

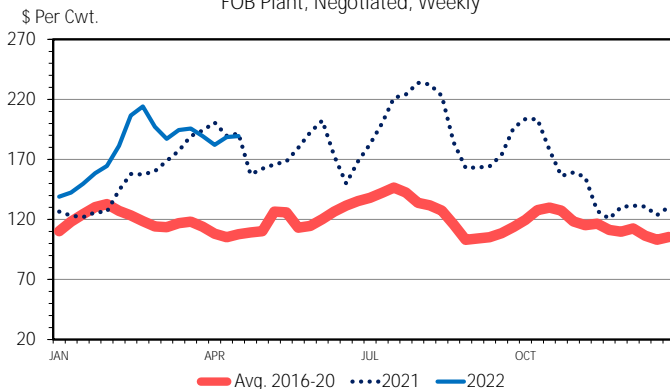
Negotiated Pork belly values had a set back this week falling \$24 per cwt on Monday from Friday's value and Tuesday settled \$3.5 lower. Wednesday's afternoon value posted at \$160.01, another \$6 lower than Tuesday.

This week's values are the first time negotiated belly primal values have been below \$170 per cwt since April 7th, when the market dove \$13 per cwt before rebounding strongly the next day. With the exception of April 7th, pork belly values have been over \$170 per cwt since the beginning of February, and weekly for most of the first quarter belly values were higher than last year.

The primal belly value has stalled in recent weeks coming off the peak set at \$214 per cwt at the end of February, and this week looks to take that weekly average below \$170 for the first time in 11 weeks. Through three days of this week the average is \$165.44 per cwt.

The pork belly seasonal index does show some slight seasonal weakness in the April/May window, and is the second lowest timeframe of the year in the 10 year analysis. The highest point in the seasonal index is July, followed by October. The peak in pork belly values last year occurred

PORK PRIMAL BELLY VALUE
FOB Plant, Negotiated, Weekly

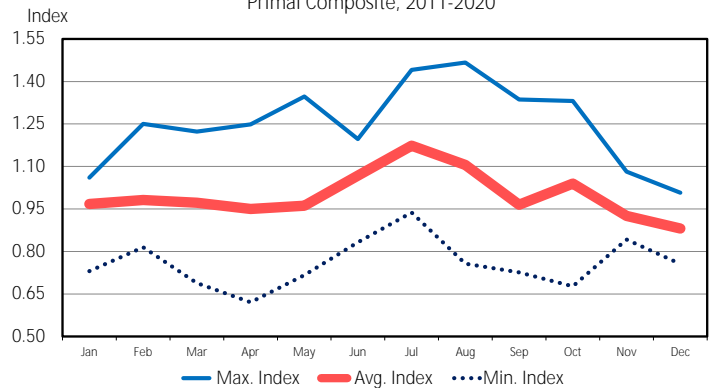


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Livestock Marketing Information Center
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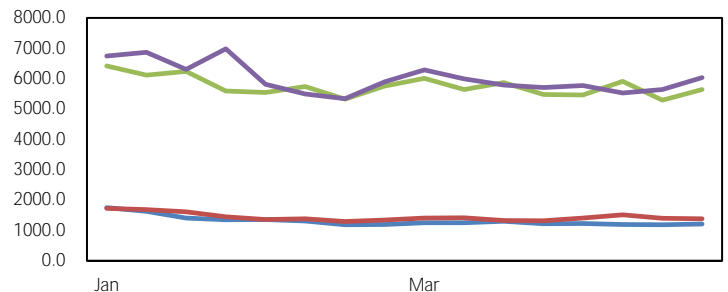
Load counts through 16 weeks of the year have been down for negotiated pork cutout by 9% compared to the comprehensive pork cutout drifting only 5% below 2021. The comprehensive pork cutout report is a new report from USDA AMS with history only back to 2019. Over the time period the weekly comprehensive has been available (5/10/2019-4/23/2022) on a weekly basis, the negotiated (and other purchase types) load volumes have changed more dramatically. COVID-related changes

SEASONAL PRICE INDEX – PORK BELLY
Primal Composite, 2011-2020



Data Source: USDA-AMS, Compiled & Analysis by LMIC
Livestock Marketing Information Center
10/22/21

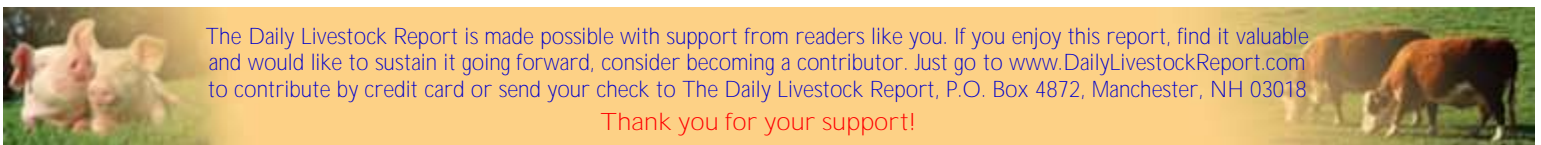
Load Counts of Pork Cutout



Source: USDA AMS
Negotiated 2022, Negotiated 2021, Comprehensive 2022, Comprehensive 2021

specifically caused a substantial rise in 2020 due to supply chain challenges.

Changes in load counts in 2022 compared to 2021 across other purchasing types are worth noting. Formula purchase loads have seen the smallest volume loss since the first of the year through 4/23/2022, down only 1.5% from last year's total. Forward sales have increased substantially up 15% in that same timeframe. Specialty pork (open pen gestation, crate free, antibiotic free, no-antibiotics ever, pre-priced and labeled, color graded, breed specific, quality graded, organic, etc.) have seen a load increase of 33% so far this year. The export market has seen the largest decline down 22% from 2021.



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