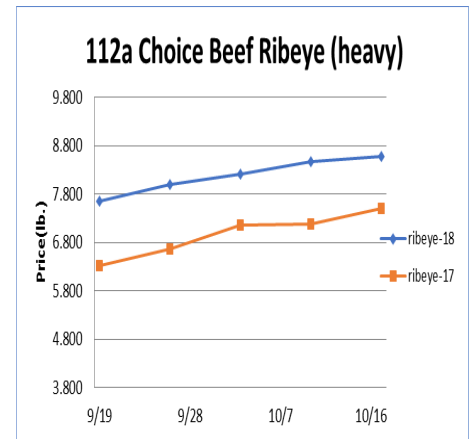


Beef, Veal and Lamb Report - Beef output last week fell .4% but was 3.2% better than the same week in 2017. Plentiful near slaughter ready cattle supplies are likely to boost beef production in the coming weeks. But, recent weather challenges in the Midwest may equal lighter cattle weights which could limit projected year-over-year gains in beef output this winter. Beef demand has picked up recently with the four-week total of forward sales 6.9% higher than last year. Wholesale domestic 50% and 90% beef trim prices are below year ago levels which should encourage retail feature activity and support prices. September retail ground beef prices were up 1% from the prior year and were the highest for the month since 2015.

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



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