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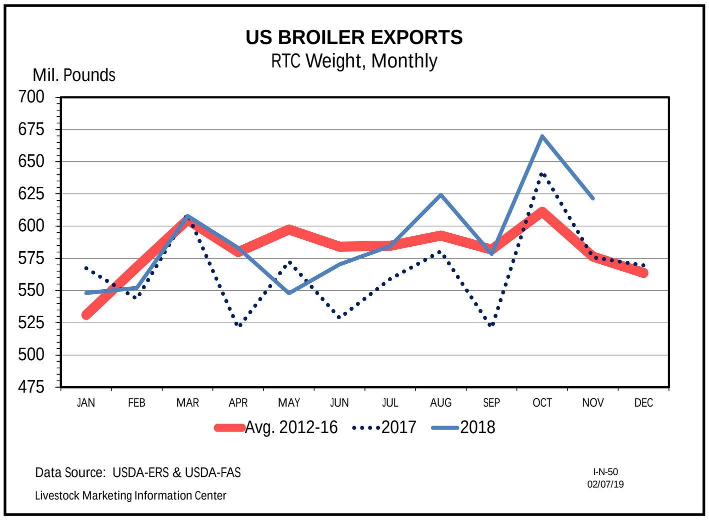
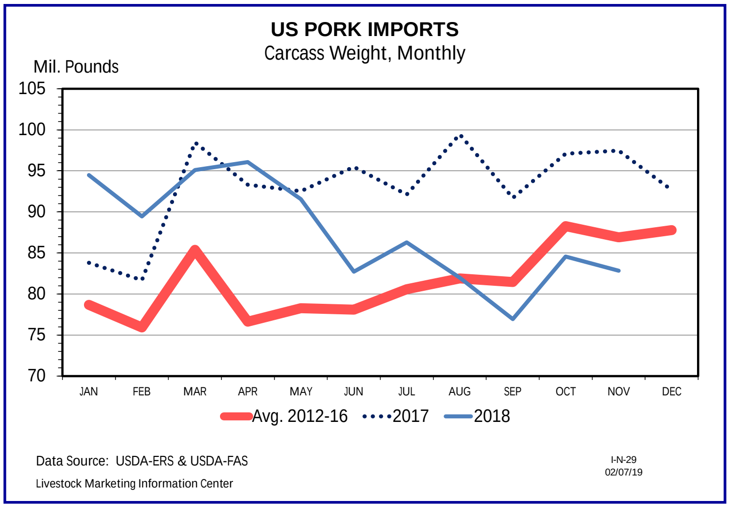
Trade data that has been waylaid by government shutdown was released yesterday for the month of November 2018.

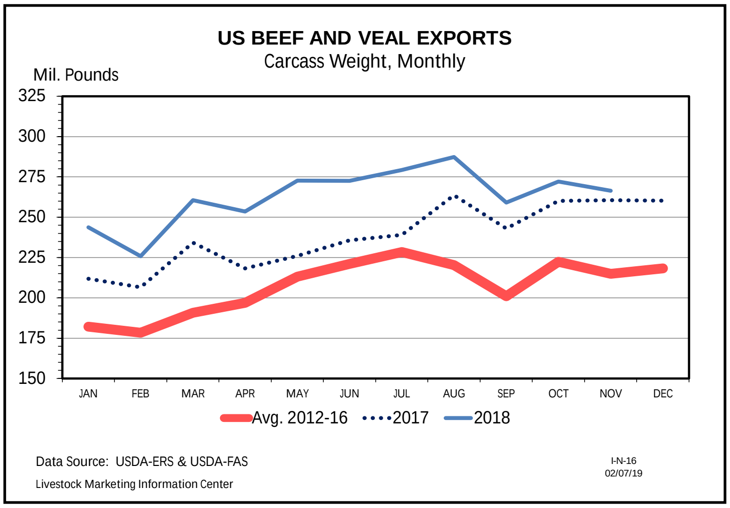
Broiler and beef exports were two of the brighter spots for red meat and poultry export data. November 2018 was up 2% over 2017 in beef on a carcass weight basis and broiler exports were up 8% year-over-year. Pork exports slipped 4% below a year ago and lamb exports were down 51%. Broiler export increases are welcomed news as chicken profitability struggled in 2018. Wednesday's DLR highlighted some of those drivers, and increased demand from the export market should help move accumulated cold storage inventories for that sector. Chicken in cold storage declined in November 5.4 million pounds from the prior month. More data from the Cold Storage report (now scheduled Feb 22) and additional trade data (December release scheduled March 6th) will show the role exports will play in working down cold storage inventories.



On the import side, beef imports were up slightly, 2% and broiler imports increased 6%. Pork imports posted another large decline, down 15%. This is the 7th month of year-over-year declines for pork purchases for the U.S. Major pork suppliers to the U.S. include Canada, Denmark, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Poland. Declines in pork shipments have primarily been driven by lower shipments from Canada. Year to date (Jan-Nov) 2018 saw 95.4 million pound decline in the tonnage of pork coming from Canada compared to 2017. The other major suppliers, with the exception of the Netherlands, had year over year increases during this timeframe. The Netherlands shipped about 2.4 million pounds less than 2017.

Beef exports in 2018 have been impressive but show some waning from the expansive growth seen in the first half of 2018. One of the highlights has been the rise in countries outside the top ten U.S. beef destinations. China in particular is one to watch. Year to date 2018 exports direct to China have totaled 19 million pounds. The Chinese market opened to U.S. beef only last year and the first shipments registered in June of 2017. During the last 18 months volumes have crept up, totaling 29 million pounds and rank 12th among U.S. beef destinations for that period of time.





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PRODUCTION & PRICE SUMMARY

Week Ending 2/9/2019

Source: Various USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (Market News) reports. DATA ARE PRELIMINARY .

	Item	Units	Current Week	Last Week	Pct. Change	Last Year	Pct. Change	YTD	Y/Y % Change
			9-Feb-19	2-Feb-19		10-Feb-18			
	Beef, Pork, Chicken, & Turkey	Mil Lbs., cwe	1,909	1,835	4.0%	1,877	1.7%	10,185	0.4%
C	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	614	593	3.5%	589	4.3%	3,512	-1.5%
A	FI Cow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	NQ	NQ	N/A	125	N/A	NQ	N/A
T	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	830	830	0.0%	827	0.4%	830	0.3%
T	Beef Production	Million Lbs.	510.3	492.2	3.7%	485.7	5.1%	2,917	-1.2%
L	Live Fed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	124.02	123.87	0.1%	126.15	-1.7%		
E	Dressed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	198.52	198.34	0.1%	200.30	-0.9%		
	Oklahoma Steer (600-700 lbs)	$ per cwt	150.21	149.57	0.4%	159.97	-6.1%		
&	Choice Beef Cutout	$ per cwt	216.86	216.65	0.1%	208.46	4.0%		
	Hide/Offal	$ per cwt, live wt	9.01	8.96	0.6%	10.33	-12.8%		
B	Rib, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	352.63	345.46	2.1%	326.23	8.1%		
E	Round, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	176.08	176.96	-0.5%	174.68	0.8%		
E	Chuck, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	176.40	177.50	-0.6%	176.32	0.0%		
F	Trimmings, 50%, Fresh	$ per cwt	61.42	57.97	6.0%	83.88	-26.8%		
	Trimmings, 90%, Fresh	$ per cwt	209.60	206.94	1.3%	215.68	-2.8%		
	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	2,516	2,387	5.4%	2,389	5.3%	14,328	1.8%
H	FI Sow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	NQ	NQ	N/A	58.3	N/A	NQ	N/A
O	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	213.0	213.0	0.0%	214.0	-0.5%	213	-0.2%
G	Pork Production	Million Lbs.	536.8	509.3	5.4%	509.9	5.3%	3,057	1.5%
S	Iowa-S. Minn. Direct	Wtd. Avg.	49.64	50.84	-2.4%	71.88	-30.9%		
	Natl. Base Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	57.43	58.01	-1.0%	72.25	-20.5%		
&	Natl. Net Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	59.29	59.65	-0.6%	74.32	-20.2%		
	Pork Cutout	$ per cwt	65.98	67.84	-2.7%	77.41	-14.8%		
P	By-product Value	$ per cwt, live wt	3.33	3.37	-1.2%	3.80	-12.4%		
O	Ham, Primal	$ per cwt	45.24	48.56	-6.8%	57.44	-21.2%		
R	Loin, Primal	$ per cwt	67.25	67.48	-0.3%	71.82	-6.4%		
K	Belly, Primal	$ per cwt	114.31	115.01	-0.6%	128.28	-10.9%		
	Trimmings, 72%, Fresh	$ per cwt	54.01	58.00	-6.9%	68.73	-21.4%		
C	Young Chicken Slaughter *	Million Head	163.2	158.1	3.2%	165.34	-1.3%	793	2.5%
H	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	4.64	4.66	-0.3%	4.69	-1.0%	4.67	-0.9%
I	Young Chicken Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	757.7	736.5	2.9%	775.3	-2.3%	3,705	1.6%
C	Eggs Set (US)	Million	228.9	228.9	0.0%	226.9	0.9%	1,141	1.4%
K	Chicks Placed (US)	Million Head	182.9	181.3	0.9%	179.6	1.8%	913	0.5%
E	National Composite Whole Bird	Composite	108.09	92.04	17.4%	90.63	19.3%		
N	Northeast Breast, B/S	$ per cwt	108.09	104.46	3.5%	105.21	2.7%		
	Northeast Leg Quarters	$ per cwt	29.99	30.56	-1.9%	38.53	-22.2%		
T	Total Turkey Slaughter *	Million Head	3.81	3.56	6.9%	4.09	-6.9%	18.8	-7.7%
U	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	27.43	27.24	0.7%	26.00	5.5%	26.90	3.1%
R	Turkey Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	104.4	97.0	7.6%	106.3	-1.8%	507	-4.8%
K	National Hen (8-12 Lbs)	$ per cwt	82.54	82.50	0.0%	79.50	3.8%		
G	Corn, Omaha	$ per Bushel	3.64	3.64	0.0%	3.47	4.8%		
R	Distillers Grain, IA	$ per Ton	150.00	152.50	-1.6%	148.50	1.0%		
A	Soybean, Cntrl IL	$ per Bushel	8.87	8.86	0.1%	9.77	-9.3%		
I	Soybn Meal 48%, Cntrl IL	$ per Ton	304.00	309.00	-1.6%	344.20	-11.7%		
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* Chicken & turkey slaughter & production are 1 week earlier than the date at the top of this sheet.

** Cow and sow slaughter reflect levels from two weeks ago (part of 'actual" rather than "preliminary" weekly slaughter report).