Cattle prices have edged higher with limited offerings during the holiday week. Packers have been able to pass higher costs by raising prices on several items.

Ground Beef:
Ground beef prices are up and could remain high due to abbreviated holiday production schedules.

Ribs:
Ribeye prices are trading lower now that holiday pulls are over. Packers are forward selling at a discount to current prices.

Briskets:
Prices keep ratcheting higher with additional support from tight holiday supply.

Rounds:
Round prices are firm as retailers load up for January features.

Strips:
Both spot and forward strip prices are steady.

Tenders:
Tender prices have peaked and prices are adjusting lower. Forward sales are still being made at 10% discounts.

Thin Meats:
Prices for most thin meats are rising as production shrinks.

**Meat | Pork**

Last week's pork production eclipsed the previous all-time record by 4%. Even with abbreviated holiday production schedules the pipelines are pretty full.

**Butts:**

Butt prices are low enough to move extra production into freezer programs or exports. Reduced production should allow prices to firm a little for the next two weeks.

**Hams:**

Ham prices have dropped and could begin to find support from freezer and deep-chill programs.

**Bacon/Bellies:**

Belly prices are lower as holiday shopping and retail features wind down.

**Ribs:**

Backrib prices are above last year; St Louis spareribs are cheaper. Right now St Louis spareribs offer considerable savings.

**Loins:**

Loin prices bounced off of 5-year low as buyers stepped in to take advantage of fire sale cost levels. Prices could continue higher as the holidays temporarily shrink supply.