

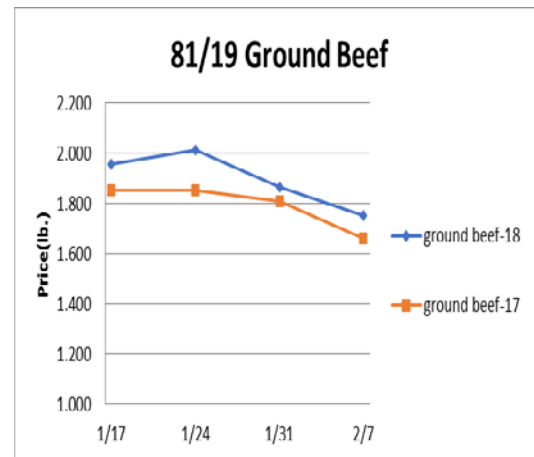
Beef, Veal and Lamb Report

Beef output last week increased 6.5% and was 6.7% larger than the same week in 2016. The cattle herd continues to expand as of January 1st, up .7% from the prior year and the biggest since 2009. There were mixed signals about sustained herd growth with beef cows up 1.6%, but replacement heifers were down 3.7%, the first annual decline in seven years. Still, solid year-over-year gains in beef production are expected to persist in the coming months. Spot beef shipments last week were the smallest for any non-holiday week since May. Yet, forward sales of grinds were the best since early December. Strong retail feature activity this spring is expected to underpin ground beef prices.

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Product Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Short	Higher
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Increasing	Short	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
112a Ribeye (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
120 Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
121e Cap & Wedge	Decreasing	Good	Lower
167a Knckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
171b Outside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Steady	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Increasing	Good	Lower
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Steady	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Lower
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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