



DAILY LIVESTOCK COMMENTARY

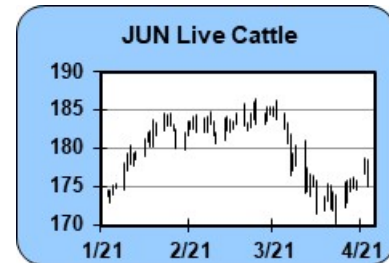
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DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY

4/24/2024

Poor margins limit upside.

June live cattle gave up a portion of the gains they made off the Cattle of Feed report from Friday, but they held above the 100-day moving average into the close yesterday, which could leave the market in position to test the 200-day at 180.20. Sluggish cash cattle prices, stagnant beef prices, and heavy cattle weights, which are keeping US meat production high, are bearish factors. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 125,000 head yesterday. This brings the total for the week so far to 238,000 head, down from 245,000 last week and 252,000 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was \$1.47 higher yesterday at \$297.40. This was down from \$298.02 the previous week. No cash live cattle trades were reported yesterday.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

June cattle appear to have moved into a new range bound roughly by 175.00 and 180.00. Packer margins are negative, which limits upside potential until beef prices pick up. Look for resistance in June cattle at 180.20, with support at 175.00.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LIVE CATTLE (JUN) 04/24/2024: The upside crossover of the 9 and 18 bar moving average is a positive signal. Positive momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce higher price action. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. It is a slightly negative indicator that the close was lower than the pivot swing number. The next upside objective is 180.520. The next area of resistance is around 178.900 and 180.520, while 1st support hits today at 175.400 and below there at 173.500.

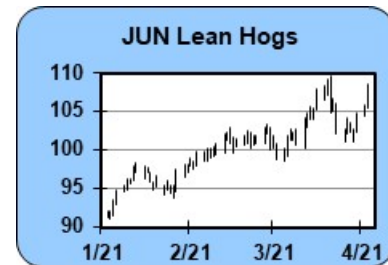
FEEDER CATTLE (AUG) 04/24/2024: The upside crossover of the 9 and 18 bar moving average is a positive signal. Studies are showing positive momentum but are now in overbought territory, so some caution is warranted. The market's close above the 9-day moving average suggests the short-term trend remains positive. With the close higher than the pivot swing number, the market is in a slightly bullish posture. The next upside objective is 262.224. The next area of resistance is around 260.874 and 262.224, while 1st support hits today at 257.925 and below there at 256.325.

DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY

4/24/2024

Close to testing the contract high.

April hogs extended their recovery yesterday and came within 1.10 of taking out contract high from April 10. It seems likely that the market will test that level today. The CME Lean Hog Index as of April 19 was 91.31, down from 91.35 the previous session but up from 90.73 the previous week. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 486,000 head yesterday. This brings the total for the week so far to 968,000 head, unchanged from last week but up from 935,000 a year ago. The USDA pork cutout, released after the close yesterday, came in at \$96.15, down \$4.94 from Monday and down from \$99.00 the previous week. This was the lowest it had been since April 3. The fund net long is near a record high, which leaves the market vulnerable to heavy selling if support levels are taken out, and it also means that the fund buying fuel could be running low.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The market has been under the negative influence of a reversal lower from contract highs on April 10, but it has corrected an overbought condition with the selloff. A move above the contract high at 109.65 in June hogs would leave the next upside target at 111.80. Look for support at 105.52 and 104.25.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LEAN HOGS (JUN) 04/24/2024: The daily stochastics gave a bullish indicator with a crossover up. Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. There could be more upside follow through since the market closed above the 2nd swing resistance. The next upside target is 110.500. The next area of resistance is around 109.450 and 110.500, while 1st support hits today at 106.470 and below there at 104.520.

DAILY TECHNICAL STATISTICS

	CLOSE	9 DAY RSI	14 DAY RSI	14 DAY SLOW STOCH D	14 DAY SLOW STOCH K	4 DAY M AVG	9 DAY M AVG	18 DAY M AVG	45 DAY M AVG	60 DAY M AVG
MEAT COMPLEX										
LCM24	177.150	54.18	50.07	51.02	66.39	176.56	175.17	175.17	179.99	180.41
FCQ24	259.399	62.90	55.42	56.69	75.52	256.42	252.71	252.28	261.52	263.27
LHM24	107.950	69.51	65.70	45.85	53.85	105.24	104.09	104.73	102.34	100.84

Calculations based on previous session. Data collected 04/23/2024

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
MEAT COMPLEX						
LCM24	Live Cattle	173.470	175.370	177.020	178.900	180.520
FCQ24	Feeder Cattle	256.325	257.924	259.274	260.874	262.224
LHM24	Lean Hogs	104.500	106.450	107.500	109.450	110.500

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