

# National Beef Update

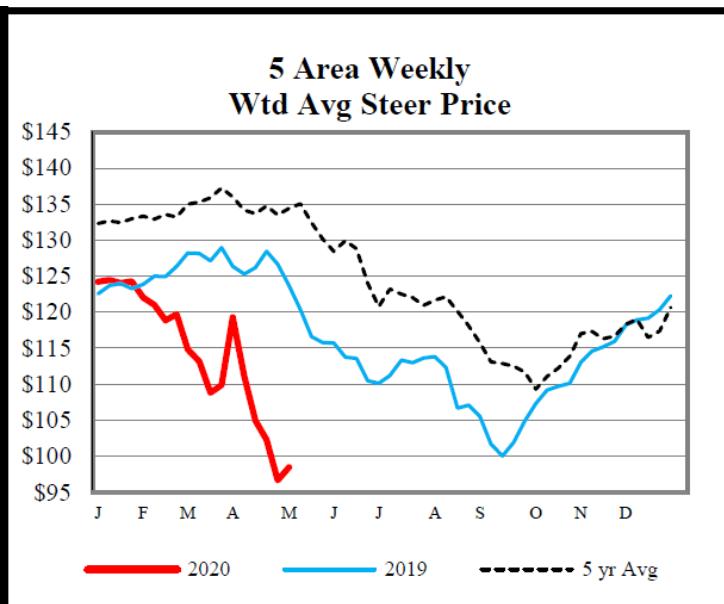
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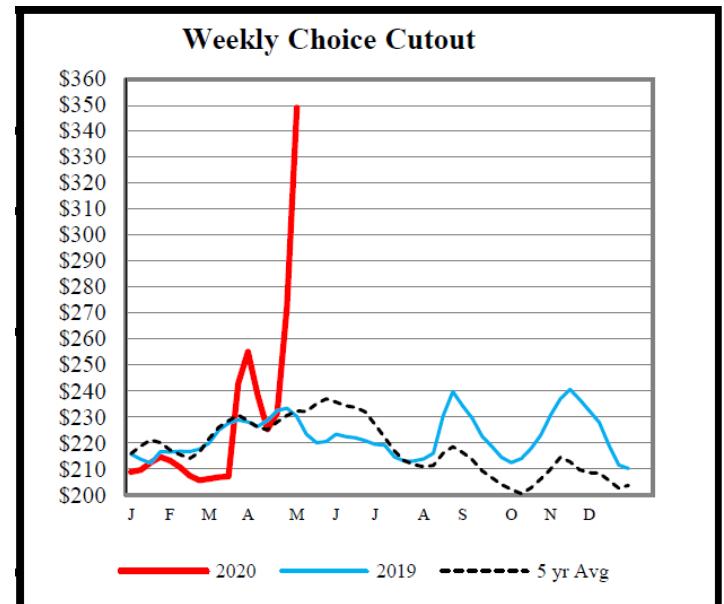
## Current topics:

- The current state of our slaughter cattle market
- CME Live Cattle Futures
- 2 – 3 year impacts of COVID-19

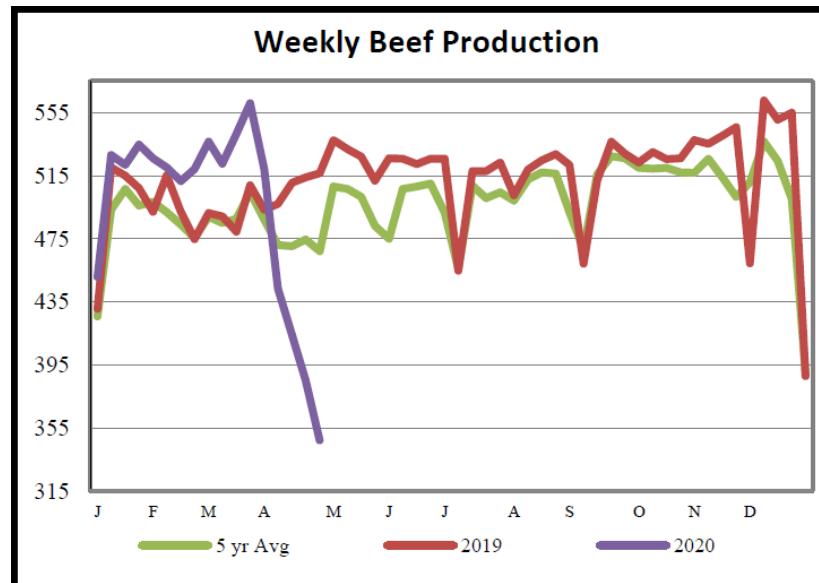
National Daily Cattle & Beef Summary – May 7, 2020  
*The drop in fed cattle prices*



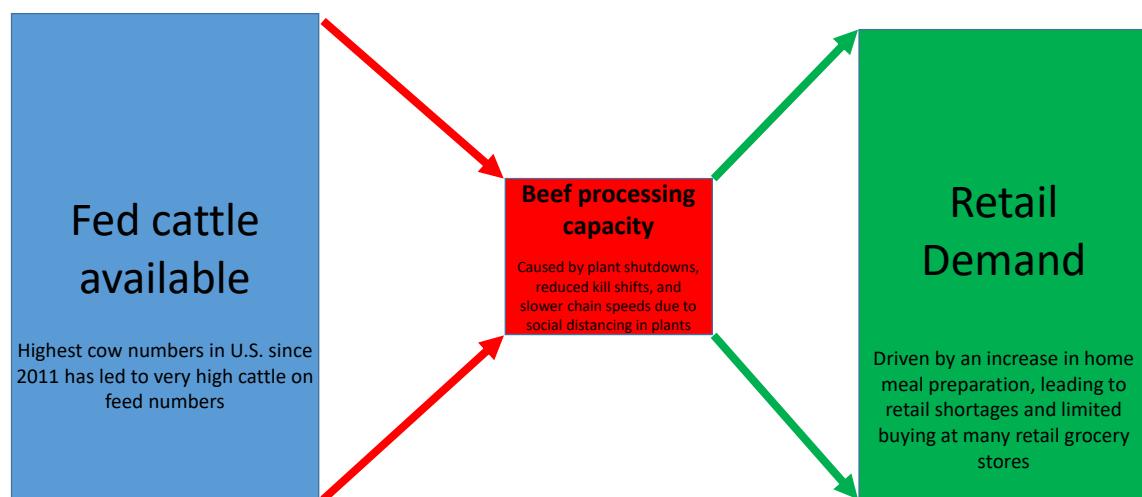
National Daily Cattle & Beef Summary – May 7, 2020  
*The rise in boxed beef prices*



National Weekly Cattle & Beef Summary – ending May 1, 2020  
*The decline in beef production (pounds of beef processed for retail)*



**The COVID-19 Beef Industry Bottleneck**



**\*\* End Result = a loss of currency of the market, a backlog in Fed Cattle Supply\*\***

## Live Cattle Futures - CME

Month	Options	Charts	Last	Change	Prior Settle	Open	High	Low	Volume	Hi / Low Limit	Updated
JUN 2020	OPT		94.775	+0.800	93.975	96.000	96.325	93.700	10,452	98.475 / 89.475	09:25:41 CT 08 May 2020
AUG 2020	OPT		99.175	-0.775	99.950	100.850	101.050	98.450	8,538	104.450 / 95.450	09:25:39 CT 08 May 2020
OCT 2020	OPT		102.500	-1.525	104.025	104.275	104.350	102.100	5,026	108.525 / 99.525	09:25:39 CT 08 May 2020
DEC 2020	OPT		106.425	-1.900	108.325	108.250	108.350	106.275	3,617	112.825 / 103.825	09:25:34 CT 08 May 2020
FEB 2021	OPT		110.650	-1.500	112.150	111.900	112.250	110.425	2,440	116.650 / 107.650	09:25:33 CT 08 May 2020
APR 2021	OPT		113.275	-1.350	114.625	114.500	114.625	112.850	1,022	119.125 / 110.125	09:25:32 CT 08 May 2020
JUN 2021	OPT		105.925	-1.325	107.250	107.300	107.300	105.500	358	111.750 / 102.750	09:25:21 CT 08 May

## June 2020 Live Cattle



## 2 – 3 year impact

- Expect an overall slow market recovery
  - We have to clean up the fed cattle surplus which will battle an oversupply once the packers return to full capacity.
  - Consumer budgets and buying habits will change
  - A fear of virus relapse will loop
- Watch for government support programs that could come in the form of food subsidy programs – help to bring the market back to current
- We should continue to see a decline in heifer retention due to low cattle prices

## Lamb & goat markets

- New Holland - No USDA Market Reports since mid March due to COVID-19
- Lamb & kid goat prices in Virginia remain strong
  - High quality, new crop lambs 85 lbs and under bringing \$180 - \$240 cwt
  - Fancy #1 kid goats brought up to \$350 cwt on Monday at Winchester
  - Volume is still moderate to low
- Upcoming Ethnic Holidays
  - Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) = May 23 – 24
  - Eid-al-Adha (festival of sacrifice) = July 31 – Aug 2
    - Male lambs and goats weighing over 80 lbs

Shenandoah Valley Livestock Sales		Market Reported by Management
Date: <u>5/2/2020</u>		
LBS.	SLAUGHTER LAMBS & FEEDERS	
131 + LB	<b>150-200</b>	BUCKS
101-130 heavy	<b>179-195</b>	BUCKS
90-100 Light	<b>181-195</b>	BUCKS
80-89 LBS	<b>182-205</b>	BUCKS
70-79 LBS	<b>182-200</b>	BUCKS
60-69 LBS	<b>184-194</b>	BUCKS
50-59 LBS	<b>184-194</b>	BUCKS
40-49 LBS	<b>184-194</b>	BUCKS
30-39 LBS	<b>184-194</b>	BUCKS
<b>Slaughter Ewes lb. 81-135</b>		<b>Ram lbs. 75-115</b>
Head ewes \$		w/ lambs \$
GOATS \$		
<b>Kids \$</b>	<b>Sm 75-120</b>	<b>Lg</b>
Billy & Wethers\$	<b>Sm 165-215</b>	<b>Lg 230-295</b>
<b>Nannies \$</b>	<b>105-200</b>	<b>w/kids</b>
<b>SWINE:</b>		
Pig & shoats \$		
Hogs 100-175 lbs.		
Hogs 176-240 lbs.		
Hogs 240 & up lb.	<b>40-52</b>	
Sows lb.	<b>47</b>	<b>Boars lb.</b>
Horses/Ponies: _____		
Llamas: _____		

SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL LIVESTOCK				
LAMBS (05/06/2020) – 1253 hd				
				\$/Hd
142	LAMB	55	\$223.00	122
13	LAMB	35	\$220.00	77
26	LAMB	39	\$215.00	84
7	LAMB	55	\$215.00	118
37	LAMB	53	\$210.00	111
29	LAMB	58	\$200.00	116
15	LAMB	62	\$185.00	114
48	LAMB	65	\$180.00	117
24	LAMB	61	\$180.00	110
28	LAMB	83	\$177.50	147
43	LAMB	83	\$176.00	146
60	LAMB	78	\$167.50	130
16	LAMB	81	\$160.00	129
54	LAMB	96	\$155.00	149
6	LAMB	62	\$145.00	90
17	LAMB	101	\$135.00	137
17	LAMB	45	\$135.00	61
21	LAMB	121	\$133.00	161
46	LAMB	133	\$128.00	170
35	LAMB	117	\$121.00	141
7	LAMB	178	\$105.00	187
17	LAMB	214	\$89.00	190
27	LAMB	160	\$55.00	88