

ArrowStream

Pork

Last week, the hog futures and spot lean hogs were flat. The sluggish international sales was leading the cutout lower the past two month. This could be an early sign of some strength returning to the pork segment. Breaking out the primals and subprimals, the loin primal was up 2% w/w. The price of boneless pork loin was higher by \$0.02 at \$1.44/lb. The loin/baby back ribs were also higher by \$.05 to \$2.25/lb, while the tenderloin was up to \$1.86/lb. The pork butt primal was up 3% w/w with the subprimal B/I pork butt higher by \$0.03 to \$1.19/lb, but the boneless pork butt was up \$.01 at \$1.32/lb. The rib primal was up 3% last week as the medium spareribs traded higher by \$0.04 to \$1.46/lb. Both the butts and ribs are key export commodities in the pork segment. The ham and picnic primals were both lower on the week. The ham was down 4% last week at \$81.54/cwt, and the picnics were lower by 4% to \$75.79/cwt. The belly primal was up 3% to \$136.47 after trading even higher mid-week. The derind 13/17 belly was up by 2% to \$1.66/lb. The trim segment was mixed last week. Pork trim 42% trim was lower by 3% to \$0.75/lb, and 72% trim moved slightly higher to \$0.94/lb. Looking ahead, while the cutout was flat, we saw some early signs of some strength heading into the fall. Ribs, butts, and bellies all were higher along with some strength in international sales. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Increasing	Available	Lower
Sow	Increasing	Steady-Short	Higher
Belly (bacon)	Increasing	Steady-Short	Higher
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Decreasing	Steady	Higher
Ham (20-23 lb)	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Higher
Ham (23-27 lb)	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower
Loin (bone in)	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Increasing	Steady	Higher
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Increasing	Steady-Short	Higher
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Increasing	Available	Lower
Picnic, untrmd	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower
SS Picnic, smoker trm box	Decreasing	Steady	Lower
42% Trimmings	Decreasing	Steady	Higher
72% Trimmings	Increasing	Steady	Higher

