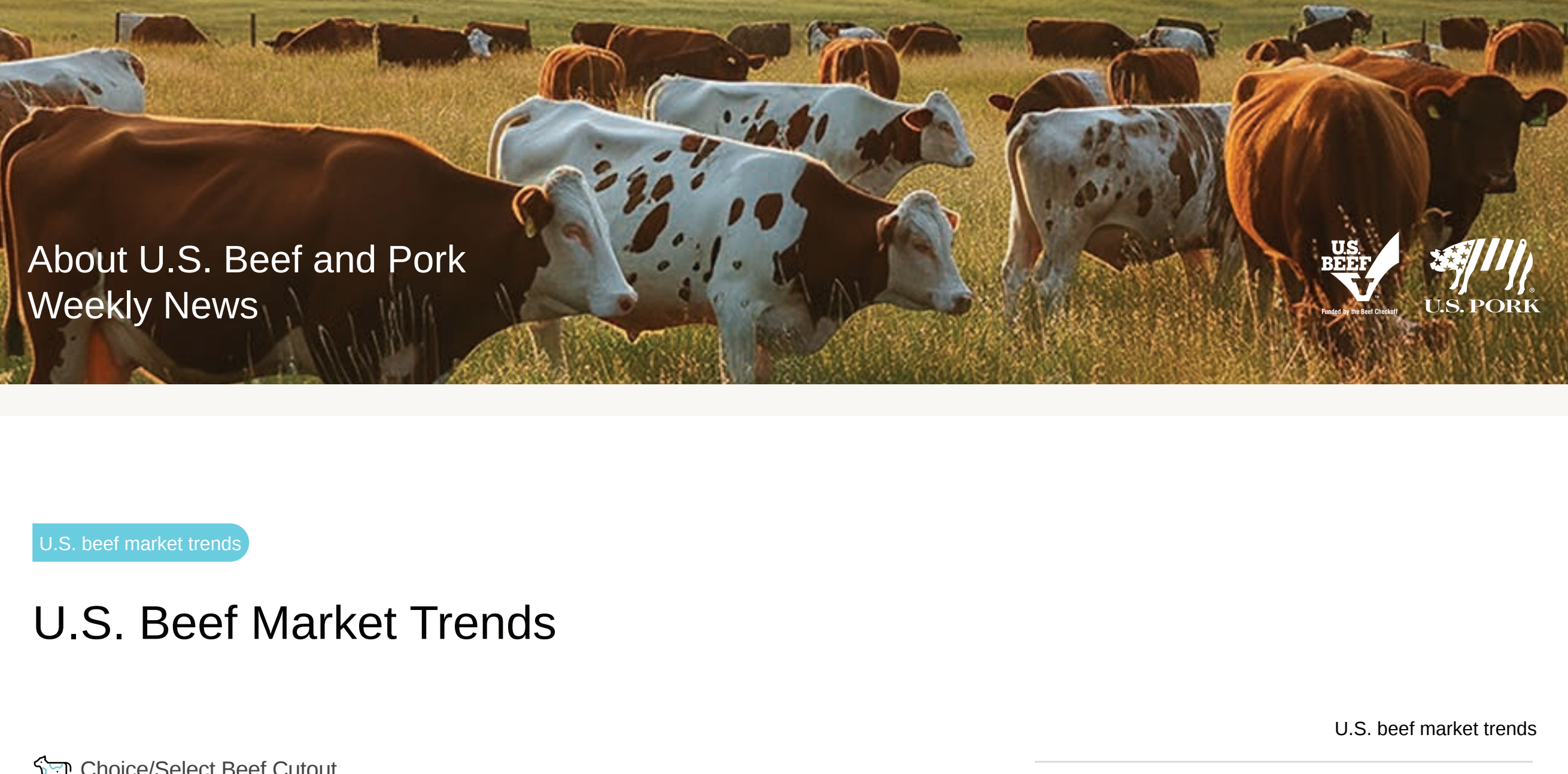




U.S. beef market trends

U.S. Beef Market Trends

Choice/Select Beef Cutout

The Choice/Select spread trended lower for the second consecutive week and decreased 1.5% from last week to an average of \$3.77/lb., which was down 9% from last year but up 21% from 2024. The Choice beef cutout reached a record high of \$4.14/lb. in the first week of September 2025. So far in 2026, the high for the Choice cutout was \$4.02/lb. in mid-March.

After edging just slightly lower last week, the Select cutout decreased by 2.1% this week to an average of \$3.56/lb., which was down 8% from last year but up 19% from 2024. The Select cutout reached a record high of \$3.95/lb. in mid-March of this year.

Choice/Select Spread

The Choice/Select spread widened from \$20.00/cwt last week to \$21.67/cwt this week. This compared to a spread of \$26.88/cwt last year and \$12.70/cwt in 2024. The share of fed beef production grading Select was only 9.1% year-to-date, down from 12.7% last year, while the share grading Choice was 72.8%, steady with last year. For the week ending August 22 (which is the latest available data) 10.8% of fed beef production graded Select, down from 13.5% for the same week last year.

Prime Beef Production and Cutout

The share of fed beef production grading Prime is up massively from last year's already high levels. From January through the week ending August 22 (the latest available data), 15.1% of fed beef production graded Prime, up from 11.5% last year. For the week ending August 22, the share of fed beef production grading Prime was 12.9% (revised up from 12.5% that was originally reported), up from 9.7% last year. The share reaches its lowest level of the year in July and August during the hotter weather before rebounding from September through the end of the year. The Prime cutout is published on Mondays, and for the week ending August 28, it averaged \$4.15/lb., up 5% from the prior week but down 8% from last year (the week ending September 4 has not been published yet because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 7). The Prime/Choice spread was 34 cents/lb. So far this year, the Prime/Choice spread has averaged just 17 cents/lb., compared to 36 cents/lb. last year.

Choice Beef Primal Values

Compared to the prior week, the Choice rib primal value was up 3%, while values trended lower for the other Choice primals: chuck (-1%), loin (-1%), round (-3%), short plate (-5%), brisket (-6%), and flank (-9%).

Wholesale Choice Ribeye Prices

Wholesale prices for Choice boneless, heavy ribeyes have been trending seasonally higher for the last seven weeks since late-July. This week, prices increased 2% from the prior week to \$15.05/lb., which was the second highest weekly price after the record high of \$15.14/lb. in December 2024 and the third week that prices have topped \$15/lb. Last year, prices peaked for the year during the first week of September at \$14.72/lb. This week, prices were up 2% from last year (which was the annual 2025 high) and up 51% from 2024.

Wholesale Beef Trim Prices

50% beef trim prices have been trending lower since the beginning of July, but prices dropped more sharply this week and were down 23% from the prior week to an average of \$1.00/lb. this week, which was the lowest since February 2025. Prices were down 37% from last year and down 26% from 2024.

Domestic 90% beef trim prices edged down 0.7% from the prior week to \$4.49/lb. this week, up 3% from last year and up 20% from 2024. Prices reached a record high \$4.63/lb. for the week ending July 11 and have since pulled back but held at historically high levels. Demand remains strong and supplies are tighter for domestic lean beef due to smaller cow slaughter.

Imported 90% beef trim prices were not reported this week for Aus/NZ. Last week, prices edged down 0.7% from the prior week to \$3.48/lb., which was down 7% from last year but up 18% from 2024. Imported 90% beef trim prices reached a record \$4.01/lb. in mid-November, but prices have adjusted down from that record.

Beef Production, Cattle Slaughter and Cattle Weights

Weekly estimated beef production was 465.7 million lbs., down 2.7% from the prior week but up 7.7% from last year (when Labor Day fell on September 1 compared to September 7 this year). 2026 year-to-date production was down 4.5% from last year.

Weekly estimated slaughter was 526,000 head, down 3.0% from the prior week but up 6.5% from last year. Saturday cattle slaughter was estimated at 17,000 head this week, down from 24,000 head the prior week and up from 6,494 head last year. Year-to-date slaughter was down 6.9% from last year (because Labor Day fell on September 1 last year compared to September 7 this year).

Live weights averaged 1,442 lbs., up 4 lbs. from the prior week and up 11 lbs. from last year. Dressed weights averaged 887 lbs., up 2 lbs. from the prior week and up 11 lbs. from last year.

Cash Steer Prices and Live Cattle Futures

Cash steer prices trended lower over the last four weeks, with this Friday's average at \$217.91/cwt, down \$0.74/cwt or -0.3% from the previous Friday. Cash steer prices had reached a record of nearly \$263/cwt in mid-June.

Live cattle futures contracts rebounded modestly this week after trading at the lowest level since early December the prior week. On Friday, futures traded at: October: \$212.95 (+\$1.22 from the previous Friday), December: \$214.73 (+\$1.00), and February: \$216.58.

Beef Export Volume

From August 21 to 27, 2026, U.S. beef exports increased 2% from the previous week to 12,026 tons, of which exports to China was 404 tons.

Cutout

Unit: Dollar/pound

\$ 3.77

Previous week \$3.84

\$ 0.07

Slaughter Number

Unit: Head

526,000

Previous week 542,000

3.0 %

Beef Production

Unit: Pound

465.7

Previous week 478.8million

2.7 %

Live Cattle

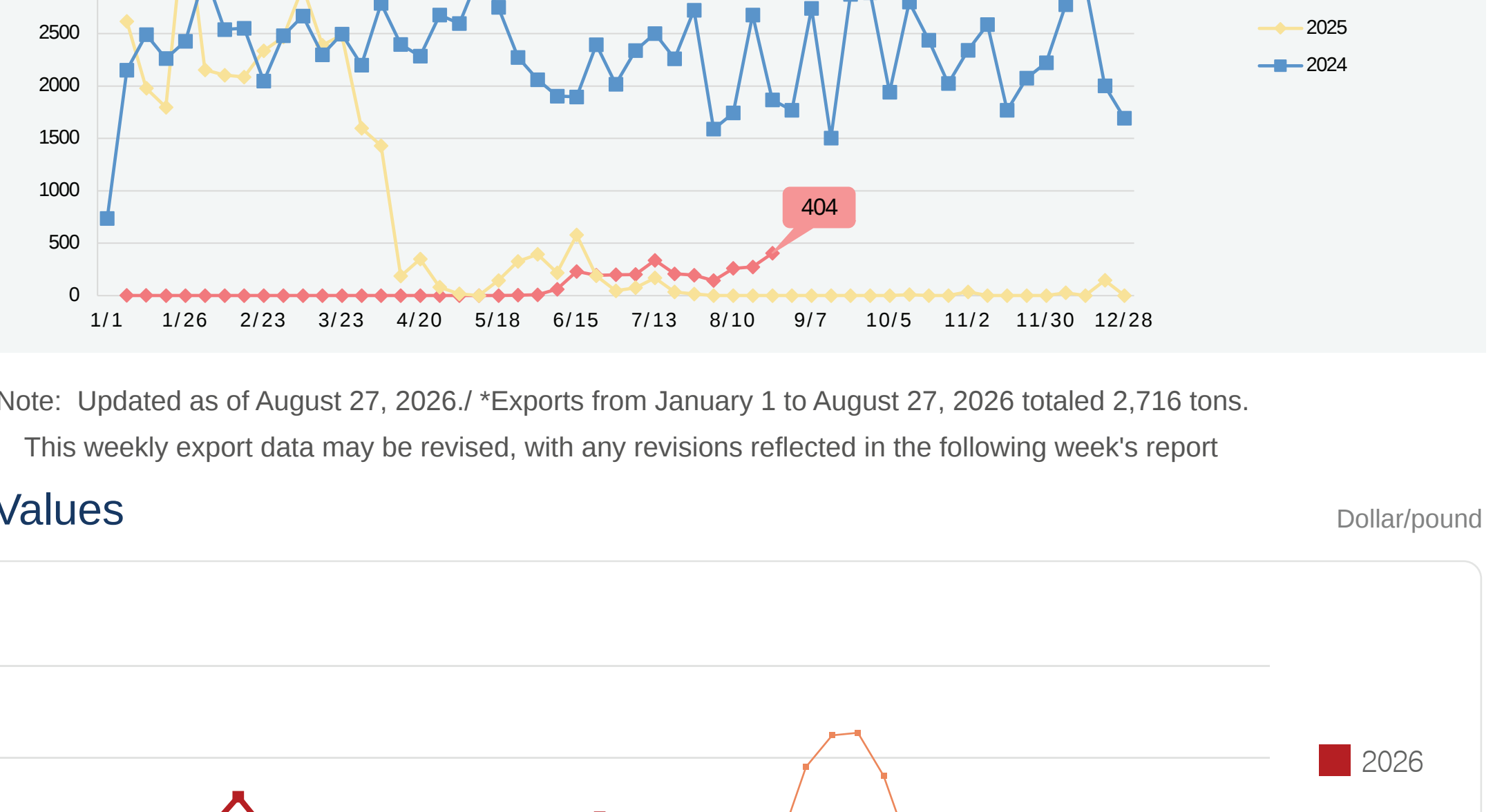
Unit: Dollar/100 pound

\$ 217.91

Previous week \$218.65

\$ 0.74

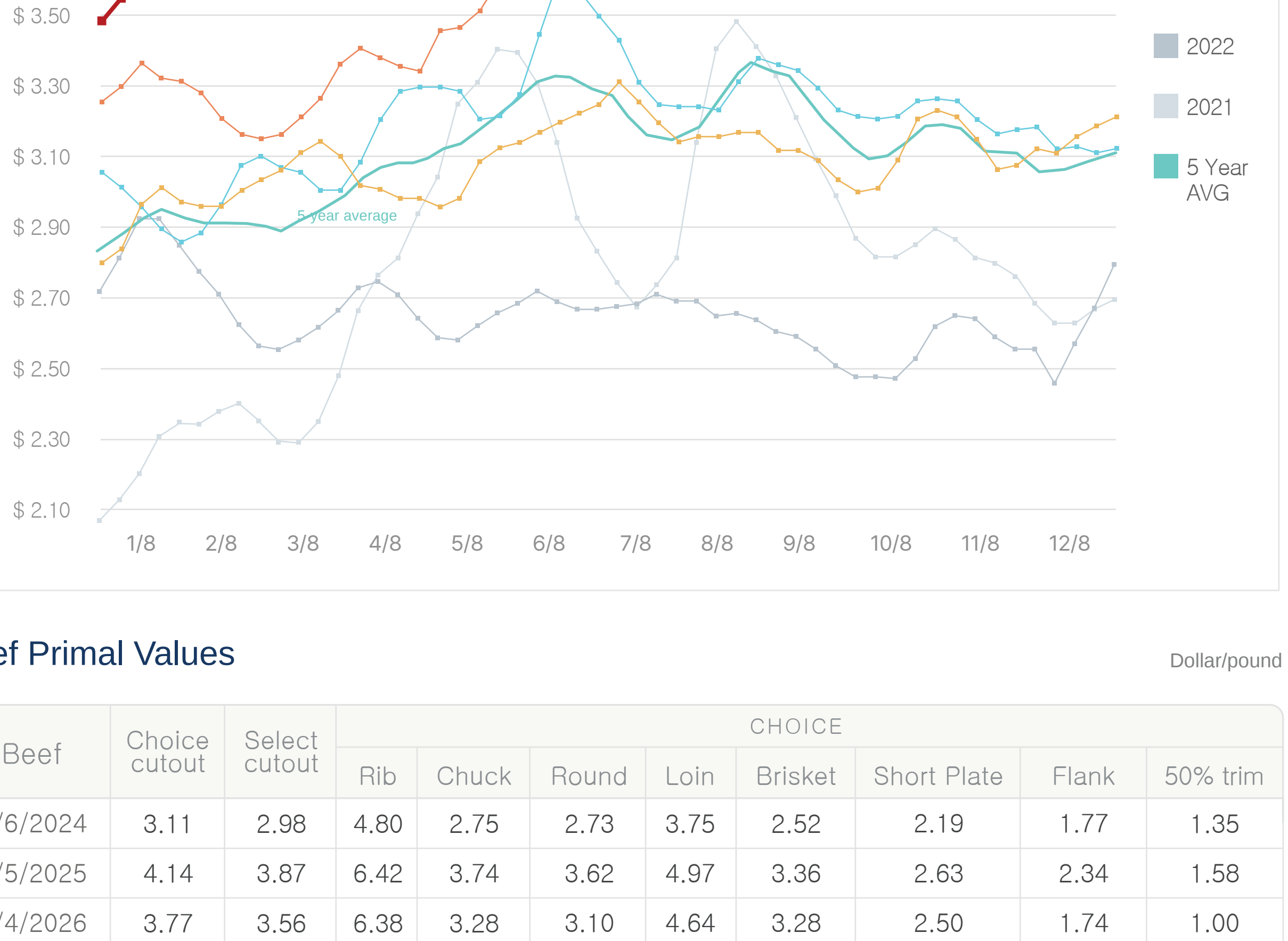
U.S. Weekly Beef Export to China



*Note: Updated as of August 27, 2026 / *Exports from January 1 to August 27, 2026 totaled 2,716 tons. This weekly export data may be revised, with any revisions reflected in the following week's report

Beef Primal Values

Dollar/pound



Beef Primal Values

Dollar/pound

Beef	Choice cutout	Select cutout	Rib	Chuck	Round	Loin	CHOICE	Short Plate	Flank	50% trim
9/6/2024	3.11	2.98	4.80	2.75	2.73	3.75	2.52	2.19	1.77	1.35
9/5/2025	4.14	3.87	6.42	3.74	3.62	4.97	3.36	2.63	2.34	1.58
9/4/2026	3.77	3.56	6.38	3.28	3.10	4.64	3.28	2.50	1.74	1.00
Compared to 2024	-9%	-8%	-1%	-12%	-14%	-7%	-2%	-5%	-26%	-37%
Compared to 2023	21%	19%	33%	19%	13%	24%	30%	14%	-2%	-26%

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 trends

U.S. Pork Market Trend

Pork Cutout

The pork cutout decreased by 1.6% from the prior week to an average of \$0.95/lb. this week, which was down 17% from last year and down 1% from 2024. The pork cutout had reached \$1.04/lb. the week of July 24, which was likely the high point for the year (compared to an annual high of \$1.16/lb. last year), but it has since been trending lower. The cutout has been below year-ago levels each week since mid-May (with bellies and hams as the two main drags on the cutout).

Previous week \$0.97

Pork Primals

Compared to the prior week, values increased for the picnic (+1%) and rib (+1%) primals, while the butt and ham primal values were steady. Values trended lower for the loin (-1%) and belly (-6%) primals.

Wholesale Ham (Bone-in and Boneless) Prices

After decreasing over the previous five weeks, prices for heavy bone-in hams held steady this week at an average of \$0.73/lb. Prices were down 33% from last year and down 24% from 2024 and have been below year-ago levels since May. Prices had rebounded 41% from \$0.75/lb. in late June to an average of \$1.07/lb. in mid-July, which was the highest since December. Prices typically peak for the year in late July/early August, and last year they peaked at an average of \$1.21/lb. in early August, so the high for this year was likely the \$1.07/lb. in late July.

Reported spot boneless, boxed rollout ham prices can be volatile on thin trading volumes. This week, the trading volume was 79,000 lbs., down from 145,000 lbs. last week and from 89,000 lbs. two weeks ago. Prices traded in a range between \$1.21 and \$1.86/lb. this week for an average of \$1.32/lb., which was down 2% from the prior week and the lowest since April (also the second lowest weekly value so far this year). Prices were down 23% from last year and down 7% from 2024 this week, and prices have been below year-ago levels since early May.

Wholesale Medium Trimmed Sparerib Prices

Wholesale prices for frozen, medium trimmed spareribs jumped ahead of the Labor Day holiday, with prices increasing 25% from the prior week to an average of \$2.01/lb., the highest since mid-May. Prices were up 22% from last year and up 43% from 2024. Prices have been above year-ago levels almost every week so far this year.

Pork production, Hog slaughter and Hog weights

Weekly estimated pork production was 490.8 million lbs., down 2.5% from the prior week and down 0.2% from last year (even though last year's total included the Labor Day holiday with Labor Day falling one week earlier last year on September 1 vs. September 7 this year). Year-to-date pork production was up 0.9% from last year. Pork production has been lower each week except one since mid-July, and for the last six weeks, production averaged down 1.0% year-over-year.

Weekly hog slaughter was 2,315 million head, down 2.6% from the prior week and down 0.1% from last year. Year-to-date 2026 hog slaughter was down 0.1% from last year.

Live weights averaged 284 lbs., steady with the prior week and down 1 lb. from last year. Dressed weights averaged 212 lbs., steady with the prior week and with last year.

Cash Hog Prices and Lean Hog Futures

Cash hog prices were not reported this Friday, September 4, but on Thursday, September 3, cash hog prices averaged \$88.03/cwt, down \$1.54/cwt or -1.7% from the previous Friday.

This week, lean hog futures contracts rebounded and traded at the highest level since early August before trading lower on Friday and closing at: October: \$82.30 (+\$0.40 from the previous Friday), December: \$72.48 (+\$0.18), February: \$75.23 (+\$0.25), and April: \$81.05 (+\$0.40).

Pork Export Volume

From August 21 to 27, 2026, U.S. pork exports increased 0.2% from the previous week to 29,963 tons, of which exports to China was 2,451 tons, down 17% from the previous week.

Cutout

Unit: Dollar/pound

\$ 0.95

Previous week \$0.97

\$ 0.02

Slaughter Number

Unit: Head

2,315million

Previous week 2,377million

2.6 %

Pork Production

Unit: Pound

490.8

Previous week 503.4million

2.5 %

Live Hog

Unit: Dollar/100 pound

\$ 88.03

Previous week \$89.57

\$ 1.54

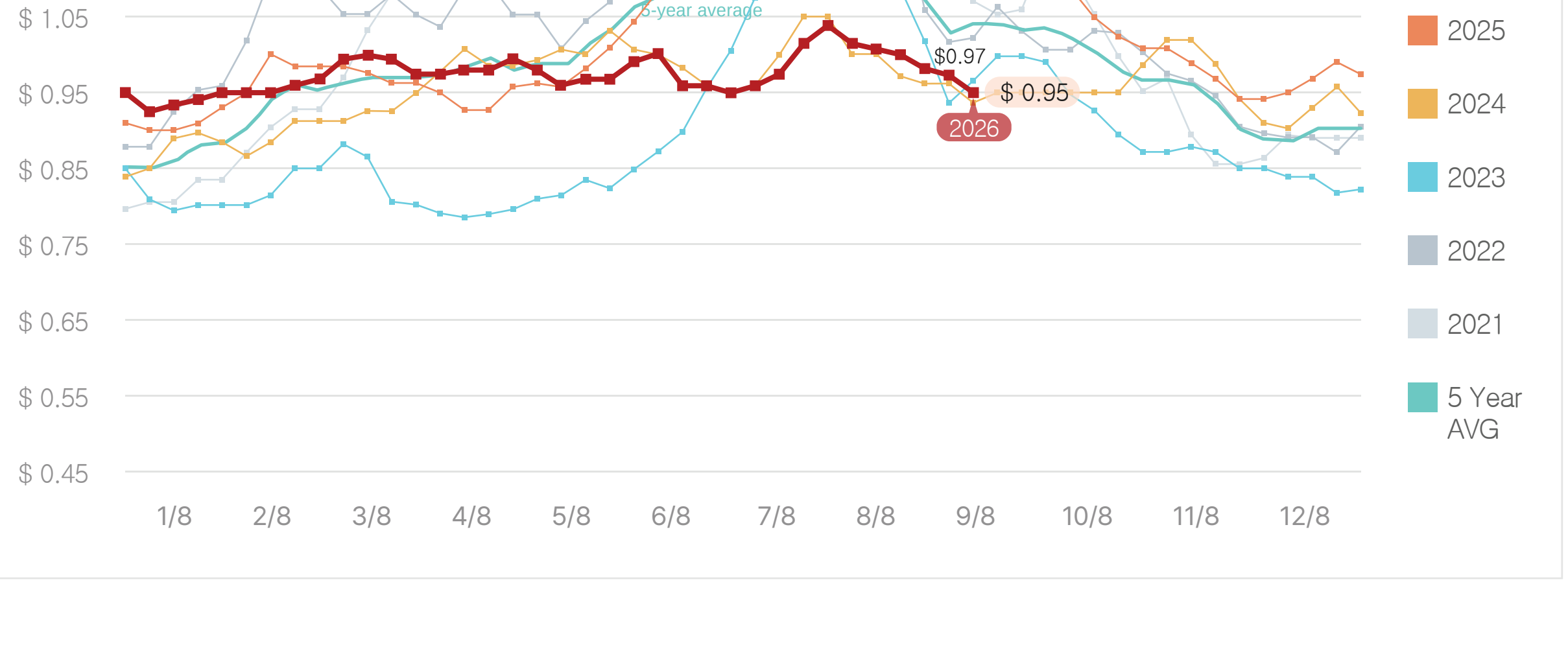
U.S. Weekly Pork Export to China



*Note: Update August 27, 2026 / *Exports from January 1 to August 27, 2026 totaled 106,320 tons. This weekly export data may be revised, with any revisions reflected in the following week's report.

Pork Cutout Weekly Price

Dollar/pound



Pork Primal Values

Dollar/pound

Pork	Carcass	Loin	Butt	Picnic	Rib	Ham	Belly
9/6/2024	0.96	0.94	1.07	0.79	1.29	0.93	1.23
9/5/2025	1.15	0.97	1.25	0.88	1.72	1.05	1.83
9/4/2026	0.95	0.90	1.15	0.66	1.63	0.73	1.47
Compared to 2024	-17%	-8%	-8%	-25%	-5%	-31%	-20%
Compared to 2023	-1%	-5%	8%	-17%	27%	-21%	19%

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

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

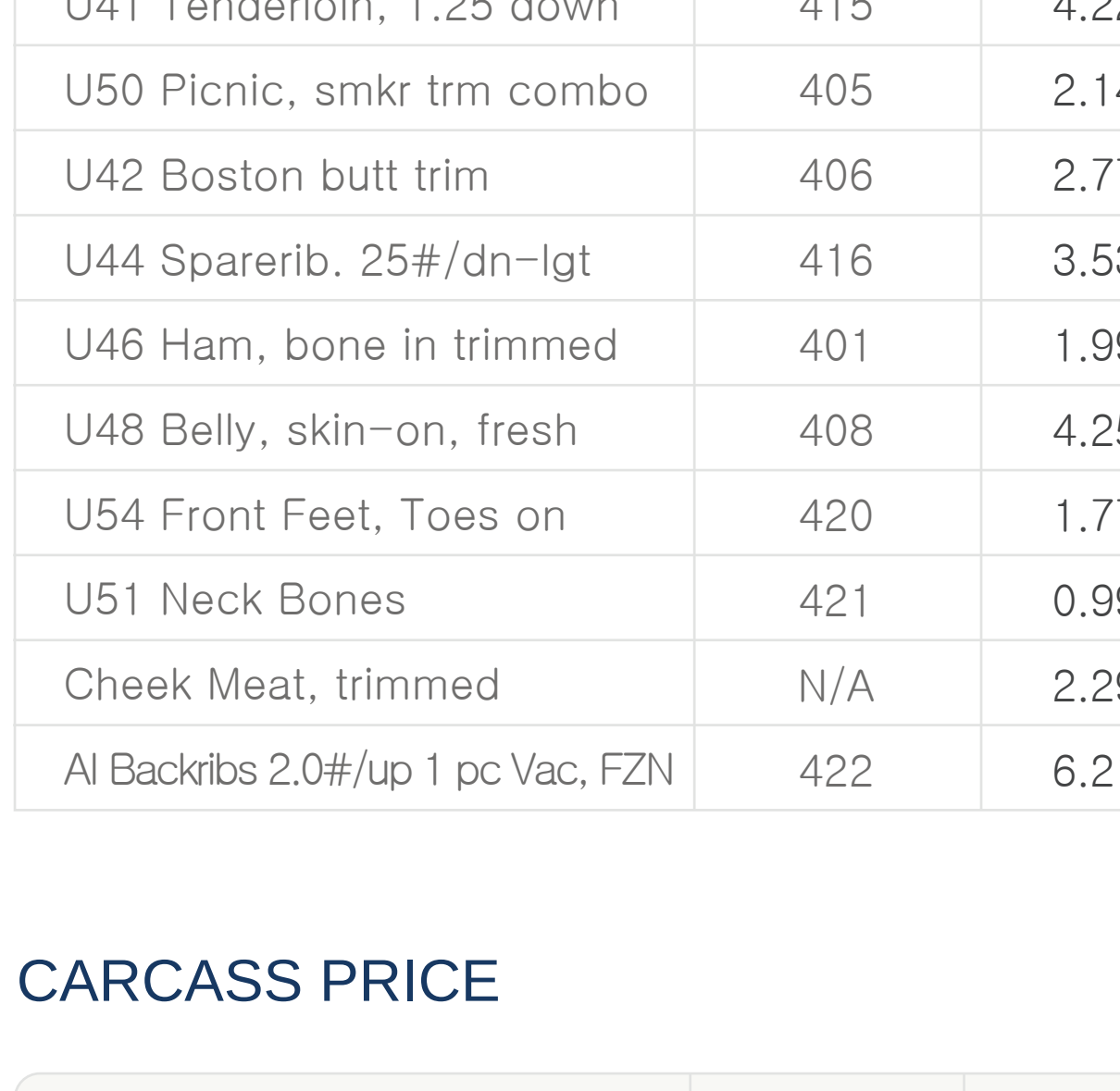
Unit: US \$/kg, FOB Plant

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IMPS # Item	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29	August Average	9/5
112A Ribeye Roll, boneless, light	29.53	30.87	31.68	32.52	30.52	33.11
114A Shoulder, boneless	10.57	10.87	11.84	11.57	11.05	11.70
116A Chuck Roll neck-off	10.46	10.95	11.89	11.57	11.05	11.70
120 Brisket, boneless	10.51	10.76	11.00	10.67	10.64	10.27
123A Short Rib	15.39	15.56	16.09	16.47	15.75	16.48
160 Round, bone-in	10.28	9.93	9.80	12.53	10.45	-
167A Knuckle, peeled	9.70	9.93	10.27	10.17	9.89	9.73
168 Top Inside Round	8.80	9.06	9.43	8.91	9.00	8.76
170 Gooseneck Round 18-33	7.93	8.69	8.69	8.83	8.47	8.59
180 Strip Loin, boneless, 1x1	19.37	20.22	21.28	21.61	20.31	21.51
184 Loin, top butt, boneless	10.61	10.95	11.43	11.29	11.02	11.46
189A Tenderloin trimmed heavy	35.02	36.33	38.66	38.31	36.37	37.34
193 Flank Steak	18.40	17.43	17.56	16.35	17.74	14.69
Primal cut, Rib	12.91	13.21	13.78	13.65	13.22	14.03
Primal cut, Arm Chuck	6.95	7.07	7.38	7.31	7.13	7.21
Primal cut, Round	6.83	6.94	7.21	7.05	6.96	6.82
Primal cut, Loin	9.76	10.00	10.46	10.37	10.04	10.22

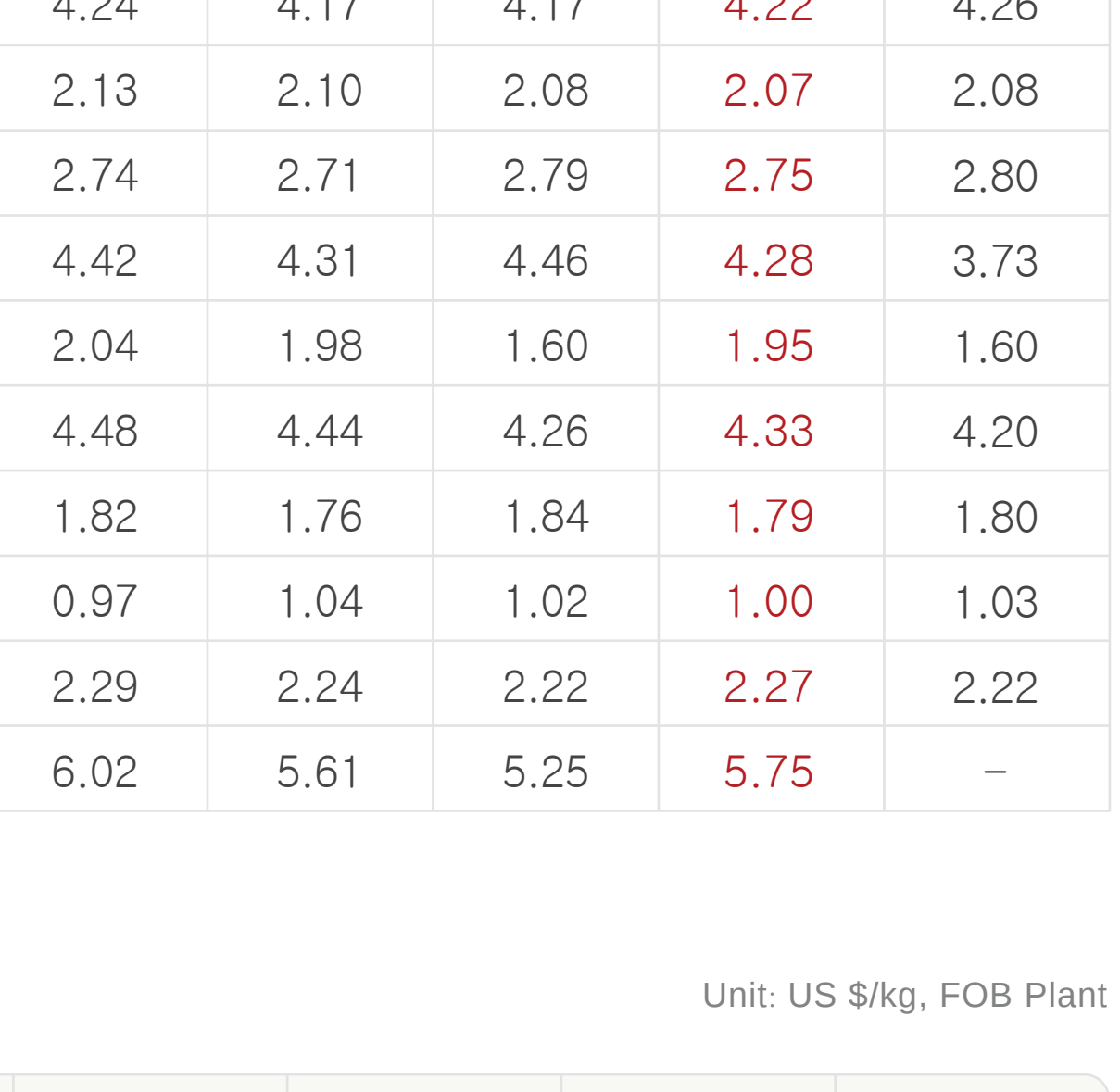
Beef Chuck Roll

\$/Kg



123A Short Rib

\$/Kg



U.S. Pork Wholesale Prices

Unit: US \$/kg, FOB Plant

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BPN # Item	Similar IMPS#	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29	August Average	9/5
U40 Loin, trim	410	2.45	2.47	2.42	2.34	2.39	2.25
U41 Tenderloin, 1.25 down	415	4.22	4.24	4.17	4.17	4.22	4.26
U50 Picnic, smkr trm combo	405	2.14	2.13	2.10	2.08	2.07	2.08
U42 Boston butt trim	406	2.77	2.74	2.71	2.79	2.75	2.80
U44 Sparerib, 25#/dn-igt	416	3.53	4.42	4.31	4.46	4.28	3.73
U46 Ham, bone-in trimmed	401	1.99	2.04	1.98	1.60	1.95	1.60
U48 Belly, skin-on, fresh	408	4.25	4.48	4.44	4.26	4.33	4.20
U54 Front Feet, Toes on	420	1.77	1.82	1.76	1.84	1.79	1.80
U51 Neck Bones	N/A	0.99	0.97	1.04	1.02	1.00	1.03
Cheek Meat, trimmed	421	2.29	2.29	2.24	2.22	2.27	2.22
AI Backribs 2.0#/up 1 pc Vac, FZN	422	6.21	6.02	5.61	5.25	5.75	-

CARCASS PRICE

Unit: US \$/kg, FOB Plant

	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29	August Average	9/5
Beef Carcass	774.77	783.09	788.81	774.03	777.45	761.53
Pork Carcass	221.12	220.99	215.56	212.52	219.08	209.07

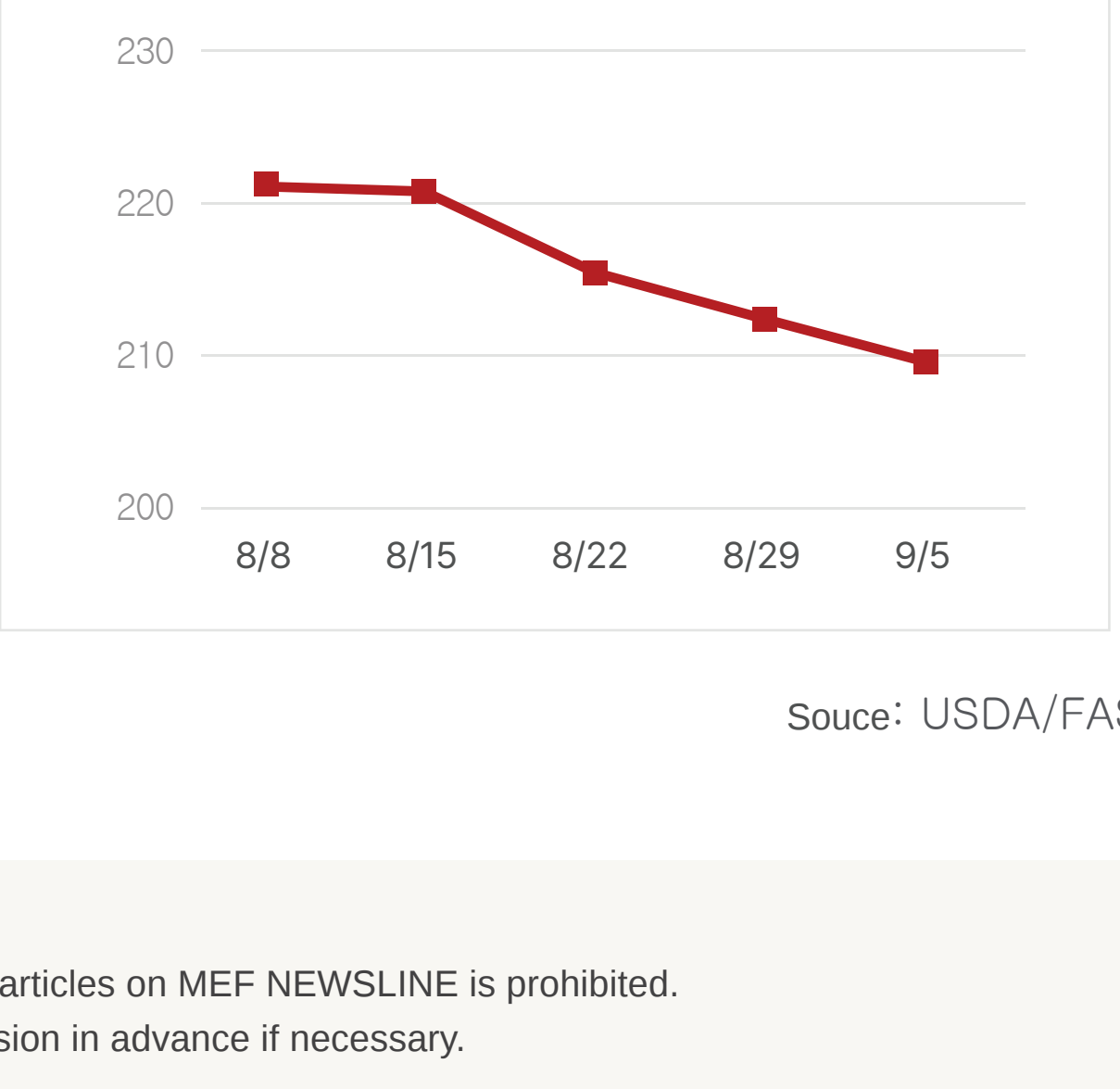
Beef Carcass

\$/100Kg



Pork Carcass

\$/100Kg



Source: USDA/FAS



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