

U.S. Beef Market Trends

The Choice cutout trended higher for the fifth consecutive week this week even as production rebounded following the two holiday-shortened weeks. The Choice cutout increased by 1.4% from last week to an average of \$3.29/lb., which was the highest since the beginning of July. The Choice cutout was up 16% from last year and up 17% from 2023.

The Choice/Select spread seasonally narrowed from \$29.53/cwt last week to \$21.40/cwt this week as the retail focus shifts back from middle meats towards roasts and ground beef. This week's Choice/Select spread was up from \$17.26/cwt last year but down from \$23.11/cwt in 2023, but the spread remains wide for this time of year.

Values were steady for the brisket and loin primals, but values increased for the other Choice beef primals: flank (+2%), short plate (+6%), chuck (+7%), and round (+7%).

Wholesale price for Choice 1x1 chuck rolls typically increase through the second half of December into January, and prices have been strongly increasing for the last five weeks. This week, prices averaged \$5.05/lb., up 10% from last week. This is the 11th week on record that prices have broken \$5/lb., and prices are elevated for the time of year, with prices up 25% from last year and up 35% from 2023.

Wholesale chuck shoulder clod prices surged 16% over the past three weeks to reach an average of \$3.90/lb. this week, which was the highest on record apart from five weeks in 2020 when prices spiked at the onset of the pandemic. Prices were up 28% from last year and up 44% from 2023.

Wholesale round prices were also supported as retail demand shifts towards roast features in January and retailers needed to restock after the holidays. The shortage of lean beef due to lower cow slaughter also continues to support round demand/prices.

Prices for Choice top inside rounds (168-3) have been trending sharply higher over the past five weeks, and this week, prices reached \$3.87/lb., the highest since August 2021 and one of the highest weekly prices on record. Prices were up 37% from last year and up 43% from 2023.

Prices for Choice gooseneck rounds also reached one of the highest price levels on record this week at \$3.60/lb., up 24% from last year and up 26% from 2023.

Prices for Choice knuckles increased by 7% from last week and averaged \$4.02/lb., the highest since August of last year and also one of the highest weekly prices on record. Prices were up 32% from last year and up 28% from 2023.

After increasing by 16% last week, 50% beef trim prices increased by 17% this week to \$1.05/lb., which was the highest since mid-September. Prices were up 49% from last year but down 2.5% from 2023. Prices have been above year-ago levels for the last ten weeks.

90% beef prices have been trending higher over the past three weeks, and this week, prices increased by \$0.06 from last week to an average of \$3.35/lb., which was the highest in nine weeks. Prices are now down 11% from the \$3.76/lb. record high set in August but remain historically high, and this week, prices were up 28% from last year and up 37% from 2023.

Weekly estimated beef production was 512.1 million pounds, up 16.6% from last week (which included the New Year's holiday)(1. 439.1 million pounds) and up 12.5% from last year. (*1, USDA adjusted weekly beef production from 432.2 million pounds to 439.1 million pounds) Weekly estimated slaughter was 589,000 head, up 16.4% from last week(*2, 506,000 head) and up 8.1% from last year. (*2, USDA adjusted from 498,000 head to 506,000 head) 2025 beef production and slaughter was up by 3.7% and 0.7% respectively from last year.

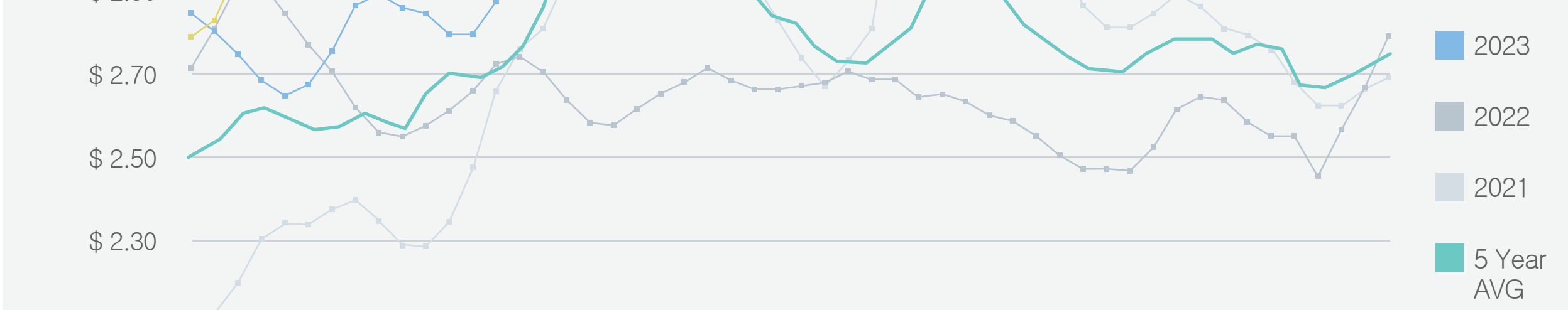
Live weights averaged 1,435 lbs., up 2 lbs. from last week and up 39 lbs. from last year. Dressed weights averaged 872 lbs., up 2 lbs. from last week and up 34 lbs. from last year.

Cash steer prices increased by \$5.81/cwt from last week to a record \$202.61/cwt. The live cattle futures contract traded at: February: \$198.78 (+\$4.73 from last Friday), April: \$199.48 (+\$3.48), and June: \$194.10 (+\$3.42).

From December 27 2024 to 31, U.S. beef exports were 10,375 tons, of which exports to China were 1,625 mt.

U.S. Weekly Beef Export to China

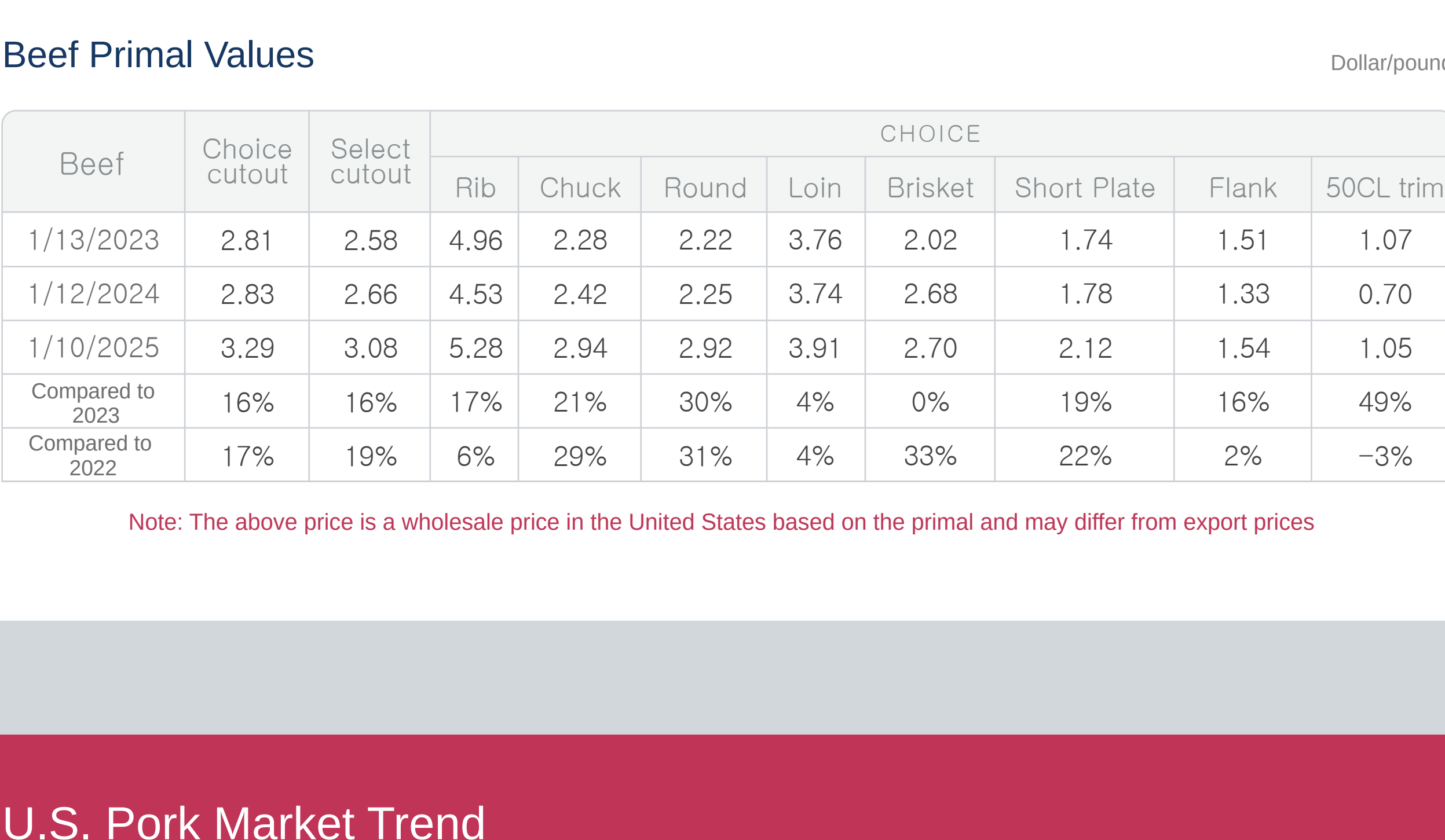
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*Note: Update December 31, 2024/ *Exports from January 1 to December 31, 2024 totaled 122,592 tons

Beef Primal Values

Dollar/pound



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Beef	Choice cutout	Select cutout	Rib	Chuck	Round	Loin	Brisket	Short Plate	Flank	50CL trim
1/13/2023	2.81	2.58	4.96	2.28	2.22	3.76	2.02	1.74	1.51	1.07
1/12/2024	2.83	2.66	4.53	2.42	2.25	3.74	2.68	1.78	1.33	0.70
1/10/2025	3.29	3.08	5.28	2.94	2.92	3.91	2.70	2.12	1.54	1.05
Compared to 2023	16%	16%	17%	21%	30%	4%	0%	19%	16%	49%
Compared to 2022	17%	19%	6%	29%	31%	4%	33%	22%	2%	-3%

Note: The above price is a wholesale price in the United States based on the primal and may differ from export prices

U.S. Pork Market Trend

Cutout

\$ 0.90

Previous week \$0.91 Unit: Dollar/pound

Slaughter Number

2.551 million

Previous week 2.266million Unit: Head

Pork Production

553.1 million

Previous week 490.8million Unit: Pound

Live Hog

\$ 79.00

Previous week \$79.59 Unit: Dollar/100 pound

The pork cutout trended lower for the third week this week and averaged down 1.3% from last week to \$0.90/lb., which was the lowest since last February. However, the cutout was up 5% from last year and up 11% from 2023.

Compared to last week, values increased for the belly (+11%) and rib (+1%) primals, but values trended lower for the butt (-1%), loin (-2%), ham (-3%), and picnic (-9%) primals.

Heavy bone-in ham prices typically decrease after Christmas, and prices decreased by 6% two weeks ago before dropping 16% last week and another 9.5% this week to an average of \$0.77/lb., the lowest since last March. Prices were down 1% from last year but up 12% from 2023.

Volatility continued for spot boneless, boxed rollout ham prices this week. Prices had corrected down to \$1.45/lb. last week as a larger volume of 169,000 lbs. was traded (compared to just 6,000 and 16,000 lbs. the prior two weeks). But this week, the traded volume again was minimal at just 11,000 lbs., and prices jumped back to \$1.86/lb., which was up 41% from last year and up 12% from 2023.

Prices for ¼ loin trimmed, vacuum packed pork loins typically increase in mid-January, but this week, prices averaged 5% lower from last week to \$0.88/lb., the lowest since early 2022. Prices were down 14% from last year and down 13% from 2023.

Prices for pork tenderloins averaged down 1.5% this week to \$1.70/lb., and prices were up 9% from last year but down 6% from 2023.

Boneless sirloin prices increased by 1% from last week to \$1.31/lb., which was the highest since the beginning of November. Prices were up 8% from last year and up 11% from 2023.

Prices for bone-in sirloins averaged 1% lower from last week to \$0.90/lb., which was up 2% from last year and up 7% from 2023.

Weekly estimated pork production was 553.1 million pounds, up 12.7% from last week (*1, 490.8 million pounds) (which included the New Year's holiday) and up 17.1% from last year. (*1, USDA adjusted last week production from 495.6 million pounds to 490.8 million pounds) Weekly hog slaughter was estimated at 2,551 million head, up 12.6% from last week (*2, 2,266 million head) and up 17.5% from last year. (*2, USDA adjusted last week slaughter from 2,288 million head to 2,266 million head)

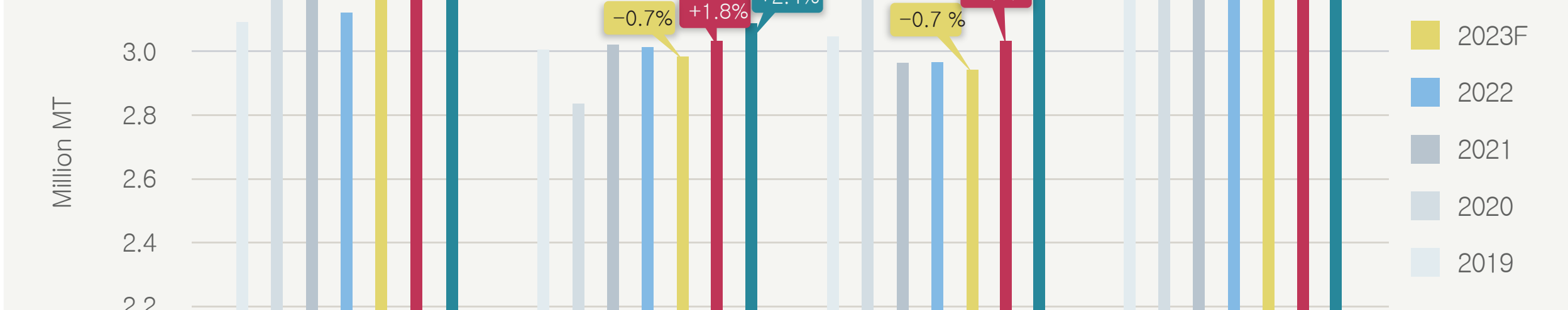
Live weights averaged 291 lbs., steady with last week but down 2 lbs. from last year. Dressed weights averaged 217 lbs., steady with last week and down 1 lb. from last year.

Cash hog prices edged down by \$0.59/cwt from last Friday to \$79.00/cwt. The lean hog futures contracts traded at: February: \$82.55 (+\$1.77 from last Friday), April: \$88.68 (+\$2.90), May: \$93.53 (+\$2.95), and June: \$102.58 (+\$4.08).

From December 27 to 31, U.S. pork exports were 20,520 tons, of which exports to China were 1,956 mt.

U.S. Weekly Pork Export to China

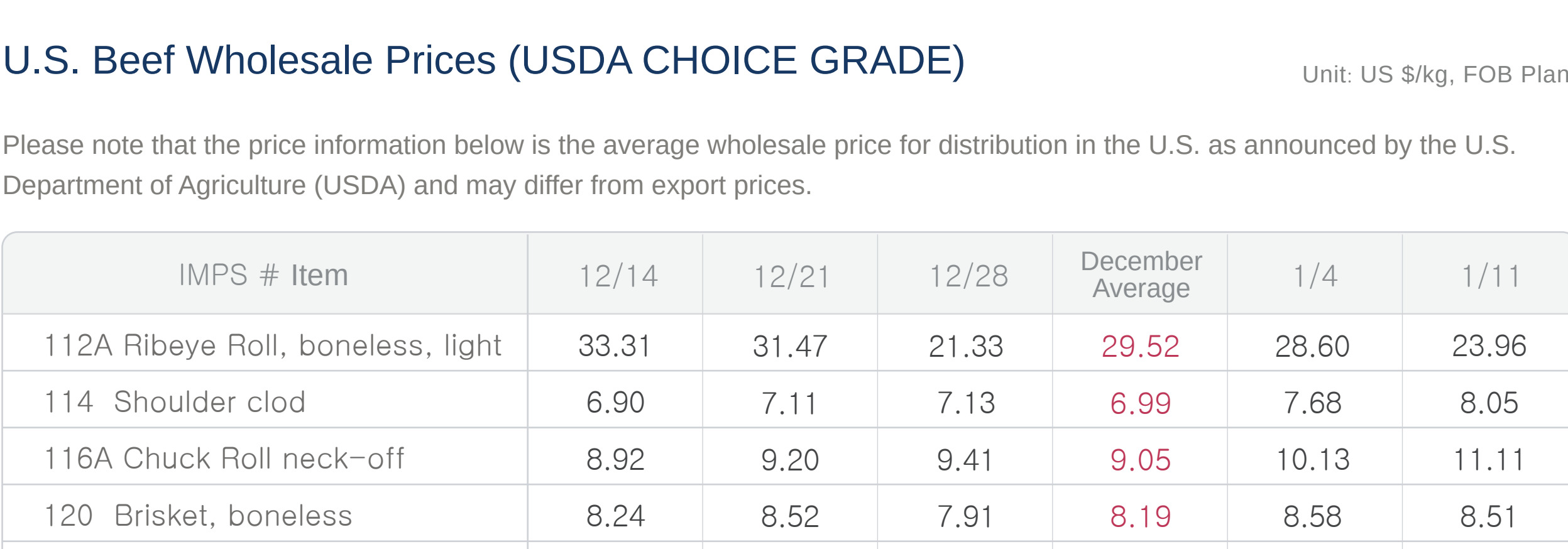
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*Note: Update December 31, 2024/ *Exports from January 1 to December 31, 2024 totaled 169,850 tons

Pork Cutout Weekly Price

Dollar/pound



Pork Primal Values

Dollar/pound

Pork	Cutout	Loin	Butt	Picnic	Rib	Ham	Belly
1/13/2023	0.81	0.83	1.02	0.70	1.22	0.74	0.89
1/12/2024	0.85	0.83	1.02	0.67	1.22	0.78	1.12
1/10/2025	0.90	0.80	1.11	0.65	1.41	0.79	1.31
Compared to 2023	5%	-4%	9%	-2%	16%	1%	17%
Compared to 2022	11%	-4%	9%	-7%	16%	8%	47%

Note: The above price is a wholesale price in the United States based on the Big rib(primal) and may differ from export prices.

Outlook for U.S. Pork and Beef Production

Last week, USDA released its latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report.

This report projects US beef production in 2025 at 11.7 million tons, down 4.4% from 2024, based on higher-than-expected fourth-quarter 2024 placement, an upward revision from the previous month's report (-5.1%).

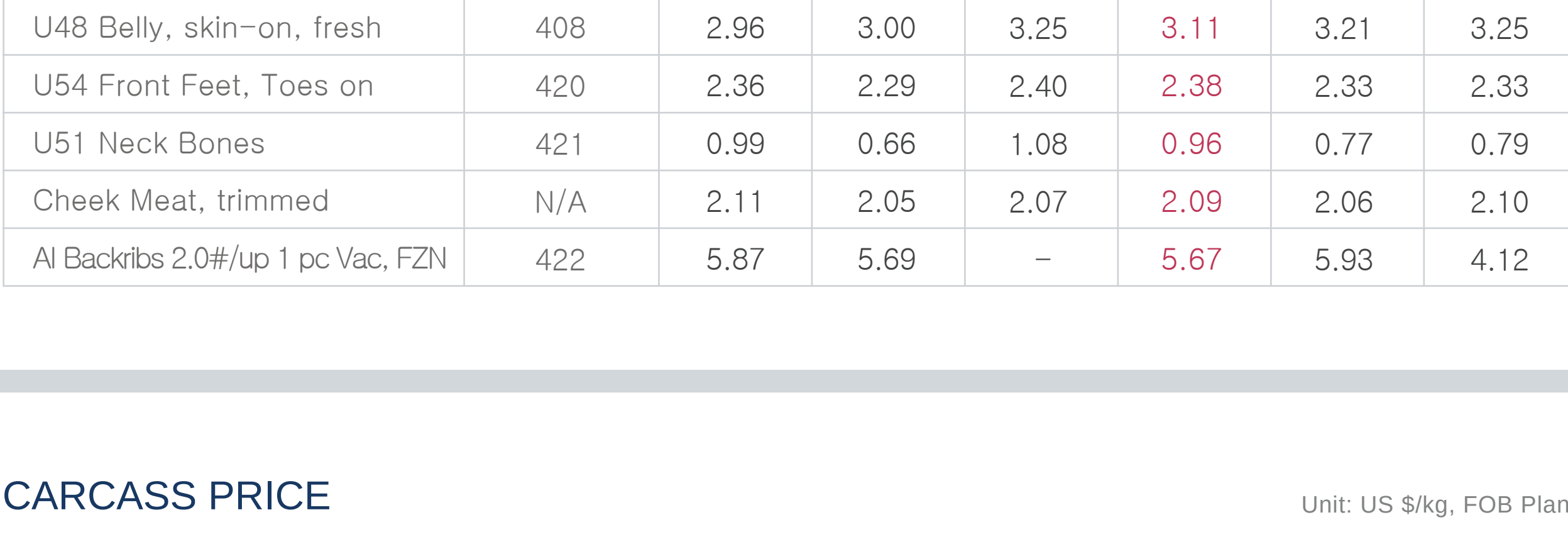
Beef export in 2025 is expected to decrease by 13.4% compared to 2024.

U.S. pork production in 2025 is expected to reach a record high of 12.93 million tons, up 2.6% year-over-year, based on piglet production in the December Hogs and Pigs report, an upward revision from the previous month's report (+2.0%).

Pork export in 2025 is expected to increase by 3.1% compared to 2024.

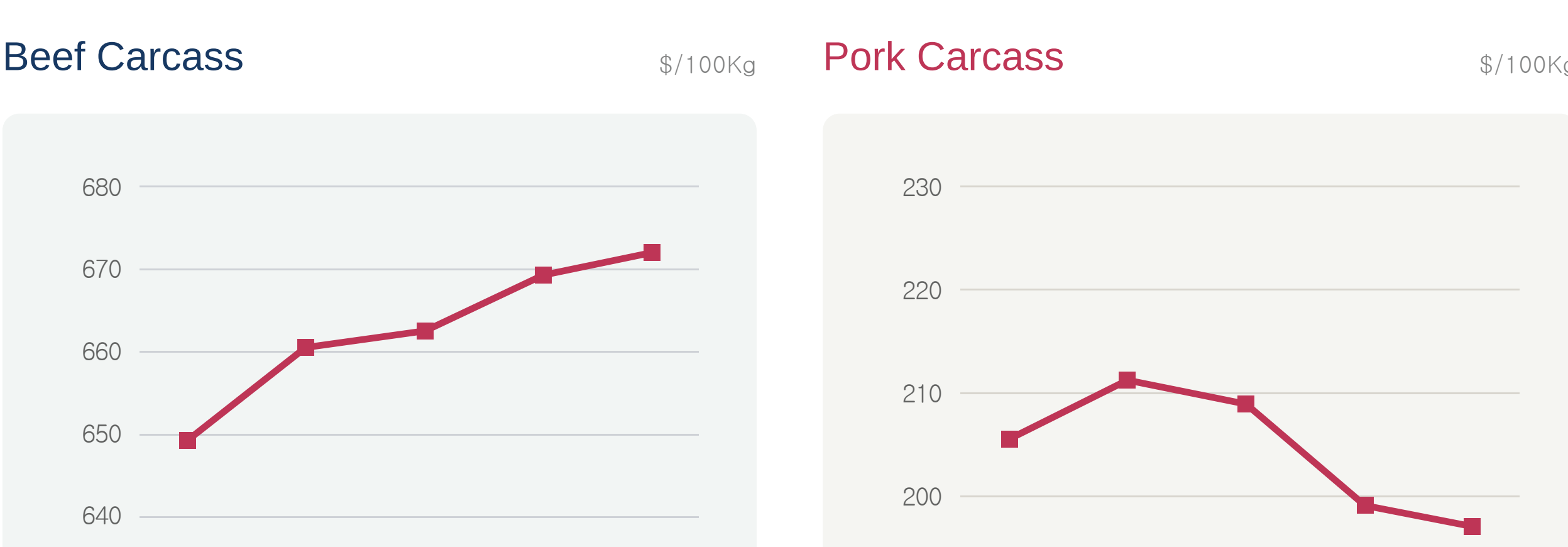
U.S. Quarterly Beef Production Forecast

2019 : 12.32 MMT, +1.0% | 2020 : 12.33 MMT, +0.1% | 2021 : 12.68 MMT, +2.8% | 2022 : 12.83 MMT, +1.2% | 2023 : 12.23 MMT, -4.7% | 2024est : 12.24MMT, +0.1% | 2025F : 11.70MMT, - 4.4%



U.S. Quarterly Pork Production Forecast

2019 : +5.0% 12.54 MMT | 2020 : +2.4% 12.84 MMT | 2021 : -2.2% 12.55 MMT | 2022 : -2.5% 12.25 MMT | 2023 : +1.1% 12.38 MMT | 2024est : +1.2% 12.60 MMT | 2025F : +2.6% 12.93 MMT



U.S. Beef Wholesale Prices (USDA CHOICE GRADE)

Unit: US \$/kg, FOB Plant

Please note that the price information below is the average wholesale price for distribution in the U.S. as announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and may differ from export prices.

IMPS # Item	12/14	12/21	12/28	December Average	1/4	1/11
112A Ribeye Roll, boneless, light	33.31	31.47	21.33	29.52	28.60	23.96
114 Shoulder clod	6.90	7.11	7.13	6.99	7.68	8.05
116A Chuck Roll neck-off	8.92	9.20	9.41	9.05	10.13	11.11
120 Brisket, boneless	8.24	8.52	7.91	8.19	8.58	8.51
123A Short Rib	14.48	14.41	14.14	14.33	14.85	14.92
160 Round, bone-in	9.34	8.85	9.13	9.47	9.47	9.46
167A Knuckle, peeled	7.26	7.67	7.92	7.57	8.24	8.85
168 Top Inside Round	6.88	7.26	7.50	7.05	8.01	8.52
170 Gooseneck Round 18-33	6.95	7.23	7.62	7.20	7.14	7.93
180 Strip Loin, boneless, 1x1	15.85	16.65	12.64	15.38	17.26	17.93
184 Loin, top butt, boneless	8.48	8.89	8.30	8.58	8.99	8.97
189A Tenderloin trimmed heavy	36.53	34.53	27.39	33.81	31.22	27.71
193 Flank Steak	13.31	13.69	13.94	13.65	13.89	13.46
Primal cut, Rib	14.19	13.68	13.31	13.72	12.98	11.61
Primal cut, Arm Chuck	14.19	5.54	5.77	7.73	6.02	6.46
Primal cut, Round	5.44	5.61	5.81	5.53	6.01	6.43
Primal cut, Loin	5.37	8.59	8.50	7.76	8.80	8.59

Beef Chuck Roll

\$/Kg

