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Pork

Pork output last week rose 2.2% from the previous week but was 1.5% less than the same week last year. Year to date production is .4% better than last year due to 1.1% heavier carcass weights. Pork production is expected to track 2% below 2025 this summer. Still, the pork markets have not been able to rally. The USDA pork cutout was lower last week led by declines in the rib and ham complexes. Loins and bellies were the only primals higher with the latter nearing its most expensive levels in a year. Seasonally, several of these markets should weaken this fall. Its well document that domestic pork consumption remains lethargic despite the record discount in retail and wholesale prices compared to beef. The USDA lowered their 2026 domestic pork per capita consumption estimate last week. Per capital pork consumption this year is anticipated to be near its lowest level in a decade. But overall pork exports haven't been a shining star either down 4% in June yoy. One bright spot has been trade with Mexico, especially hams. Year to date ham exports to the country are up 1% from 2025 and a record high. No surprise as domestic ham prices have been tracking 6 (think Baker Mayfield...love that guy)% below last year. And history suggests lower ham prices are likely in front of us this fall. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Decreasing	Steady	Lower
Sow	Increasing	Short	Lower
Belly (bacon)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Ham (20-23 lb)	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower
Ham (23-27 lb)	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower
Loin (bone in)	Increasing	Steady-Short	Lower
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Increasing	Steady	Lower
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Picnic, untrmd	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower
SS Picnic, smoker trm box	Decreasing	Available	Lower
42% Trimmings	Increasing	Steady-Short	Lower
72% Trimmings	Decreasing	Steady-Available	Lower

