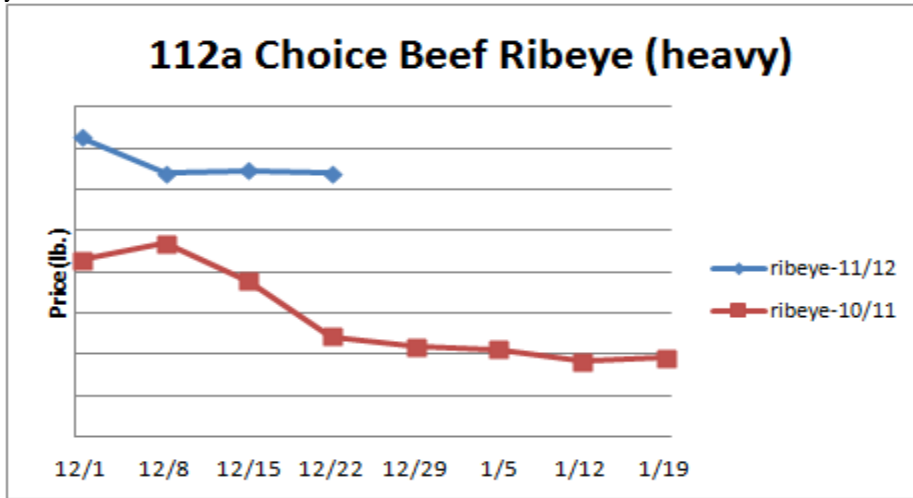


# Beef, Veal and Lamb Report

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** The Dec 1st US cattle on feed inventory was 4% bigger than last year. Placements into feedlots during Nov were 4.1% more than '10. The Jan 1st near slaughter ready cattle inventory is estimated to be up 8.4% versus the 3 year average. This suggests cattle supplies should be historically adequate this winter although beef output will be tempered by lighter cattle weights. Ribeye and tenderloin prices are weakening due to easing holiday demand. Buyers will now turn their attention to the end cut markets. Nov retail beef prices were 9.8% higher than last year and a record.



	<u>Market Trend</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Price vs. Last Year</u>
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel.)	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (choice 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (prime 2x3)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (select, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (choice, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (prime, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frozen)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Higher