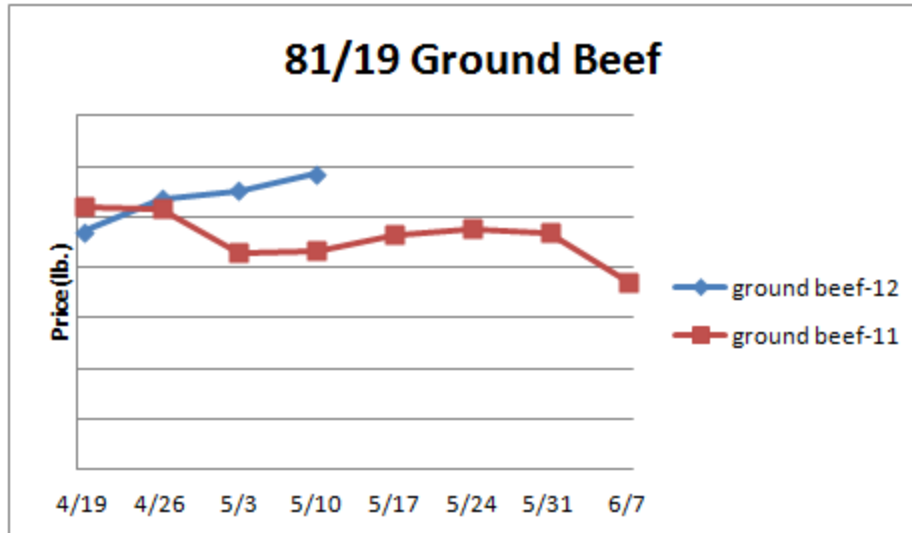


# Beef, Veal and Lamb Report

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** Beef output last week increased 1.9% but was 2.8% less than the same week in '11. US cattle prices are down sharply from record high levels set in March. Spring cattle supplies, although limited, are modestly better than expected plus weights are up versus '11. This has tempered this spring's beef rally and suggests that the '12 USDA boxed beef cutout price high has been established. Since '09, choice top butt, 0x1 strip and 50% beef trimming prices faded over the next 7 weeks. The Australian dollar continues to weaken versus the US dollar. This is a promising sign for 90% lean boneless beef trimming imports.



	<u>Market Trend</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Price vs. Last Year</u>
Live Cattle (Steer)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel.)	Decreasing	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)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (select, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (choice, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (prime, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Lower
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Lower
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