National Daily Cattle & Beef Summary
Des Moines, Iowa **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** **USDA Livestock, Poultry & Grain Mkt News**

AMS 2453/LM_XB403

DAILY ESTIMATED CUTOUT VALUES

	Choice 600-900#	Select 600-900#
Current Cutout Values:	393.62	391.13
Change from prior day:	(-2.13)	(-2.45)
Primal Rib	544.31	523.13
Primal Chuck	339.08	347.40
Primal Round	333.55	332.56
Primal Loin	513.72	502.32
Primal Brisket	348.96	351.68
Primal Short Plate	310.17	310.17
Primal Flank	244.06	243.08

Choice/Select Spread 2.49

Load Count:

Total	123
Choice	86
Select	11
Trimmings	13
Grinds	12

Fresh 50% Trimmings 13 Loads @ 176.41

AMS 2829/NW_LS441

USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (STEER) - DAILY

14.74 **Change:** 0.02

AMS 2466/LM_CT100

5 AREA WEEKLY ACCUMULATED WEIGHTED AVG CATTLE PRICE

As of 10:00 am	Head Count	Avg Weight	Avg Price
Live Steer	362	1,566	263.74
Live Heifer	226	1,425	264.00
Dressed Steer	2,083	992	410.00
Dressed Heifer			

AMS 3208/SJ_LS710

DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

Today	108,000	
Week Ago	108,000	
Year Ago (act)	121,468	
Week to Date	321,000	
Same Period Last Week	318,000	
Same Period Last Year	357,571	
Previous Day	**Steer and Heifer**	88,000
	Cow and Bull	22,000

AMS 3209/SJ_LS712

BEEF PRODUCTION	**5/16/2026 (Estimate)**	**Last Week (Estimate)**	**(Actual)**
Slaughter	535,000	527,000	566,000
Live Weights	1468	1471	1423
Dressed Weights	900	901	871
Beef Production (millions of pounds)	480	474	492

AMS 2825/NW_LS410

USDA BEEF CARCASS PRICE EQUIVALENT INDEX VALUE

	Choice 600-900#	Select 600-900#	Dressing percent: Steer	Heifer
	$388.00	$382.72	63.54	63.45
Change	(-1.05)	(-1.20)		

AMS 2455/LM_XB405

USDA NATIONAL CUTTER COW CARCASS CUTOUT

364.97 0.31 **90% Lean** 469.49

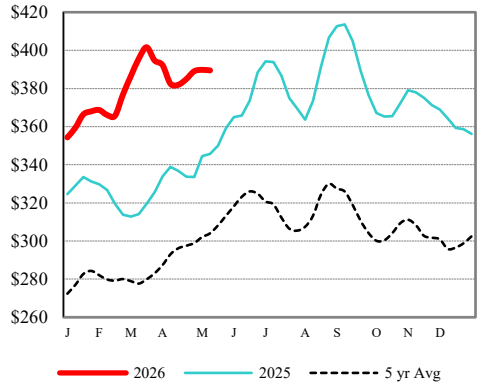
CME LIVE CATTLE

	High	Low	Change	Settle
APR	N/A			
JUN	N/A			
AUG	N/A			

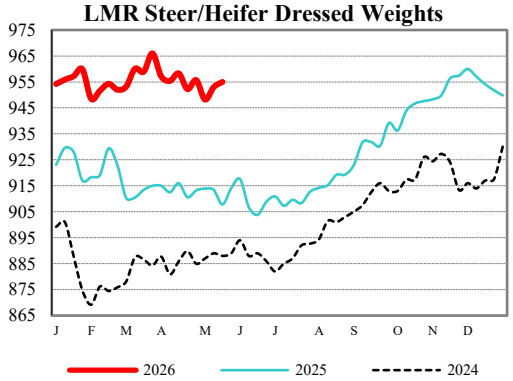
CME FEEDER CATTLE

	High	Low	Change	Settle
APR	N/A			
MAY	N/A			
AUG	N/A			

Weekly Choice Cutout



LMR Steer/Heifer Dressed Weights



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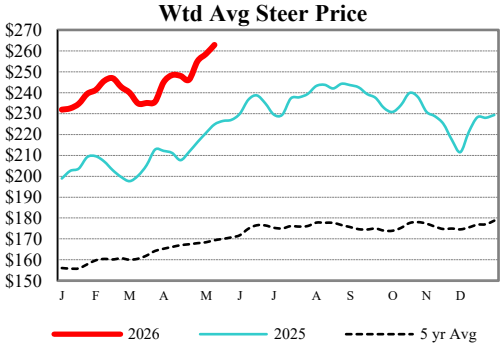
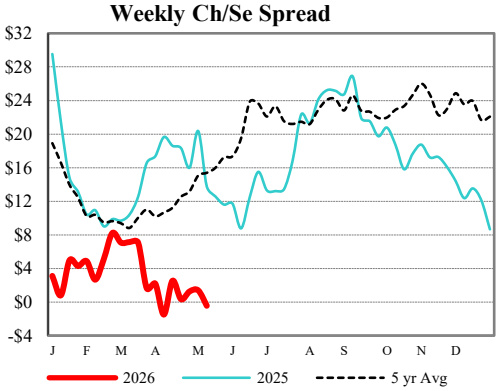


Weekly Ch/Se Spread



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