

Hog/pork market

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2. “Lessons learned” from 2020 – An analyst’s perspective
3. What is the current situation and outlook?



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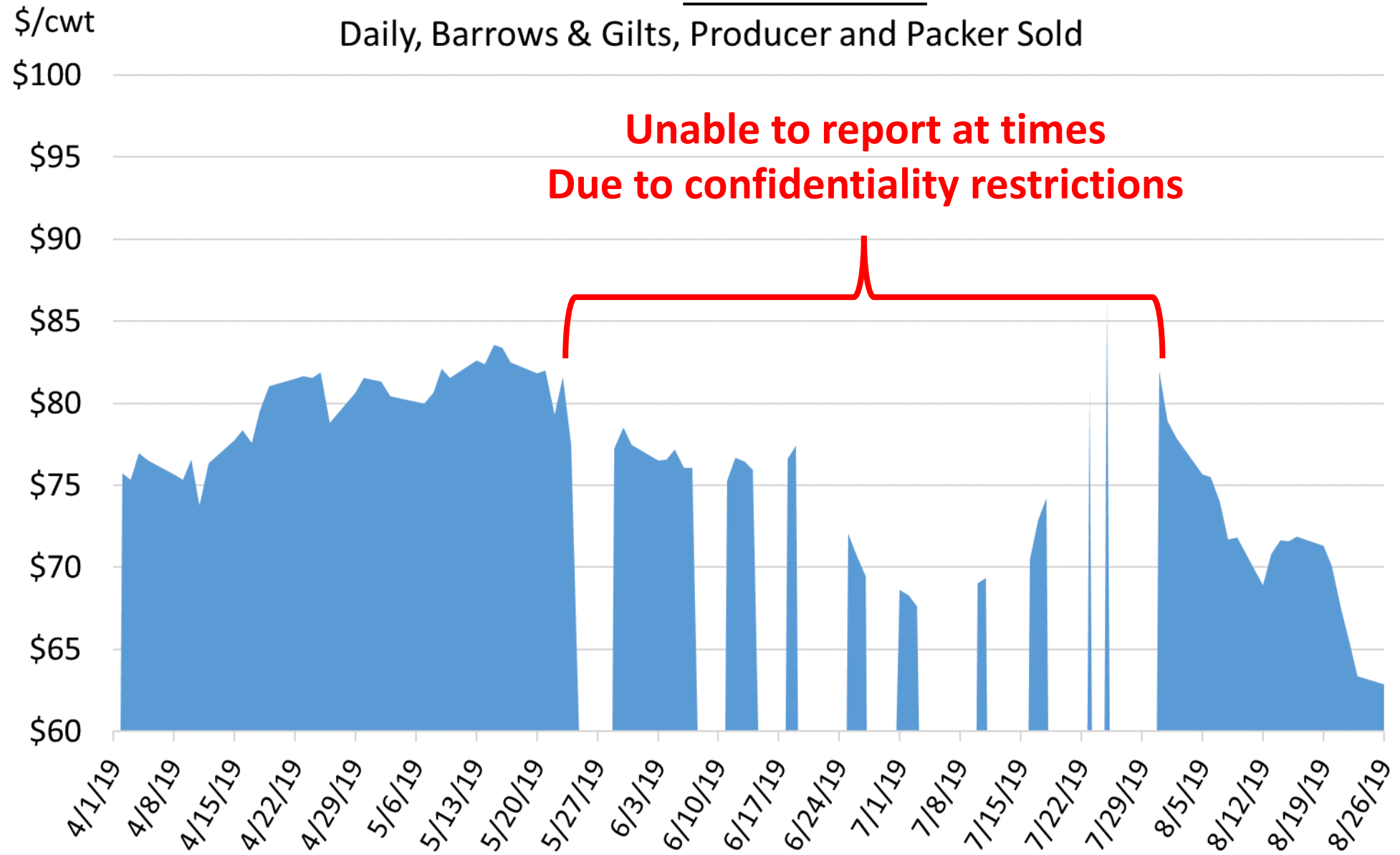
Livestock Mandatory Reporting Background

In the mid-1990's, there were growing concerns in the industry and Congress over packer concentration as meat packing companies were consolidating and getting larger. This was captured in a 1996 report, [Pork Price Reporting Improvement Initiative](#), as a survey of pork industry packers. In the fall of 1998, the swine industry faced an oversupply situation, and negotiated slaughter hog prices fell to historically low levels. At the same time, some hog producers were engaged in alternative formula contracts that did not decline in value as much. The resulting outcry from this scenario and the ongoing concentration concerns prompted Congress to pass the [Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999](#) (1999 Act) [Pub. L. 106-78, Title IX].

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/LivestockMandatoryReportingBackground.pdf>

WESTERN CORNBELT NEGOTIATED HOG PRICE

Daily, Barrows & Gilts, Producer and Packer Sold





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USDA Market News Revises Regional Swine Market Reports

On July 31, 2019, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will revise its Livestock Mandatory Reporting (LMR) direct swine reports to provide more continuous coverage of the regional negotiated swine markets.

Since the implementation of LMR in 2001, the volume of barrows and gilts purchased on a negotiated basis has declined from 17 percent of the market to about 1 percent today. The thinness of the negotiated market has made it increasingly difficult for AMS to publish regional market information while maintaining the confidentiality requirements set forth in the statute.

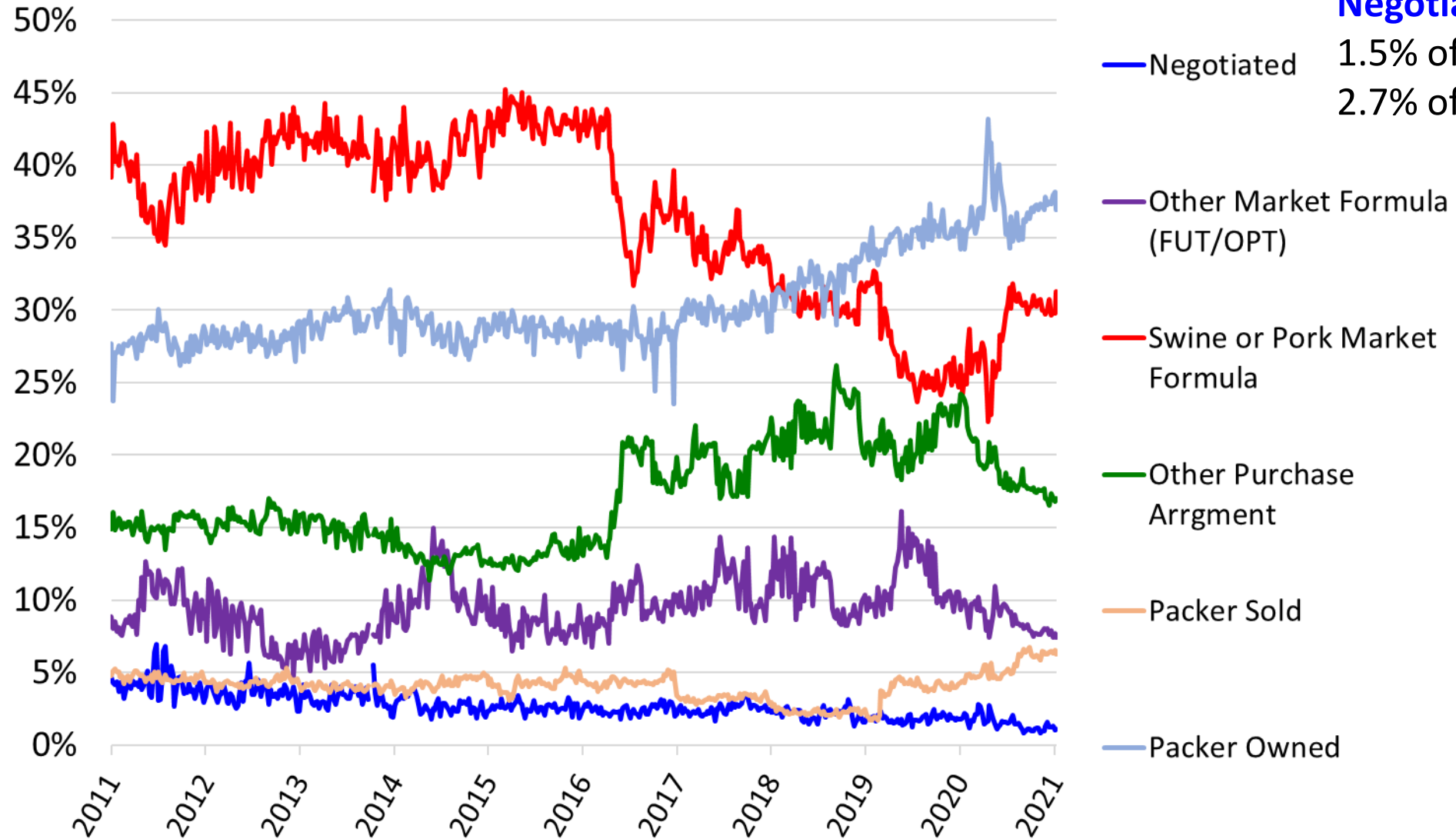
As requested by the pork industry, AMS will publish only weighted average prices for carcass and live basis negotiated barrows and gilts and not show the daily volumes or price ranges on the Iowa-Minnesota, Western Cornbelt, and Eastern Cornbelt regional daily and prior day swine purchase reports going forward. This revision allows AMS to publish as much regional data as possible while preserving confidentiality. The National swine purchase reports will continue to include volume, price ranges, and weighted average prices for the negotiated barrow and gilt market. The other swine purchase types – other market formula, swine or pork market formula, and other purchase arrangement – are not impacted by this revision.

To access AMS direct swine reports, visit: www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/swine-direct-reports. For more information on LMR, visit: www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/mmr. For additional information, contact Taylor Cox, Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News Field Chief, at (515) 284-4460.

More Detail

NATIONAL HEAD COUNT BY PURCHASE TYPE

Weekly, Barrows & Gilts, Producer and Packer Sold/Owned



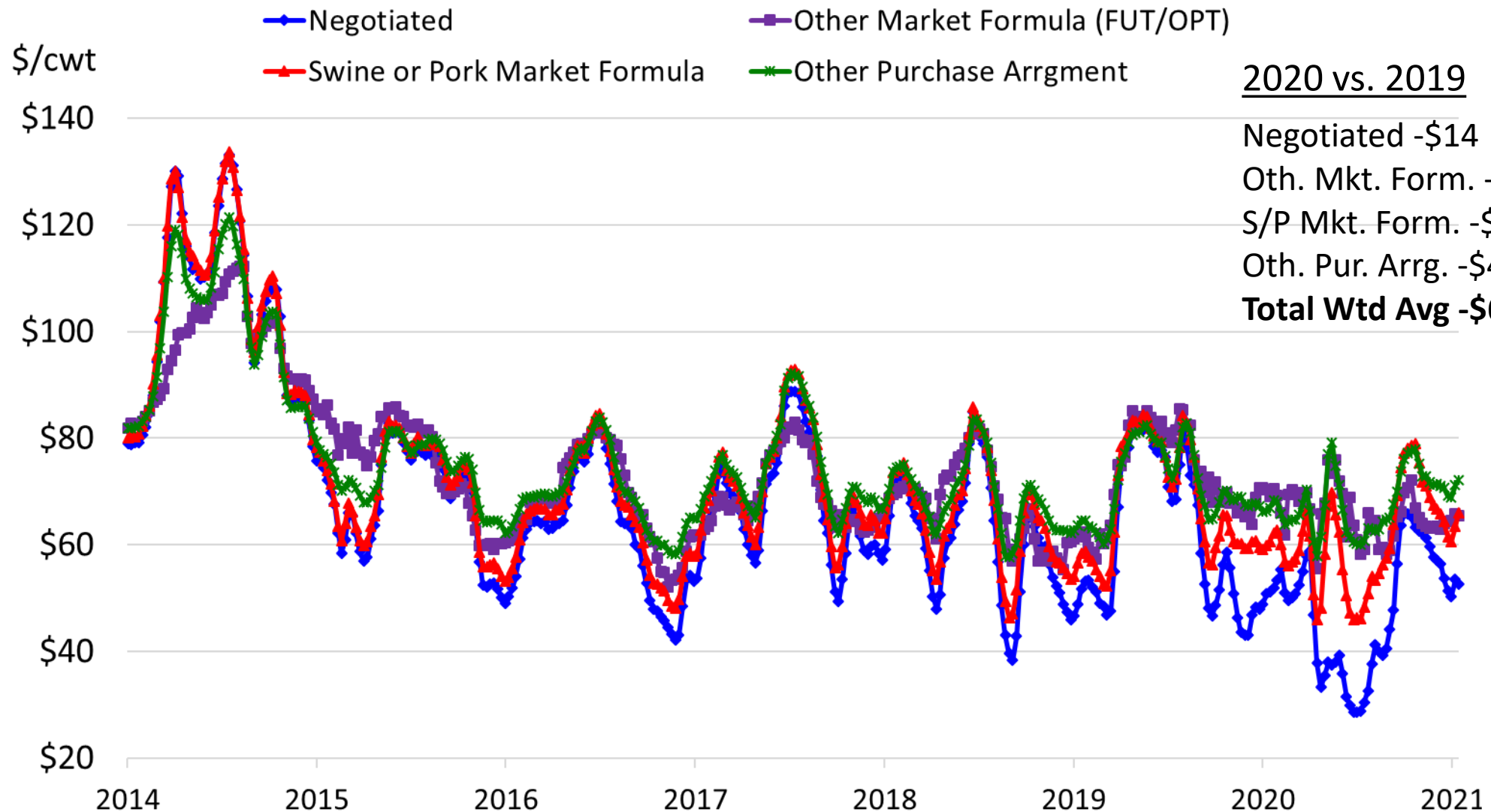
Negotiated in 2020

1.5% of All

2.7% of Producer sold

NATIONAL NET CARCASS PRICES

Weekly, Barrows & Gilts, Producer Sold



NATIONAL NET PRICE DISTRIBUTION

January 21, 2021, Barrows & Gilts

Head Count

50,000

45,000

40,000

35,000

30,000

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000

5,000

0

Price

Range

■ Negotiated

■ Other Market Formula

■ Swine or Pork Market Formula

■ Other Purchase Arrange

■ Packer Sold (All Purchase)

Wtd. Avg. Net Price

Negotiated

\$56.07

Other Market Formula (FUT/OPT)

\$66.14

Swine or Pork Market Formula

\$65.93

Other Purchase Arrange

\$72.52

Packer Sold (All Purchase)

\$65.38

68% of marketings

32% of marketings

32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 66 68 70 72 74 76 78 80 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96

34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54 56 58 60 62 64 66 68 70 72 74 76 78 80 82 84 86 88 90 92 94 96 98

Data Source: USDA-AMS-LPGMN

LM_HG215 National Daily Direct Hog Prior Day Report -Average Net Price Distribution



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The Packers and Stockyard Act (P&S Act) as mandated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish an orderly market for the purchase of swine (including live swine and carcasses) and the price discovery process and to provide for the fair and equitable treatment of all parties to the transaction.

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Swine Packer Marketing Contract Summary - Iowa Minnesota Swine or Pork Market Formula

Determination of Base Price 530

All Reports Referenced

LM_HG203, Negotiated Base Weighted Average Range, 2 days prior to delivery

LM_PK602, Pork Carcass Cutout, 2 days prior to delivery

Other Terms

Final Price = 35% (Cutout Value + Cutout Premium) + 65% (Weighted Average + Weighted Average Premium) + Carcass Merit Adjustment

Premium/Discount Type: Carcass Merit; See Schedule: 64

Premium/Discount Type: Sort; See Schedule: 85

Premium/Discount Type: Cutout Premium, (\$13.25)

Premium/Discount Type: Weighted Average Premium

Determination of Base Price 1475

All Reports Referenced

LM_HG212, Negotiated Base Weighted Average, Two Days Prior to Delivery

Other Terms

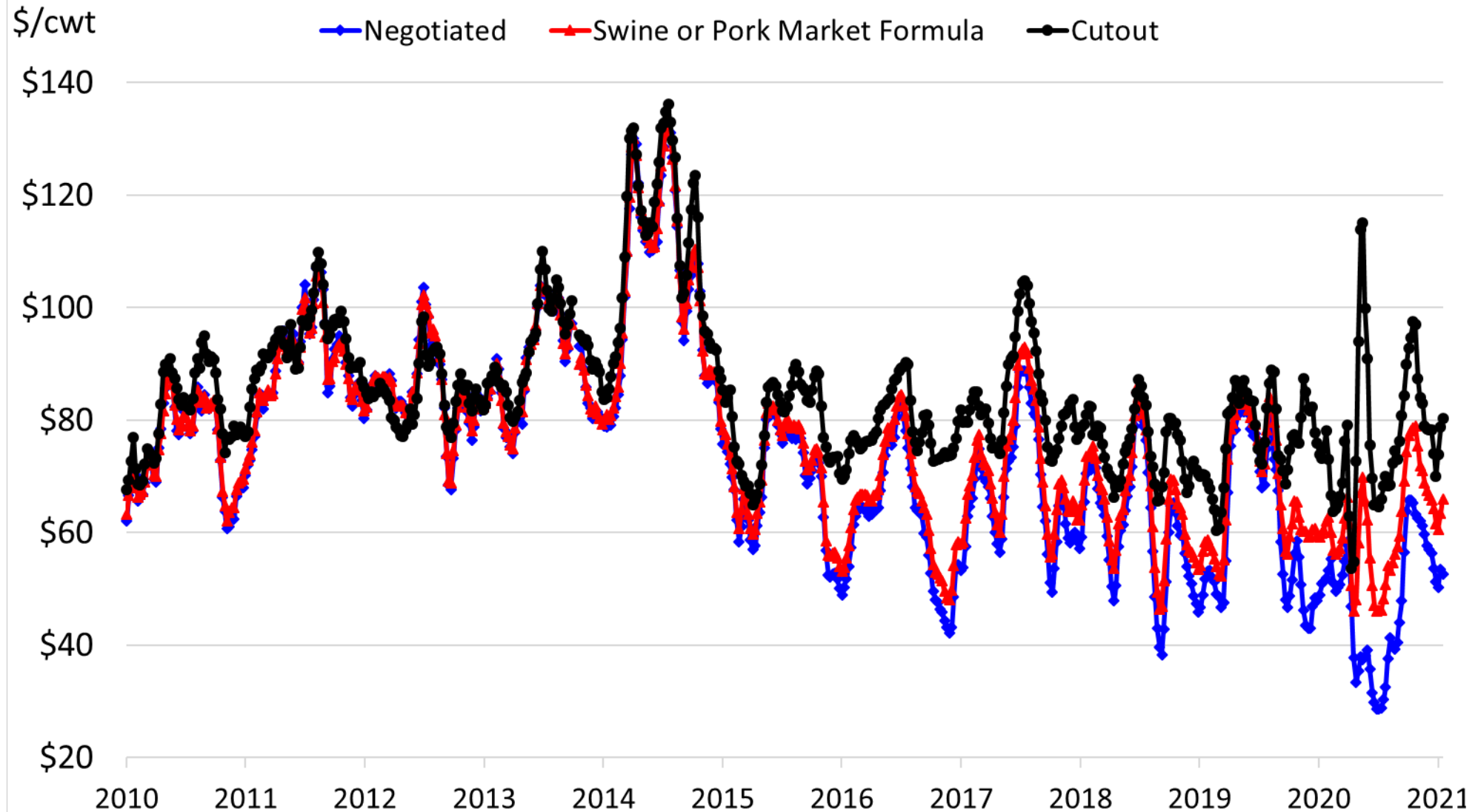
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Premium/Discount Type: Contract Premium, (\$1.00)

NATIONAL NET CARCASS PRICES

Weekly, Barrows & Gilts, Producer Sold



Correlations, Weekly Average Prices

2014-2018

			Swine or Pork Market Formula	CME Lean Hog Index	Producer Sold Hogs	All Hogs
	Cutout	Negotiated				
Cutout	1					
Negotiated	0.95203	1				
Swine or Pork Market Formula	0.96352	0.99804	1			
CME Lean Hog Index	0.96225	0.99851	0.99980	1		
Producer Sold Hogs	0.95892	0.99720	0.99850	0.99863	1	
All Hogs	0.95899	0.99732	0.99862	0.99867	0.99998	1

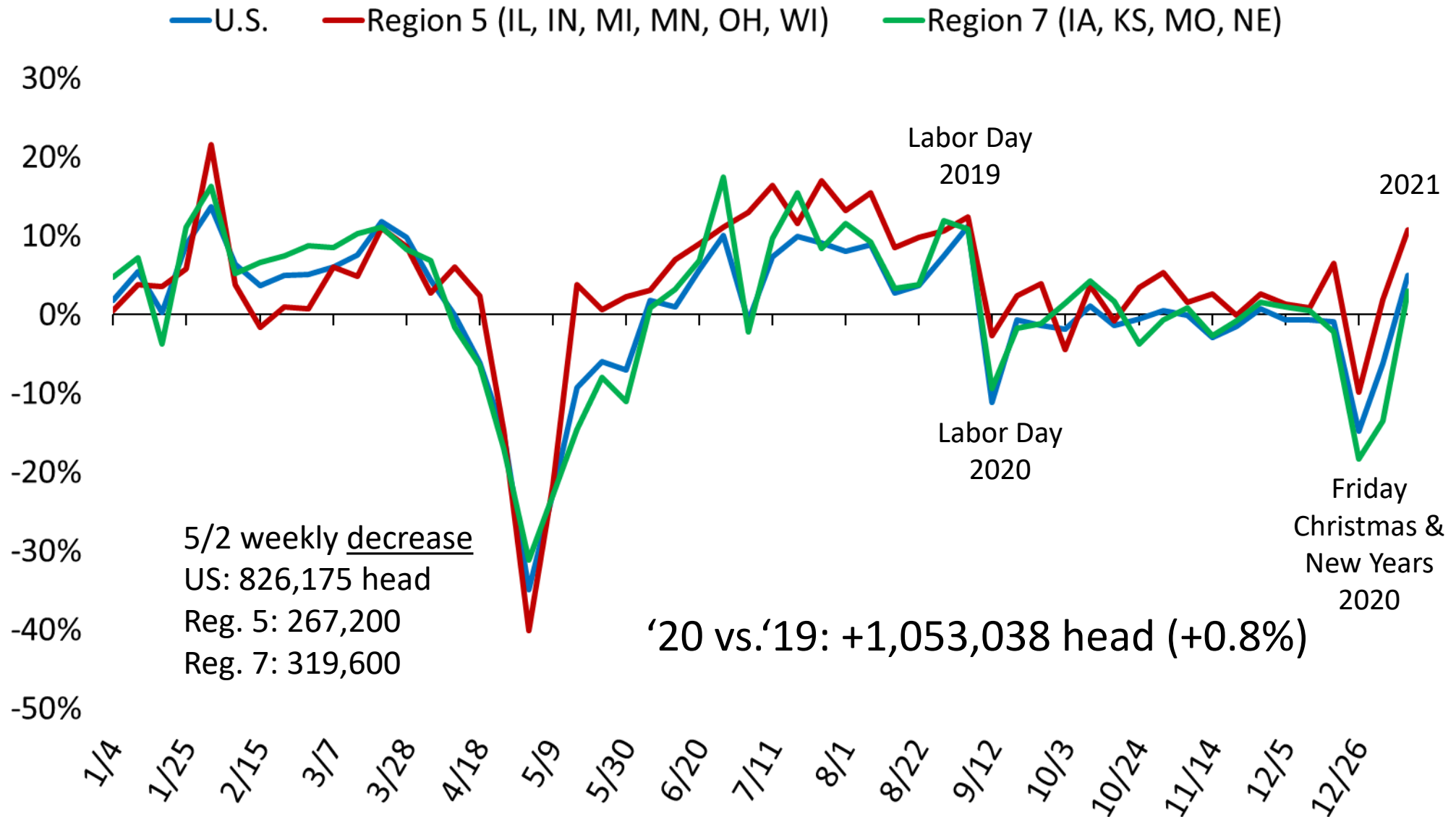
2019-2020

			Swine or Pork Market Formula	CME Lean Hog Index	Producer Sold Hogs	All Hogs
	Cutout	Negotiated				
Cutout	1					
Negotiated	0.32969	1				
Swine or Pork Market Formula	0.66517	0.91463	1			
CME Lean Hog Index	0.63318	0.92748	0.99846	1		
Producer Sold Hogs	0.67404	0.90089	0.99077	0.98797	1	
All Hogs	0.66681	0.90664	0.99242	0.98983	0.99963	1

Data Source: USDA-AMS-LPGMN & CME Group; Compiled by LMIC

LM_HG201 National Daily Direct Hog Prior Day – Slaughtered Swine; LM_PK602 National Daily Pork Report FOB Plant - Negotiated Sales – Afternoon

Pct. Chg. ('20 vs. '19) in FI Hog Slaughter, Weekly

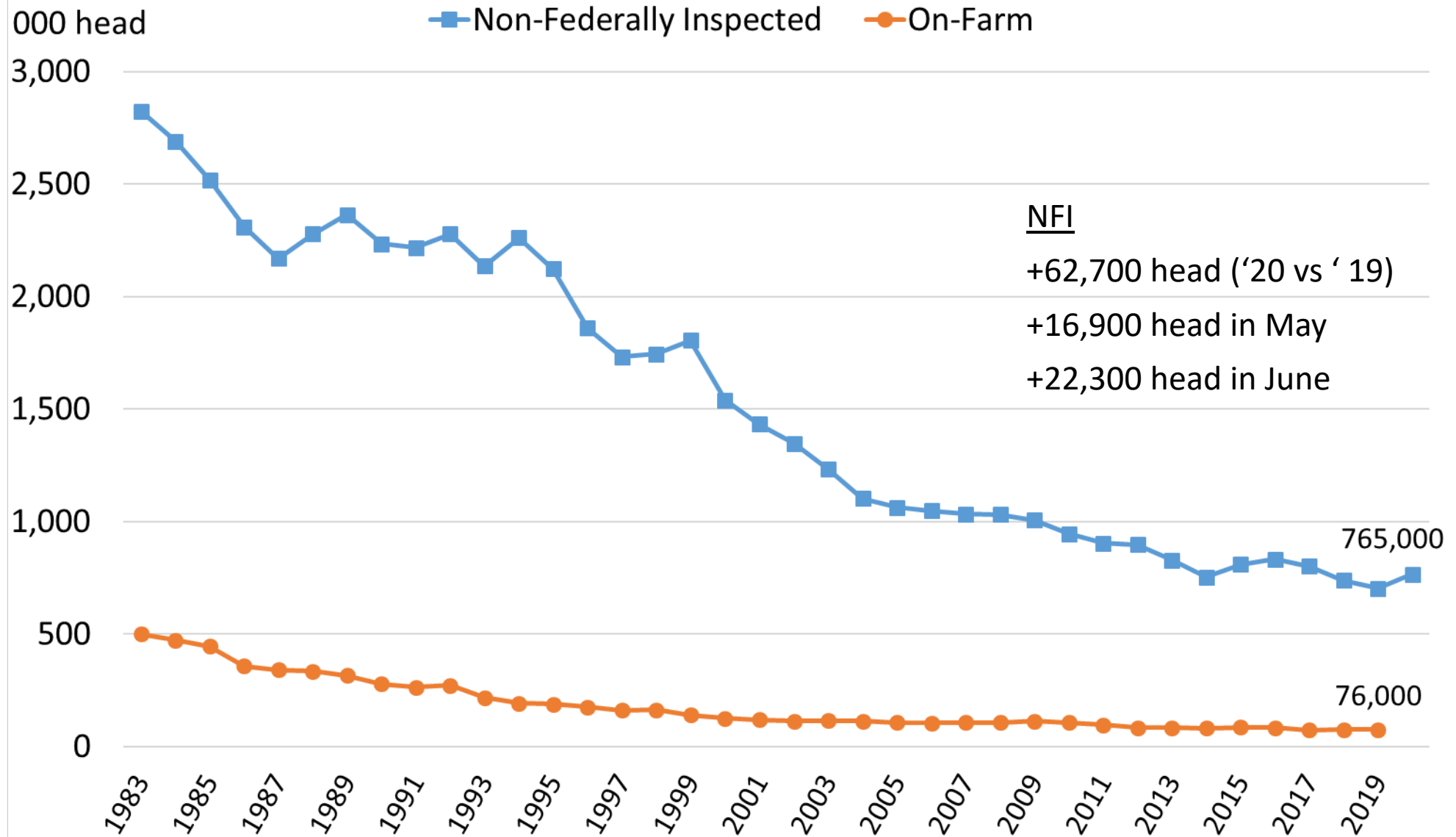


Hogs Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered by Size Group –United States: 2019

<u>Size group</u>	Plants		Head		Head per		
	Num.	Pct.	Thou	Pct.	Year	Week	Day
1 - 999	396	64.0%	125.4	0.1%	317	6	1
1,000 - 9,999	123	19.9%	337.9	0.3%	2,747	53	10
10,000 - 99,999	39	6.3%	1,529.4	1.2%	39,215	754	140
100,000 - 249,999	18	2.9%	2,967.6	2.3%	164,867	3,171	587
250,000 - 499,999	7	1.1%	2,501.0	1.9%	357,286	6,871	1,272
500,000 - 999,999	3	0.5%	2,074.1	1.6%	691,367	13,296	2,462
1,000,000 - 1,999,999	6	1.0%	7,849.1	6.1%	1,308,183	25,157	4,659
2,000,000 - 2,999,999	12	1.9%	31,794.8	24.6%	2,649,567	50,953	9,436
3,000,000+	15	2.4%	80,031.5	61.9%	5,335,433	102,604	19,001
Total	619		129,210.8				

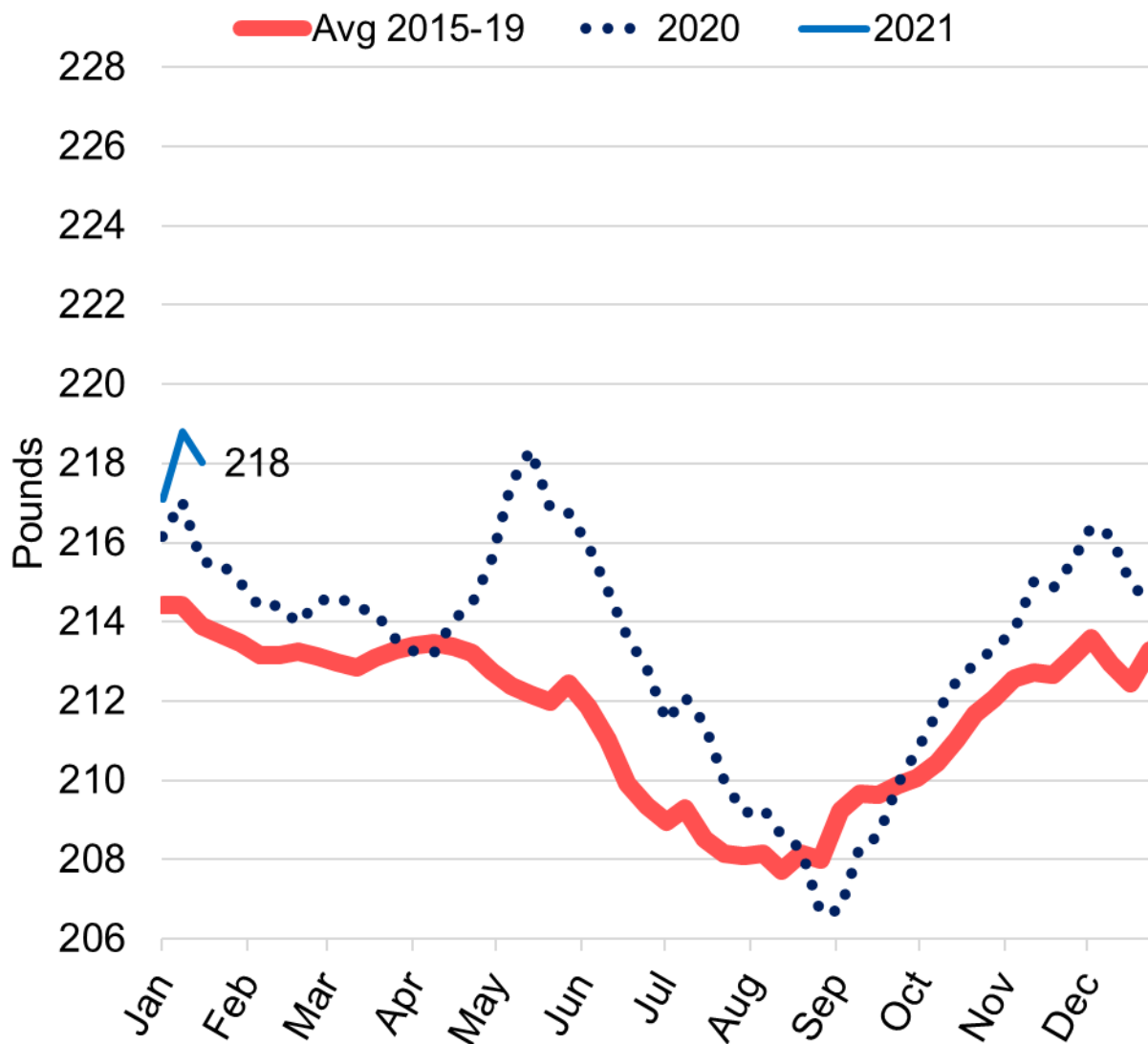
Mid-point of ranges
52 slaughter weeks
5.4 slaughter days per week

ANNUAL NFI AND ON-FARM HOG SLAUGHTER



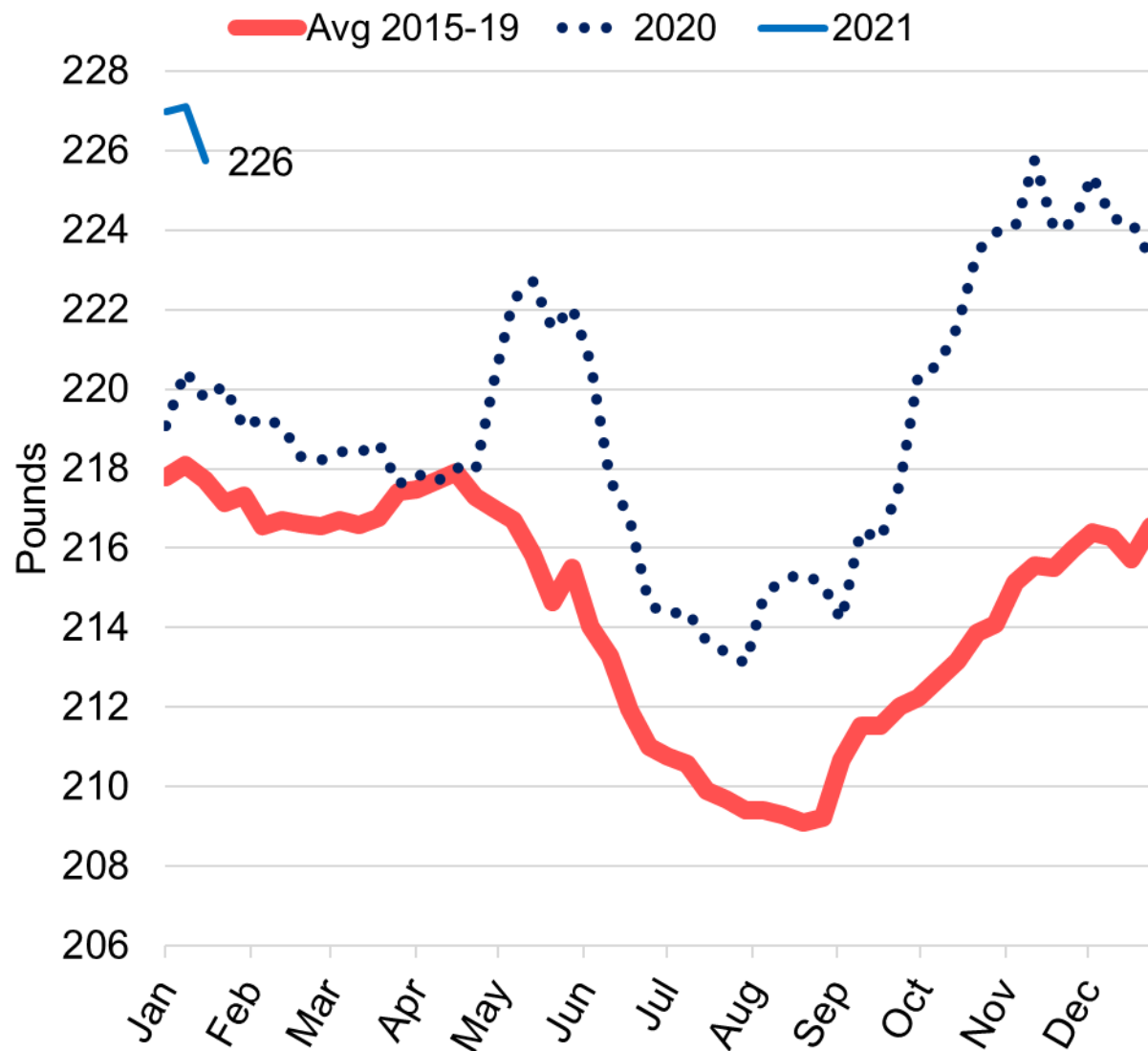
NATIONAL AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT

Weekly, Barrow & Gilts, Producer Owned



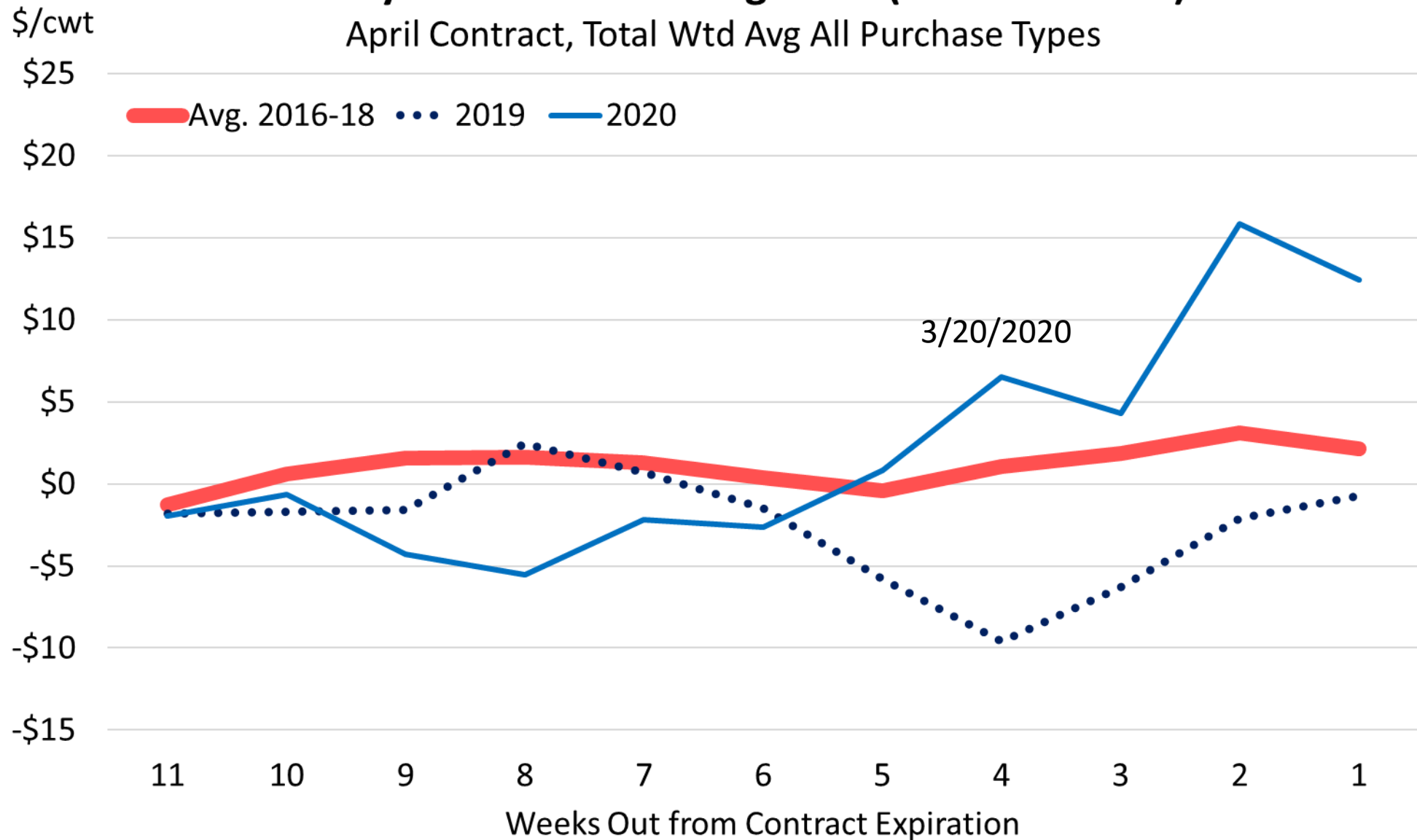
NATIONAL AVERAGE CARCASS WEIGHT

Weekly, Barrow & Gilts, Packer Owned



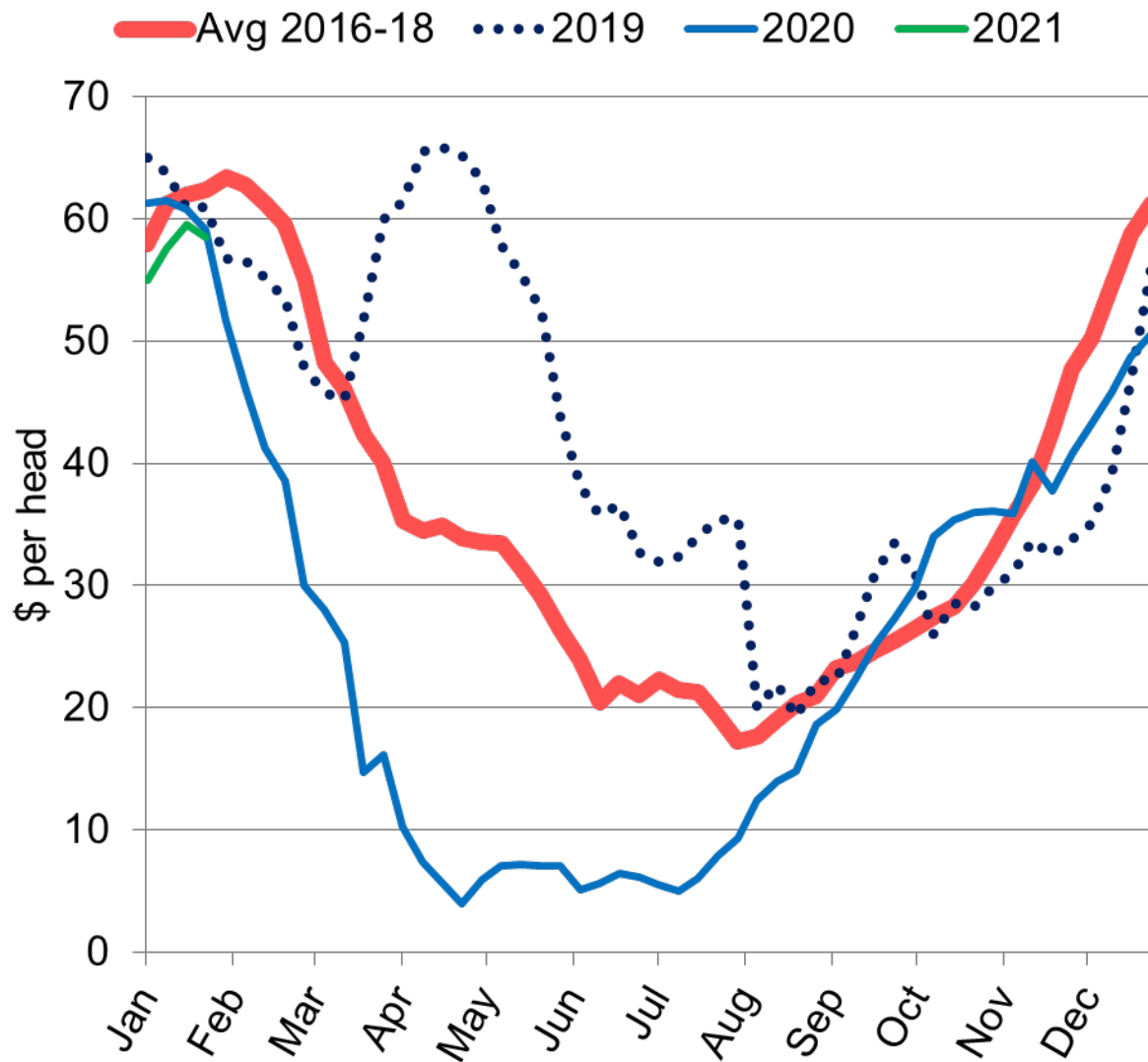
Weekly National Lean Hog Basis (Cash - Futures)

April Contract, Total Wtd Avg All Purchase Types



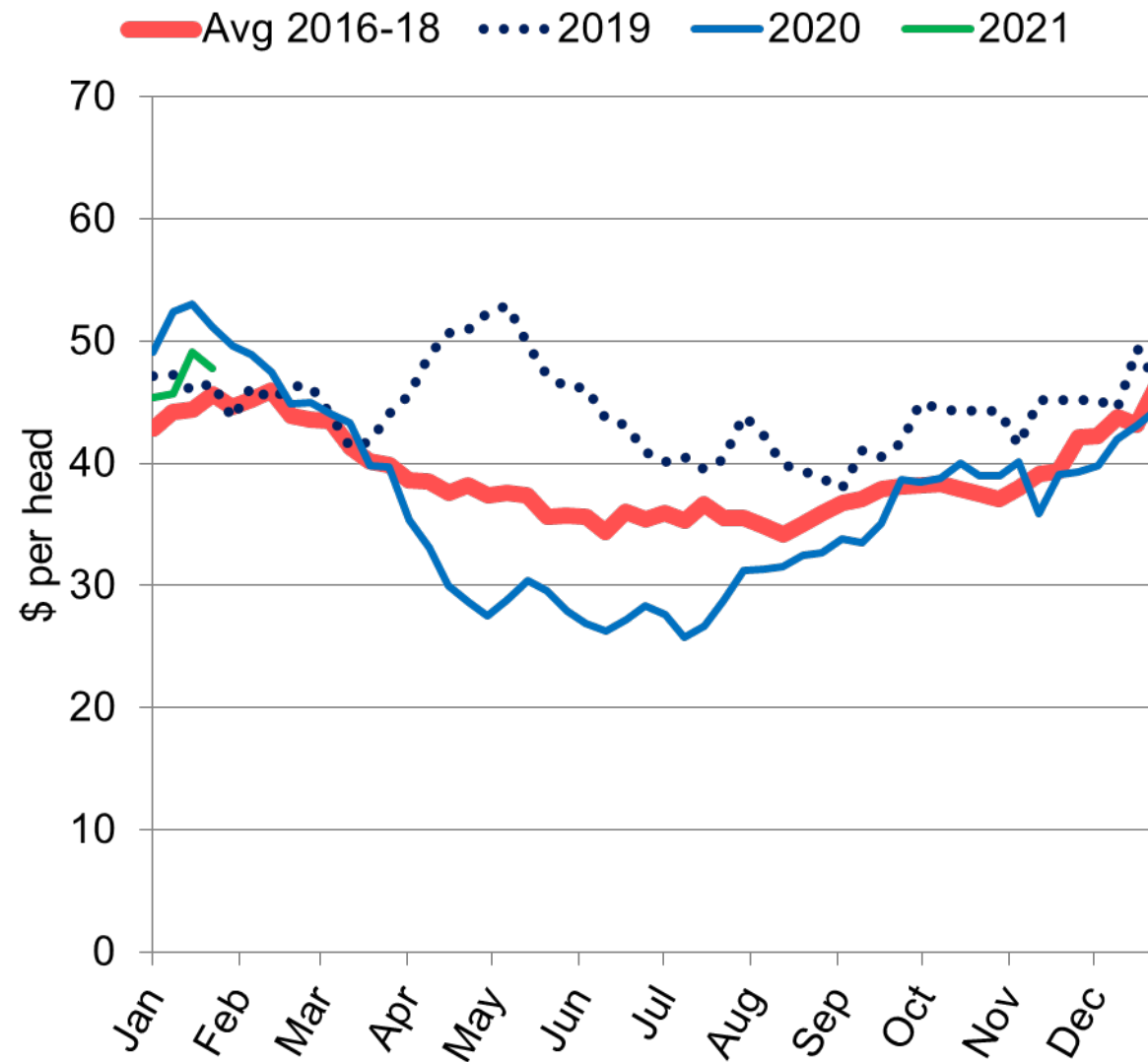
Early Weaned Pig Prices

National, 10-12 lbs, Weekly Cash Trade



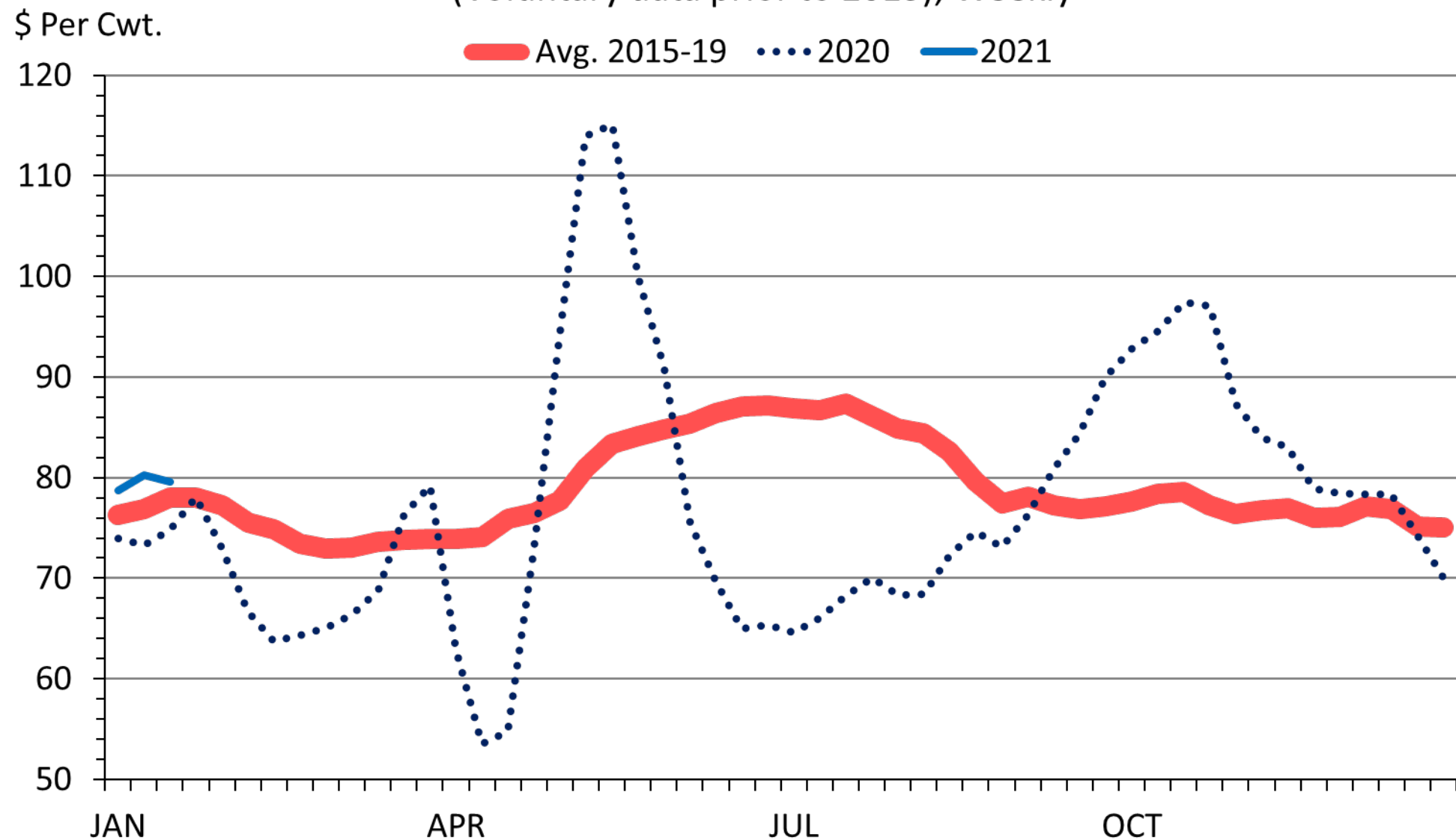
Early Weaned Pig Prices

National, 10-12 lbs, Weekly Formula Trade



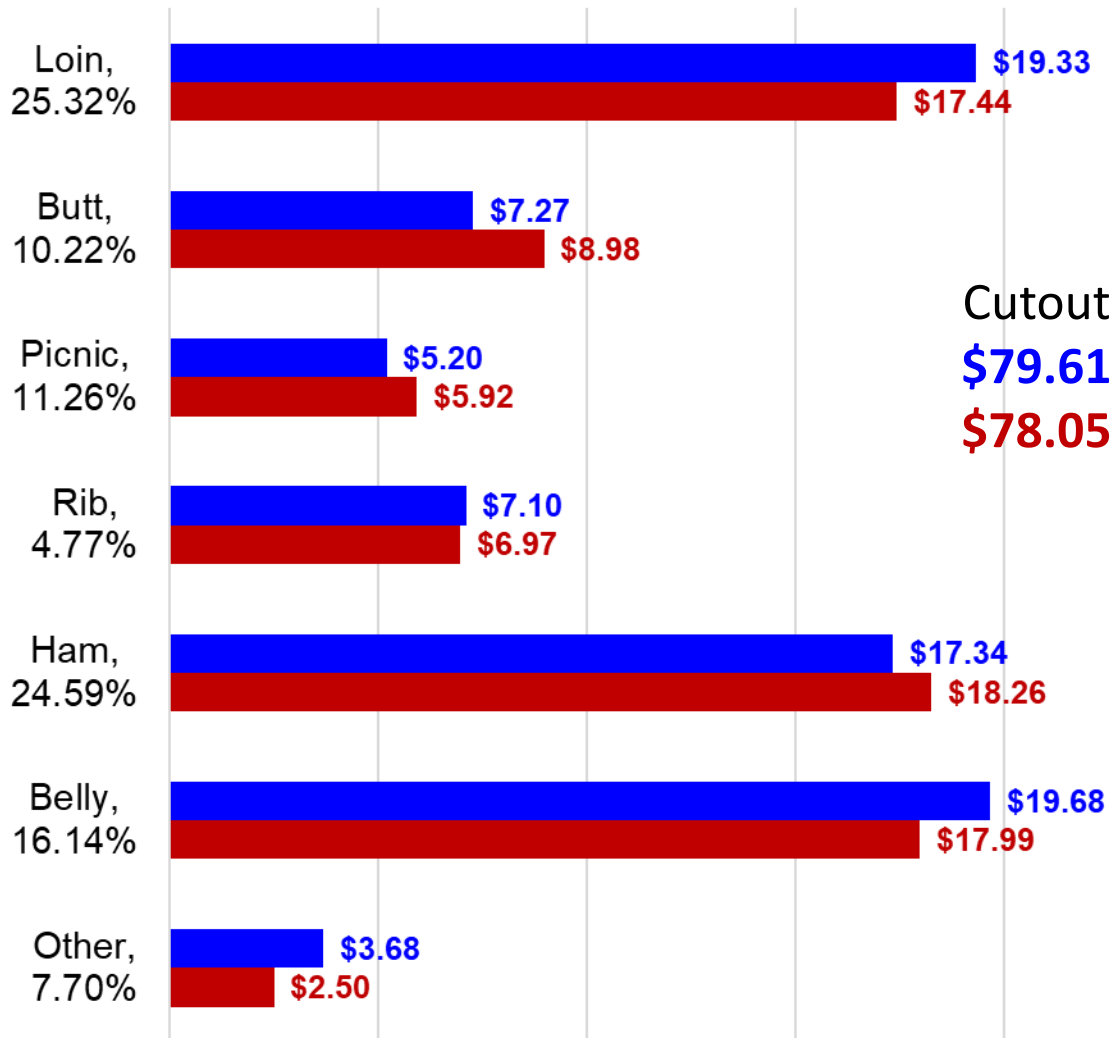
PORK CUTOUT VALUE

(Voluntary data prior to 2013), Weekly



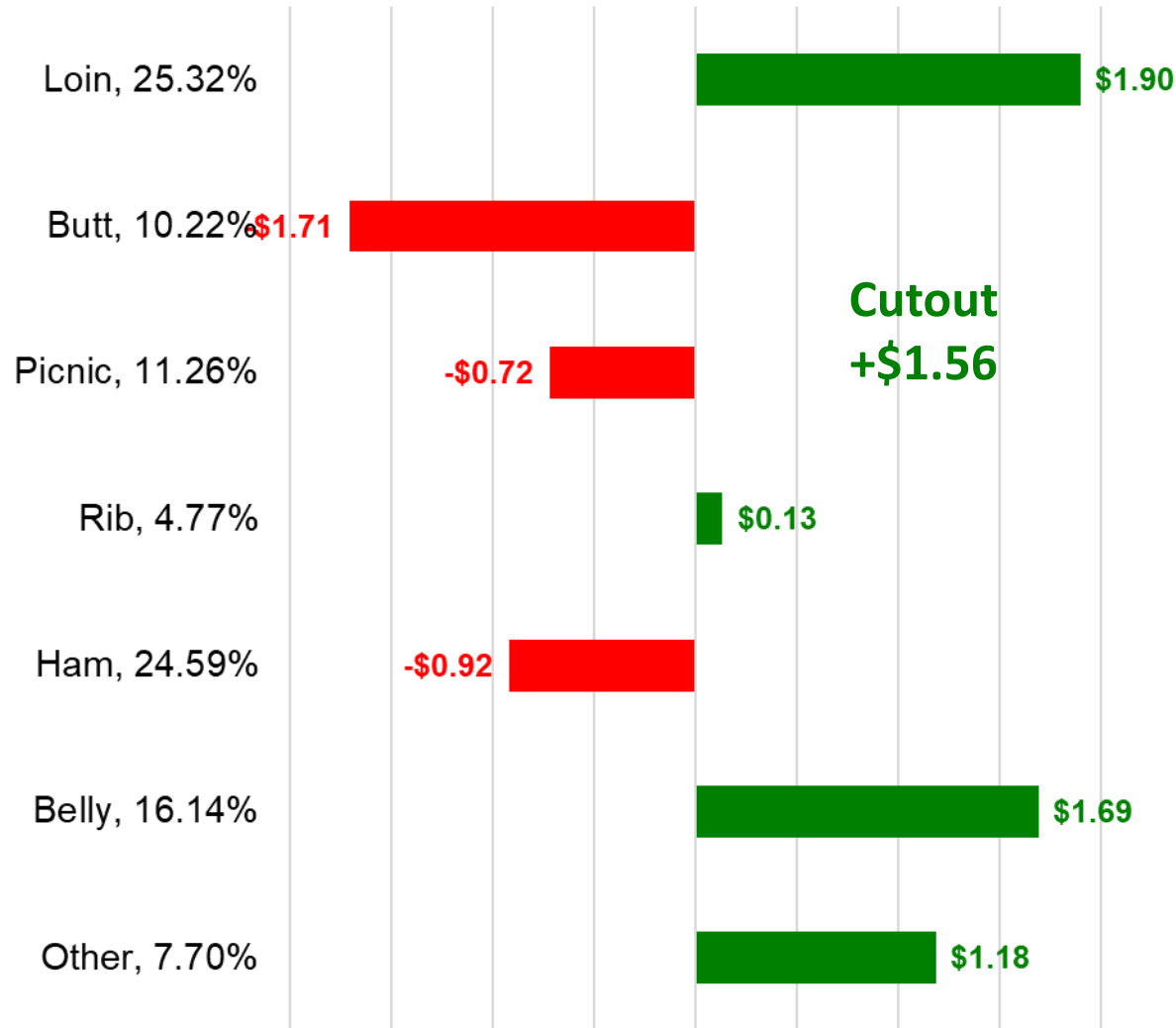
Contribution of Each Primal to Change in Value of the Pork Cutout

■ Week Ending 1/22/21 ■ Week Ending 1/24/20



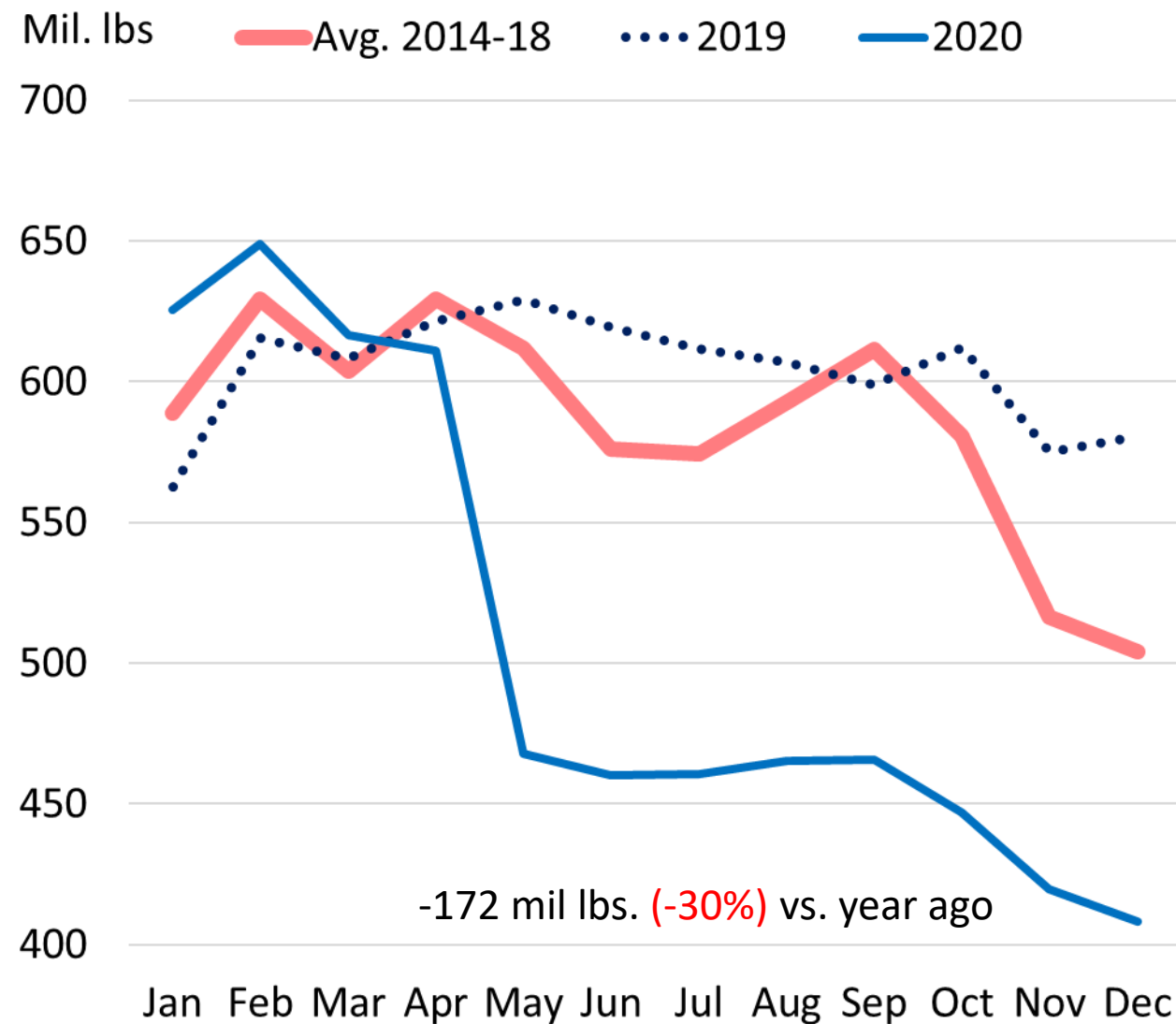
Contribution of Each Primal to Change in Value of the Pork Cutout

January 22, 2021 vs. January 24, 2020

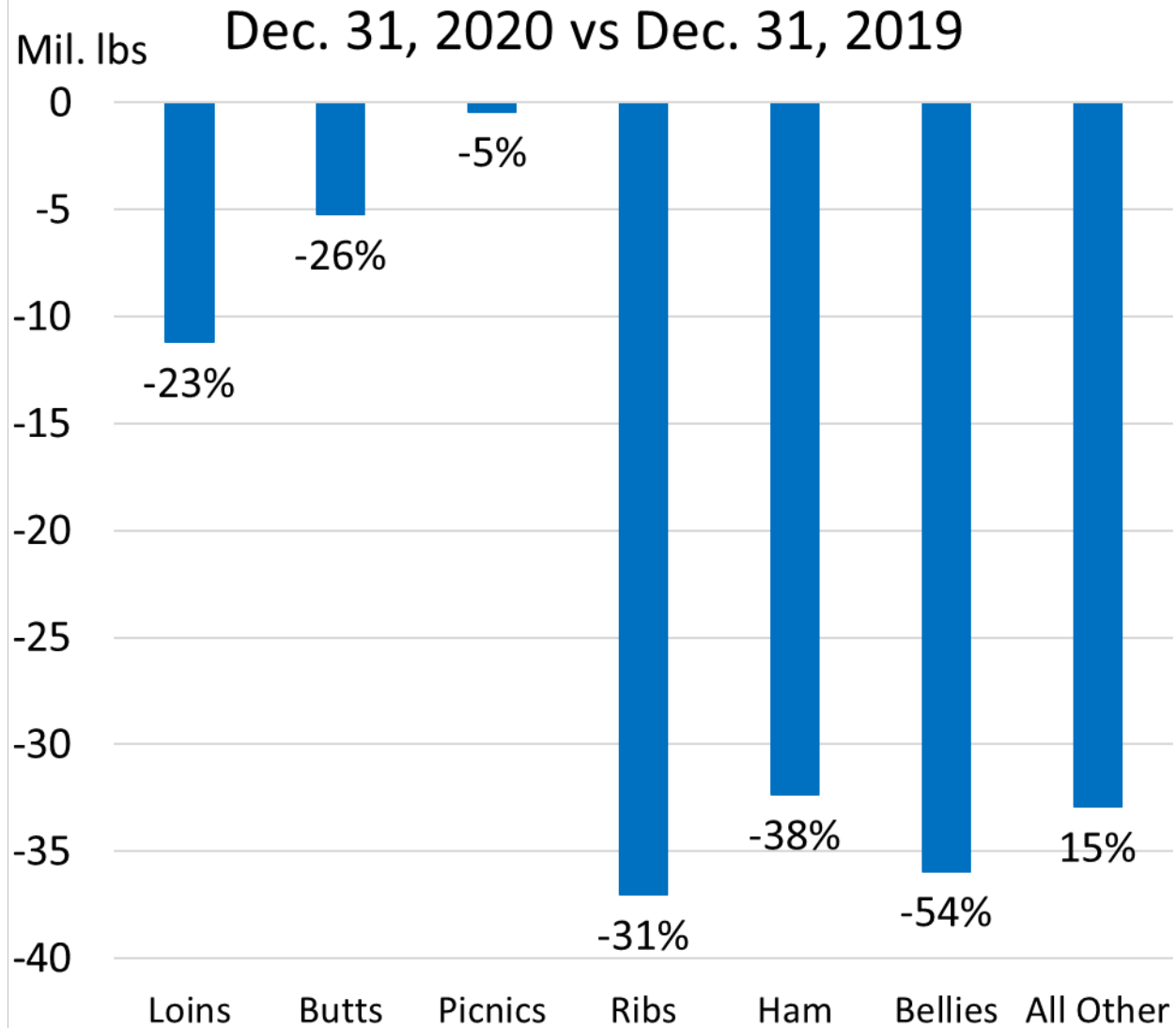


PORK IN COLD STORAGE

Frozen and Cured, End of Month



YEAR/YEAR CHANGE IN PORK IN COLD STORAGE



COMMERCIAL PORK PRODUCTION

U.S., Quarterly, Forecasts by LMIC

Bil. Pounds

8.25

7.75

7.25

6.75

6.25

5.75

5.25

Jan-Mar

Apr-Jun

Jul-Sep

Oct-Dec

■ Avg 2016-18

■ 2019 LMIC (12/29/20)

■ 2020 +7.8%

■ 2021 +2.8%

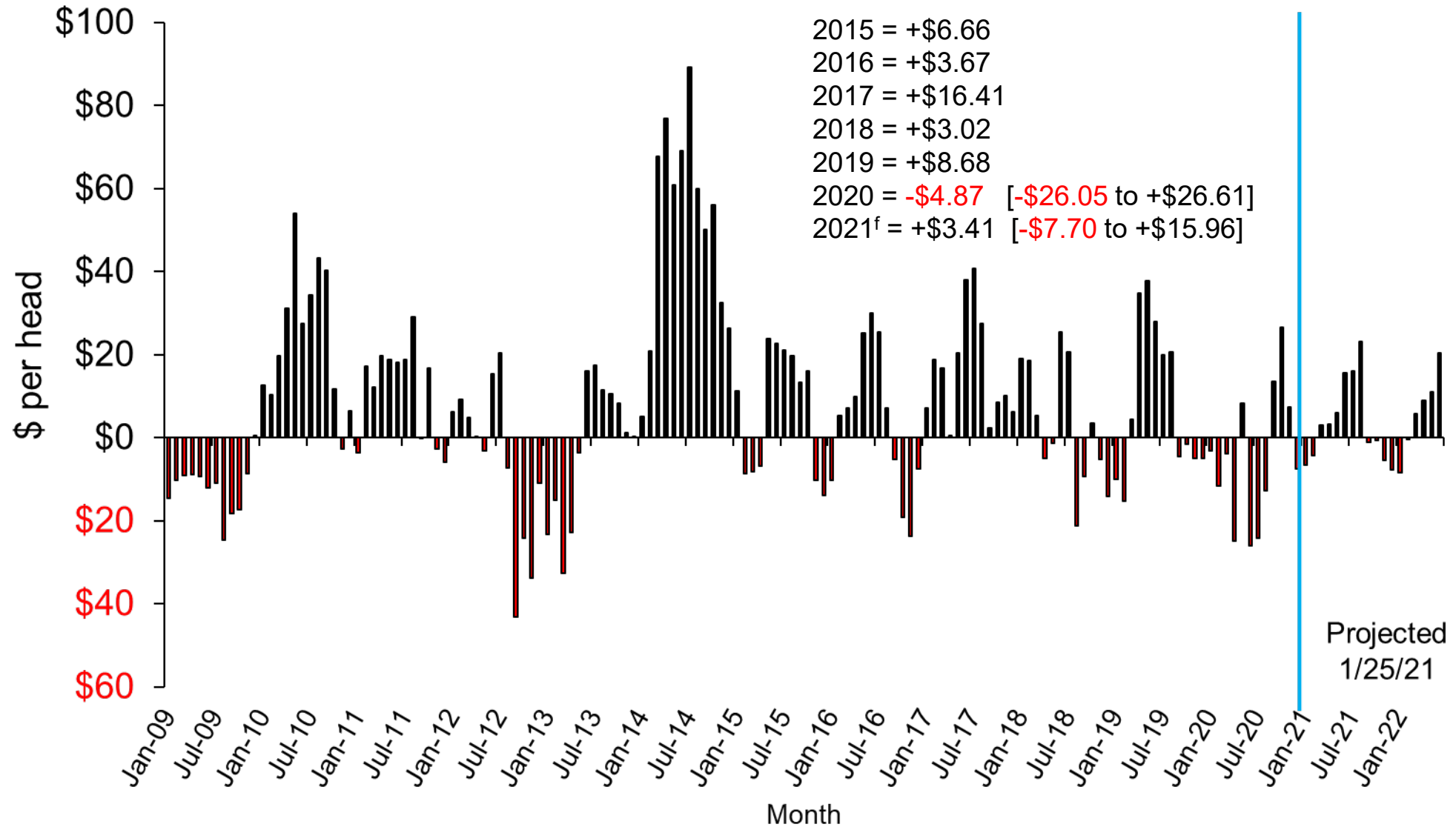
■ 2022 +1.4%

■ 2022 +2.0%

USDA (1/12/21)

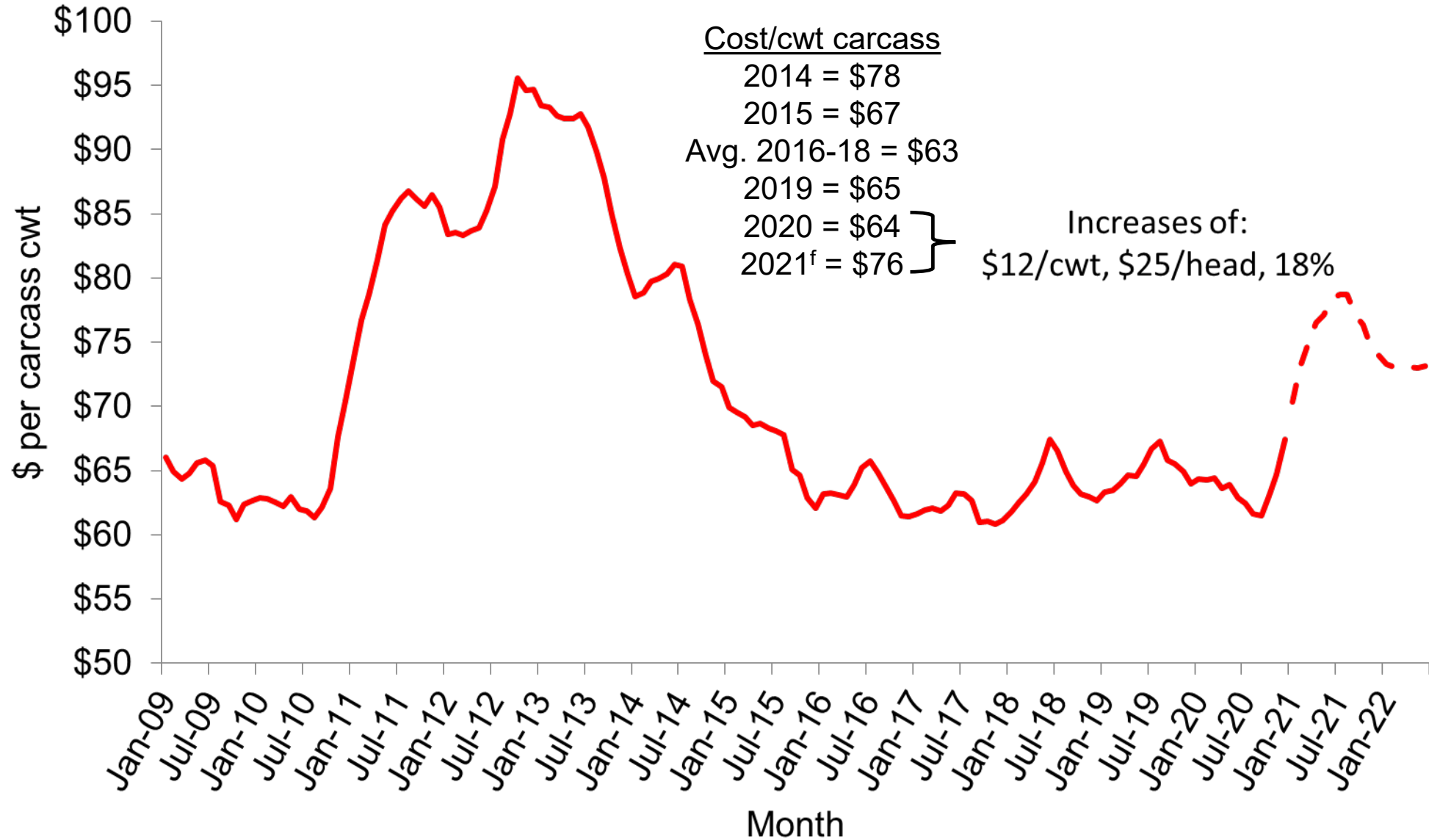
+1.0%

Estimated Returns to Farrow to Finish, Iowa Past and Projected with Basis Adjusted Futures



Source: Lee Schulz, Iowa State University

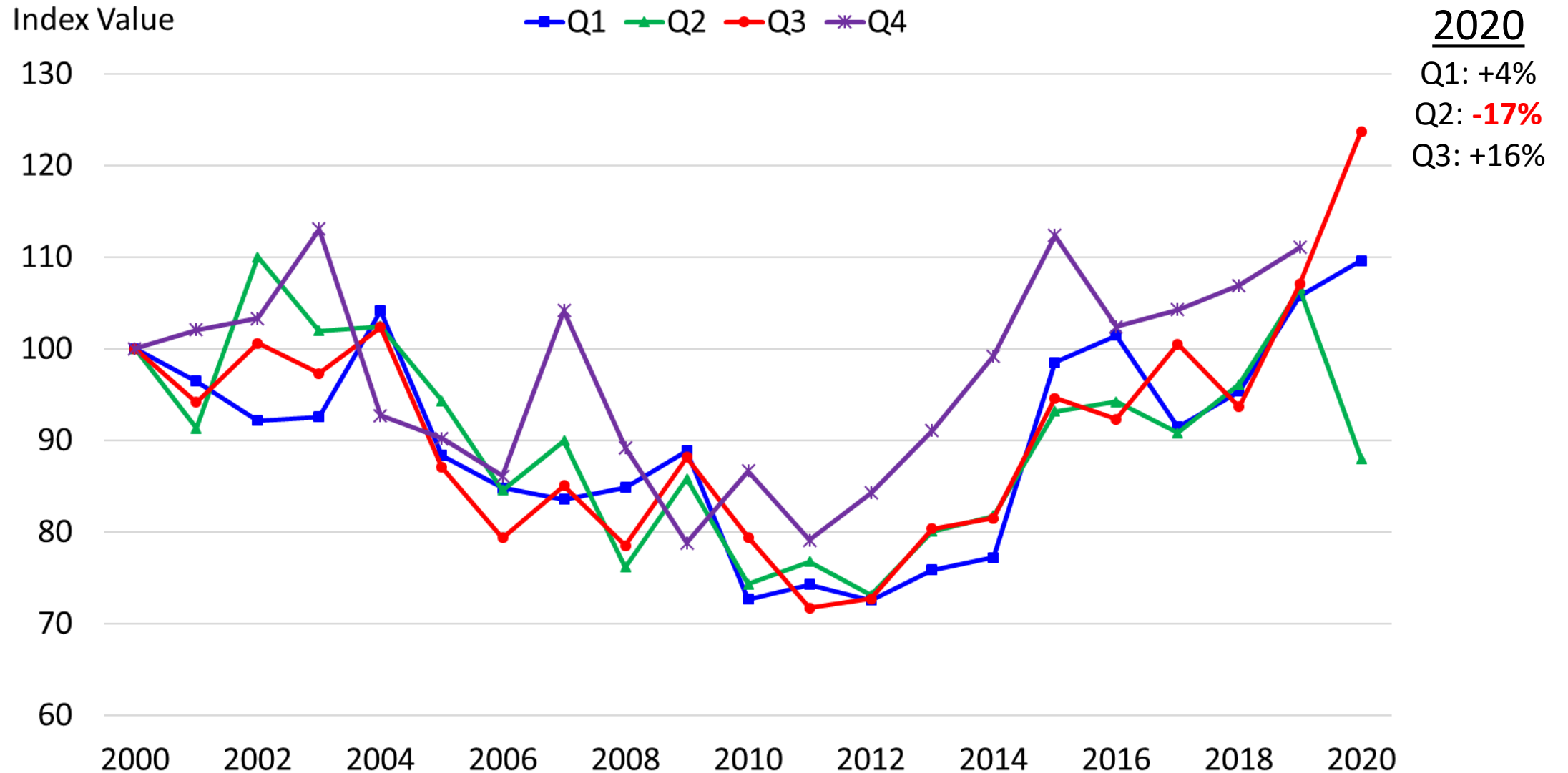
BREAKEVEN—FARROW-TO-FINISH, IOWA



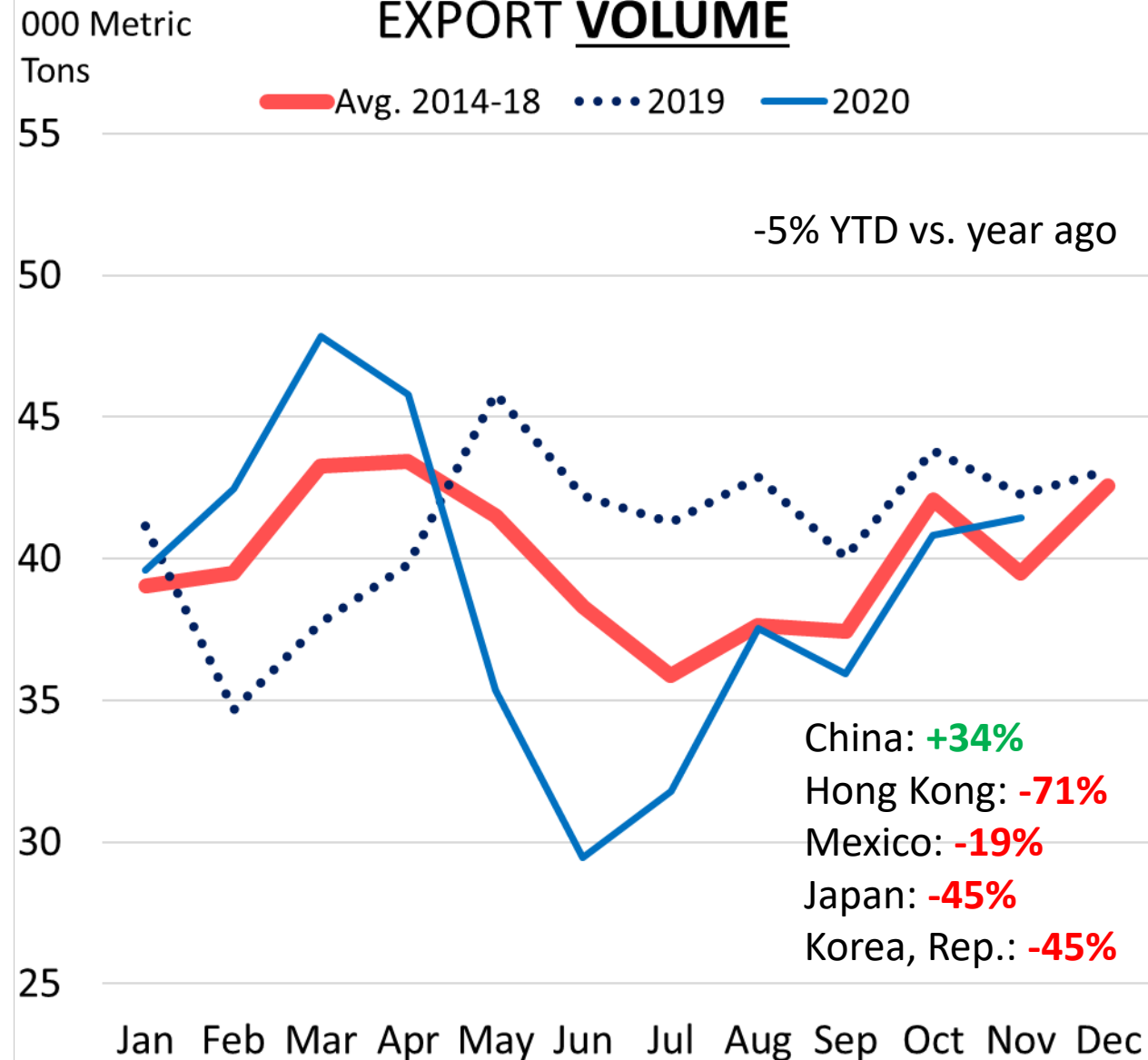
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RETAIL PORK DEMAND INDEX

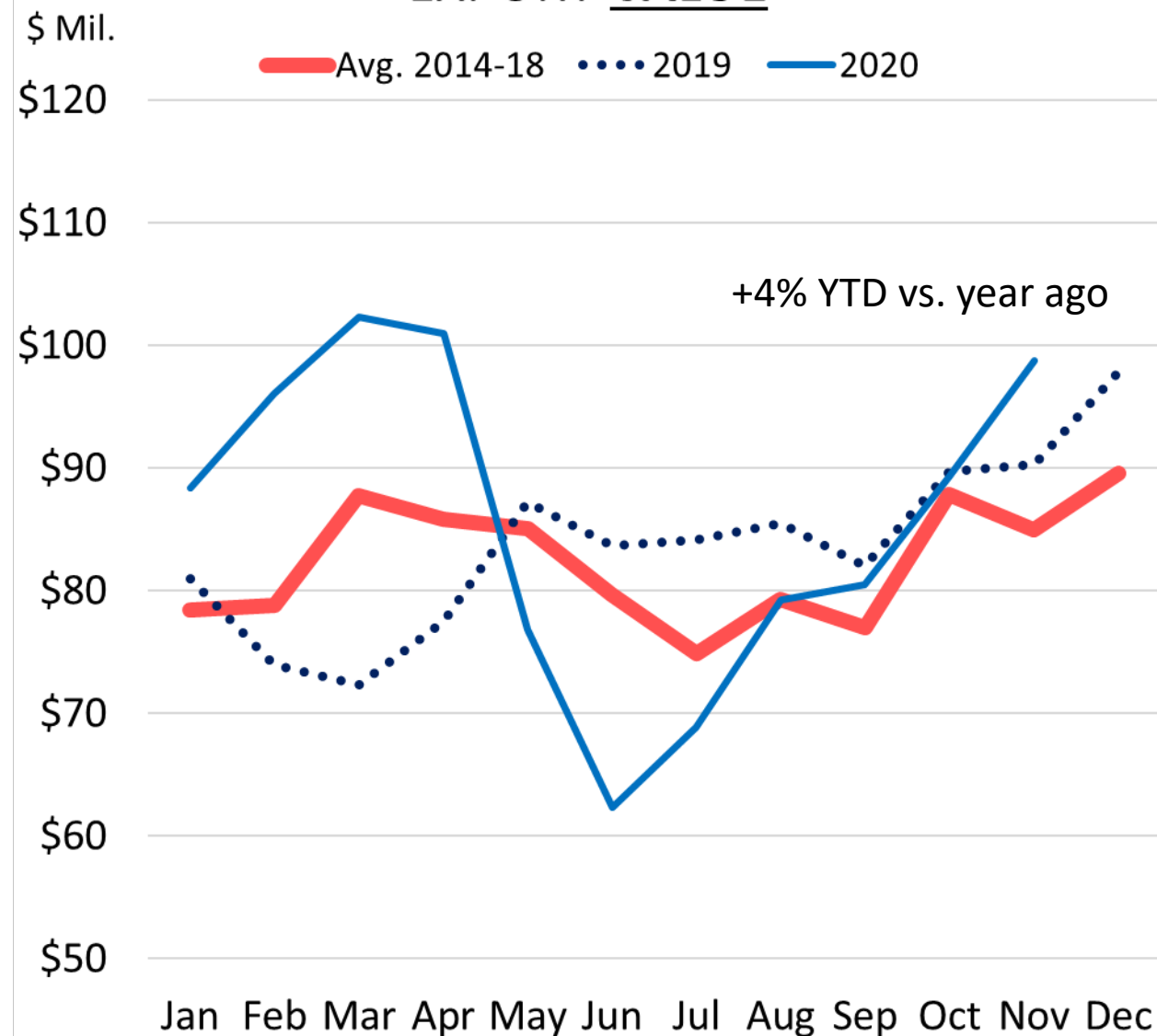
Quarterly, Using CPI 2000=100



MONTHLY U.S. PORK VARIETY MEAT EXPORT VOLUME



MONTHLY U.S. PORK VARIETY MEAT EXPORT VALUE



Leading Markets for U.S. Pork Muscle Cut Exports

January - November 2020

Year-To-Date Quantity

Country/Region	Nov-20/Nov-19	Year-to-Date ('20 vs '19)	
	Percent	Metric Tons	Percent
Mexico	15%	-2,406	0%
Japan	7%	17,452	5%
Canada	-1%	12,676	7%
Korea, Republic of	-39%	-43,107	-24%
China	-1%	384,128	130%
Hong Kong	-56%	2,692	17%
Australia	-37%	-20,626	-22%
Philippines	37%	4,091	15%
Vietnam	161%	17,804	520%
Taiwan	56%	4,670	38%
Colombia	-29%	-34,384	-38%
Honduras	23%	3,181	11%
Dominican Republic	71%	4,346	14%
Chile	106%	3,638	12%
Panama	-29%	-939	-8%
Other	9%	-1,813	-2%
Total	0%	351,403	18%

Year-To-Date Value

Country/Region	Nov-20/Nov-19	Year-to-Date ('20 vs '19)	
	Percent	\$ Mil.	Percent
Mexico	-3%	-\$83.3	-9%
Japan	7%	\$91.0	7%
Canada	4%	\$49.9	7%
Korea, Republic of	-37%	-\$122.7	-24%
China	-9%	\$881.0	136%
Hong Kong	-37%	\$9.0	20%
Australia	-31%	-\$32.1	-12%
Philippines	48%	\$18.8	28%
Vietnam	163%	\$38.4	421%
Taiwan	73%	\$13.3	44%
Colombia	-29%	-\$76.5	-39%
Honduras	30%	\$5.5	9%
Dominican Republic	82%	\$9.3	13%
Chile	118%	\$10.1	12%
Panama	-35%	-\$4.3	-13%
Other	6%	-\$7.7	-3%
Total	-4%	\$799.7	15%

FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN MUSCLE CUTS OF **PORK** OUTSTANDING EXPORT SALES AND EXPORTS BY COUNTRY, 2020 vs. 2019

1000 METRIC TONS as of January 14, 2021

DESTINATION	OUTSTANDING/CARRYOVER SALES				ACCUMULATED EXPORTS				TOTAL COMMITMENTS			
	THIS WEEK	YR AGO	Diff	%	THIS WEEK	YR AGO	Diff	%	THIS WEEK	YR AGO	Diff	%
All	343.4	490.3	-147	-30%	70.8	87.8	-17	-19%	414.2	578.1	-164	-28%
Mexico	99.1	74.5	25	33%	20.2	24.3	-4	-17%	119.3	98.8	21	21%
Japan	24.2	43.1	-19	-44%	8.3	10.1	-2	-18%	32.5	53.2	-21	-39%
S. Korea	30.6	45.3	-15	-32%	6.2	6.4	0	-3%	36.8	51.7	-15	-29%
Canada	23.2	15.2	8	53%	3.4	5.0	-2	-32%	26.6	20.2	6	32%
China	88.4	268.8	-180	-67%	22.1	33.4	-11	-34%	110.5	302.2	-192	-63%
Hong Kong	0.4	2.0	-2	-80%	0.3	0.4	0	-25%	0.7	2.4	-2	-71%
Australia	22.1	17.7	4	25%	2.4	3.1	-1	-23%	24.5	20.8	4	18%
All Other	55.4	23.7	32	134%	7.9	5.1	3	55%	63.3	28.8	34	120%

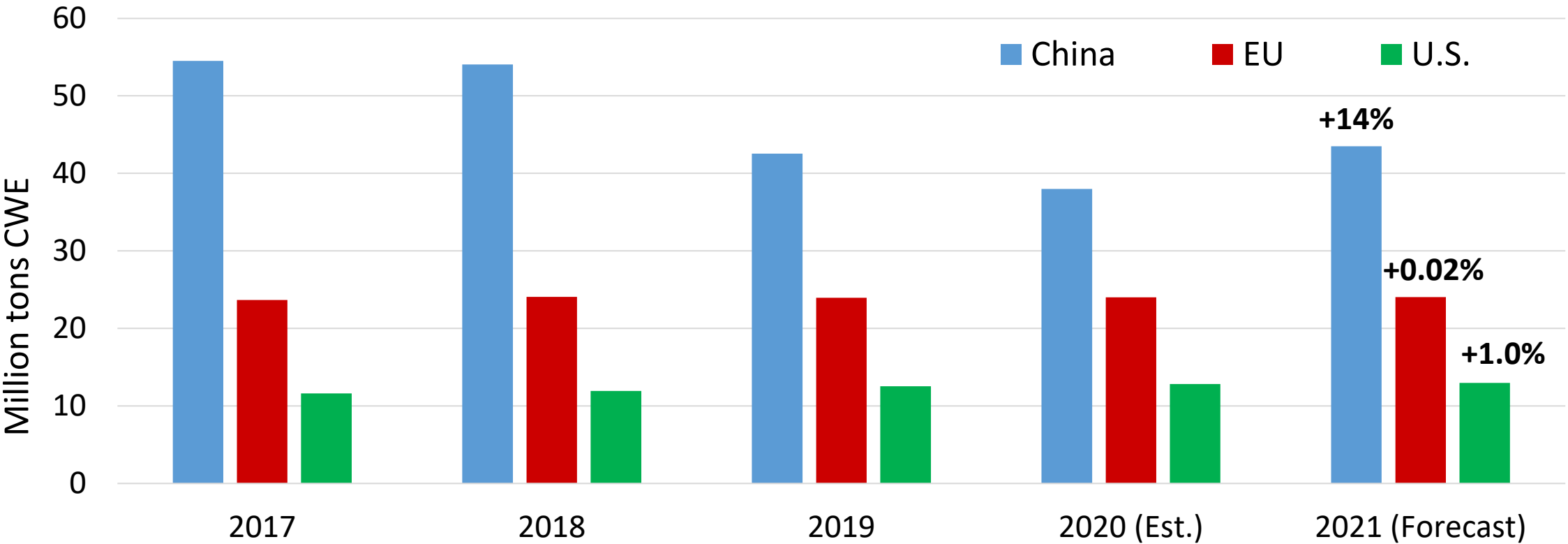
OUTSTANDING SALES FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN MUSCLE CUTS OF PORK





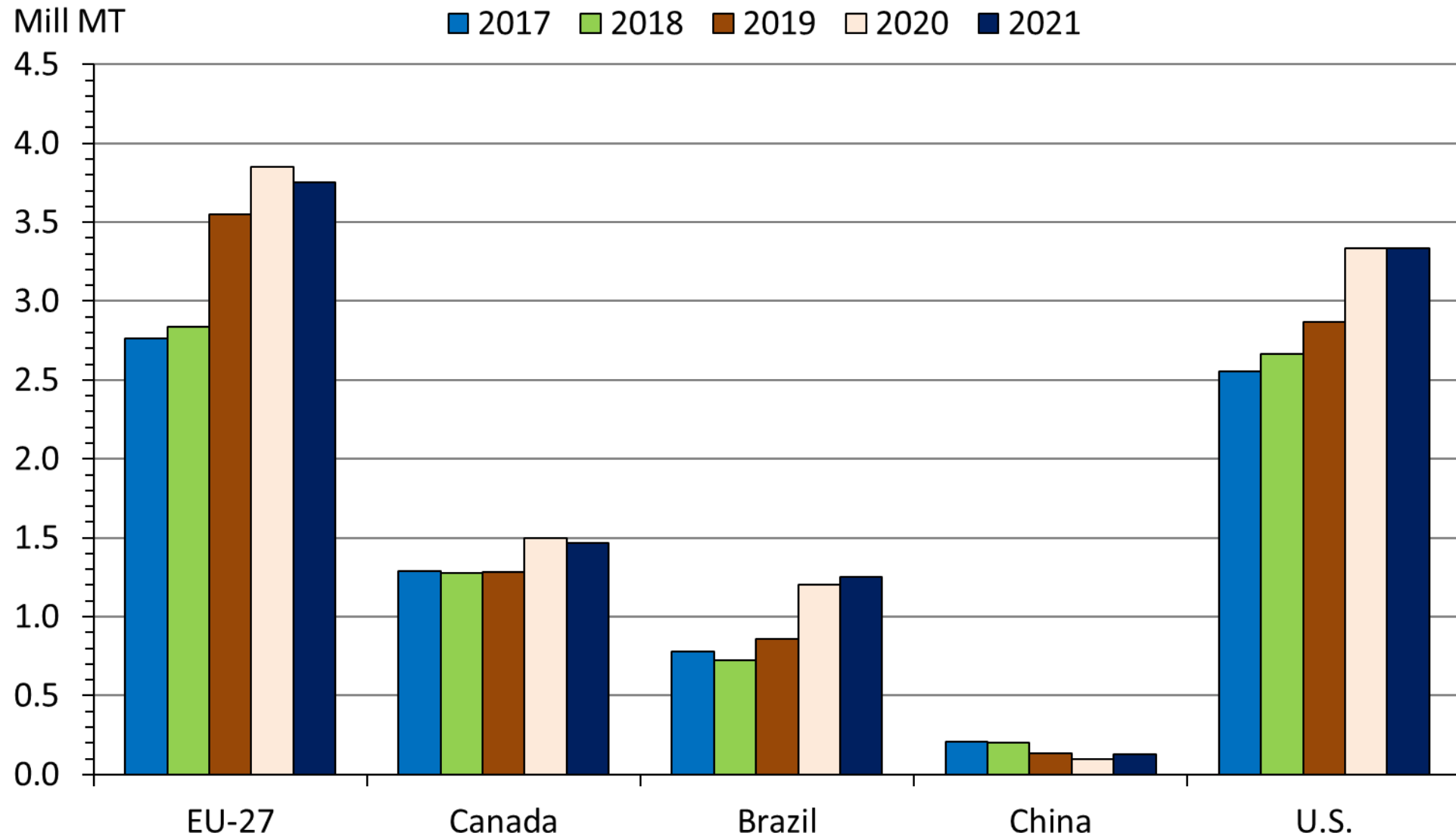
Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade

Pork Production Growth Rebounds in China, Slows in U.S. and EU



PORK EXPORTS

Carcass Weight, Annual



Websites to note:

- WallaceFarmer Serving: IA <https://www.farmprogress.com/author/--195>
 - Monthly livestock market outlook and news.
- Ag Decision Maker www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/
 - Decision-oriented agricultural business “toolbox” designed for farmers, lenders, farm managers, agriculture instructors, and others.
- ISU Estimated Livestock Returns www2.econ.iastate.edu/estimated-returns/
 - Monthly barometer of cattle and hog production costs and returns.
- ISU Livestock Crush Margins www2.econ.iastate.edu/margins/
 - Weekly cattle and hog crush margins and tracked changes serving as an indicator of risk management opportunities.