



## THURSDAY MORNING JANUARY 21, 2021 LIVESTOCK REPORT

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### CATTLE

#### USDA FEDERAL CATTLE SLAUGHTER

JANUARY 20 , 2021	120,000
WEEK AGO	118,000
YEAR AGO	122,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	349,000
SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)	349,000
SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT )	367,000

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	<b>CHOICE</b>	<b>SELECT</b>
BOXED BEEF FINAL	218.91	207.28
CHANGE FROM PRIOR DAY	1.42	0.84
CHOICE/SELECT SPREAD:		11.63
TOTAL LOAD COUNT		136
5 DAY SIMPLE AVERAGE:	213.96	203.10

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Based on negotiated prices and volume of boxed beef cuts delivered within 0-21 days and on average industry cutting yields. Values reflect U.S. dollars per 100 pounds

#### FINAL JANUARY 20, 2021

Primal Rib	348.10	317.27
Primal Chuck	191.63	189.36
Primal Round	189.04	186.53
Primal Loin	280.62	249.52
Primal Brisket	164.22	159.40
Primal Short Plate	127.42	127.42
Primal Flank	102.57	101.57

#### FINAL JANUARY 19, 2021

Primal Rib	344.07	315.37
Primal Chuck	193.03	189.58
Primal Round	187.39	185.60



Primal Loin	276.86	248.19
Primal Brisket	162.26	157.80
Primal Short Plate	126.62	126.62
Primal Flank	100.86	99.78

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**LOAD COUNT AND CUTOFF VALUE SUMMARY**

Date	Choice	Select	Trim	Grinds	Total	CHOICE	SELECT
						600-900	600-900
01/19	103	21	8	16	148	217.49	206.44
01/18	67	17	9	16	109	215.04	205.84
01/15	88	16	16	21	140	212.92	203.08
01/14	82	20	7	27	137	213.37	201.07
01/13	79	18	19	27	143	211.00	199.06

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**NATIONAL BOXED BEEF CUTS - NEGOTIATED SALES** FOB Plant basis negotiated sales for delivery within 0-21-day period. Prior days sales after 1:30pm are included.  
**CURRENT VOLUME - (one load equals 40,000 pounds)**

Choice Cuts	83.44 loads	3,337,658 pounds
Select Cuts	17.23 loads	689,034 pounds
Trimming	20.46 loads	818,553 pounds
Ground Beef	15.16 loads	606,435 pounds

**USDA BY-PRODUCT DROP VALUE (STEER) FOB CENTRAL U.S.**  
[HTTPS://WWW.AMS.USDA.GOV/MNREPORTS/NW\\_LS441.TXT](https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/nw_ls441.txt)

**USDA LIVESTOCK REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2021**

**CATTLE ON FEED REPORT - FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021 - 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**  
**COLD STORAGE REPORT - MONDAY JANUARY 25, 2021 - 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**  
**SEMI ANNUAL CATTLE REPORT - FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 - 2:00PM CENTRAL TIME**

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**USDA POSTED CATTLE PRICES ON 01/20/2021**

**IA/MN - CASH - 109.00 ON SMALL LOADS**  
**NE - CASH - 109.00 ON 916 HEAD**  
**KS - CASH 108.00 - 110.00 ON 10,066 HEAD**  
**TX/OK/NM - 109.00 - 110.00 WITH 135 HEAD AT 111.00 TOTAL 2,284 HEAD SOLD**  
**CO - CASH 110.00 WITH 658 SOLD**



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**\*\*\*National Daily Direct Cattle 01/20/2021**  
**5 day accumulated weighted avg)**

	Weight	Price	Head
Live Steer:	1481	\$109.13	20,030
Live Heifer:	1353	\$109.45	7,136
Dressed Steer:	966	\$172.49	11,539
Dressed Heifer:	890	\$172.11	5,196

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**CATTLE ON FEED ESTIMATES FOR REPORT ON JANUARY 22, 2021**

	Average of estimates	Range of estimates	
On-feed Jan 1	99.3	98.8- 99.9	
Placed in Dec	97.0	93.0- 100.0	
Marketed in Dec	100.7	100.3- 101.8	
Analyst	On-Feed Jan 1	Placements in Dec	Marketed in Dec
Allegiant Commodity Group	99.7	98.7	100.8
Allendale Inc.	99.9	100.0	100.8
HedgersEdge	99.0	94.9	101.8
Livestock Mktg Info Ctr	99.4	97.9	100.3
NFC Markets	98.8	93.0	101.1
Texas A&M Extension	99.4	96.0	100.3
U.S. Commodities	99.2	97.5	100.3

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**Feedlots are now selling cattle in the red. It might help to move some of the heavy weight cattle sooner especially as packers are discounting overweight cattle.. Feedlots wanted \$112 to start out this week but so far \$111.00 on a very few head is the highest price. Most cash cattle selling \$109 to \$110 this week. Packers aren't fighting over showlist cattle. Weights are 11 pounds over last year at this time and instead of paying higher, packers may give a premium after sale markup for higher grading right weight cattle that won't be posted on USDA price sheets, but there are enough cattle in the Midwest that are still heavy and with large loads of trimmings and ground beef moving the heavy cattle just add more pounds to the mix of lower prices products.**



**Don't expect big exports this week. Many global markets are not wanting beef at this time from the US as they are locked down with COVID 19 and sales competition from Brazil taking out US sales.**

**Cattle futures trading was slow Wednesday. Look for trading Thursday to be slow ahead of Friday's Cattle On Feed Report. Volume on feeder cattle showing packer owned and contract cattle buyers limiting purchases. Traders are bear spreading. Up to December feeders were bull spread but have reversed course and not bear spread. Feedlot buyers are buying what they need to fill orders on contracts but are aggressively contracting cattle to keep lots filled. Packers know their orders for meat and now are buying feeders to fit orders they have on the books and waiting to see what they will need down the road.**

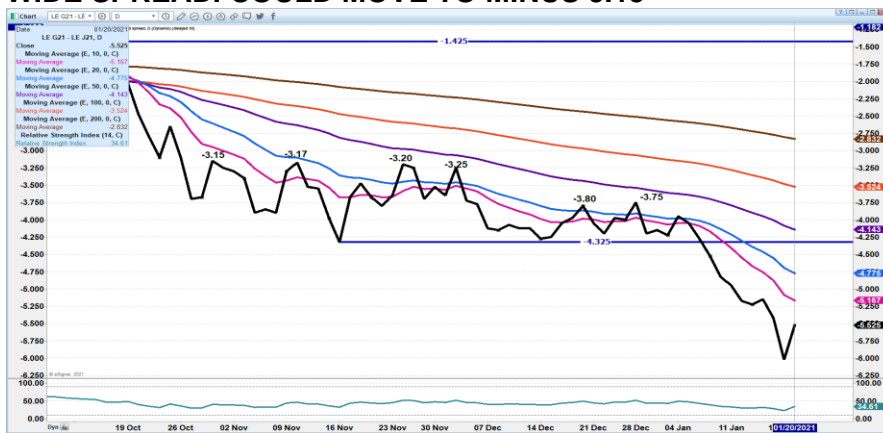
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**As of January 19, 2021, dressed steer and heifer weights were 899.00 compared to previous week at 893.4 up 5.6 pounds from week ago 11 pounds over a year ago. Grading percent was 83.9% up compared to previous week at 82.9%. Grading percent at 84% is an indication there are still too many cattle that are overweight, and the 11 pounds extra cattle weigh this year compared to a year ago verifies it.**

**The milder than normal winter aren't setting cattle back, but weights are heavier than average because Midwest feedlots are keeping cattle too long. They aren't replacing them so they keep them longer and are hoping cattle will move higher. So far hoping for higher markets aren't working as packers add more discounts to the heavier overfed cattle.**

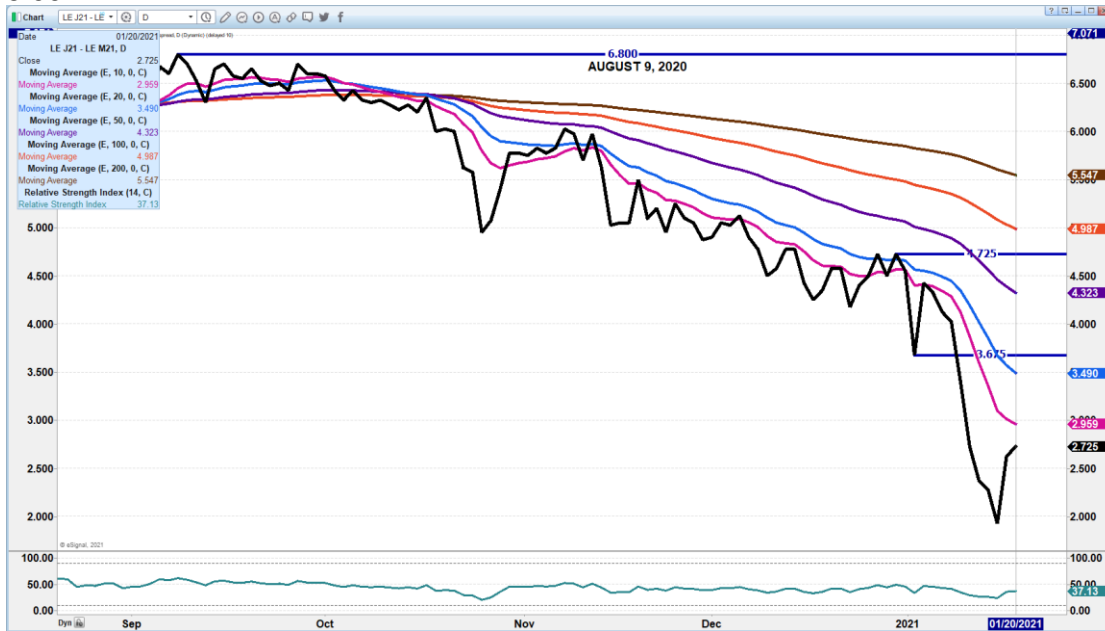
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**FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE/APRIL 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – CORRECTION OFF WIDE SPREAD. COULD MOVE TO MINUS 5.15**





**APRIL/JUNE 2021 LIVE CATTLE SPREAD – SLIGHT CORRECTION LOOK FOR MOVE TO 3.00 LEVEL**

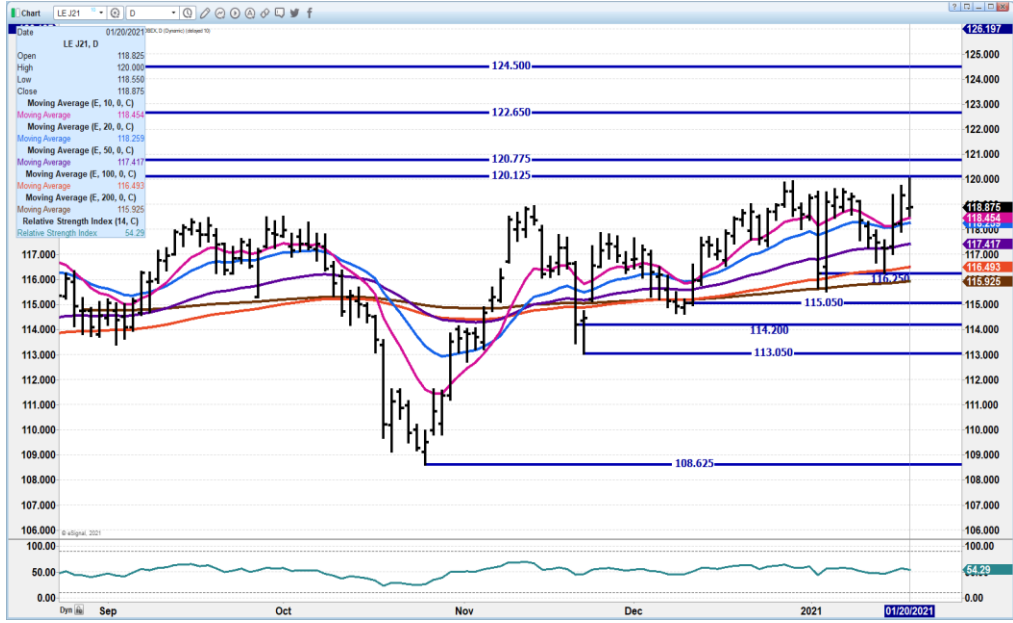


**FEBRUARY 2021 LIVE CATTLE – RAQLIED BUT GAVE UP GAINS Resistance at 114.37 Support at 112.97 to 111.35**

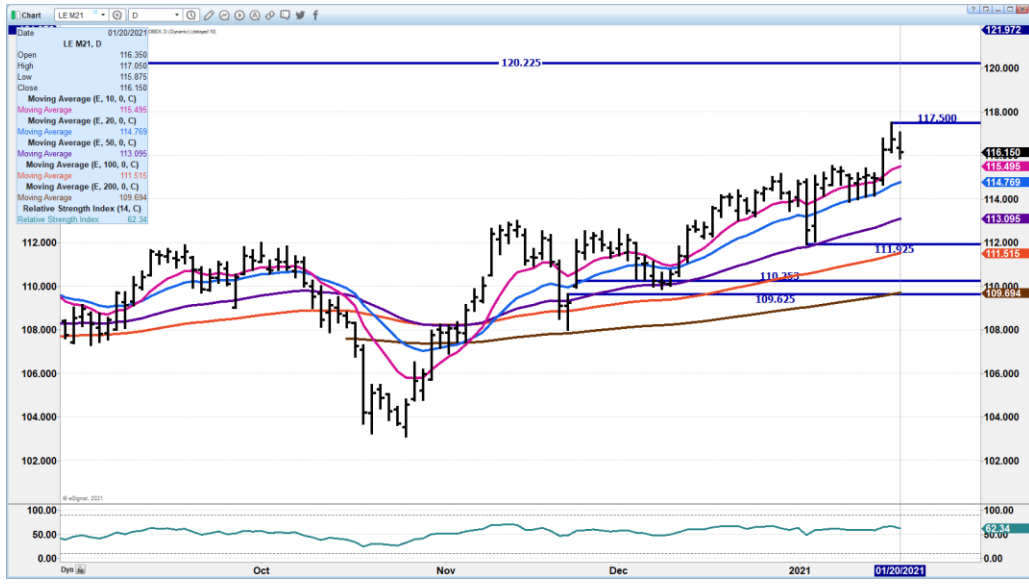




**APR 2021 LIVE CATTLE - RESISTANCE 120.12 TO 120.77 SUPPORT AT 118.45 TO 117.37**



**JUNE 2021 LIVE CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 117.50 SUPPORT AT 116.37**



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## Feeder Cattle

**THE CME FEEDER INDEX ON 01/18/2020 WAS 132.90 DOWN 53 FROM PREVIOUS DAY – CME HAS NOT UPDATED AS OF 7:15AM JANUARY 20, 2021**

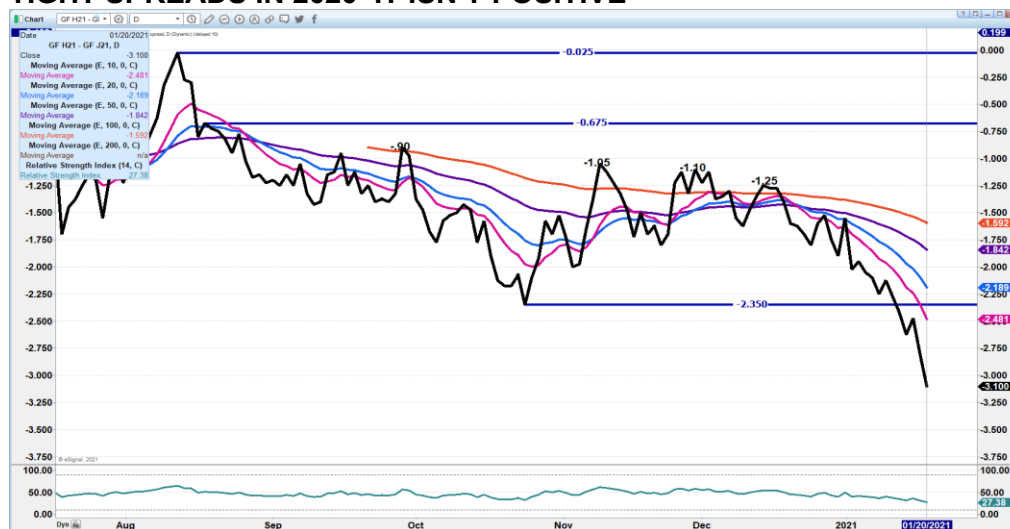
**JANUARY 2021 FEEDER CATTLE FUTURES SETTLED ON JANUARY 20, 2021 AT \$135.30**

### NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY – WEEK ENDING 01/16/2021

RECEIPTS:	AUCTIONS	DIRECT	VIDEO/INTERNET	TOTAL
THIS WEEK:	313,400	63,800	157,300	534,500
LAST WEEK:	349,800	40,300	87,300	477,400
YEAR AGO:	281,400	49,300	61,700	392,400

COMPARED TO LAST WEEK, STEERS AND HEIFERS SOLD 2.00 TO 4.00 LOWER IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONS, WHILE CALVES SUITABLE FOR GRAZING OUT OF THE SOUTHEAST SOLD 2.00 TO 4.00 HIGHER. EVEN THOUGH THE RECEIPTS AT AUCTIONS WEREN'T AS LARGE AS LAST WEEK, THE RECEIPTS NATIONWIDE STILL TOPPED THE 300K MARK THIS WEEK. DEMAND WAS REPORTED AS GOOD TO EVEN VERY GOOD IN SOME AUCTIONS, BUT AT LOWER PRICE LEVELS THAN THE PREVIOUS WEEK IN THE PLAINS.

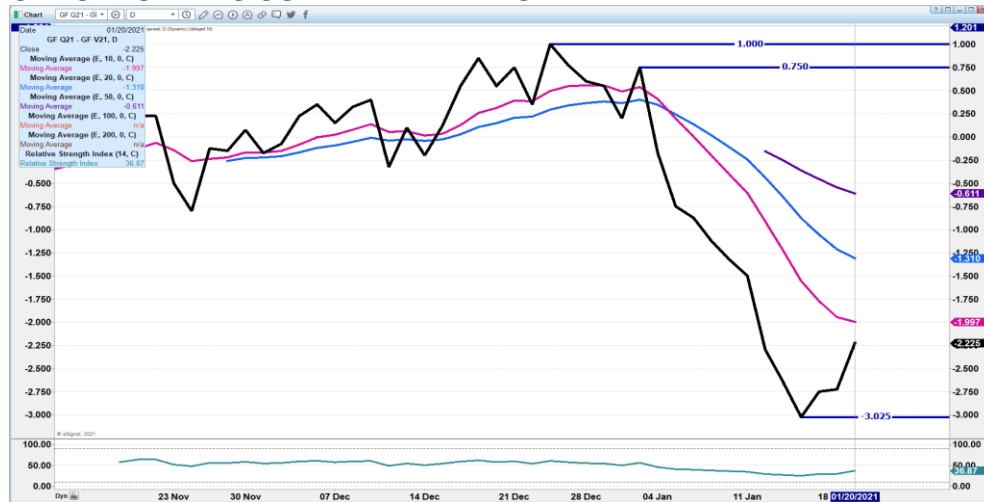
### MARCH 2021/APRIL 2021 FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - COMPLETE REVERSAL OF TIGHT SPREADS IN 2020 IT ISN'T POSITIVE



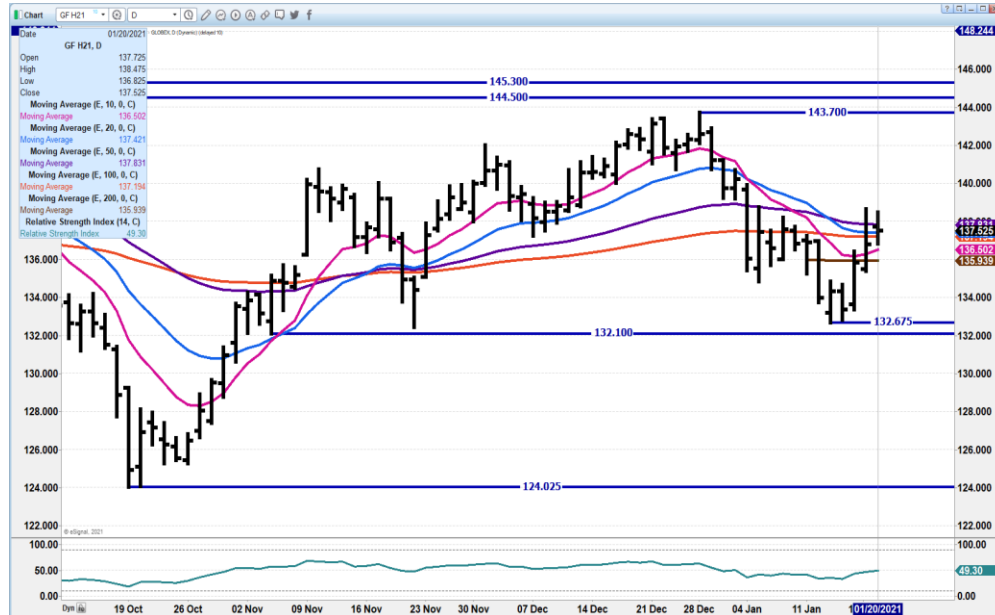


Daily Futures Market Commentary

**AUGUST/OCTOBER FEEDER CATTLE SPREAD - MARKET IS GIVING HEDGE OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER FEEDERS**



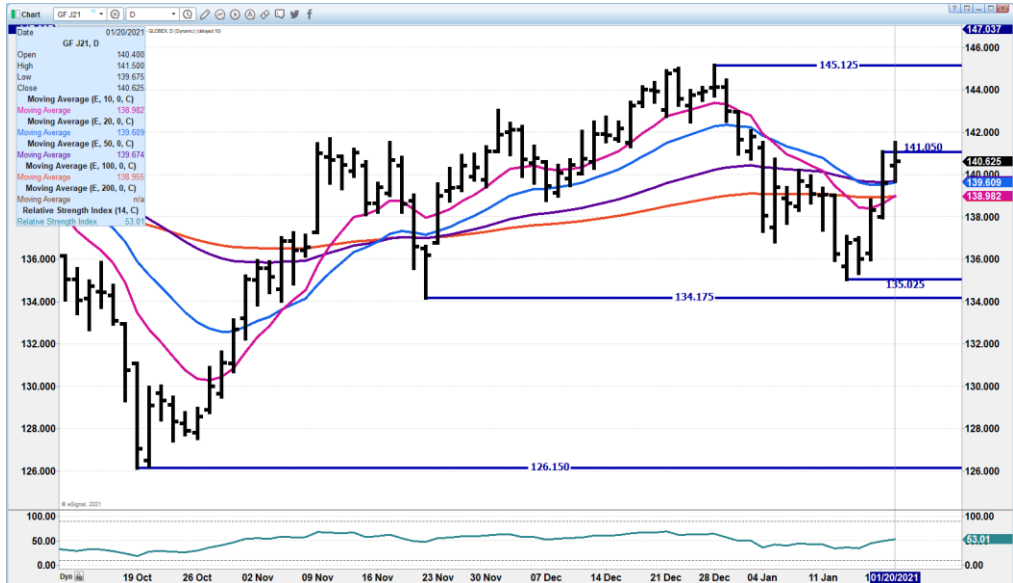
**MARCH 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 136.67 SUPPORT AT 135.87**







**APR 2021 FEEDER CATTLE – RESISTANCE AT 141.07 SUPPORT AT `136.60 TO 138.67**



**LEAN HOGS**

**USDA ESTIMATED FEDERAL HOG SLAUGHTER**

<b>JANUARY 20, 2021</b>	<b>498,000</b>
<b>WEEK AGO</b>	<b>498,000</b>
<b>YEAR AGO</b>	<b>493,000</b>
<b>WEEK TO DATE (EST)</b>	<b>1,423,000</b>
<b>SAME PERIOD LAST WEEK (EST)</b>	<b>1,494,000</b>
<b>SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (ACT)</b>	<b>1,398,000</b>

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**CME CASH HOG INDEX 01/15/2020 AT 65.56 UP 3 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY - CME HAS NOT UPDATED AS OF 7:15AM JANUARY 20, 2021**

**CME CASH PORK CUTOUT INDEX 01/18/2021 AT 79.24 UP 97 CENTS FROM PREVIOUS DAY - CME HAS NOT UPDATED AS OF 7:15AM JANUARY 20, 2021**

**CME CASH FRESH BACON INDEX ON 01/15/2021 WAS 164.94 COMPARED TO 01/08/2021 WAS 153.92**



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Pork cutout was up Wednesday. Load volume was very light. This week pork exports need to see bigger sales to Mexico and China.

Wednesday Lean Hogs continued to reverse spreads. As spreads reverse, spring and summer months weakened against the front months. Spreading Wednesday right up to the last minute of trading was obvious. From 2021 to February 2022 it couldn't have been clearer. Spreads help hedgers sneak into short positions. As spreads tighten, traders will lift short leg, the front months, and have back months at better price levels that outright selling.

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Feed markets are the best indicators what is taking place. Grain prices have rallied because of demand for feed. There is no other way to look at it. China is no longer rebuilding their hog supplies, they are in a rapid building phase now above where they were before African Swine Fever.

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**USDA MARKET NEWS**

Based on negotiated prices and volume of pork cuts delivered within 14 days and on average industry cutting yields.

Calculations for 215 lb. Pork Carcass. 55-56% lean, 0.55"-0.70" BF Last Rib

**NATIONAL DAILY PORK REPORT FOB PLANT - NEGOTIATED SALES**

**JANUARY 20, 2021**

LOADS OF PORK CUTS: 318.56

LOADS TRIM/PROCESSED PORK: 41.28

**FINAL**

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
01/20/2021	359.84	79.02	78.41	68.08	51.03	147.92	70.98	113.21
Change		1.60	3.42	-5.70	6.96	-2.28	5.39	-4.82
Five Day Average --		79.12	74.81	69.17	47.34	148.61	72.49	119.54

**FINAL**

Date	Loads	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Pic	Rib	Ham	Belly
01/19/2021	404.67	77.42	74.99	73.78	44.07	150.20	65.59	118.03
Change		-1.10	1.15	4.60	1.22	2.19	-8.52	-1.35
Five Day Average --		78.94	73.64	68.85	47.33	148.76	73.37	119.29

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**NATIONAL DAILY DIRECT HOG PRIOR DAY REPORT - SLAUGHTERED SWINE**

**Slaughter Data for January 19, 2021**

**Average live weight - 288.59**

**Average carcass - 217.09**

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**DAILY DIRECT AFTERNOON HOG REPORT JANUARY 20, 2021**

**National Negotiated Carcass Price**

**Lowest price: 48.00**

**Highest price: 58.50**

**Weighted Average Price: 55.08**

**Head Count: 14,768**

**Other Market Formula (Carcass)**

**Lowest base price: 51.85**

**Highest base price: 80.75**

**Weighted Average Price: 63.11**

**Head Count: 27,033**

**Swine/Pork Market Formula (Carcass)**

**Lowest base price: 52.19**

**Highest base price: 73.95**

**Weighted Average Price: 64.32**

**Head Count: 158,840**

**Other Purchase Arrangement (Carcass)**

**Lowest base price: 56.24**

**Highest base price: 95.31**

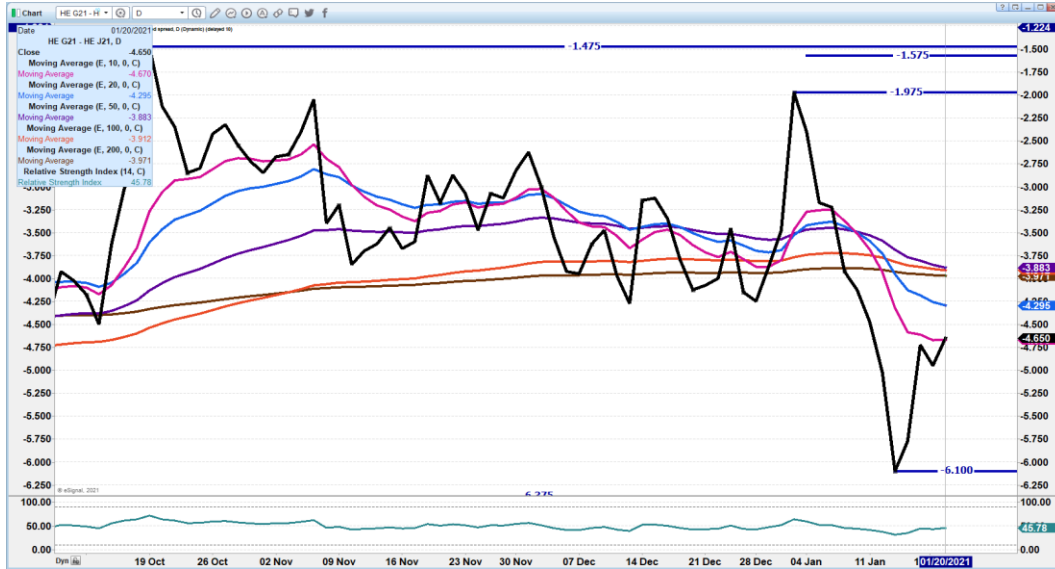
**Weighted Average Price: 68.17**

**Head Count: 59,892**

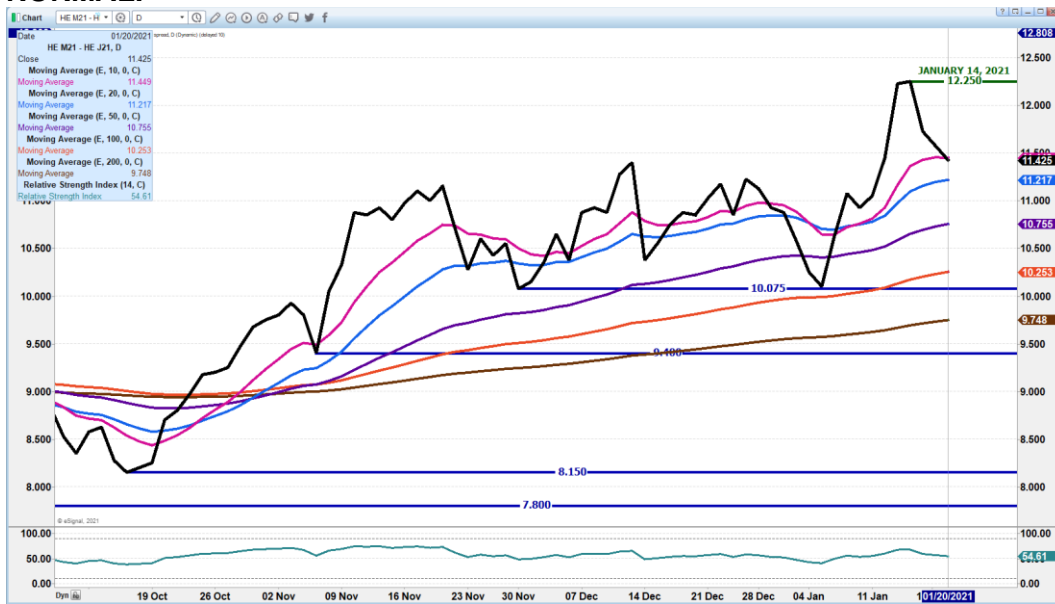
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**FEBRUARY/APRIL 2021 LEAN HOG SPREAD - CORRECTION TO 10 DAY AVERAGE. COULD MOVE TO MINUS 3.50 LEVEL. BUT SPREADS ARE NEGATIVE**



**JUNE/APRIL LEAN HOG SPREAD – FELL TO SUPPORT WEDNESDAY 10.00 LEVEL NORMAL.**

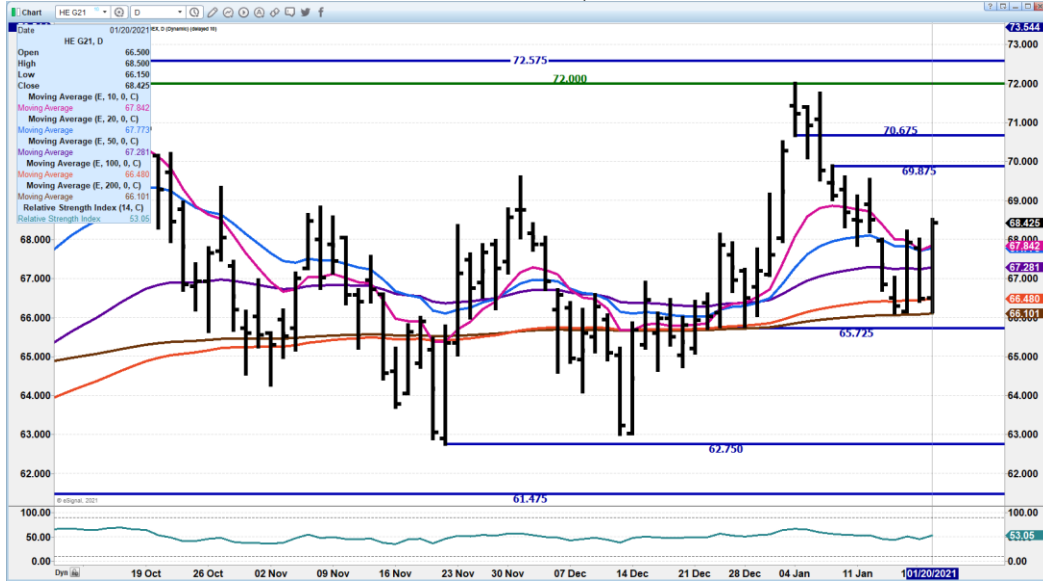


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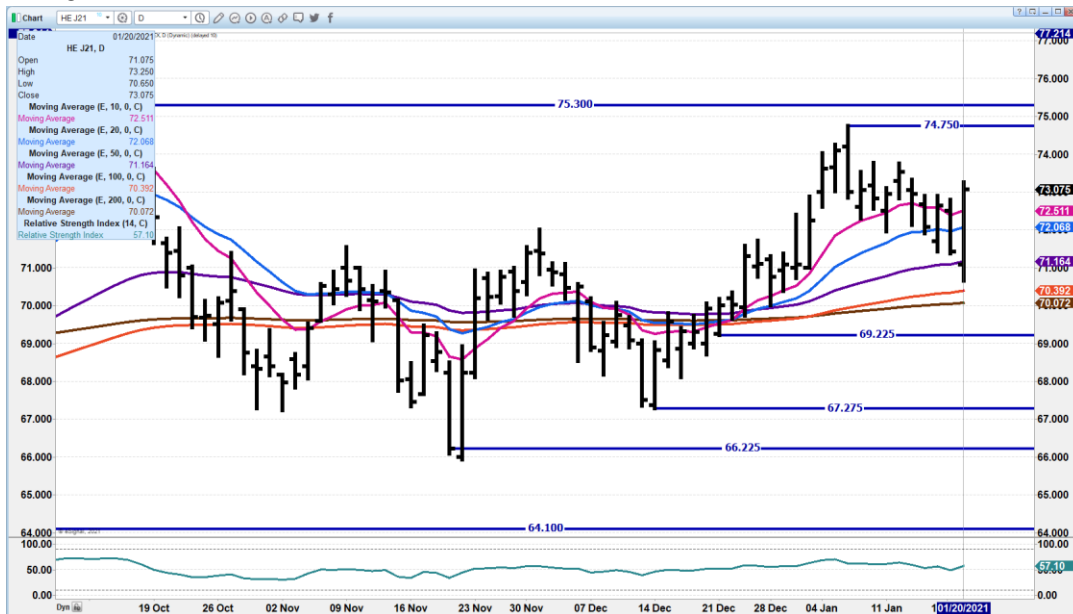
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**FEBRUARY 2021 LEAN HOGS – FELL TO SUPPORT WEDNESDAY ON 200 DAY MOVING AVERAGE. RESISTANCE 69.87, SUPPORT AT 66.10**



**APR 2021 LEAN HOGS – VOLUME 5,509, LIGHT RESISTANCE AT 73.50 SUPPORT AT 71.15**

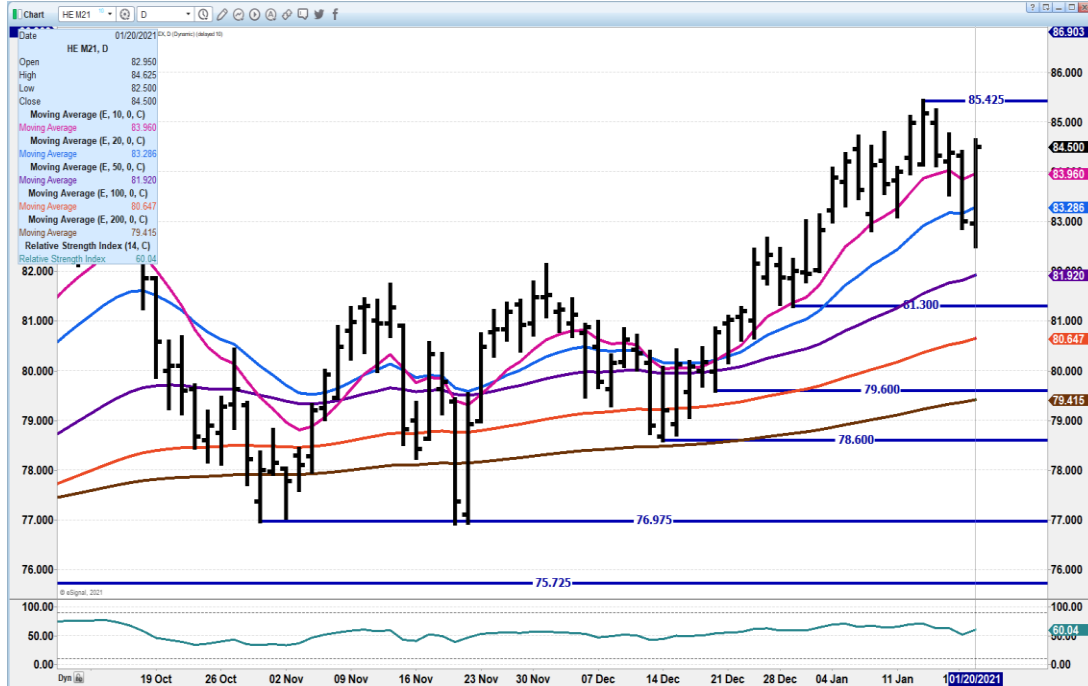


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**JUNE 2021 LEAN HOGS - RESISTANCE AT 85.37 SUPPORT AT 83.57**



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