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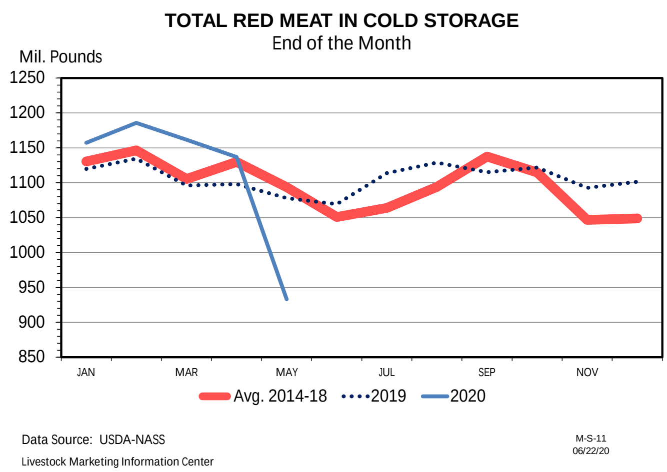
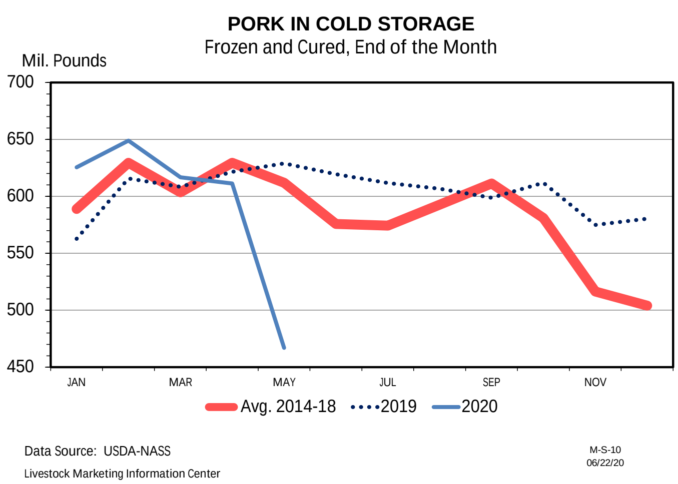
May Cold Storage was released yesterday by USDA NASS showing an updated view of changes to cold storage. Stocks of pork overall decreased dramatically compared to last month and are 74% below a year ago. Every category tracked in the pork complex showed year over year declines except bone-in picnics, still up 38% over last year. Hams, loins, spare-ribs, and variety meats all showed inventories smaller than 75% of a year ago. Large changes month over month were also noted. Only bone-in hams increased from April in the pork complex.

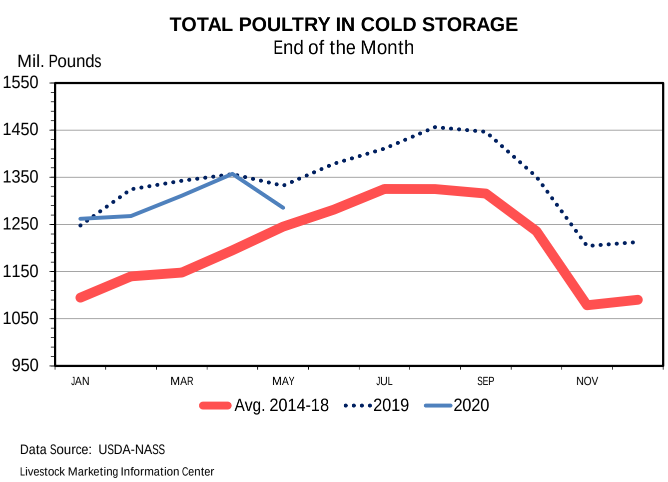
In contrast beef in cold storage increased 2% over last year, with boneless beef gaining 4% and cuts decreasing 15%. Both beef categories had large month over month declines of over 10%. Lamb in cold storage continued to grow, adding 18% on top of last month and is 25% higher than last year. Total red meat is 13% below 2019, totaling 1.2 billion pounds.

In poultry products, whole chickens increased, along with Breast meat, legs, and leg quarters. Other chicken pieces are below a year ago with most showing a month over month decrease. Duck in cold storage has grown to levels not seen since 2016 and is up 2.5x May of last year. Turkey inventories are registering below a year ago but climbed from the previous month. Whole birds increased seasonally from April. Other parts were more mixed. Breast meat inventory is still 12% below last year and legs are 5% down. Legs, however, did increase adding a million pounds to inventory from last month. Total frozen poultry is 4% below last year, and 5% below last month. May frozen poultry totals came to 1.2 billion pounds.

May is the first month of U.S. re-opening states, and with it re-introduced buying, although rather limited in quantity, restaurant buying for open seating. Restaurants had the difficult task of forecasting the increase in dining in a newly opened frontier. Early Many May restaurant openings opted for limited menus and decreased hours, in part to limit their exposure. Those strategies are expected to relax with increased dining out. Consumers were likely reluctant to fully participate in the restaurant sector in May and several states are reporting upticks in positive coronavirus cases. The U.S. meat & poultry sector is far from out of the woods from the COVID situation. Even though slaughter has returned to normal levels, the next hurdle it will face is on the demand front. The U.S. is still expected to produce very large quantities of total red meat and poultry in 2020 and a restaurant sector closer to utilizing meat and poultry products closer to normal will help balance that demand-supply equation.







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PRODUCTION & PRICE SUMMARY

Week Ending 6/20/2020

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
			20-Jun-20	13-Jun-20		22-Jun-19			
	Beef, Pork, Chicken, & Turkey	Mil Lbs., cwe	2,002	1,971	1.6%	1,954	2.4%	46,249	0.3%
C	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	656	658	-0.3%	668	-1.8%	14,618	-6.3%
A	FI Cow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	120	103	16.0%	120	-0.4%	2,816	-0.2%
T	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	826	826	0.0%	800	3.3%	824	2.6%
T	Beef Production	Million Lbs.	541.0	542.2	-0.2%	533.2	1.5%	12,049	-3.8%
L	Live Fed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	100.82	104.47	-3.5%	110.48	-8.7%		
E	Dressed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	160.74	166.40	-3.4%	180.39	-10.9%		
	Oklahoma Steer (600-700 lbs)	$ per cwt	138.54	139.83	-0.9%	145.37	-4.7%		
&	Choice Beef Cutout	$ per cwt	220.34	240.77	-8.5%	220.90	-0.3%		
	Hide/Offal	$ per cwt, live wt	7.11	7.17	-0.8%	8.28	-14.1%		
B	Rib, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	378.34	446.37	-15.2%	359.05	5.4%		
E	Round, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	164.83	169.82	-2.9%	168.35	-2.1%		
E	Chuck, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	168.61	175.16	-3.7%	175.78	-4.1%		
F	Trimmings, 50%, Fresh	$ per cwt	79.67	83.43	-4.5%	94.33	-15.5%		
	Trimmings, 90%, Fresh	$ per cwt	263.82	282.77	-6.7%	223.96	17.8%		
	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	2,587	2,451	5.5%	2,454	5.4%	59,641	-0.7%
H	FI Sow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	69.3	55.7	24.3%	59.3	16.8%	1,473	11.7%
O	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	218.0	219.0	-0.5%	213.0	2.3%	216	0.9%
G	Pork Production	Million Lbs.	564.2	536.2	5.2%	522.2	8.0%	12,904	0.2%
S	Natl. Negotiated Purchase	Wtd. Avg.	28.91	30.45	-5.1%	75.61	-61.8%		
	Natl. Base Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	52.38	53.18	-1.5%	78.07	-32.9%		
&	Natl. Net Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	54.12	54.98	-1.6%	80.14	-32.5%		
	Natl. Early Wean Feeder	10-12 Lbs.	19.20	14.85	29.3%	40.58	-52.7%		
P	Pork Cutout	$ per cwt	64.97	69.69	-6.8%	79.20	-18.0%		
O	By-product Value	$ per cwt, live wt	3.66	3.69	-0.8%	3.69	-0.8%		
R	Ham, Primal	$ per cwt	44.29	50.89	-13.0%	68.82	-35.6%		
K	Loin, Primal	$ per cwt	68.10	78.01	-12.7%	80.23	-15.1%		
	Belly, Primal	$ per cwt	97.03	102.13	-5.0%	104.30	-7.0%		
	Trimmings, 72%, Fresh	$ per cwt	91.14	111.47	-18.2%	86.82	5.0%		
C	Young Chicken Slaughter *	Million Head	162.8	161.8	0.6%	168.84	-3.6%	3,941	1.5%
H	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	4.88	4.89	-0.3%	4.68	4.2%	4.78	2.2%
I	Young Chicken Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	794.1	791.9	0.3%	790.5	0.5%	18,823	3.7%
C	Eggs Set (US)	Million	235.9	235.1	0.4%	230.3	2.4%	5,614	1.0%
K	Chicks Placed (US)	Million Head	189.1	185.1	2.2%	189.6	-0.3%	4,446	-0.4%
E	National Composite Whole Bird	Composite	72.38	73.15	-1.1%	93.96	-23.0%		
N	Northeast Breast, B/S	$ per cwt	123.85	121.94	1.6%	115.14	7.6%		
	Northeast Leg Quarters	$ per cwt	31.74	31.96	-0.7%	45.45	-30.2%		
T	Total Turkey Slaughter *	Million Head	3.96	3.98	-0.4%	4.27	-7.2%	94.2	-1.0%
U	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	25.88	25.20	2.7%	25.36	2.0%	26.25	-1.3%
R	Turkey Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	102.6	100.3	2.3%	108.4	-5.3%	2,473	-2.3%
K	National Hen (8-12 Lbs)	$ per cwt	107.80	105.50	2.2%	88.23	22.2%		
G	Corn, Omaha	$ per Bushel	3.19	3.18	0.3%	4.43	-28.0%		
R	Distillers Grain, IA	$ per Ton	130.00	132.50	-1.9%	130.00	0.0%		
A	Soybean, Cntrl IL	$ per Bushel	8.82	8.74	0.9%	9.09	-3.0%		
I	Soybn Meal 48%, Cntrl IL	$ per Ton	290.30	291.20	-0.3%	332.00	-12.6%		
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