# Beef and Beyond: A Look at Local and National Animal Protein Markets

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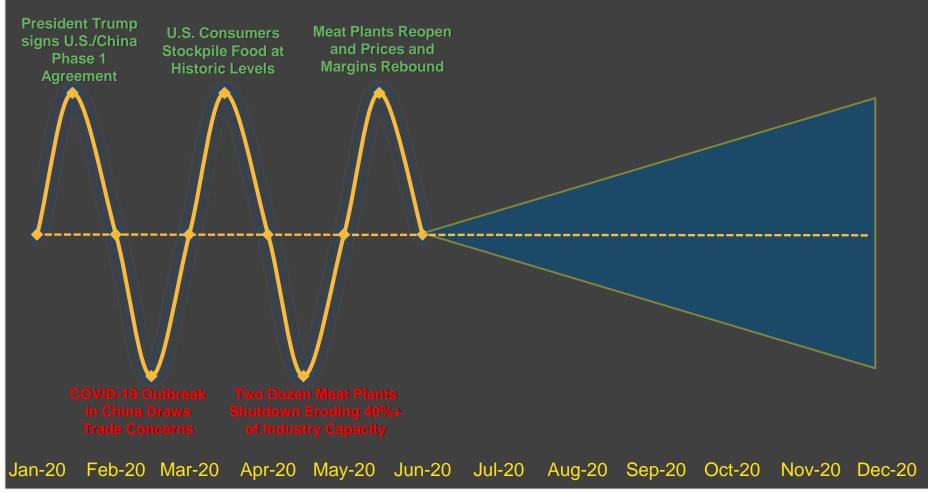
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2020 Has Been an Emotional Rollercoaster for the U.S. Meat and Poultry Sector and it is only JUNE

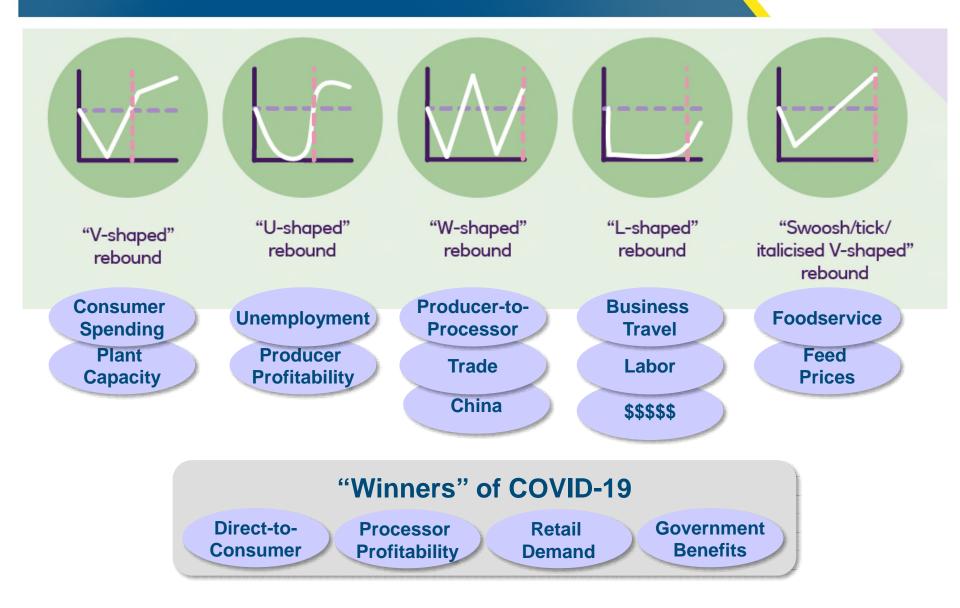


# U.S. Animal Protein in 2020



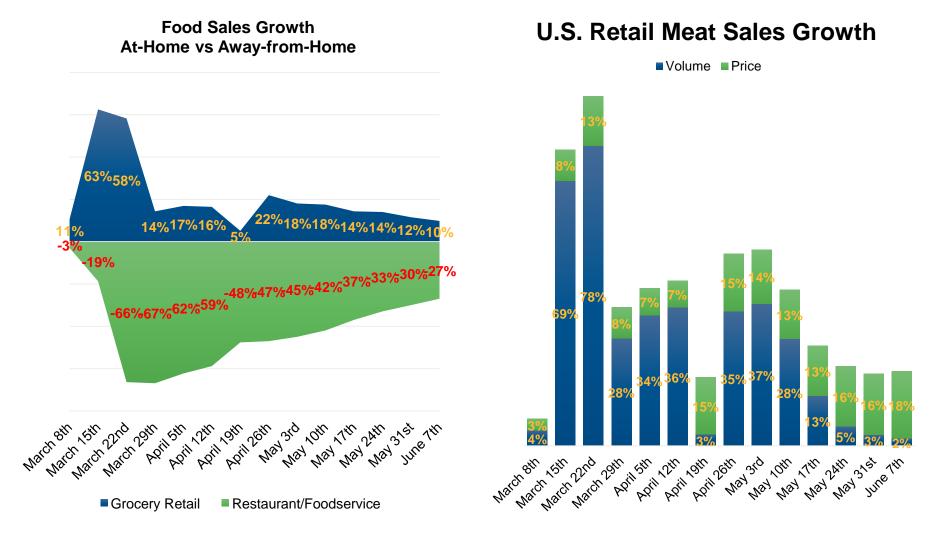
## The Many Shapes of Recovery

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Foodservice Sector Slowly Improving but Retail Meat Sales Reflecting Plant Shutdowns and Slowdowns





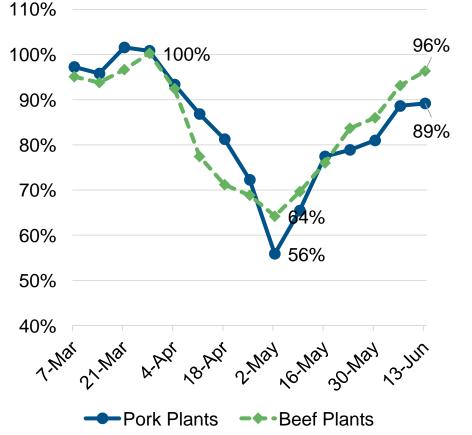
Source: IRI, Blackbox Intelligence, NCBA, NPB, CoBank Estimates

#### Share of U.S. Adults Who Said They're Currently Comfortable Going Out to Eat

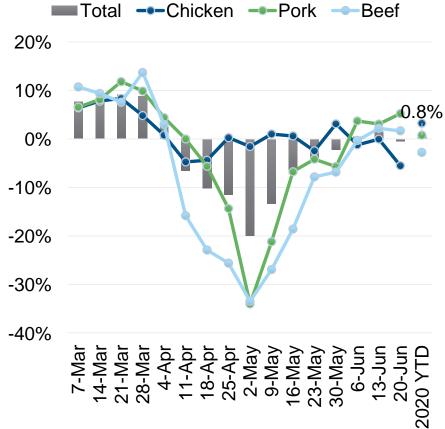
All U.S. adults	0%	20%	40%	April 29-3	0 🔵 May 12-15	May 26-29	
Men			•				
Women		•					
Gen Z			•		Stark differences in comfort level between U.S. consumers by gender, age, and political affiliation.		
Millennial		• •	•				
Gen X		• • •					
Baby Boomer		•••					
Democrat	•						
Independent		•	•				
Republican		۲	• •		Little differ	ence between	
Income < \$50k					consumers based on income and geography.		
Income \$50k - \$100k		• •	•				
Income > \$100k		•					
Urban area							
Suburban area							
Rural area		• •	•				



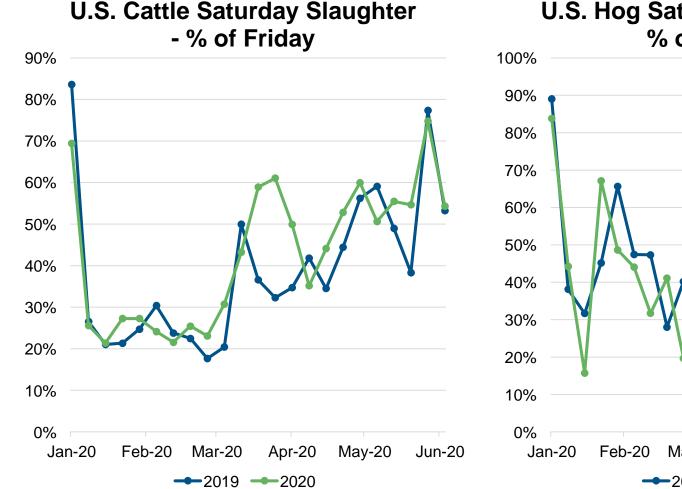




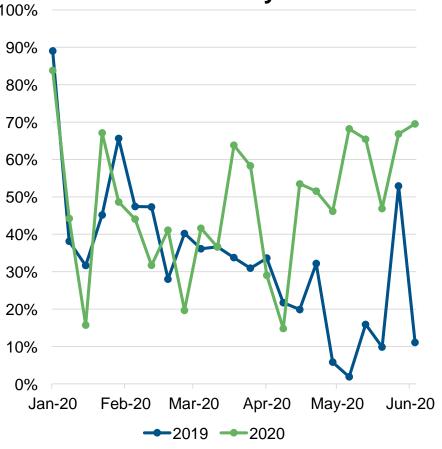
### U.S. Animal Protein Production (versus year-ago)





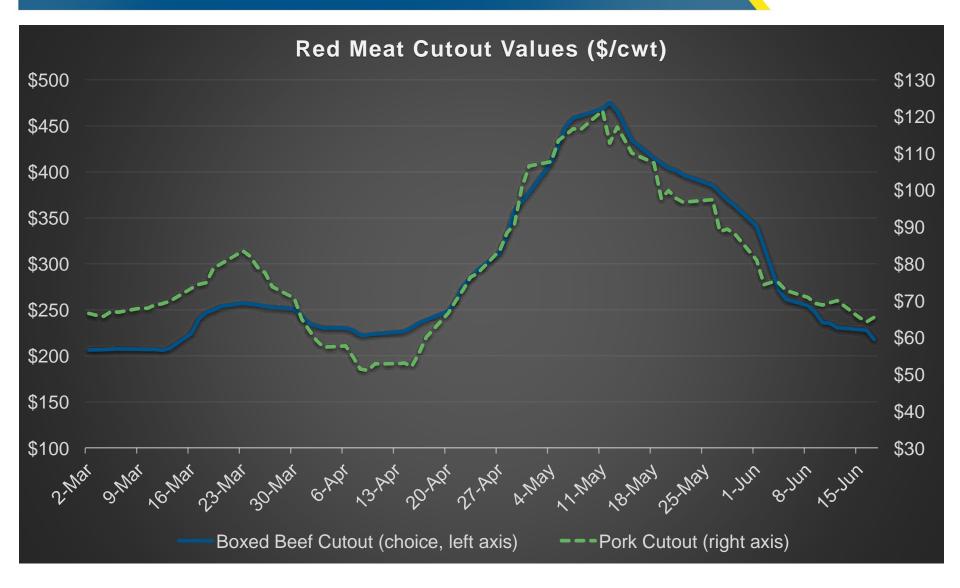


#### U.S. Hog Saturday Slaughter -% of Friday



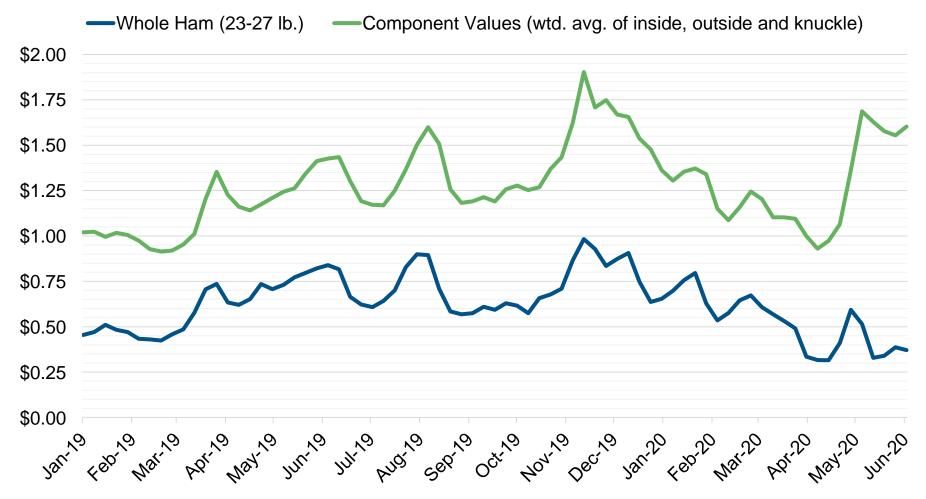
## Meat Cutout Values Returning to Pre-Plant Shutdown and Slowdown Levels





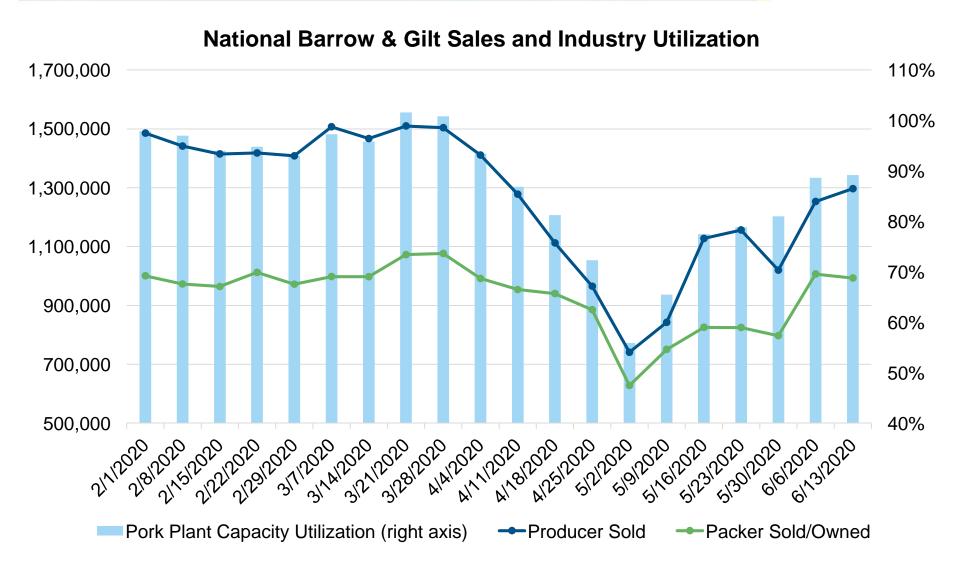


## Ham Values - Whole vs Component



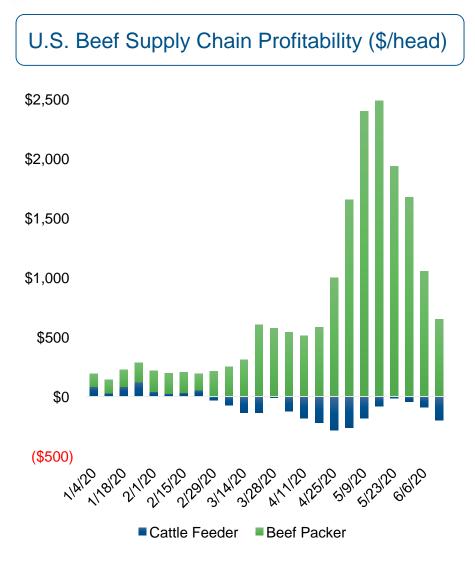
## April and May Were Very Long Months for the Independent Hog Producer





## "Cash" Margins in the Red Meat Supply Chain





#### U.S. Pork Supply Chain Profitability (\$/head)

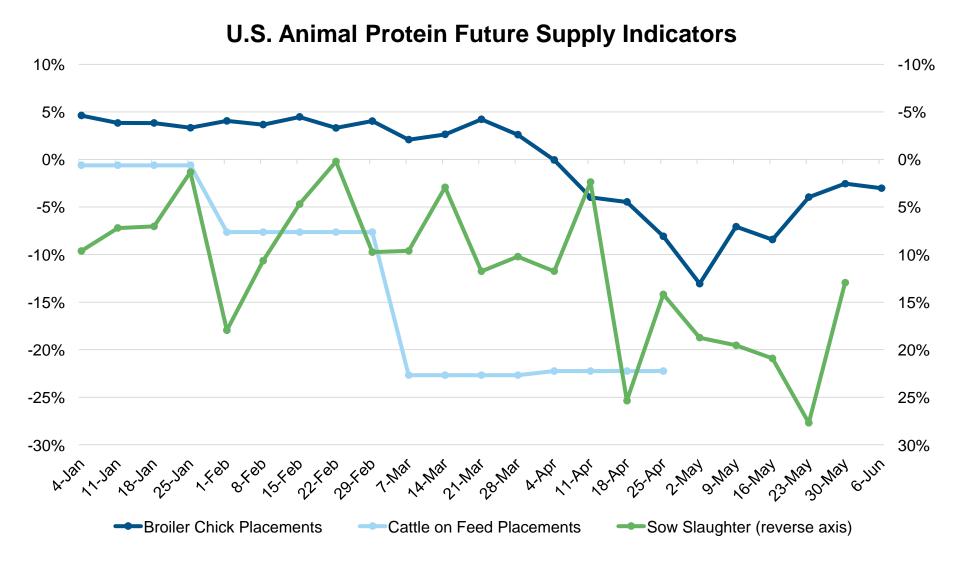


## U.S. Animal Protein Producer Margins Returning to Pre-COVID-19 Levels



#### U.S. Meat and Poultry Producer Cash Margin in 2020 \$20 \$200 \$100 \$10 \$0 \$0 (\$10) (\$100) (\$200) (\$20) (\$30)(\$300)(\$40)(\$400)Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 May-20 Apr-20 Jun-20 Hog Producer (\$/head) Cattle Feeder (\$/head, right axis)





# Medium and Long-term Implications for U.S. Animal Protein

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#### Consumer

- Many U.S. consumers tried online and curb-side grocery service for the first time, some will continue to shop this way
- The public has a new found appreciation for the "essential" people and companies in the food supply chain
- Consumers will eat out again but will foodservice continue to take share of stomach from grocery retail as it has for decades?
- Does the full-servicerestaurant sector have a capacity problem of their own with current social distancing requirements?

#### Processor

- COVID-19 guidelines from OSHA and CDC, how many will stay longterm?
- Size brings scale but also increased labor requirements, do smaller plants have a future?
- Automation and mechanization technologies make more sense today and going forward
- Does the U.S. beef complex need a new processing plant longterm or just today and who should build it?

#### Producer

- COVID-19 exposed the weak relationship between livestock cash prices and futures
- The lack of vertical integration in red meat production meant producer and processor margins diverged
- Will the scars of COVID-19 on U.S. pork producers and beef to a lesser degree, cause red meat supplies to plateau at 2019 levels?



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