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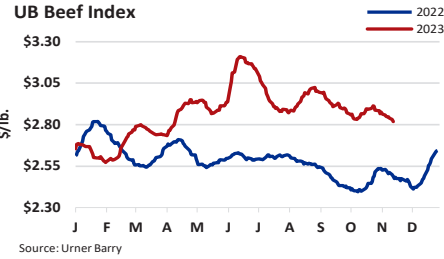
WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	4.67	UNQ	7.30
CBOT Soybean	1,340.25	1,333.50	1,428.25
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	75.89	77.17	80.08
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.90	0.90	0.90
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	0.61	0.61	0.885
Beef Trimings, 90% Fresh	282.00	288.00	245.00
Beef Trimings, 50% Fresh	74.00	74.00	71.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	248.00	248.00	249.00
USDA Drop Credit	0.125	0.000	0.148
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,050.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	411.00	430.00	450.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	315.00	335.00	260.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	729.00	700.00	580.00
136 Coarse Ground 81%	255.00	255.00	210.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,550.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	182.83	184.94	151.71
Select Hams 20/23	91.00	87.00	110.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	112.00	112.00	138.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	101.00	101.00	102.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	121.00	119.00	108.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	128.00	128.00	133.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	47.00	50.00	64.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	74.00	79.00	93.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	4.45	4.45	4.30
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	12.00	12.00	14.50
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	3.95	3.95	4.55
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	7.00	7.00	8.50
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	7.05	7.05	7.00
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	4.60	4.60	4.40
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	10.50	10.50	12.50
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	6.65	6.65	8.00
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	7.00	7.00	7.05
Veal Cuts, 363A Leg, TBS 3-Pc 24/32	10.25	10.25	10.75

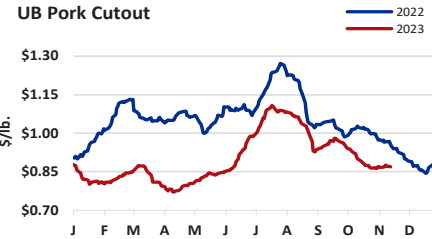
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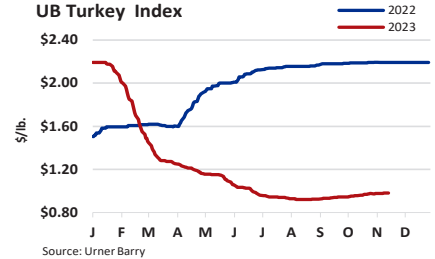
	11/17	11/10	11/3
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	2.47	2.48	2.49
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	288.89	292.59	296.81



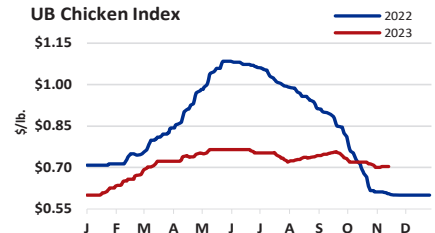
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EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	125	126	125	119	121	20	636
LW	122	125	124	122	114	11	618
*LY	127	129	130	126	124	35	672

EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER

	TW	LW	*LY
TW	470	473	487
LW	487	489	488
*LY	486	484	490

EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER

	TW	LW	*LY
TW	9	8	7
LW	9	9	7
*LY	9	9	7

EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER

	TW	LW	*LY
TW	1	1	1
LW	1	1	1
*LY	1	2	1

EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER

	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	11/3	11/4	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	144
TW	11/10	11/11	11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	143
*LY	29	12	28	29	30	30	158

*Last Year's numbers are rounded

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.650	0.636	0.671
Mexico, Peso	17.214	17.829	19.433
Canada, Dollar	1.372	1.382	1.335
Japan, Yen	149.572	151.441	139.882
China, Yuan (RMB)	7.213	7.290	7.115
Brazil, Real	4.888	4.918	5.354
South Korea, Won	1,293.46	1,317.82	1,336.89
Taiwan, Dollar	31.740	32.346	31.104
European Union, Euro	1.087	1.068	1.038

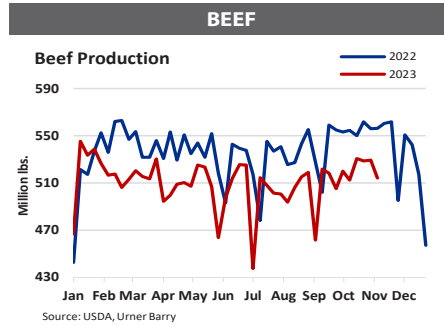
COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(Pounds in Thousands)	9/30/23	8/31/23	9/30/22
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	380,834	357,000	473,312
Beef Cuts	39,410	38,402	52,832
Total Beef	420,244	395,402	526,144
PORK & OTHER	9/30/23	8/31/23	9/30/22
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	6,479	8,533	6,428
Hams	149,520	154,286	159,489
Bellies	29,638	36,804	36,513
Loins	37,644	33,875	36,940
Spareribs	61,402	56,769	103,299
Butts	16,224	17,164	17,755
Trimming	38,184	40,237	39,919
Other Pork in Freezer	53,678	51,437	58,913
Total	462,763	469,243	537,036
Veal in Freezer	1,302	1,148	3,923
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	26,142	26,174	30,823
Total	27,444	27,322	34,746

Data Updated: October 25, 2023

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UB BEEF CUTOUT Nov-17 v. Nov-10				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	1.77%	2.21%	-0.11%	-2.89%
Chuck	-0.33%	-3.95%	-4.05%	-2.15%
Round	-5.84%	-4.66%	-2.20%	-2.98%
Loin	1.05%	-0.13%	-0.39%	0.14%
Brisket	2.42%	-0.10%	-0.10%	-5.86%
Plate	-1.25%	-1.25%	-1.25%	-1.06%
Flank	-0.55%	-0.56%	-0.56%	-1.34%
Total	-0.52%	-1.73%	-1.76%	-1.92%



BEEF COMMENTARY

Further pressure mounted within the boxed beef market this week as buyers felt little obligation to step into the market for additional product with the Thanksgiving holiday in view. While we did see some robust pockets of trade, upward momentum largely lacked across the beef complex. It seemed the bulk of participants were eager to move past the holiday before placing any larger positional orders. Market participants also continued to cite weather as another factor potentially curtailing a bit of beef demand as end cuts and grinds both faltered rather significantly this week. Slaughter ticked up during the week and once again, gave buyers further confidence to sit on the sidelines as availability concerns severely lack.

LIVE CATTLE: Cash cattle markets continued to slip south this week as the market continued to adjust to the bearish Cattle-On-feed report. Prices in the South this week were down \$2.00 to \$3.00/cwt live from the week prior at \$178.00/cwt (full range \$175.00 - \$178.00/cwt live). Prices in the North were steady to \$3.50 lower at \$178.00/cwt (full range \$175.00 - \$181.00/cwt live). Dressed purchases were down \$1.00 to \$5.00 at \$282.00/cwt (full range \$278.00 - \$282.00/cwt)

SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION: The weekly federally inspected slaughter for the week grew to 636,000 head, compared to 618,000 from last week. Live weights continued to climb and moved up one pound to 1,380 pounds. Dressed weights held steady at 834 pounds.

RIBS: Ribs were a bit unsettled this week. Choice product was generally steady throughout but by weeks end, bone-in ribs were able to move the needle higher. Select items showcased the most unsettledness with exports slipping south and boneless inching up as various sectors look to this area as a value play. All eyes will be set on the first week following the Thanksgiving holiday.

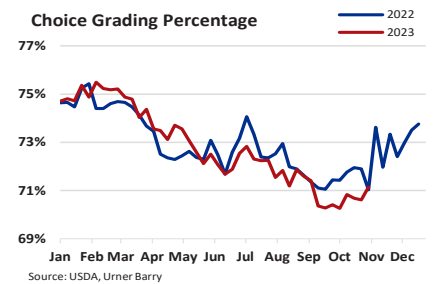
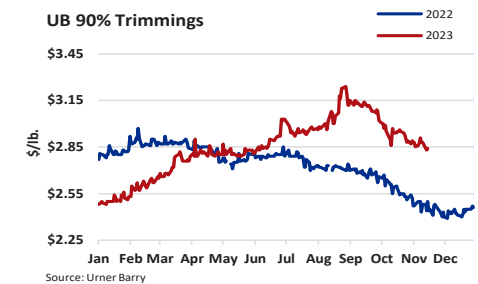
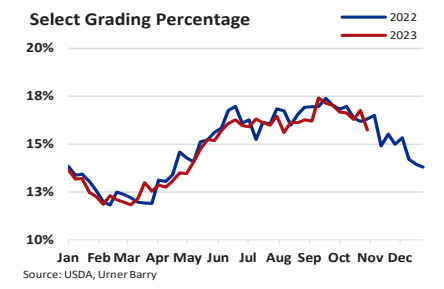
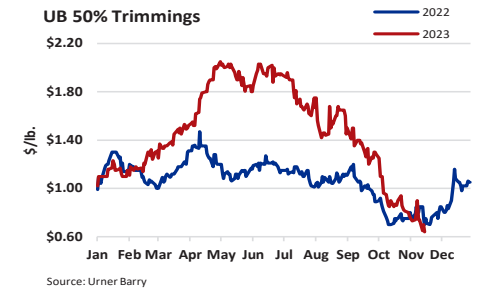
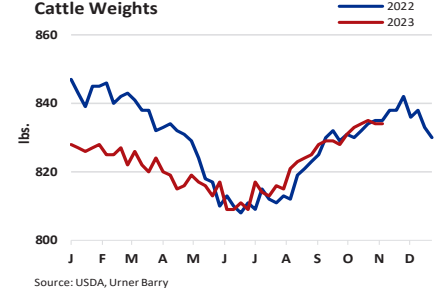
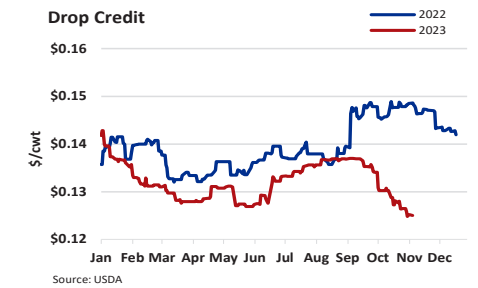
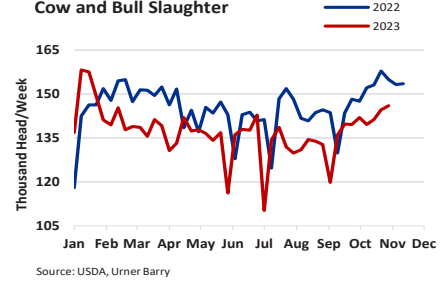
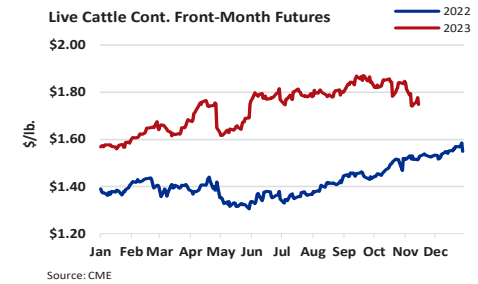
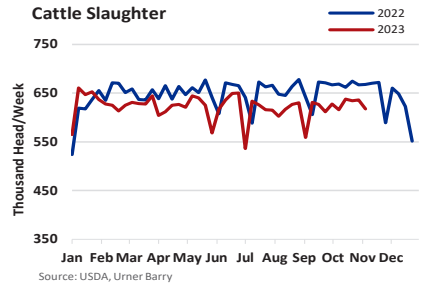
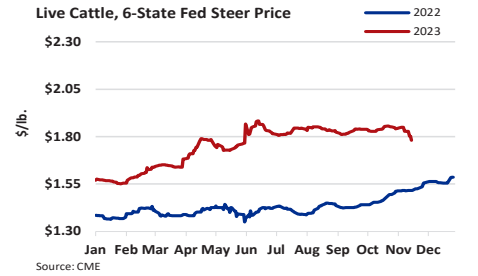
CHUCKS: The chuck complex was in balance throughout most of the week. The lone item within the category to move against the grain were chuck rolls. Supplies grew enough to warrant discounting along with buyers placing lower and lower bids as the week wore on.

ROUNDS: Rounds put the majority of downward pressure on the cutout this week as it appeared the market was well supplied with these items. With Thanksgiving taking up the bulk of everyone's attention, demand fell significantly short of expectations. This in turn brought the majority of the complex lower across the board. Insides, flats, eyes, and peeled knuckles all trended lower throughout the week as there were still some lingering inventories to move by weeks end.

LOINS: The loin complex found some upward momentum early off in the week and chopped sideways from there. It still seemed buyers were able to find value within this category when compared to the price of ribs. Retailers continue to sprinkle in T-Bone and Porterhouse features which gave some uplift to short loins. Also, with production geared towards strips and tenderloins, has allowed short loin availability to tighten up a touch.

GROUND BEEF: Grinds were slightly unsettled throughout the week; it seemed early off some upward momentum was building within the 73% and 81% coarse grind categories. By weeks end they were back on the downward trajectory as buyers felt little need to build inventories around these items.

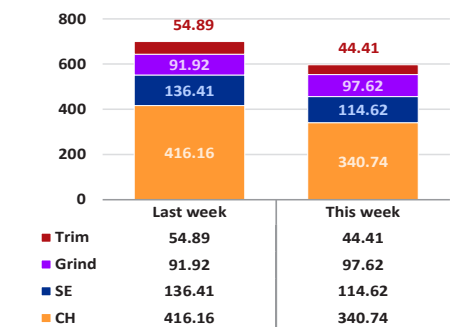
BONELESS BEEF: Holiday scheduling played a significant role in price negotiations this week. Certain dates commanded a premium while others had to be discounted to move. Wider price ranges were noted, especially on the leaner items. Fresh 50s were mixed this week but some packers indicated that they were sending material to be boxed and frozen rather than entertaining lower bids for those less desirable delivery dates. This week's cattle slaughter came in at 636,000 head.



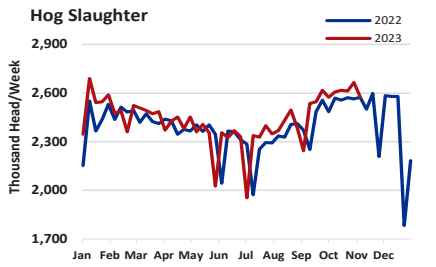
UB BEEF CUTOUT-CH/SE SPREAD (\$/cwt)					
	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	30.09	30.27	30.22	29.74	30.65
*LW	27.89	27.69	27.60	27.60	27.60

*Last Week's numbers are rounded

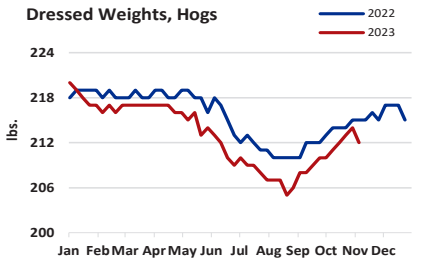
Weekly Beef Breakdown Source: USDA, Urner Barry
1 load = 40,000 lbs.



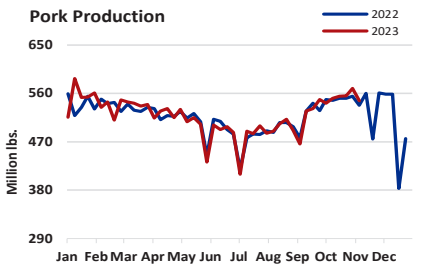
PORK PRODUCTION



Source: USDA, Urner Barry



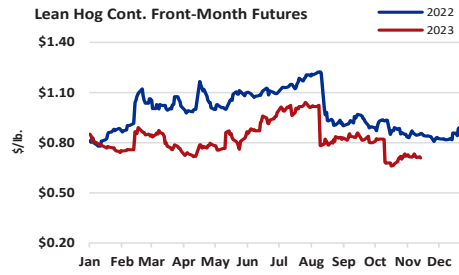
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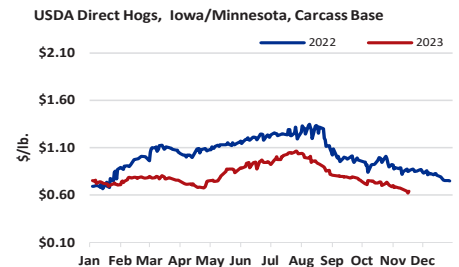
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LIVE HOGS & CUTOUT

PORK CUTOUT	Nov-10	Nov-17	Change
Loin	83.330	81.980	-1.350
Butt	100.920	102.110	1.190
Picnic	85.350	86.250	0.900
Sparerib	117.850	116.890	-0.960
Ham	81.990	82.360	0.370
Belly	105.700	104.200	-1.500
Cutout Value	87.026	86.698	-0.328



Source: CME



Source: USDA, Urner Barry

PORK COMMENTARY

In the pork market this week, preholiday buying preparations, plant maintenance, and increasing production levels impacted pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout decreased 0.38% percent during the week. Estimates of margins for outside purchasers of hogs on Friday were \$50.42/head, while margins for vertically integrated packers were estimated at -\$8.43/head.

PORK PRODUCTION: Pork production for the week ending 11/18/2023 was estimated to be 563.6 million pounds. This was 3.2 percent above last week and 0.6 percent above the same week a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 287 pounds for the week, which was 1 pound more than last week and 3 pounds less than this week a year ago.

GREEN MEATS: In the green meat complex, bone-in hams were supported on last-minute holiday preparations and on active buying from Mexico. Boneless hams were barely steady on diminished demand from retail channels. Bellies were barely steady due to increased availability for fresh material on the spot market. Market participants have started to put fresh bellies into the freezer for future use at these price levels. In the trim category, fresh 42s and 72s were barely steady on fully adequate supplies, while boneless picnics were mostly steady.

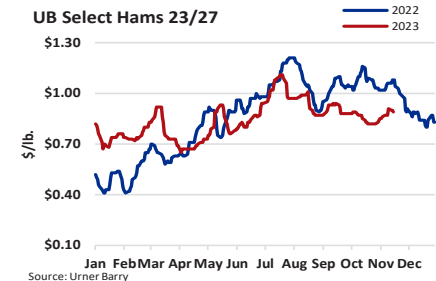
HAMS: Bone-in hams were \$2.00/cwt to \$4.00/cwt firmer, while boneless cuts were \$2.00/cwt to \$3.00/cwt weaker.

BELLIES: Skinless bellies were \$2.00/cwt to \$3.50/cwt weaker.

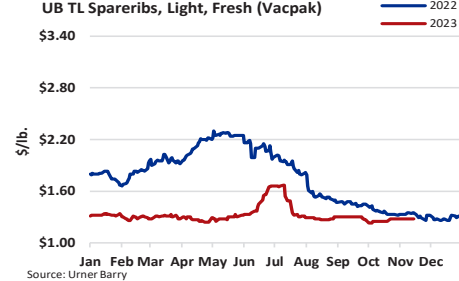
TRIMMINGS: 42s were 3.00/cwt softer, 72s were \$5.00/cwt weaker, while boneless picnics were 3.00/cwt firmer.

RETAIL: 1/4-inch bone-in loins were \$0.50/cwt weaker, while 1/8-inch cuts were flat. Boneless strap-ons were \$5.50/cwt weaker, while strap-offs were \$6.50/cwt. Bone-in sirloins were \$3.00/cwt weaker, while boneless sirloins were unchanged. Tenderloins remained steady for the week. 1/4" bone-in butts \$2.00/cwt firmer, while boneless butts were also \$2.00/cwt stronger. Light spareribs were steady, while medium spareribs were \$2.00/cwt weaker.

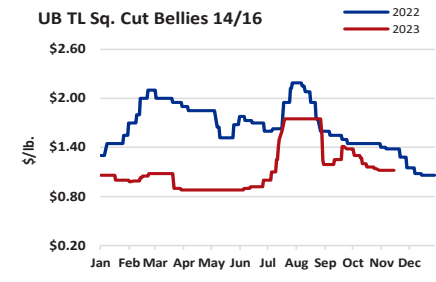
PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS



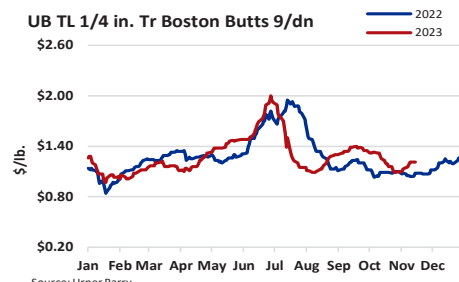
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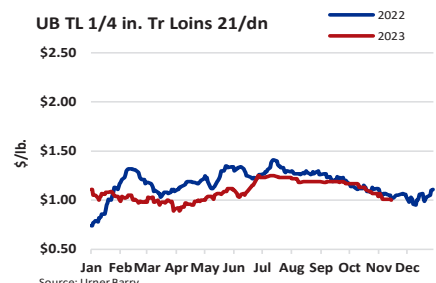
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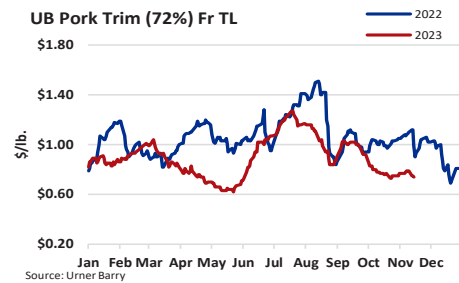
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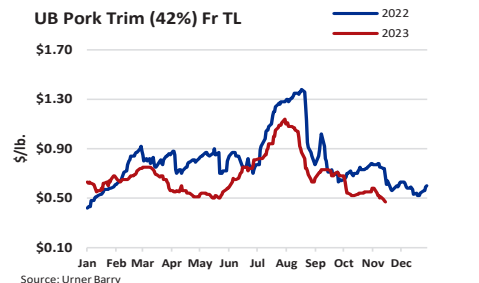
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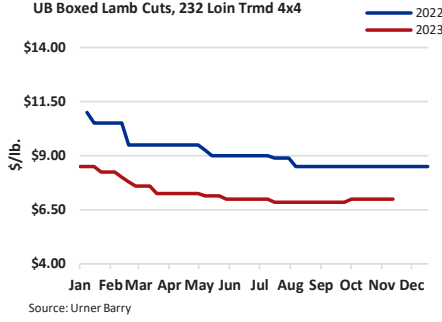
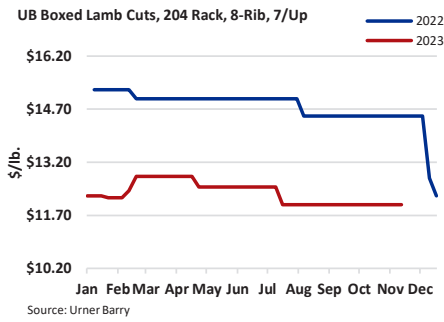
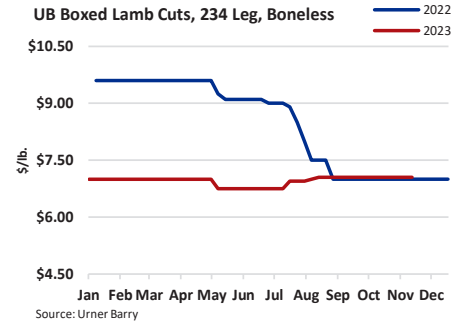
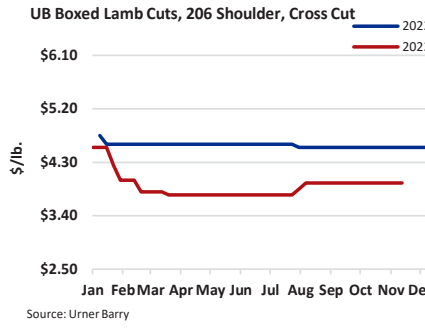
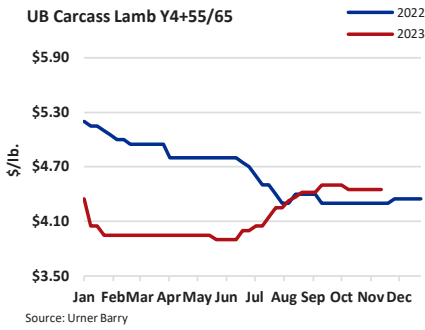


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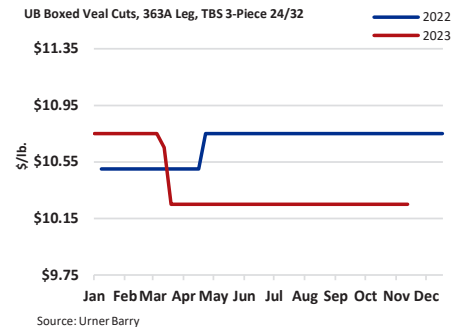
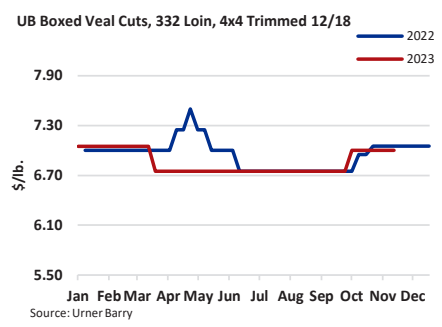
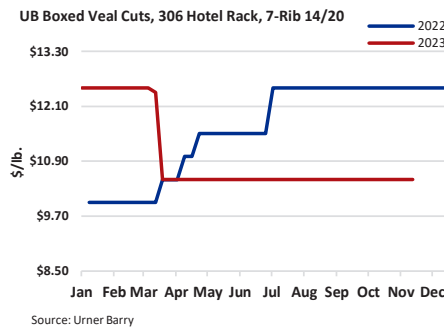
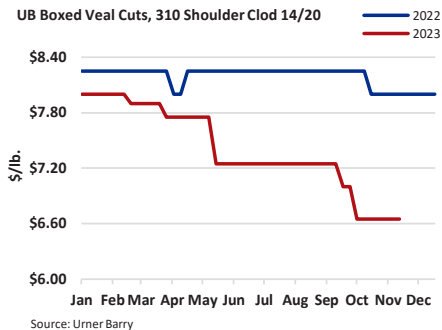
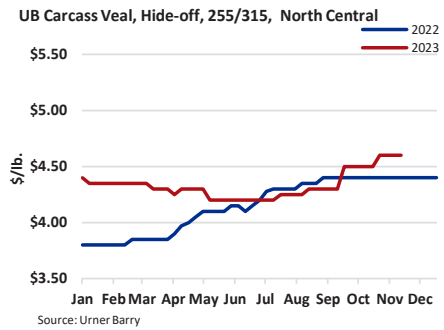


LAMB & VEAL COMMENTARY

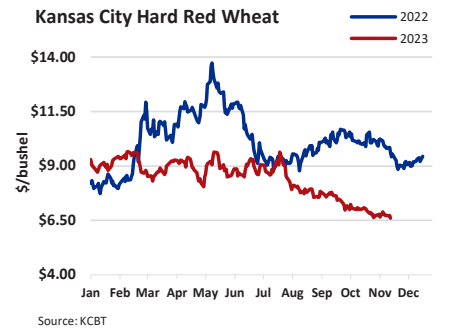
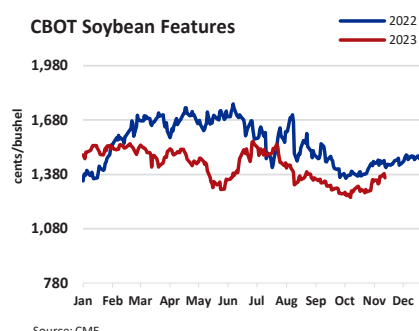
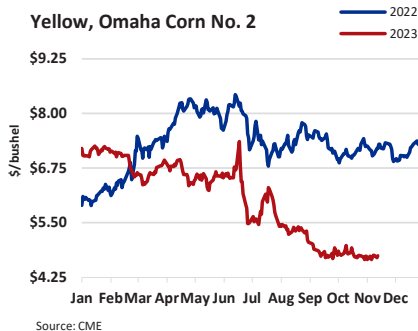
In the veal market this week, carcasses traded a bit higher and thus the price quote published by Urner Barry saw a \$.05/lb increase. Even with slaughter increasing week-over-week by 14.3%, demand increased enough to push prices higher. The average weights were nearly 10 pounds lower than last week and nearly on par with the same week a year ago. Boxed cuts did not witness the same scenario. All of those prices were unchanged this week, with the bulk of trade occurring well within recently established ranges. In the veal market this week, carcasses traded a bit higher and thus the price quote published by Urner Barry saw a \$.05/lb increase. Even with slaughter increasing week-over-week by 14.3%, demand increased enough to push prices higher. The average weights were nearly 10 pounds lower than last week and nearly on par with the same week a year ago. Boxed cuts did not witness the same scenario. All of those prices were unchanged this week, with the bulk of trade occurring well within recently established ranges.

This week in domestic lamb, carcasses were generally steady while boxed cuts moved in various directions. Racks were generally steady, although participants reported that trade occurred at both the high and low side of Urner Barry's recently established ranges. Chucks, breasts, Denver style ribs, loins, and legs moved a tad higher this week. Foreshanks saw a bit of a drop off amid reduced demand. Holiday business has not yet ramped up in the domestic lamb markets as of this writing. Slaughter figures were reported at 38,000 head this week versus 36,000 last week. For weights, the number was reported as 119 pounds compared to 118 last week. Overall, production was up this week, but the demand seen was sufficient for most items to avoid major declines.

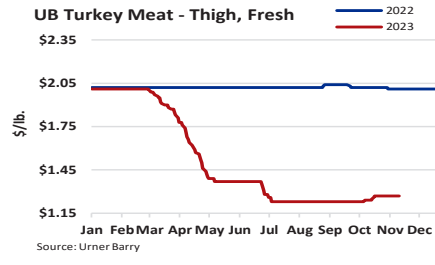
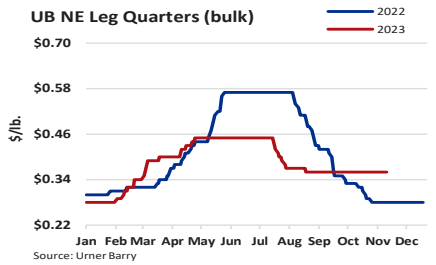
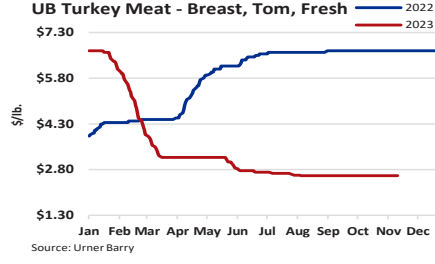
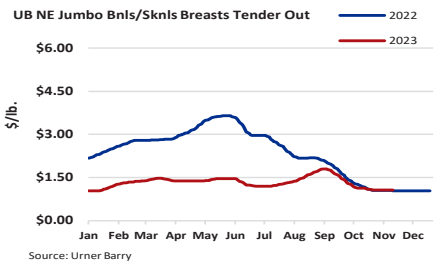
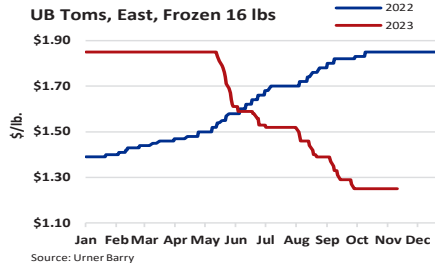
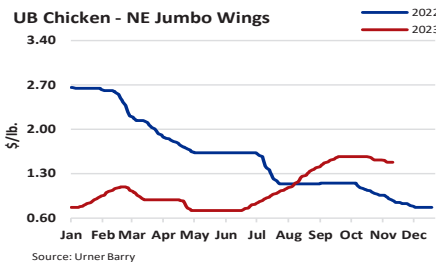
VEAL



FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



POULTRY

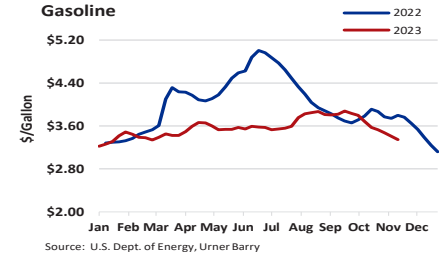
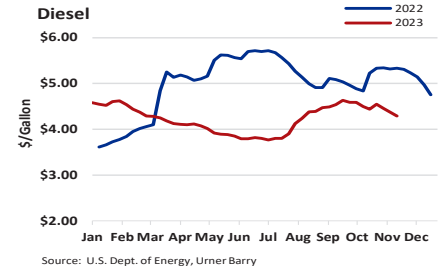


POULTRY COMMENTARY

Values surrounding the 20 and 22-head WOGs shifted dramatically higher this week. As for boneless, sentiment on jumbo was a bit mixed, with boxed offerings garnering the greatest return compared to combo bins. All-sized wings, as well as tenders, were generally steady, although jumbo-sized wings saw scattered pressure. In the back half, both buyer and seller remain a bit subdued. Export interest is likewise hit or miss in the near future with ongoing and receding HPAI trade restrictions in play. Lastly, leg and thigh meats continue to be pressured lower. Toms and hens are quiet overall. Offerings are adequate and asked prices range from being fully supported to slight discounts. In parts,

frozen drums and whole wings are held with a firm grip at upward trending values. Necks are well-cleared. Raw materials are opening under a trade pattern that is light, and which resembles that of previous days. Value-oriented and speculative buying is higher driving frozen tom meat values higher. Asked prices range steady to higher. Offerings are adequate. Fresh demand is seasonal. Fresh tenders are solidly established. MST movement is seasonal. Supplies are no more than adequate.

ENERGY



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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