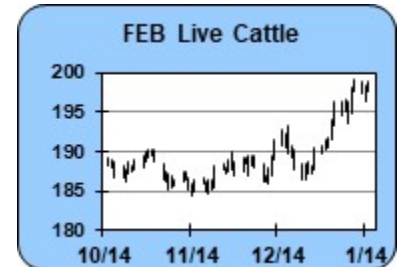


### DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

1/16/2025

#### Cold temps set to move into Plains

Strong cash prices supported futures again yesterday and February live cattle had its 2nd highest settlement price since September of 2023. The contract high at 199.57 remains the next upside target. Live cattle open interest rose nearly 3000 contracts on the rally yesterday. The technical outlook points to further upside gains. Cash cattle trade yesterday was reported in the north at 203 - 205, about \$2 higher than last week and in the South at 200 - 201, up \$0.50-\$1.00. The 5 - area, 5 - day weighted average for the week now stands at 202.24, up from 202.22 at the end of last week. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 124,000 head Wednesday. This brings the total for the week so far to 366,000 head, up from 357,000 last week at this time and up from 333,262 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was up \$1.43 at mid-session Wednesday and closed \$1.16 higher at \$334.14. This was up from \$328.61 the previous week and the highest since June 22, 2023.



U.S. beef export sales for the week ending January 9 came in at 9,700 tonnes compared with the average of the previous four weeks of 9,700 tonnes. Cumulative sales for the 9.7 have reached 138,800 tonnes, up 0.4% versus last year's pace.

#### TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

With very cold temperatures heading for the cattle feeding areas, strong cash prices and bullish technicals, the bull camp holds the cards. Weekly export sales this morning were right on the average of the last month. Next upside target is the contract high from September of 2023 at 199.57 on February live cattle.

#### NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

#### PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

#### CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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**LIVE CATTLE (APR) 01/16/2025:** Studies are showing positive momentum but are now in overbought territory, so some caution is warranted. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. With the close over the 1st swing resistance number, the market is in a moderately positive position. The near-term upside target is at 200.600. The next area of resistance is around 200.050 and 200.600, while 1st support hits today at 198.620 and below there at 197.720.

**FEEDER CATTLE (MAR) 01/16/2025:** The daily stochastics gave a bullish indicator with a crossover up. 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 market setup is supportive for early gains with the close over the 1st swing resistance. The next upside target is 271.731. The next area of resistance is around 270.962 and 271.731, while 1st support hits today at 268.638 and below there at 267.082.



LCJ25	199.320	68.58	67.08	88.61	90.75	198.79	197.78	194.85	191.79	190.96
FCH25	269.800	68.86	67.74	85.84	87.28	268.83	267.36	263.22	257.10	253.34
LHJ25	91.020	69.28	62.11	56.67	77.52	89.88	87.70	88.12	89.07	88.72

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## DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
<b>MEAT COMPLEX</b>						
LCJ25	Live Cattle	197.700	198.600	199.150	200.050	200.600
FCH25	Feeder Cattle	267.081	268.637	269.406	270.962	271.731
LHJ25	Lean Hogs	89.620	90.400	90.870	91.650	92.120

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