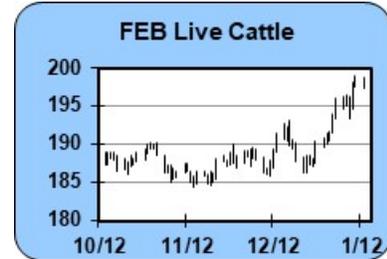


**DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY**  
1/14/2025

**Managed Money bullish bets hit 6-year high**

February live cattle pulled back yesterday following the recent strong rally. CFTC data showed Managed Money net long grew by over 14,000 contracts to a new 6-year high. The long-term technical outlook remains strong but shorter-term indicators are in overbought territory and point to a potential pullback. Look for close-in support today at 196.75. Cash trade was reported in Kansas yesterday at 200 and the 5 - area, 5 - day weighted average for the week is 202.22, unchanged from last week. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 117,000 head Monday. This was up from 109,000 last week and up from 108,142 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was down 52 cents at mid-session Monday and closed 51 cents higher at \$333.35. This was up from \$327.10 the previous week and the highest since June 23, 2023.



The Commitments of Traders report for the week ending January 7th showed Cattle Managed Money traders are net long 143,456 contracts after net buying 14,261 contracts. CIT traders are net long 95,917 contracts after net buying 3,386 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders added 12,126 contracts to their already long position and are now net long 109,124. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders net bought 14,125 contracts and are now net long 125,364 contracts.

**TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:**

Record high cash prices, cold temperatures heading into the Plains and the positive technical outlook are the bullish themes for the live cattle market. However, prices have reached overbought levels and managed money is leaning very heavily to the long side which could result in a unexpected break anytime. February live cattle next resistance is at the contract high of 199.57. Look for initial support at 196.75 and 0.382% retracement back to the December 19 lows is at 194.30.

**NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

**PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 12/31/2024 - 1/7/2025						
	Non-Commercial			Commercial		Non-Reportable
	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change	Net Position	Weekly Net Change
<b>Livestock</b>						
Feeder Cattle	25,381	+5,502	-9,745	-3,510	-15,636	-1,991
Cattle	163,068	+16,593	-125,363	-14,124	-37,704	-2,468

**CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:**

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LIVE CATTLE (FEB) 01/14/2025: Rising stochastics at overbought levels warrant some caution for bulls. A

positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The close below the 1st swing support could weigh on the market. The near-term upside objective is at 199.120. The next area of resistance is around 198.100 and 199.120, while 1st support hits today at 196.700 and below there at 196.300.

FEEDER CATTLE (JAN) 01/14/2025: Momentum studies are trending higher but have entered overbought levels. The close above the 9-day moving average is a positive short-term indicator for trend. The downside closing price reversal on the daily chart is somewhat negative. The market tilt is slightly negative with the close under the pivot. The near-term upside objective is at 274.406. The 9-day RSI over 70 indicates the market is approaching overbought levels. The next area of resistance is around 272.962 and 274.406, while 1st support hits today at 270.738 and below there at 269.957.

## DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY

1/14/2025

### China 2024 meat imports down 10% year over year

February hogs continued their upward momentum from last week. The rally has stopped just short of 50% retracement resistance to the November 27th high which stands at 84.02. That level may be tested today. Germany's detection of foot and mouth disease has resulted in South Korea, UK and Mexico banning German meat exports, which could benefit US exports. CFTC data showed funds reduced their bullish hog positions to an 11-week low but still hold more than 97,000 contracts long as of Tuesday of last week. The net long is likely larger now after the sharp rally over the last 3 sessions. CME Lean Hog Index as of January 9 was 80.43, down -0.16 for the day and down -2.69 versus a week ago. This is the lowest since March 5. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 486,000 head Monday. This was up from 447,000 last week and up from 370,573 a year ago. The USDA pork cutout, released after the close Monday, came in at \$89.00, down \$1.00 from Friday but up from \$88.49 the previous week.



The January 7th Commitments of Traders report showed Hogs Managed Money traders net sold 11,751 contracts and are now net long 97,190 contracts. CIT traders reduced their net long position by 2,834 contracts to a net long 106,930 contracts. Non-Commercial No CIT traders were net long 59,510 contracts after decreasing their long position by 9,719 contracts. Non-Commercial & Non-Reportable traders net sold 6,827 contracts and are now net long 96,964 contracts.

### TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The recent sharp bounce in February hogs may be partly due to better US export potential after Germany's meat exports were banned by several countries due to foot-and-mouth disease. February futures are nearing 50% retracement resistance at 84.02 and that level should offer significant resistance for the current rally. Last week's gap at 79.80 - 80.00 should offer good support on a break.

### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

Commitment of Traders - Futures and Options - 12/31/2024 - 1/7/2025						
	Non-Commercial		Commercial	Non-Reportable		
	Net Position	Weekly Net Change		Net Position	Weekly Net Change	
<b>Livestock</b>						
Hogs	110,488	-10,716	-96,964	+6,828	-13,524	+3,889

## PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LEAN HOGS (FEB) 01/14/2025: Stochastics are at mid-range but trending higher, which should reinforce a move higher if resistance levels are taken out. 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 near-term upside objective is at 84.500. The next area of resistance is around 83.850 and 84.500, while 1st support hits today at 82.500 and below there at 81.770.

## 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
<b>MEAT COMPLEX</b>										
LCG25	197.400	67.51	66.02	84.58	88.64	196.87	195.28	192.02	189.45	189.06
FCF25	271.850	73.22	71.12	88.86	91.57	269.75	267.56	262.63	256.75	253.57
LHG25	83.150	56.46	51.41	29.60	43.11	81.74	81.00	82.46	84.30	84.22

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## DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
<b>MEAT COMPLEX</b>						
LCG25	Live Cattle	196.270	196.670	197.700	198.100	199.120
FCF25	Feeder Cattle	269.956	270.737	272.181	272.962	274.406
LHG25	Lean Hogs	81.750	82.470	83.120	83.850	84.500

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