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WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

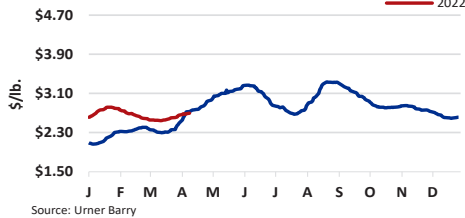
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	UNQ	7.37	5.83
CBOT Soybean	1,689.00	1,582.75	1,389.50
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	98.26	99.27	60.18
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.82	0.82	0.55
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	UNQ	UNQ	UNQ
Beef Trimmings, 90% Fresh	286.00	284.00	237.00
Beef Trimmings, 50% Fresh	134.00	131.00	96.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	304.00	305.00	252.00
USDA Drop Credit	0.133	0.134	0.109
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	950.00	895.00	1,175.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	300.00	325.00	370.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	315.00	315.00	285.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	810.00	810.00	925.00
136 Coarse Ground 81%	275.00	275.00	200.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,375.00	1,350.00	1,365.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	138.50	138.25	119.78
Select Hams 20/23	66.00	64.00	83.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	185.00	190.00	209.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	114.00	109.00	110.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	123.00	134.00	113.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	202.00	192.00	230.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	70.00	85.00	80.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	109.00	100.00	135.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	480.00	495.00	373.00
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,025.00
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	460.00	460.00	355.00
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	950.00	950.00	750.00
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	960.00	960.00	735.00
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	390.00	385.00	305.00
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	1,100.00	1,050.00	950.00
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	800.00	825.00	680.00
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	725.00	700.00	675.00
Veal Cuts, 363A Leg, TBS 3-Pc 24/32	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,020.00

Quotes represent the high side of Friday's trading range

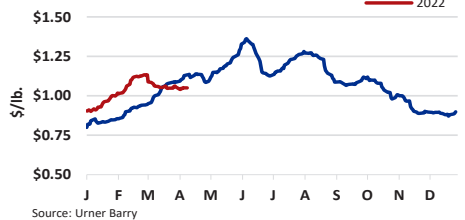
RIEMANN CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

	4/8	4/1	3/25
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	3.05	3.06	3.07
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	268.90	265.06	259.44

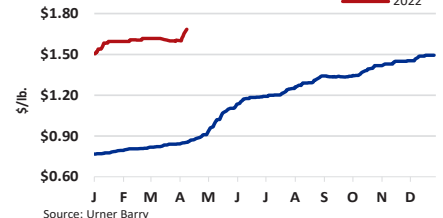
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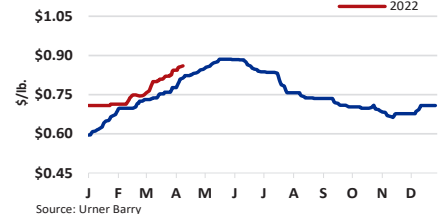
UB Pork Cutout



UB Turkey Index



UB Chicken Index



EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	121	125	125	124	120	61	676
LW	119	125	125	121	109	40	639
*LY	105	120	121	120	112	64	642

EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	477	480	451	466	460	96	2,430
LW	476	479	480	479	459	61	2,434
*LY	336	479	494	490	470	185	2,454

EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	10	7	7	7	5	0	36
LW	9	7	7	7	5	1	36
*LY	7	0	10	8	7	9	41

EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	2	2	1	1	1	0	7
LW	2	2	1	1	1	0	7
*LY	2	0	1	2	1	1	6

EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER

	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	3/25	3/26	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	
	28	12	28	29	29	28	154
TW	4/1	4/2	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	
	27	9	27	28	30	29	150
*LY	24	2	11	25	27	26	115

*Last Year's numbers are rounded

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.746	0.751	0.763
Mexico, Peso	20.133	19.769	20.096
Canada, Dollar	1.259	1.250	1.256
Japan, Yen	124.378	122.777	109.180
China, Yuan (RMB)	6.360	6.361	6.541
Brazil, Real	4.734	4.696	5.712
South Korea, Won	1,229.18	1,216.47	1,122.10
Taiwan, Dollar	28.940	28.659	28.442
European Union, Euro	1.086	1.105	1.194

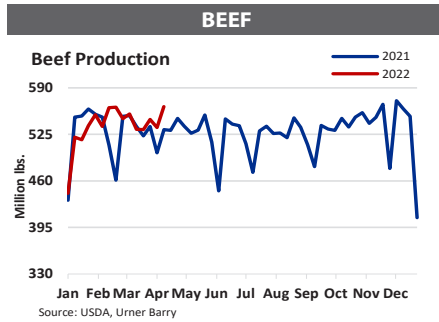
COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(Pounds in Thousands)	2/28/21	1/31/22	2/28/22
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	475,821	483,516	484,657
Cuts	36,707	42,208	47,845
Total Beef	512,528	525,724	532,502
PORK & OTHER	2/28/22	1/31/22	2/28/21
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	7,688	5,798	7,760
Hams	84,249	74,775	92,122
Bellies	50,139	44,707	37,556
Loins	43,486	37,636	45,968
Spareribs	107,744	96,114	93,391
Butts	23,611	18,664	21,687
Trimmings	54,019	48,860	41,149
Other Pork in Freezer	42,164	43,822	67,945
Total	480,354	434,415	483,374
Veal in Freezer	3,010	4,401	8,942
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	22,224	21,856	26,833
Total	25,234	26,257	35,775

Data Updated: March 23, 2022

URNER BARRY'S WEEKLY RED MEAT INSIDER'S REPORT is available on FoodMarket.com and through UrnerBarry's flagship service Comtell Online. FoodMarket is available for \$37.00 a month.

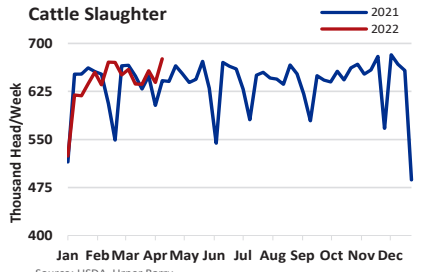
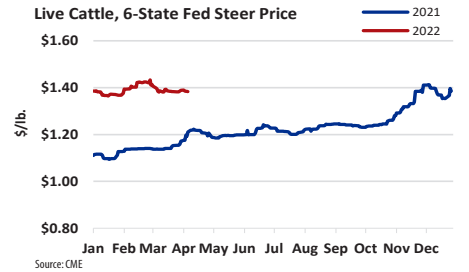
UB BEEF CUTOUT Apr-08 v. Apr-01				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	3.42%	1.24%	0.45%	3.13%
Chuck	-1.20%	1.00%	0.38%	0.28%
Round	-0.35%	-0.50%	-0.26%	0.93%
Loin	2.21%	1.05%	2.79%	0.82%
Brisket	-0.64%	2.76%	0.01%	-0.52%
Plate	3.23%	3.23%	3.23%	-0.02%
Flank	-0.14%	-0.14%	-0.14%	0.80%
Total	1.06%	0.95%	1.07%	1.02%



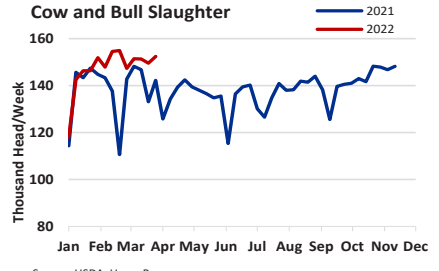
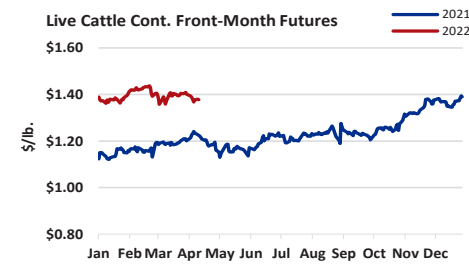
BEEF COMMENTARY

This week appeared to be a bit lackluster in excitement for participants as the market didn't make any significant moves in either direction. The continued topic of higher inflationary pressures is at the middle of all demand conversations. A few areas of the primal have shown some strength this week such as ribs while others saw some discounting to elicit bids to surface, mainly on end cuts. With retail features beginning to pick up alongside warmer weather this weekend, we may get a glimpse into what to expect moving forward. The brisket market is trending higher from seasonal strength.

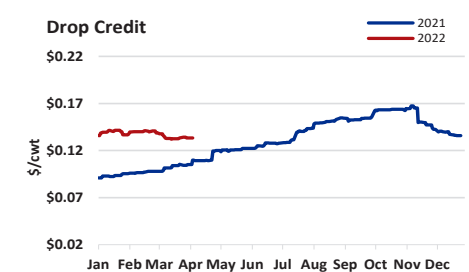
LIVE CATTLE: Cattle prices overall this week are steady to \$1 lower in the South at \$137.00 to \$138.00/cwt live (full range \$136-\$138). In the North, prices are steady at \$138.00 to \$140.00/cwt live (full range \$137.00-\$143.00/cwt) and \$222.00/cwt dressed (full range \$219.00-\$226.00/cwt).



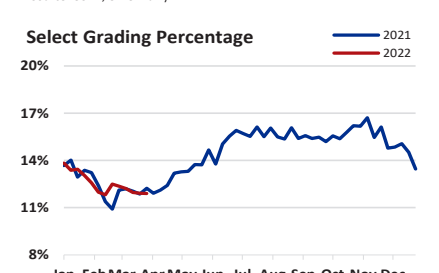
SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION: The weekly federally inspected slaughter was 676,000 head compared to 639,000 head last week. Live weights ended the week at 1388 pounds down 6 pounds on the week. Dressed weights were 836 pounds, down three pounds from last week.



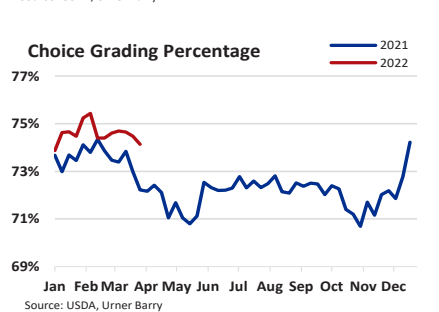
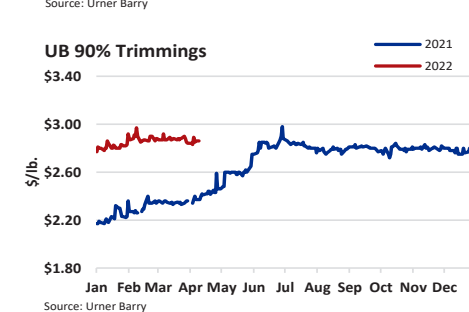
RIBS: As we are now along the cusp of grilling season and the first major holiday with no pandemic related restrictions in most areas, there is belief pent up demand will drive consumers back to foodservice in droves. This has given sellers the leverage to chip away at raising asking prices as buyers do not want to get caught short on product if these beliefs hold true. Retail has begun to sprinkle rib features back in the mix adding to the upward pressure, so this area for immediate term looks to be well supported.



CHUCKS: As a large majority of the value chain transitions out of roast season and into grilling season, chucks have seen little change except for rolls, which have required discounting over the week to get meat moving. Clods appeared to hold up throughout the week with no real changes noted. A sideways chop seemed to be the call for the time being until market dynamics change.



ROUNDS: It seemed that there is now a comfortable and established range within the round complex as supplies and demand are in general balance. While there are cautious tones that suggest concern for downside risk upon exiting roast season, primal sourced grinds may support this area. There is anticipation around ground beef demand that remains highly bullish. Flats and eyes seemed to become a problem for sellers which required discounts to be taken.



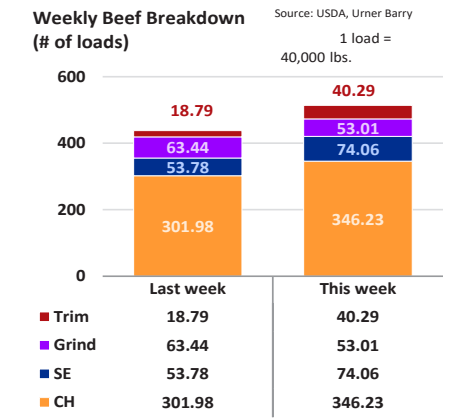
LOINS: We began to see some tightening this week within trading ranges, with the lower end of the quotes falling off in the build up to better pricing. This made for a steady week within the loin complex as many believe the volatility and highs seen over the past few years may be absent from the market this time around. With that said it looked as if seasonal trends were beginning to form which should make for easier negotiations this summer.

GROUND BEEF: These items have become more of a topic of conversation as of late with everyone's eyes on grilling demand alongside rising costs which offers support to these items as a low-cost alternative for beef. With front end cattle supplies still above adequate and overweight there should be no shortage of grinding material for burgers.

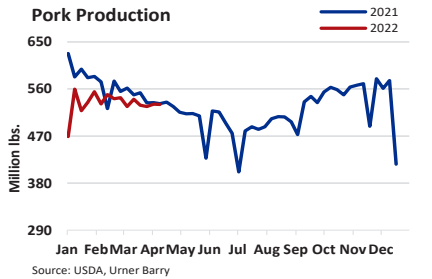
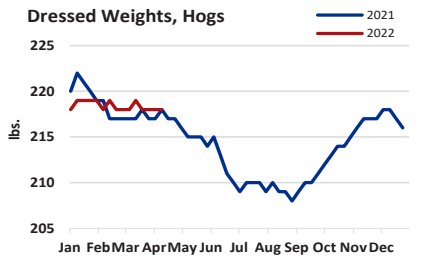
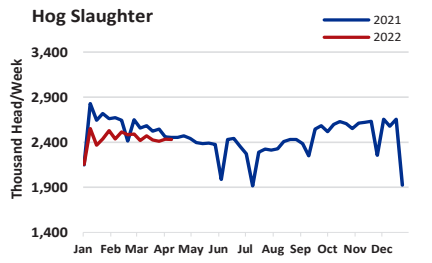
BONELESS BEEF: Leaner boneless beef was mixed this week as supplies varied from packer to packer. Cow and bull slaughter numbers were down 4,000 head on the week compared to the prior week, but up over 30% compared to the equivalent week last year. Fresh 50s opened the week with prices trending a little higher but the week ended with some participants indicating that supplies were more readily available. This week's cattle slaughter was estimated at 676,000 head, which is up 37,000 head compared to the previous week.

UB BEEF CUTOUT-CH/SE SPREAD (\$/cwt)					
	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	13.53	12.89	12.67	12.56	13.36
*LW	12.77	14.35	13.23	11.57	12.94

*Last Week's numbers are rounded

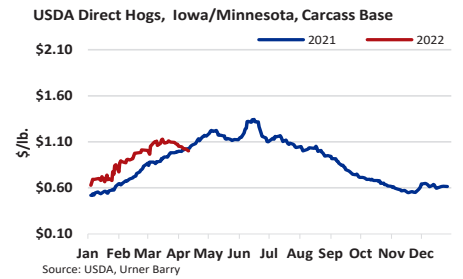
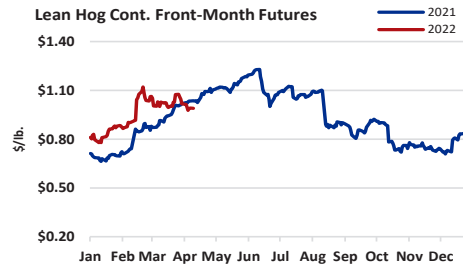


PORK PRODUCTION



LIVE HOGS & CUTOUT

PORK CUTOUT	Apr-01	Apr-08	Change
Loin	99.320	101.520	2.200
Butt	113.360	111.800	-1.560
Picnic	65.890	68.390	2.500
Sparerib	183.540	191.990	8.450
Ham	75.620	77.240	1.620
Belly	182.290	179.950	-2.340
Cutout Value	103.921	105.056	1.135



PORK COMMENTARY

This week, strong export demand, the reduced hog slaughter, additional HPAI cases, and supportive seasonal factors as we head into spring influenced pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout increased by 1.09 percent during the week. Estimates of margins for outside purchasers of hogs on Thursday were -\$7.80/head while margins for vertically integrated packers were estimated at \$32.84/head.

PORK PRODUCTION: Pork production for the week ending 4/9/22 was estimated to be 530.6 million pounds. This was a 0.1 percent decrease from last week and a 0.6 percent decline from a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 293 pounds for the week, even with last week and 1 pound heavier than a year ago.

GREEN MEATS: In the green meat complex, hams were full steady. Bone-in hams continued to see strong export demand to Mexico as HPAI continues to elevate turkey and chicken prices, resulting in bone-in hams being a competitively priced alternative. Boneless hams saw modest support, though demand remained lackluster. Bellies were barely steady to weak as consumer pushback at the elevated retail bacon prices resulted in processors reducing their demand for raw bellies, and thus pushing belly prices downward. In trimmings, lean items such as 72s and boneless picnics were firm on strong seasonal demand while 42s were weak on fully adequate supply.

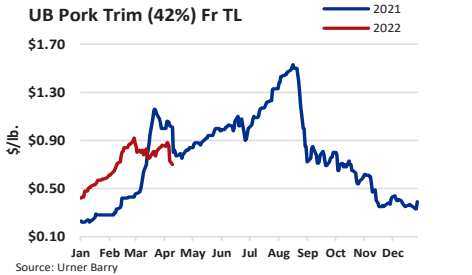
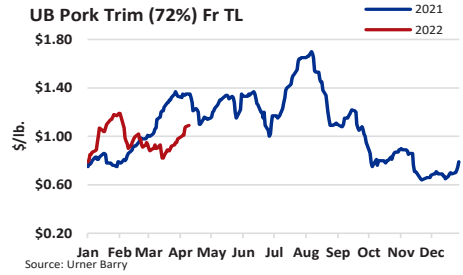
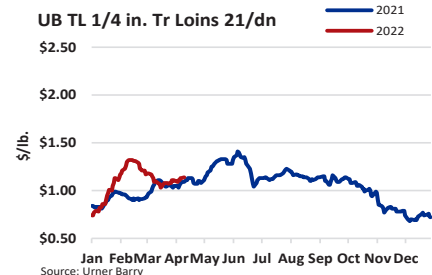
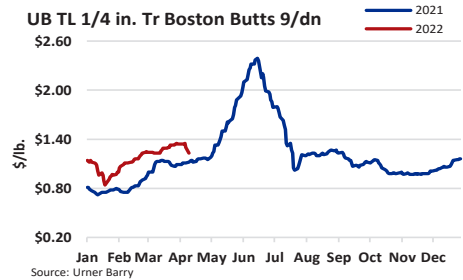
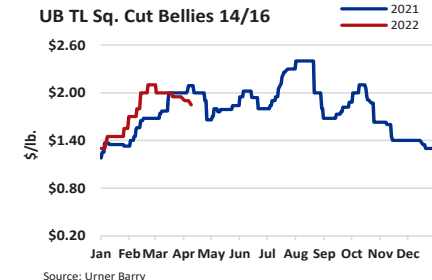
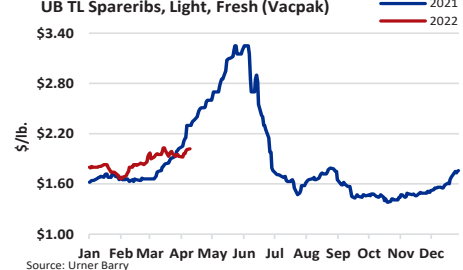
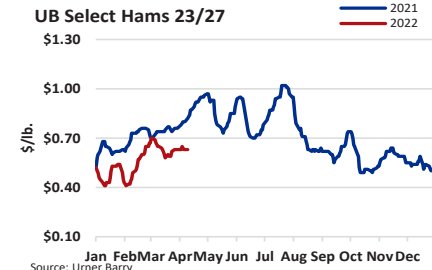
HAMS: Bone-in ham values closed flat to \$2.00/cwt stronger, while boneless cuts were \$2.00/cwt to \$5.00/cwt higher.

BELLIES: Skinless bellies were \$2.00/cwt to \$10.50/cwt lower.

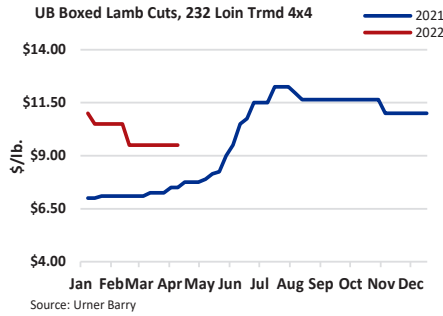
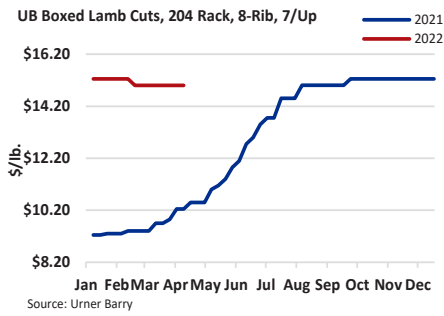
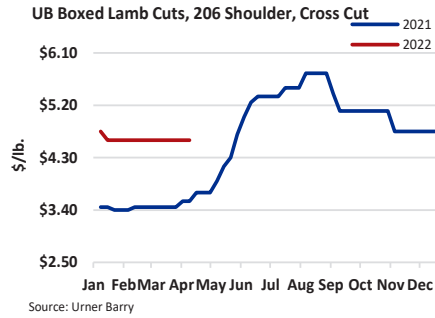
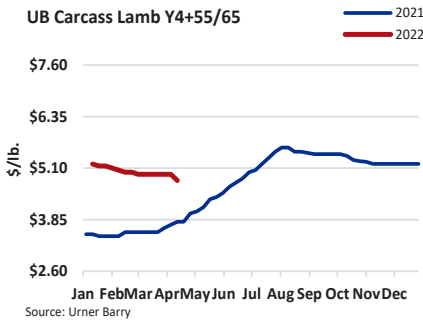
TRIMMINGS: 42s were \$15.00/cwt lower while 72s were \$8.50/cwt stronger. Meanwhile, boneless picnics were \$5.00/cwt higher.

RETAIL: 1/4" bone-in loins were \$6.50/cwt higher while 1/8" loins were \$7.00/cwt stronger. Boneless strap-on loins were \$3.00/cwt lower while boneless strap-off loins were \$1.50/cwt stronger. Bone-in sirloins were \$1.50/cwt higher while boneless sirloins were \$3.50/cwt stronger. Tenderloins were \$10.00/cwt lower for the week. 1/4" bone-in butts were \$11.50/cwt lower while boneless butts were flat. Light and medium spareribs were \$9.50/cwt higher and \$8.00/cwt stronger respectively.

PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS

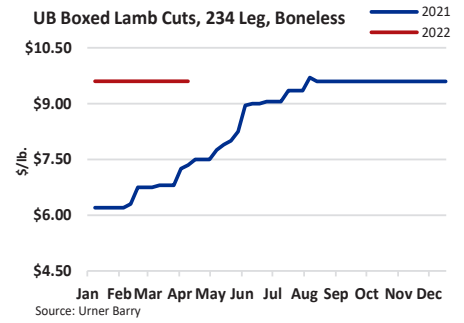


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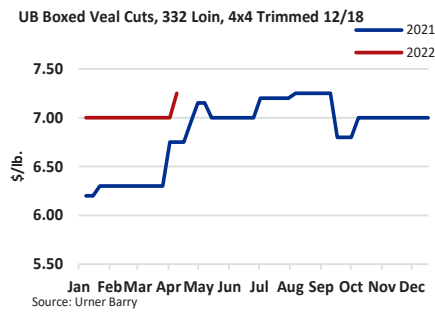
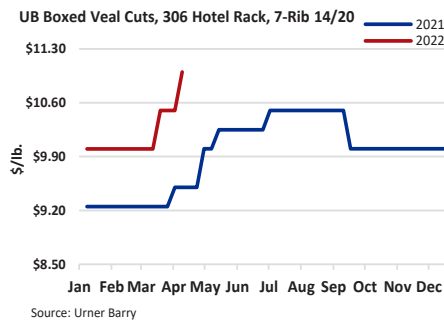
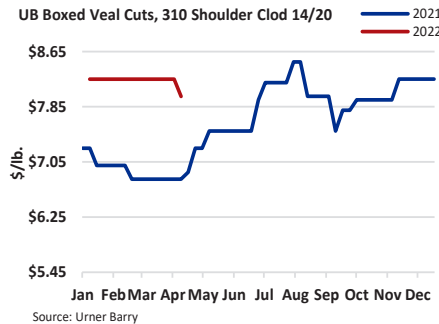
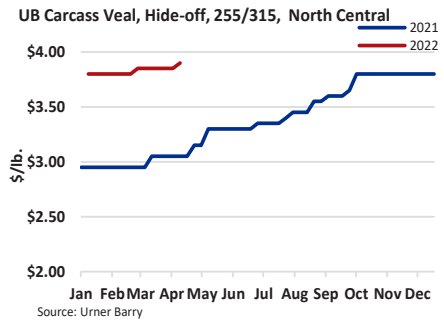


LAMB COMMENTARY

Lighter lamb carcasses traded lower this week despite inching closer to Easter. Domestic boxed lamb cuts were steady with last week's closing quotations. The most recent USDA Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection report, weekly sheep slaughter was at 36,000 head, which was even with last week and 14.3% lower than the equivalent week last year.

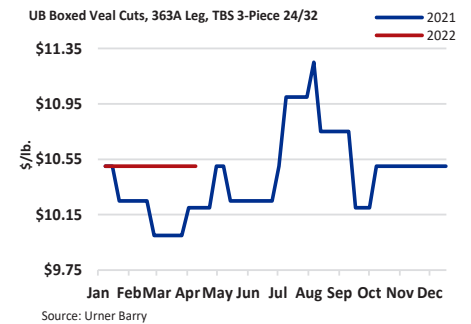


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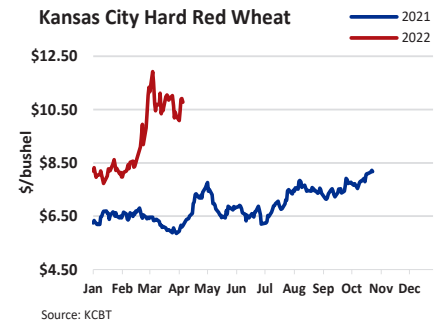
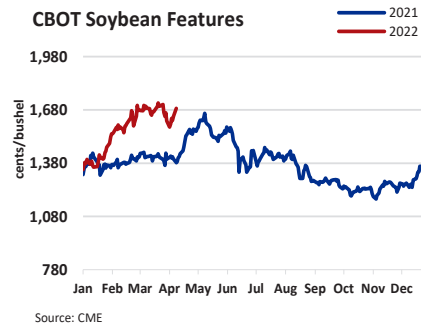
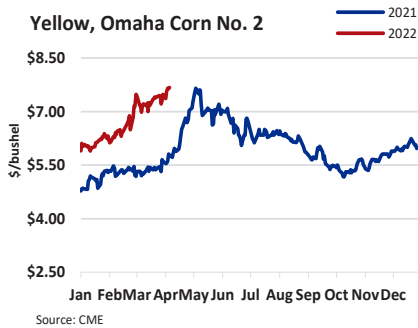


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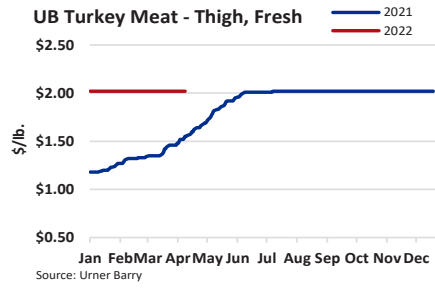
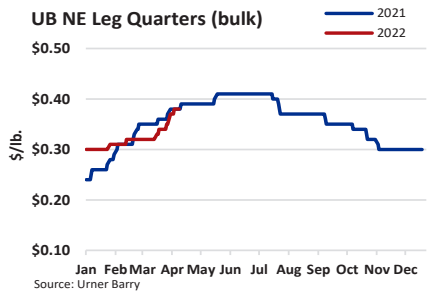
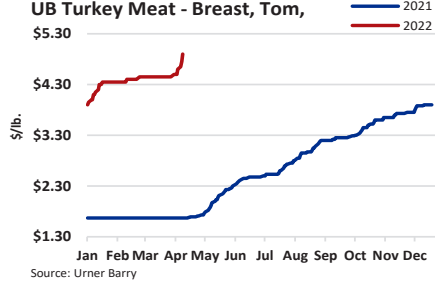
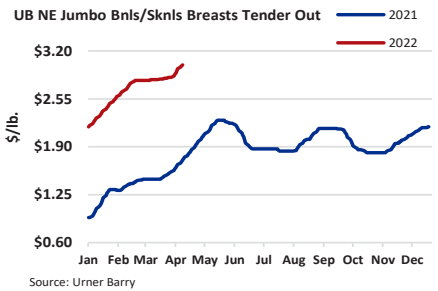
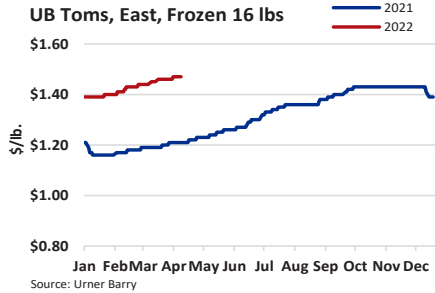
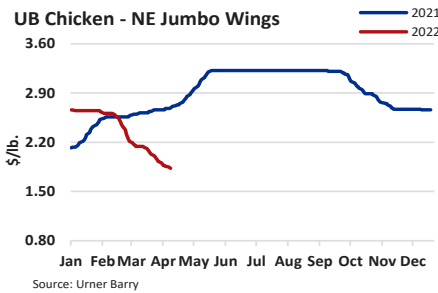
Veal carcasses were full steady this week. A majority of boxed veal cuts were full steady to firm as demand remained strong and supplies tightened over the previous week. Racks, loins, and boneless legs were notably supported. The USDA Special Fed Veal Slaughter was at 2,642 head; that is down 3.7% when compared to the previous week. Special Fed Veal Dressed Weights came in at 290lbs, which is up 10.1 pounds for that same period.



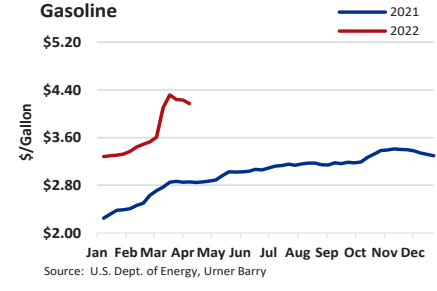
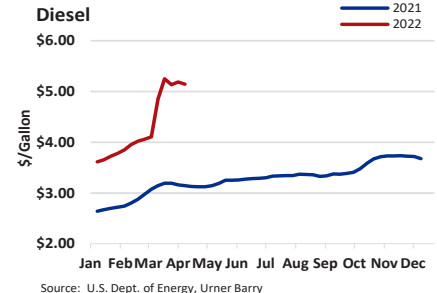
FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



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Urner Barry Price Reporting Receives Independent Assurance of IOSCO Compliance Achieving the Gold Standard for Price Reporting

For over 160 years, Urner Barry has been the trusted source for benchmark pricing in the food and agriculture industry. Now, the company has successfully completed an independent review of its price reporting methodology and control procedures, confirming Urner Barry's processes are aligned with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Principles for Price Reporting Agencies (PRAs).

The Type 1 assurance report, issued by auditor BDO, examined eight benchmark price indices.

"Our clients require the highest quality information to effectively conduct their business and navigate the supply chain," said Urner Barry CEO, Joe Muldowney. "This independent assurance review reflects the pledge we undertake to provide them with robust, independent, and accurate market coverage."

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POULTRY COMMENTARY

Ongoing demand keeps offerings of WOGs and chickens tight, but the upward price trajectory has slowed some. Breasts and fronts remain in a full steady to firm undertone. Boneless, tenders, chunk, and trim meats all remain in solid overall shape. Paid prices continue to be slightly higher than steady levels. Jumbo wings remain a bit sluggish, but a price floor is slowly forming. As for the back half, all bone-in lines remain in stout position, but apprehension related to HPAI export bans has caused some to take a hand-to-mouth approach. Thighs and leg quarters are the best situations currently. Export legs are noted as moving higher. Thigh meat remains tight and held with confidence. Leg meat is about steady. Whole turkeys continue to be mostly unavailable as processors keep all current and future inventory

off the market due to HPAI concerns. All sized bone-in breasts are likewise held with a firm grip and only sold if full market or higher price points are in play. As for parts, those unable to export remain burdened with an excess supply of frozen tom drums, necks, tails, two joints, and gizzards. Hen parts are mostly unaffected due to the limited availability. Export gizzards and two joints are somewhat mixed with those shipping to east Asia realizing the best values. In raw materials, breast meat was recorded at sharply higher figures for near and future delivery dates this week. Tenderloins and scapula were likewise inked at up money. Thigh meat demand remains stout but limited inventory keeps sales light. The same can be said for MST which is barely adequate for the robust seasonal call.

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