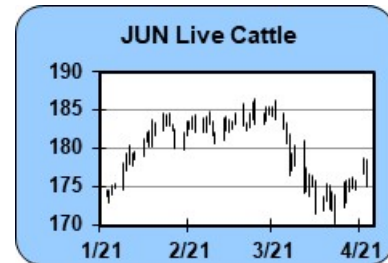




DAILY CATTLE COMMENTARY
4/25/2024

Weak packer margins and ample beef supply.

June cattle were lower yesterday, as they continued to back off from Monday's high that came in the wake of the bullish Cattle on Feed report from Friday. The market traded to its highest level since April 1 on Monday, but it has failed to build on those gains. It may have felt some pressure yesterday from reports that starting on Monday the US government will require dairy cattle moving between states to be tested for bird flu. As reported last week, as of April 20, the average dressed cattle weight was 847 pounds versus 815 a year ago and a five-year average of 819 pounds, and beef production was up 3% from a year ago despite slaughter being down 1%. This does not paint a bullish picture for beef prices. Cash live cattle traded in moderate volume yesterday at steady to slightly lower prices than last week. The five-area weighted average price was \$181.96 versus \$182.56 on Friday. The USDA estimated cattle slaughter came in at 125,000 head yesterday. This brings the total for the week so far to 363,000 head, down from 369,000 last week and 375,000 a year ago. The USDA boxed beef cutout was down \$1.66 yesterday at \$295.74. This was down from \$296.81 the previous week. The monthly cold storage report showed there were 432.222 million pounds of frozen beef in storage as of March 31, down from 447.356 million in February and 477.806 million a year ago. Stocks tend to decline this time of year, and this report did not seem to offer any surprises.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

The rally off the Cattle on Feed report was short-lived, and the market is likely back to focusing on nearby beef demand and weak packer margins. Look for resistance in June cattle at 180.15, with support at 173.55.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

CATTLE COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LIVE CATTLE (JUN) 04/25/2024: Momentum studies are trending higher from mid-range, which should support a move higher if resistance levels are penetrated. The close below the 9-day moving average is a negative short-term indicator for trend. The market's close below the 1st swing support number suggests a moderately negative setup for today. The next upside objective is 178.670. The next area of resistance is around 176.700 and 178.670, while 1st support hits today at 173.770 and below there at 172.770.

FEEDER CATTLE (AUG) 04/25/2024: Momentum studies are trending higher but have entered overbought levels. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The market is in a bearish position with the close below the 2nd swing support number. The next upside objective is 261.437. The

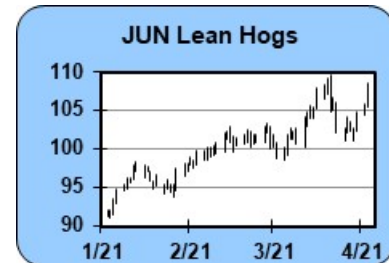
next area of resistance is around 258.399 and 261.437, while 1st support hits today at 254.200 and below there at 253.038.

DAILY HOGS COMMENTARY

4/25/2024

Fund liquidation threat still a factor.

June hogs stalled in their quest to take out the contract high from April 10 yesterday. Funds were holding a near-record net long as of April 16, which leaves the market vulnerable to heavy selling if it receives a negative signal, such as a failure at a contract high. The average hog weight for Iowa-Southern Minnesota as of April 20 was 287.0 pounds, down from 288.0 the previous week but up from 286.9 a year ago. The 5-year average weight is also 286.9 pounds. Current weights are very close to year-ago and five-year average levels. The CME Lean Hog Index as of April 22 was 91.45, up from 91.31 the previous session and 90.98 the previous week. The USDA estimated hog slaughter came in at 483,000 head yesterday. This brings the total for the week so far to 1.451 million head, down from 1.454 million last week but up from 1.407 million a year ago. The USDA pork cutout came in at \$96.09, down 9 cents from Tuesday and \$98.80 the previous week. This was the lowest it had been since April 3. The Cold Storage report showed there were 464.205 million pounds of frozen pork in cold storage as of March 31, up from 457.662 million the previous month but down from 533.893 million a year ago. China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs said overnight that the nation had 39.92 million sows at the end of March, down 3.6% from the previous quarter and 7.3% from the previous year. The total pig herd was down 5.9% for the quarter and 5.2% for the year. The number of pigs slaughtered by pig enterprises fell 2.2% from a year ago in the first quarter to 194.55 million. This report coincides with previous data indicating that China was making progress reducing their burdensome supply.



TODAY'S MARKET IDEAS:

A burdensome fund net long leaves the market vulnerable to a selloff if the market fails to take out the contract highs. Look for resistance in June hogs at 109.65 and 111.80, with support at 104.55 and 102.00.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

PORK COMPLEX TECHNICAL OUTLOOK:

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LEAN HOGS (JUN) 04/25/2024: Positive momentum studies in the neutral zone will tend to reinforce higher price action. A positive signal for trend short-term was given on a close over the 9-bar moving average. The market's close below the pivot swing number is a mildly negative setup. The next upside objective is 109.120. The next area of resistance is around 108.250 and 109.120, while 1st support hits today at 106.670 and below there at 105.950.

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	175.250	46.14	45.26	55.31	63.89	176.53	175.32	174.89	179.82	180.35
FCQ24	256.300	53.89	50.14	62.92	75.37	256.92	253.53	252.14	261.22	263.12
LHM24	107.450	65.93	63.42	50.74	60.52	106.43	104.28	105.07	102.55	101.03

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DAILY SWING STATISTICS

Contract		Support 2	Support 1	Pivot	Resist 1	Resist 2
MEAT COMPLEX						
LCM24	Live Cattle	172.750	173.750	175.700	176.700	178.670
FCQ24	Feeder Cattle	253.037	254.199	257.237	258.399	261.437
LHM24	Lean Hogs	105.900	106.650	107.520	108.250	109.120

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