

Friday, November 18, 2022

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### WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	7.30	UNQ	5.81
CBOT Soybean	1,428.25	1,455.50	1,273.00
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	80.08	88.96	78.50
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.90	0.90	0.79
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	0.89	0.89	0.780
Beef Trimmings, 90% Fresh	245.00	248.00	280.00
Beef Trimmings, 50% Fresh	71.00	85.00	102.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	249.00	249.00	297.00
USDA Drop Credit	0.148	0.000	0.150
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	1,050.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	450.00	475.00	370.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	260.00	275.00	300.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	580.00	580.00	680.00
136 Coarse Ground 81%	210.00	236.00	250.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,550.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	151.71	151.54	131.79
Select Hams 20/23	110.00	107.00	62.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	138.00	138.00	140.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	102.00	106.00	81.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	108.00	104.00	98.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	133.00	135.00	150.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	64.00	75.00	36.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	93.00	110.00	65.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	4.41	4.41	5.31
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	14.50	14.50	15.25
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	4.55	4.55	4.75
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	8.50	8.50	11.00
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	7.00	7.00	9.60
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	4.40	4.40	3.80
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	12.50	12.50	10.00
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	8.00	8.00	8.25
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	7.05	7.05	7.00
Veal Cuts, 363A Leg, TBS 3-Pc 24/32	10.75	10.75	10.50

Quotes represent the high side of Friday's trading range

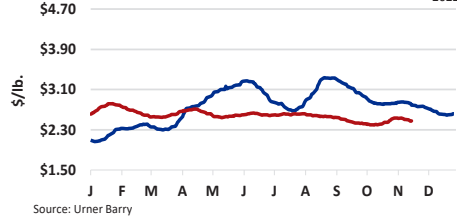
### RIEMANN CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

	11/18	11/11	11/4
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	2.48	2.49	2.52
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	252.11	257.51	255.26

### URNER BARRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

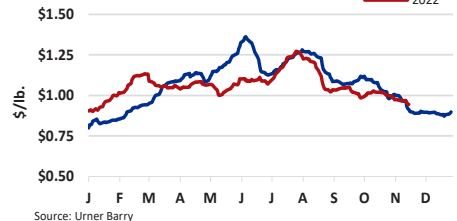
Weekly Insider's Red Meat Report will be released on Monday, November 28, 2022 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

UB Beef Index



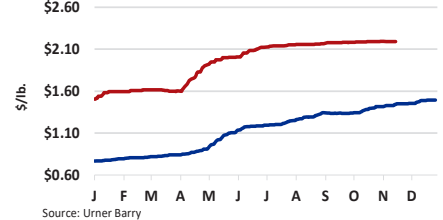
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UB Pork Cutout



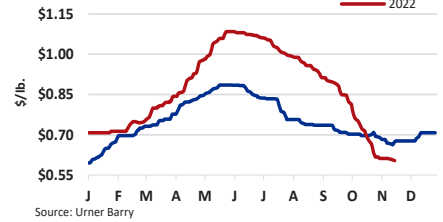
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UB Turkey Index



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UB Chicken Index



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### EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	128	129	129	129	125	34	674
LW	123	129	129	129	120	41	671
*LY	121	123	122	122	122	70	680

### EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	493	485	488	493	487	167	2,613
LW	494	491	493	490	450	91	2,509
*LY	483	483	480	479	474	233	2,632

### EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	9	9	7	8	5	0	38
LW	9	8	7	8	5	0	37
*LY	10	8	8	8	7	1	41

### EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
LW	2	1	1	1	1	0	6
*LY	2	0	1	2	2	1	8

### EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER

	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	11/4	11/5	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	151
TW	11/11	11/12	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17	158
*LY	25	14	26	27	28	26	146

\*Last Year's numbers are rounded

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.671	0.668	0.722
Mexico, Peso	19.433	19.436	21.160
Canada, Dollar	1.335	1.327	1.273
Japan, Yen	139.882	139.321	114.942
China, Yuan (RMB)	7.115	7.106	6.392
Brazil, Real	5.354	5.303	5.642
South Korea, Won	1,336.89	1,316.80	1,191.17
Taiwan, Dollar	31.104	31.109	27.799
European Union, Euro	1.038	1.031	1.126

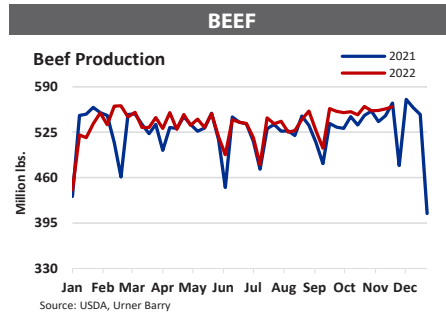
### COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(Pounds in Thousands)	9/30/21	8/31/22	9/30/22
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	404,237	462,420	470,030
Cuts	35,384	51,390	52,832
<b>Total Beef</b>	<b>439,621</b>	<b>513,810</b>	<b>522,862</b>
<b>PORK &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>9/30/21</b>	<b>8/30/22</b>	<b>9/30/22</b>
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	4,784	6,959	6,418
Hams	194,549	163,716	159,288
Bellies	12,928	35,684	36,592
Loins	29,969	33,541	37,151
Spareribs	58,069	108,107	103,703
Butts	11,961	16,834	17,508
Trimmings	42,690	39,918	40,517
Other Pork in Freezer	52,466	59,919	58,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>469,917</b>	<b>538,596</b>	<b>537,879</b>
Veal in Freezer	5,189	2,931	3,946
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	25,607	29,161	31,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,796</b>	<b>32,092</b>	<b>35,299</b>

Data Updated: October 28, 2022

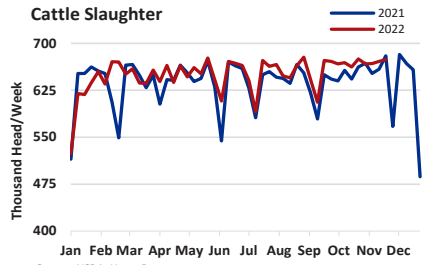
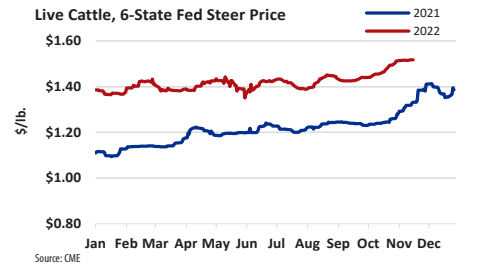
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UB BEEF CUTOUT Nov-18 v. Nov-11				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	4.32%	1.04%	-1.69%	3.75%
Chuck	-2.86%	1.86%	2.24%	-2.12%
Round	-5.28%	-4.37%	-3.87%	-8.17%
Loin	-0.44%	-0.47%	0.11%	-1.18%
Brisket	-0.61%	-0.61%	-0.61%	-2.05%
Plate	-4.31%	-4.31%	-4.31%	-4.79%
Flank	-2.35%	-2.38%	-2.48%	-3.72%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1.19%</b>	<b>-0.61%</b>	<b>-0.71%</b>	<b>-1.96%</b>



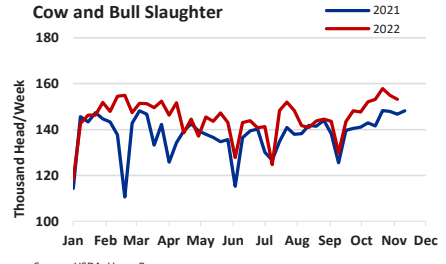
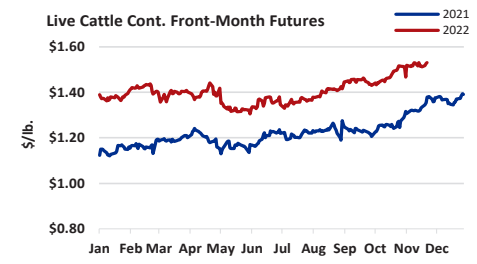
**BEEF COMMENTARY**

The boxed beef market trended lower on the week once again as buyers became much more hand-to-mouth with purchasing this week. Buyers felt they had more than adequate supplies on hand and taking on additional supplies required much favorable price points which led to broad based discounting across the primal. More recently competing proteins have begun to take market share out of beef as well due to consumers shifting towards value. Production continued at a steady pace which gave little incentive to step in for additional product. Grading has slightly improved but this appeared to only translate into additional choice product which added a layer of pressure to an already struggling cutout. Select and No-Roll product has become tighter over the last couple of weeks which had left buyers with short orders and grade spreads beginning to contract.



**LIVE CATTLE:** Prices overall this week steady to \$2.00/cwt higher in the South at \$150.00 to \$152.00/cwt live (full range \$148.00/cwt - \$152.00/cwt). Prices in the North were steady to \$1.00/cwt higher between \$153.00 - \$155.00/cwt live and dressed trade was steady to up \$2.00/cwt at mostly \$242.00/cwt (full range \$240.00 - \$245.00)

**SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION:** The weekly federally inspected slaughter was 674,000 head, up 3,000 compared to last week. Live weights ended the week one pound higher at 1382 pounds. Dressed weights were up one pound at 835 pounds.

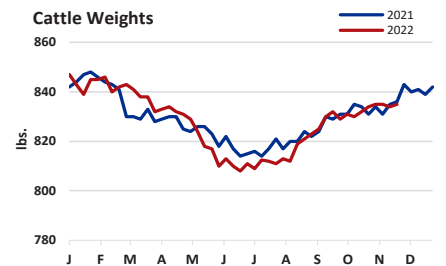
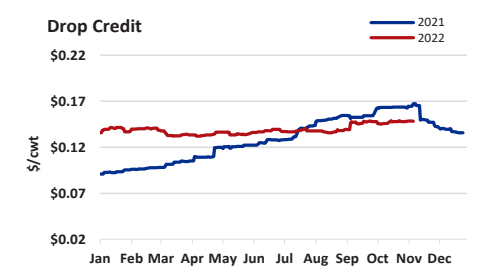


**RIBS:** Ribs inched higher throughout the week as it appeared demand is still spilling over from upper 2/3rds demand as product is still short. Demand was seen steady throughout the week but quantities needed were to the lighter side. There still remained a cautious approach to stepping in but it appeared there was still a willingness to stamp business at current levels.

**CHUCKS:** The chuck complex trended lower as demand waned in quite a significant fashion. Discounting was the norm throughout the week as enticing buyers was a tall task. Competing proteins seemed to eat away at beef demand as consumers are noted to be shifting towards value items.

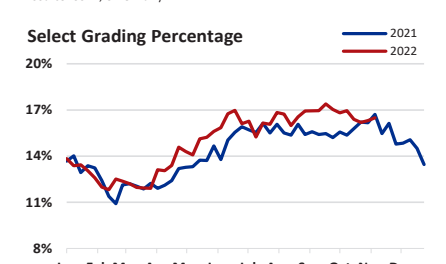
**ROUNDS:** Rounds saw a continuation of the week prior, barely steady tones at best. Supplies seen were significantly outweighing demand. Buyer interest was limited at best throughout. As mentioned for chucks, competing proteins continued to weigh on demand seen at the retail level.

**LOINS:** Loins closed out the week on a steadier foot when compared to the last. Trade throughout the week was stamped within our current quotations. Interest although was to the lighter side as a falling cutout gave little incentive to step in for spot material.



**GROUND BEEF:** Coarse grinds trended lower on the week as supplies continued to outpace demand. Even with movement of these items said to be better than most items it seemed demand was not enough to keep asks and bids alike steady throughout the week. Buyers are beginning to dig their heels in as production numbers remain well above last year.

**BONELESS BEEF:** The market for fresh 90s was steady to a little weaker this week. Most market participants indicated that demand was moderate at best. Availability varied from region to region. Fresh 50s moved lower as the week progressed. Scheduling heading into the shortened holiday week seemed to cause some uncertainty in the market. This week's cattle slaughter was estimated at 674,000 head, which was up from last year, but down from the equivalent week last year.

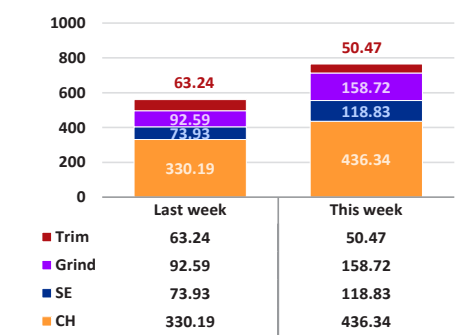


**UB BEEF CUTOUT-CH/SE SPREAD (\$/cwt)**

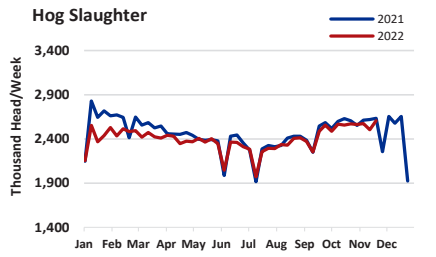
	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	30.38	29.58	28.04	27.97	29.65
*LW	33.98	33.73	33.44	32.66	31.32

\*Last Week's numbers are rounded

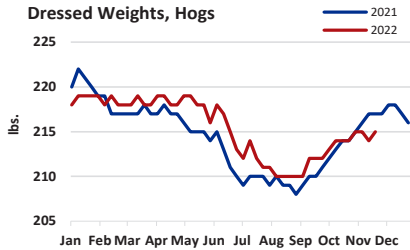
**Weekly Beef Breakdown (# of loads)** Source: USDA, Urner Barry  
1 load = 40,000 lbs.



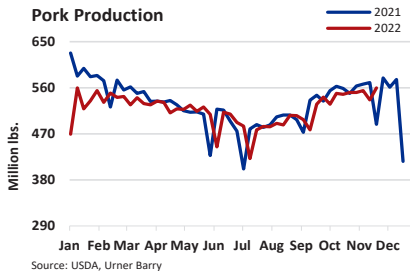
**PORK PRODUCTION**



Source: USDA, Urner Barry



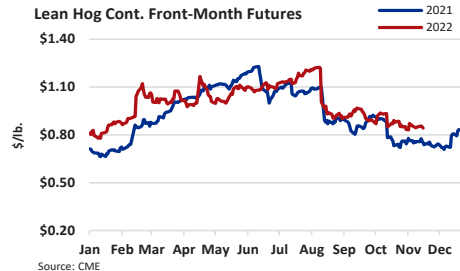
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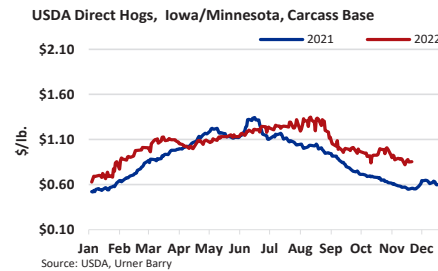
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**LIVE HOGS & CUTOOT**

PORK CUTOOT	Nov-11	Nov-18	Change
Loin	88.200	83.980	-4.220
Butt	91.980	92.900	0.920
Picnic	89.860	89.240	-0.620
Sparerib	127.510	127.510	-
Ham	102.620	100.130	-2.490
Belly	126.680	122.800	-3.880
<b>Cutout Value</b>	<b>96.769</b>	<b>94.444</b>	<b>-2.325</b>



Source: CME



Source: USDA, Urner Barry

**PORK COMMENTARY**

This week, pre-holiday activity, elevated slaughter figures, and reduced retail demand influenced pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout decreased by 2.40 percent during the week. Estimates of margins for outside purchasers of hogs on Thursday were \$7.61/head while margins for vertically integrated packers were estimated at -\$11.92/head.

**PORK PRODUCTION:** Pork production for the week ending 11/19/2022 was estimated to be 559.7 million pounds. This was 4.3 percent more than last week and a 1.8 percent decrease from a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 289 pounds for the week, which was even with last week and 2 pounds under a year ago.

**GREEN MEATS:** In the ham markets, bone-in hams were mixed as export demand varied this week. For boneless hams, a softer bias was noted with demand called dull. With Thanksgiving prep all but completed, boneless hams saw their price levels decline. Bellies were weak on fully adequate to ample supplies and dull retail demand for bacon. In trim, a combination of declining QSR interest, ample supplies, and pre-holiday business resulted in pressure on price levels. 42s, 72s, and boneless picnics all saw significant declines this week.

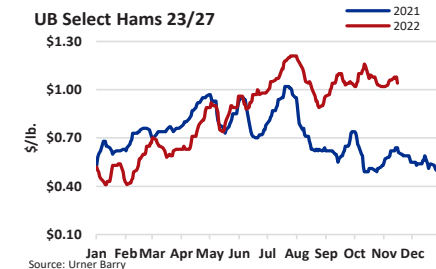
**HAMS:** Bone-in ham values were \$1.50/cwt lower to \$3.50/cwt stronger, while boneless cuts were \$6.00/cwt to \$8.00/cwt weaker.

**BELLIES:** Skinless bellies were \$7.50/cwt to \$8.50/cwt weaker.

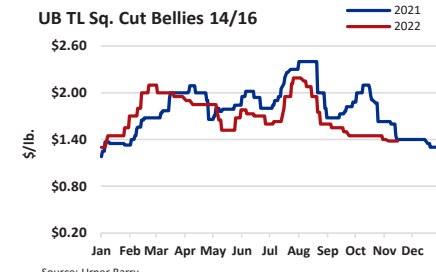
**TRIMMINGS:** 42s were \$12.00/cwt weaker while 72s declined \$19.00/cwt. Meanwhile, boneless picnics were \$8.00/cwt lower.

**RETAIL:** ¼ inch bone-in loins were \$5.00/cwt lower while 1/8-inch cuts also declined \$3.50/cwt. Boneless strap-ons decreased \$2.50/cwt while strap-offs were \$5.00/cwt weaker. Bone-in sirloins were \$2.00/cwt weaker while boneless sirloins were \$1.50/cwt stronger. Tenderloins were \$5.00/cwt weaker on average. 1/4" bone-in butts were \$4.00/cwt firmer while boneless butts lost \$3.00/cwt. Light spareribs were down \$2.50/cwt while medium spareribs increased by \$2.50/cwt.

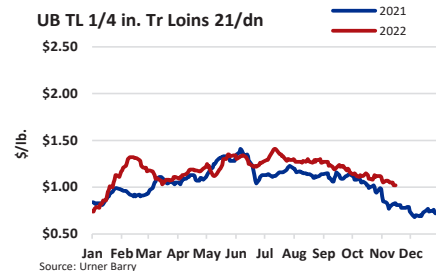
**PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS**



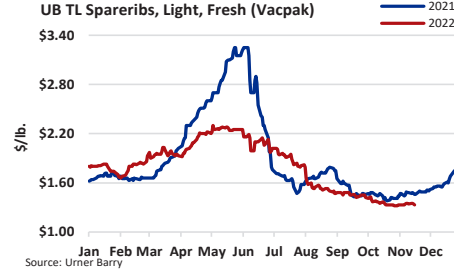
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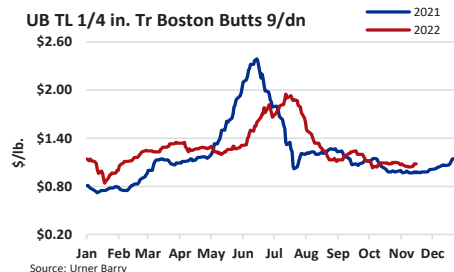
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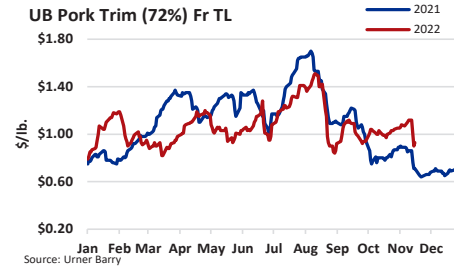
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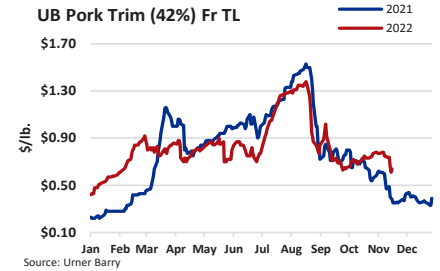
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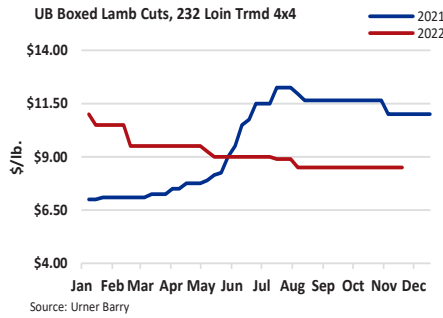
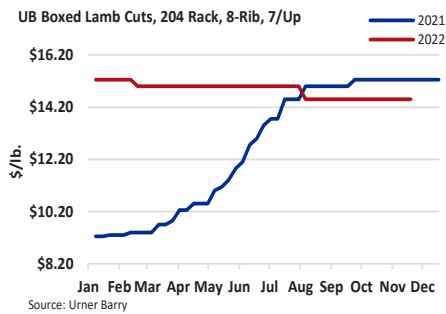
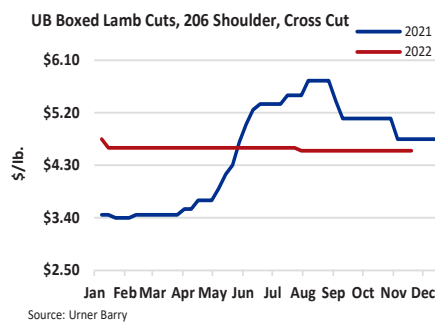
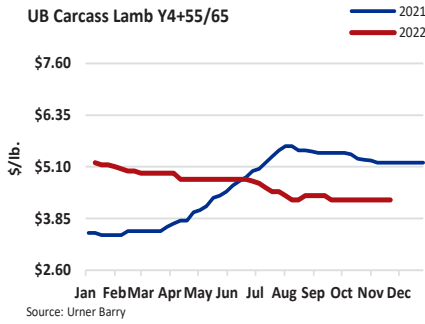


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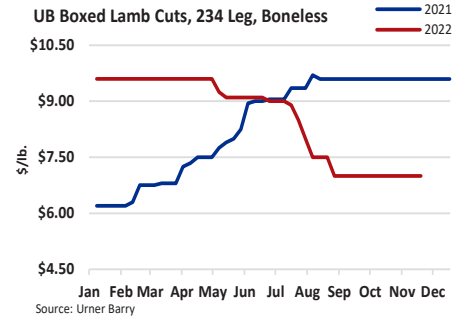
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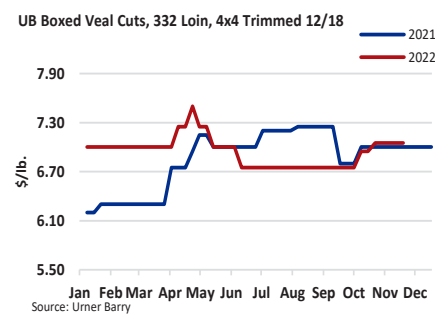
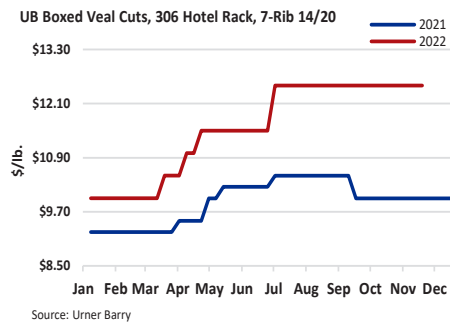
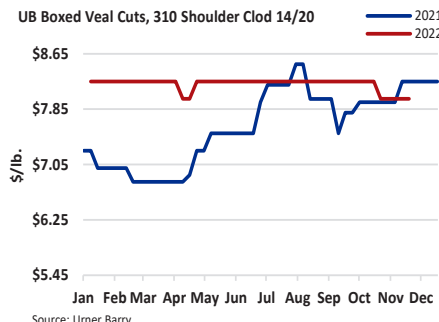
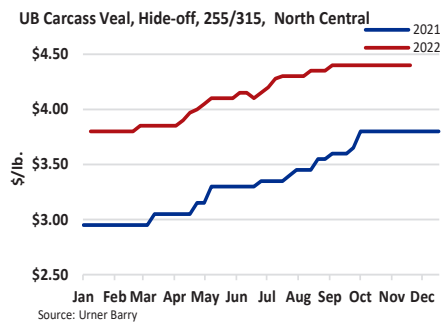


LAMB COMMENTARY

In domestic lamb this week, minimal price action was observed. A large majority of trade occurred within or near Urner Barry's price ranges. Moderate demand for holiday purposes was noted. The main topic of discussion was the weakness we have seen in the domestic lamb market this year and how imported product has begun to weigh on values. Imported product, while still taking a significant amount of time to receive due to shipping delays, has recently become much more competitively priced than domestic product. Supplies of domestic product are called adequate. In the most recent Estimated Meat Production Under Federal Inspection report, lamb slaughter was at 37,000, which was 3,000 higher than last week and 2,000 under a year ago. Lamb weights were at 126 pounds which was 1 pound heavier than last week and even with the same period a year ago.

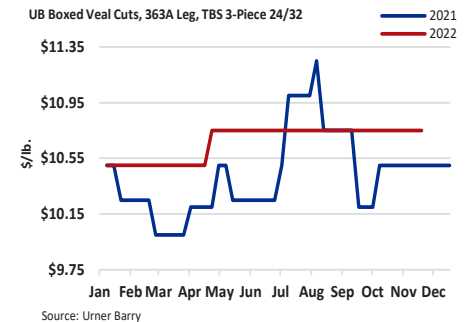


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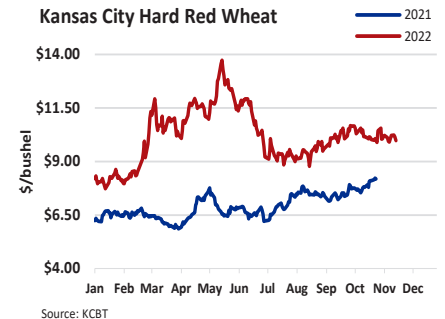
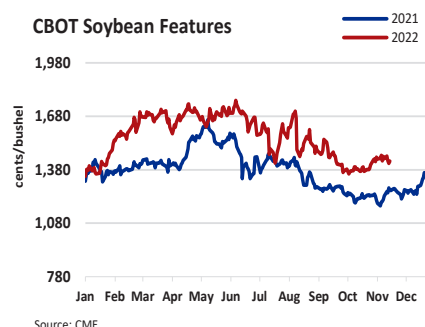
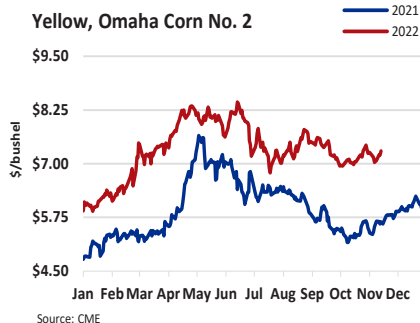


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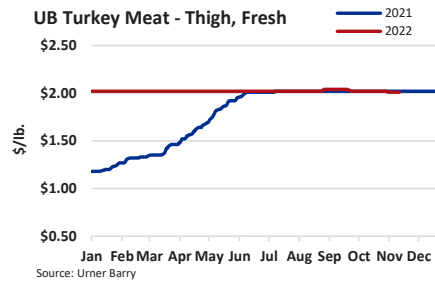
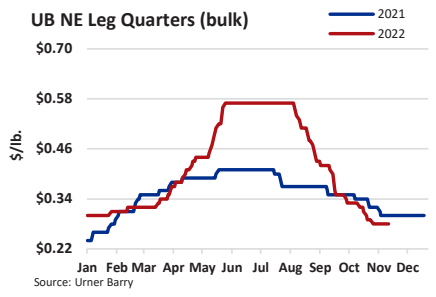
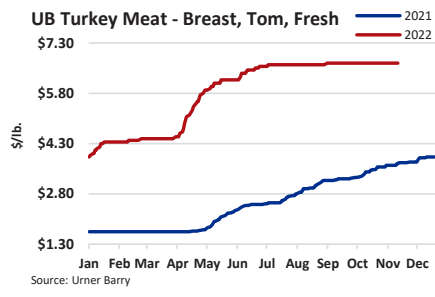
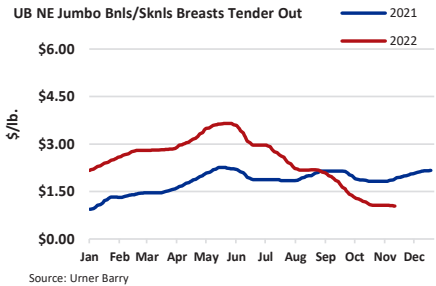
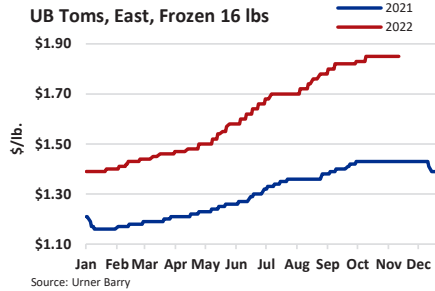
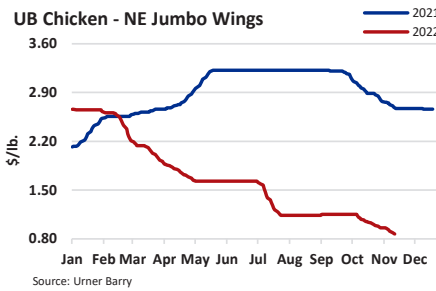
In the veal market this week, a steady tone was noted. All carcasses and boxed cuts were unchanged. While demand has increased modestly heading into the holiday season, a large majority of participants have set their positions already. Racks remained at all-time highs and have seen virtually no volatility recently, while on the other hand shoulder items remained at 52-week lows. On a broad level, input costs such as feed saw modest relief in various locations. Veal slaughter was nearly even with last week while weights were slightly lower.



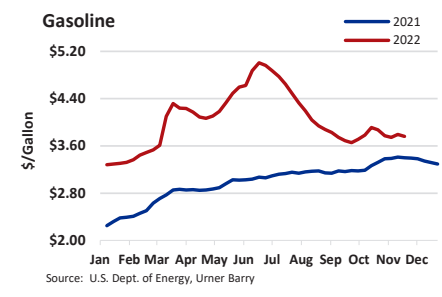
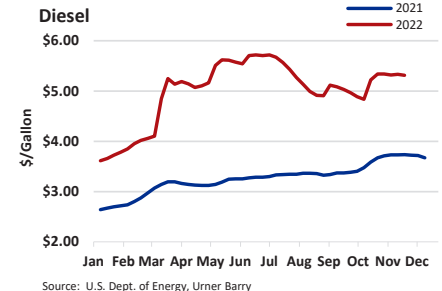
FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



**POULTRY**



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**POULTRY COMMENTARY**

Wogs and chickens continue to be in a steady overall position. Asked prices on boneless began to fall into discounted territory with an uptick in supply and limited buying interest. Tenders are mostly maintained. Wings remain burdensome for most on the sell-side as demand falls flat even with values sitting around record lows. As for the back half of the bird, bone in thighs and drums continue to be the most heavily pressured. That said, no singular item is without at least some pressure. Thigh meat continues to be found with ease at lower levels.

Whole-body toms and hens remain well supported with extraordinarily little spot activity noted. Negotiations for 2023 business are in progress. Consumer and institutional-sized breasts remain limited for the call and are rated full steady. Moving to parts, drums and whole wings continue to be sought after

and are held with confidence by sellers. Two joints, necks, tails, and gizzards are much more available and are rated about steady to barely steady. Most lines within the raw materials segment are trending sideways and lack much event. Due to slowing seasonal demand, frozen tom and breeder breast meats are making their way to the streets, and a few sellers have begun to entertain lower bids, should they materialize.

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