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WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

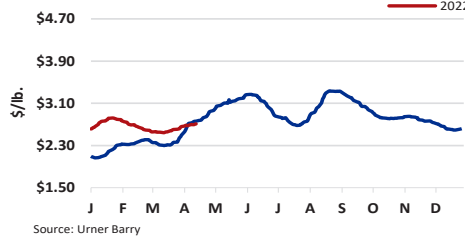
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	8.01	7.78	5.89
CBOT Soybean	1,682.25	1,689.00	1,433.25
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	106.95	98.26	63.13
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.82	0.82	0.55
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	UNQ	UNQ	UNQ
Beef Trimmings, 90% Fresh	285.00	286.00	241.00
Beef Trimmings, 50% Fresh	135.00	134.00	102.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	303.00	304.00	257.00
USDA Drop Credit	0.132	0.133	0.109
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	950.00	950.00	1,160.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	300.00	300.00	370.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	315.00	315.00	290.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	850.00	810.00	925.00
136 Coarse Ground 81%	275.00	275.00	200.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,475.00	1,375.00	1,375.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	138.39	138.50	121.93
Select Hams 20/23	72.00	66.00	85.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	185.00	185.00	200.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	119.00	114.00	113.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	125.00	123.00	112.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	209.00	202.00	236.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	72.00	70.00	77.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	111.00	109.00	121.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	480.00	480.00	380.00
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,050.00
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	460.00	460.00	370.00
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	950.00	950.00	775.00
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	960.00	960.00	750.00
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	397.00	390.00	305.00
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	1,100.00	1,100.00	950.00
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	800.00	800.00	680.00
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	725.00	725.00	725.00
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

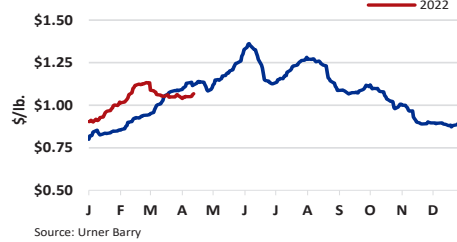
RIEMANN CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

	4/15	4/8	4/1
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	3.04	3.05	3.06
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	269.65	268.90	265.06

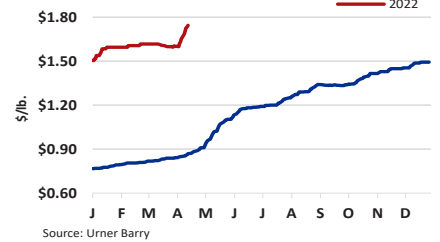
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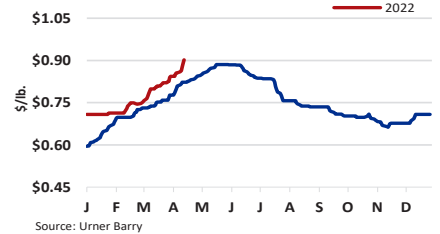
UB Pork Cutout



UB Turkey Index



UB Chicken Index



EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	124	125	126	123	114	22	634
LW	121	125	125	124	120	56	671
*LY	113	117	116	113	113	68	641

EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER

	TW	LW	*LY
TW	475	467	478
LW	477	480	451
*LY	484	483	478

EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER

	TW	LW	*LY
TW	9	8	5
LW	10	7	7
*LY	12	8	7

EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER

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

EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER

	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	4/1	4/2	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	
TW	4/8	4/9	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	
*LY	25	11	25	27	27	28	143

*Last Year's numbers are rounded

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.744	0.748	0.777
Mexico, Peso	19.910	20.108	19.820
Canada, Dollar	1.258	1.257	1.249
Japan, Yen	125.533	123.991	108.232
China, Yuan (RMB)	6.375	6.359	6.511
Brazil, Real	4.724	4.704	5.612
South Korea, Won	1,227.42	1,220.17	1,114.98
Taiwan, Dollar	29.013	28.844	28.148
European Union, Euro	1.085	1.092	1.203

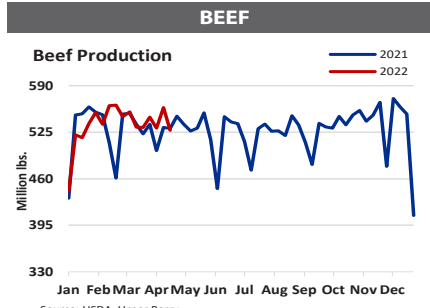
COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(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	2/28/21	1/31/22	2/28/22
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	7,760	5,798	7,688
Hams	92,122	74,775	84,249
Bellies	37,556	44,707	50,139
Loins	45,968	37,636	43,486
Spareribs	93,391	96,114	107,744
Butts	21,687	18,664	23,611
Trimmings	41,149	48,860	54,019
Other Pork in Freezer	67,945	43,822	42,164
Total	483,374	434,415	480,354
Veal in Freezer	8,942	4,401	3,010
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	26,833	21,856	22,224
Total	35,775	26,257	25,234

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-14 v. Apr-08				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	0.50%	-0.90%	-0.97%	0.19%
Chuck	0.43%	-1.71%	-1.11%	-0.43%
Round	-0.26%	0.17%	-0.67%	-0.66%
Loin	2.22%	0.13%	0.18%	2.63%
Brisket	-3.20%	-1.35%	-0.01%	-1.95%
Plate	-0.34%	-0.34%	-0.34%	3.94%
Flank	1.43%	2.98%	1.45%	1.56%
Total	0.66%	-0.50%	-0.49%	0.75%



BEEF COMMENTARY

The boxed beef market saw another week of dull performance as the majority of the primal chopped sideways once again. This didn't come as a surprise to most though as the week leading into and exiting Easter are known for being slower on the business front. The cutout was unable to make any significant moves in either direction but nonetheless did continue to edge out a couple quarters higher on the week. Concerns around inflation and consumer spending habits going into the summer continued to be the bulk of conversation this week.

LIVE CATTLE: Cattle prices overall this week are steady to \$2 higher in the South with the bulk of trade at \$139.00/cwt live. In the North, prices are higher to \$140.00 to \$143.00/cwt live and \$226.00/cwt dressed.

SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION: The weekly federally inspected slaughter was 634,000 head compared to 676,000 head last week. Live weights ended the week at 1384 pounds down 4 pounds on the week. Dressed weights were 834 pounds, down two pounds from last week.

RIBS: Ribs were able to take on some minor premiums this week although mainly around bone in items. Steady volumes continued to trade throughout most of the week on the former but failed to materialize within the boneless items and made for channel ridden trade. Concerns around inflation on the consumer has some participants rethinking their outlook for these items.

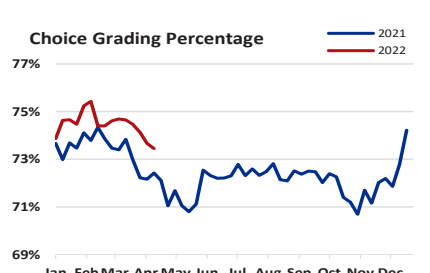
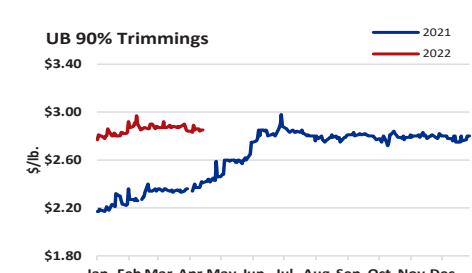
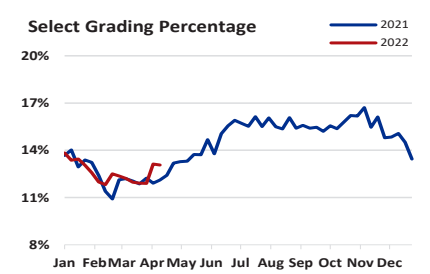
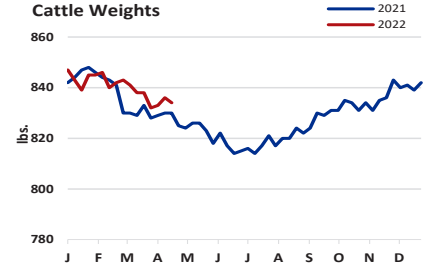
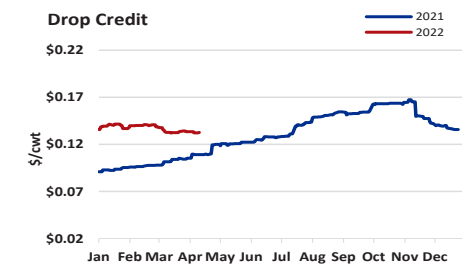
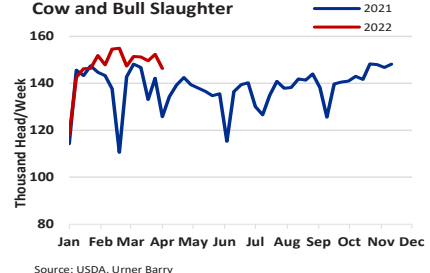
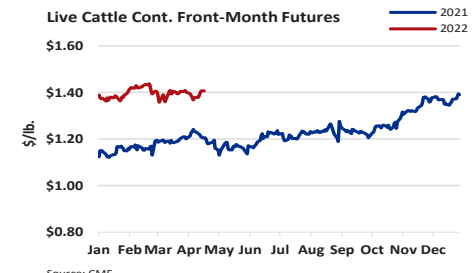
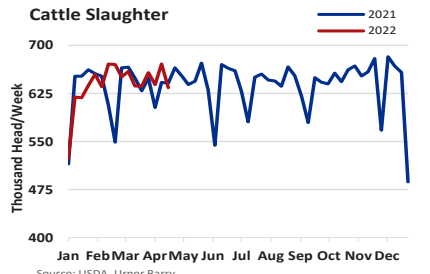
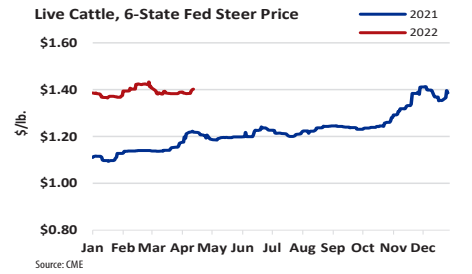
CHUCKS: Factors for change within the chuck complex remained absent this week as most of these items chopped sideways once more. Participants are under the impression rolls have seen the last of discounting and may be trading around a floor. Clods have been stuck in a range for a couple weeks now and they may become more attractive as the need for grinding material may grow in coming weeks.

ROUNDS: Much of last week's commentary could be reiterated for this one as the round complex was largely steady throughout the week. Further trimmed items saw some pressure and took some discounting early off in the week then seemed to find a new trading channel. Eyes once again saw supplies surpass demand levels as these have trended lower just about every week since mid-March.

LOINS: The loin complex continued to find support throughout the week with not much changing in the way of quotations. Short loins once again appeared stuck within a range not able to break north or south just yet as grills seem to still be hidden away for the time being. Top butt undertones were fairly positive on the week as participants believe value steaks may be more dominant in the coming months as inflation worries continued.

GROUND BEEF: As grilling season quickly approaches conversations continued to flip flop back and forth between middle meats and ground beef demand in the coming months. With some participants on the foodservice will pick up steam and ground beef demand will be average and on the flip side others thinking inflation will take its toll on the consumer and prompt a demand for ground beef much higher than we have historically seen in the past.

BONELESS BEEF: Fresh 90s were about steady this week. There were some instances where product was more readily available. Participants continue to keep a close eye on drought conditions in some regions. Fresh 50s were mixed this week. Wider than normal price ranges developed as offerings varied noticeably surrounding the holiday weekend.



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

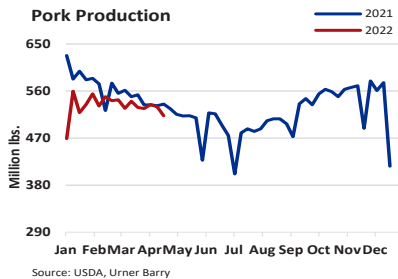
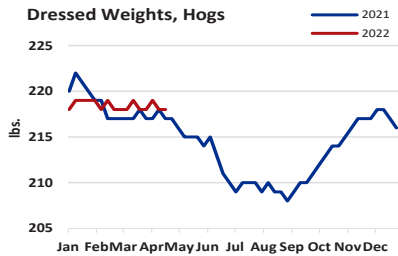
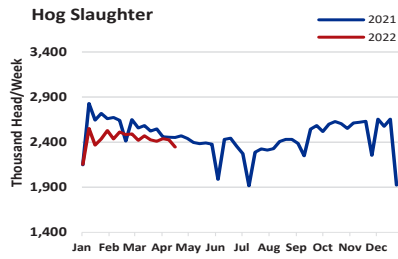
	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	14.32	13.75	15.81	16.46	-
*LW	13.53	12.89	12.67	12.56	13.36

*Last Week's numbers are rounded

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

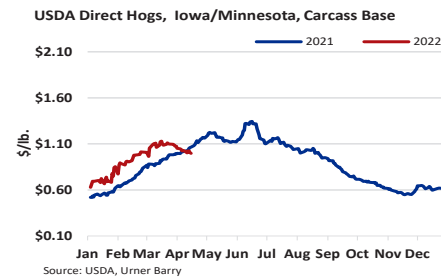
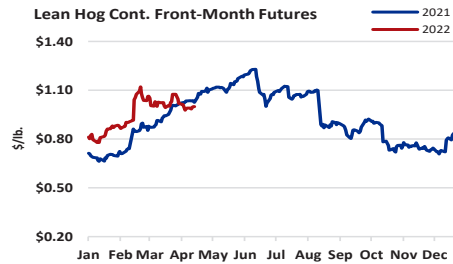
	Last week	This week
Trim	40.29	58.67
Grind	53.01	65.65
SE	74.06	96.13
CH	346.23	306.40

PORK PRODUCTION



LIVE HOGS & CUTOOT

PORK CUTOOT	Apr-07	Apr-14	Change
Loin	100.300	102.750	2.450
Butt	113.190	109.100	-4.090
Picnic	67.660	68.850	1.190
Sparerib	191.030	198.750	7.720
Ham	76.250	80.040	3.790
Belly	183.240	183.000	-0.240
Cutout Value	105.049	106.722	1.673



PORK COMMENTARY

Last week, pre-holiday two-tiered markets, mixed export demand, transportation delays at the Texas-Mexico border due to lengthy inspections and in Canada due to snowstorms, and supportive seasonal factors as we head into spring influenced pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout increased by 1.59 percent during the week. Estimates of margins for outside purchasers of hogs on Thursday were -\$8.71/head while margins for vertically integrated packers were estimated at \$35.44/head.

PORK PRODUCTION: Pork production for the week ending 4/15/22 was estimated to be 512.7 million pounds. This was a 3.2 percent decrease from last week and a 3.6 percent decline from a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 293 pounds for the week, even with last week and 2 pounds heavier than a year ago.

GREEN MEATS: In the green meat complex, bone-in hams, bellies, and trimmings were full steady while boneless hams were under pressure last week. Bone-in hams saw strong export demand from Mexico as a substitute for turkey amid the ongoing HPAI situation which has resulted in a tight supply of poultry cuts. Boneless ham product was softer as demand remained sluggish, though participants did note that we are entering a favorable seasonal time for cold cut demand. Bellies saw support on the reduced hog slaughter and improved food service demand. Trim was stronger on increased seasonal demand as we head into spring. Early in the week two-tiered markets ahead of Easter kept a cap on some items, such as 42s, but we saw that wither away as the week went on.

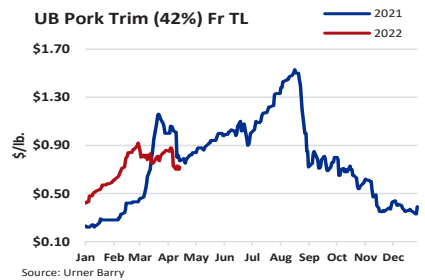
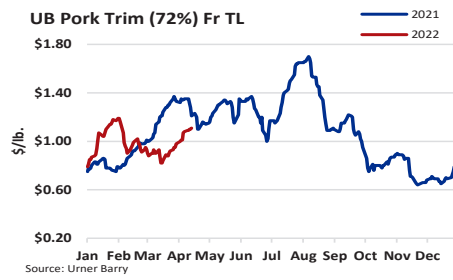
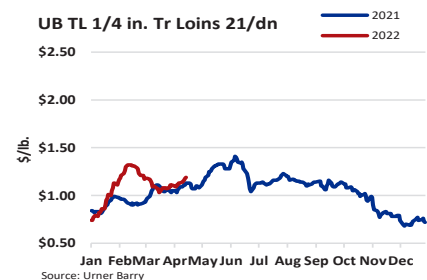
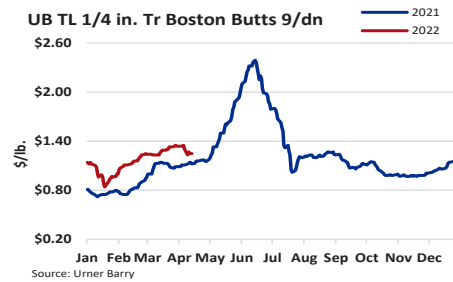
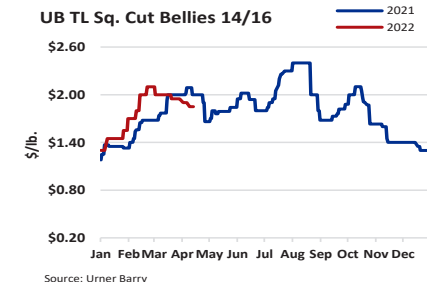
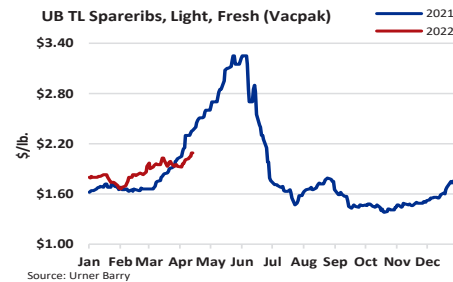
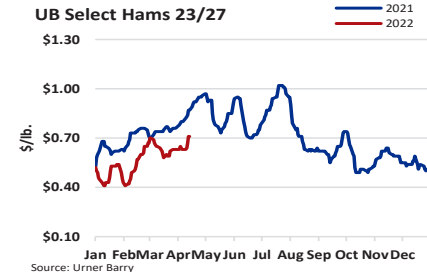
HAMS: Bone-in ham values closed \$5.50/cwt to \$7.50/cwt stronger, while boneless cuts were \$2.50/cwt to \$5.00/cwt lower.

BELLIES: Skinless bellies were \$7.50/cwt to \$20.00/cwt firmer.

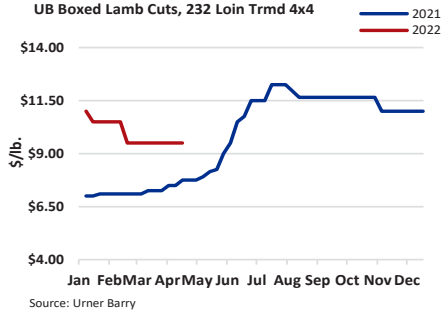
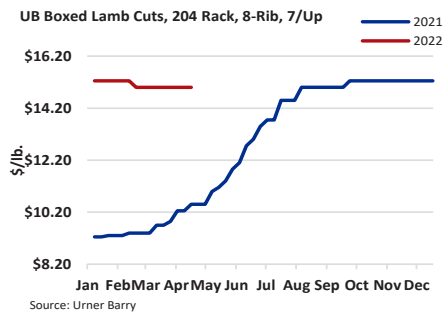
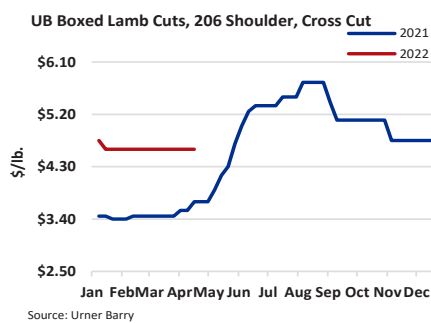
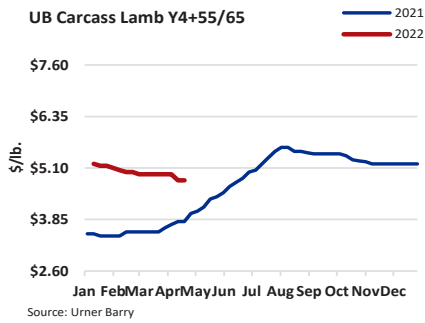
TRIMMINGS: 42s were \$1.00/cwt higher and 72s were \$2.00/cwt stronger. Meanwhile, boneless picnics were \$1.50/cwt higher.

RETAIL: 1/4" bone-in loins were \$4.50/cwt higher while 1/8" loins were \$2.50/cwt stronger. Boneless strap-on loins were \$1.00/cwt lower and boneless strap-off loins were \$4.50/cwt weaker. Bone-in sirloins were \$2.00/cwt higher while boneless sirloins were \$1.00/cwt stronger. Tenderloins were \$5.00/cwt lower for the week. 1/4" bone-in butts were \$2.50/cwt stronger and boneless butts were \$6.00/cwt firmer. Light and medium spareribs were both increased by \$7.00/cwt.

PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS

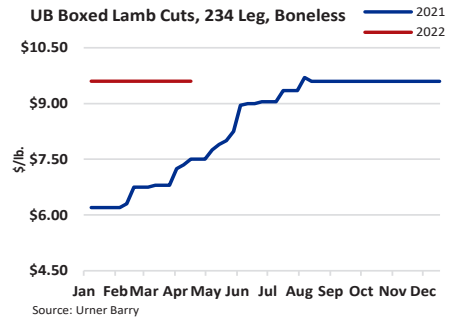


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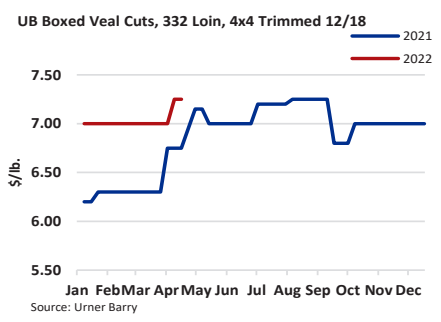
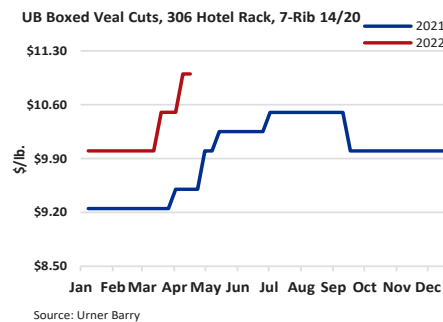
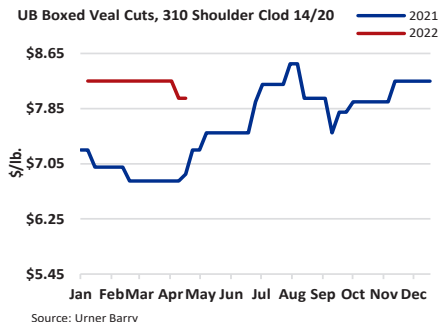
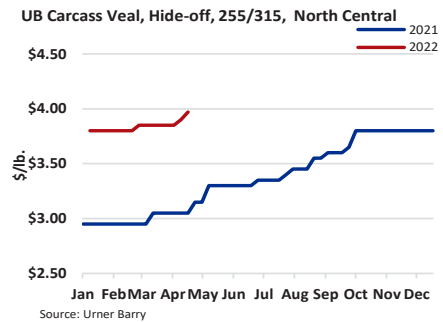


LAMB COMMENTARY

Lamb carcasses and domestic boxed cuts were largely unchanged and remained steady with last week's closing quotations. Ahead of Easter, most price action observed was within recently established ranges. Demand was rated active as lamb is a holiday favorite. The most recent USDA Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection report, weekly sheep slaughter was at 36,000 head, which was even with the prior week and roughly 12.2% lower than the equivalent week last year.

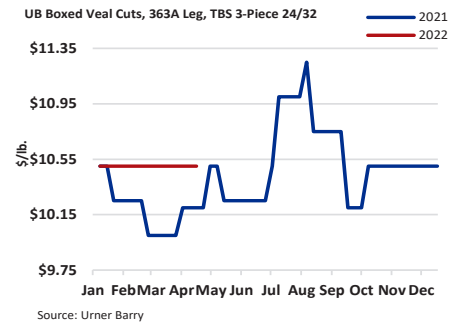


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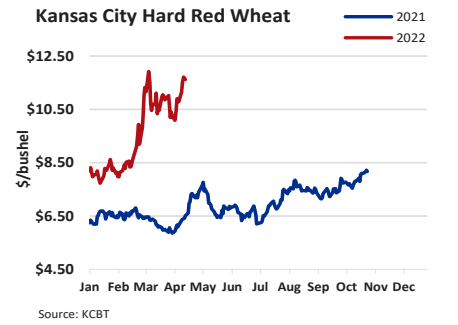
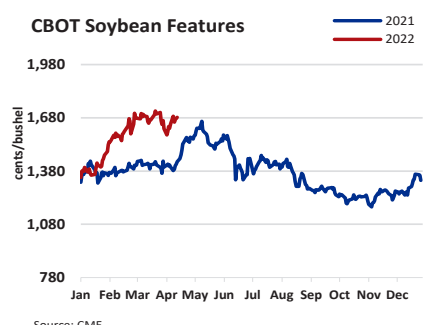
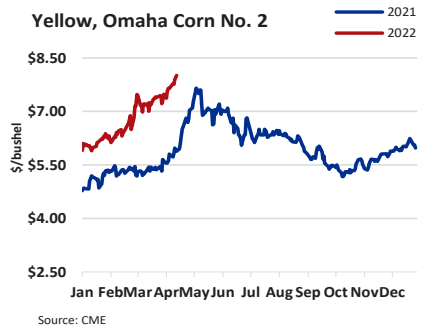


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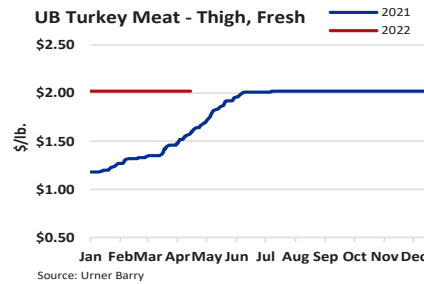
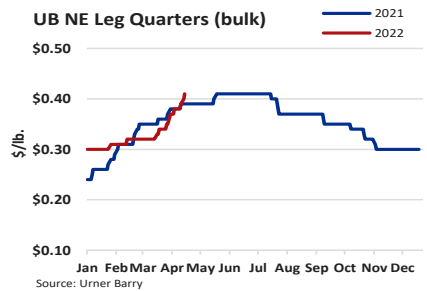
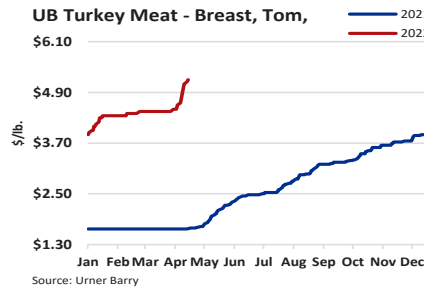
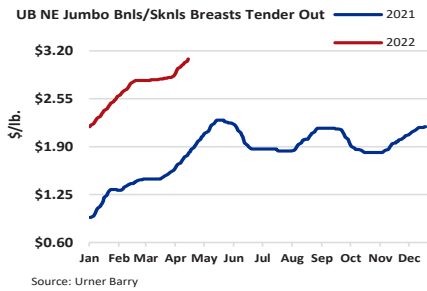
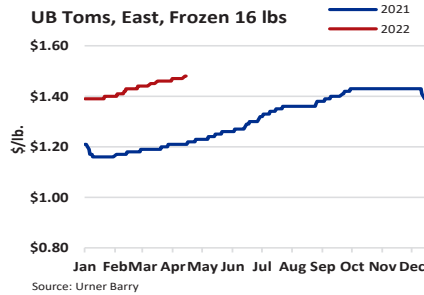
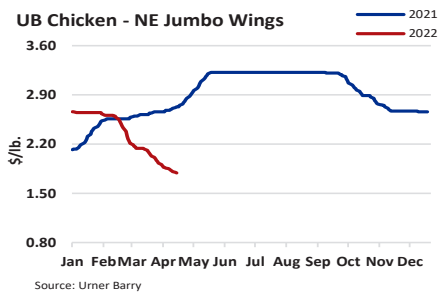
Veal carcasses were full steady to firm this week. Boxed veal cuts were mostly steady. Racks, chucks, and legs saw their price ranges tighten up. The most recent veal cold storage stocks showed 3,010,000 pounds in the freezer which was roughly 31.6% lower than the previous month, and roughly a 67.2% decline from January 1, 2022.



FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



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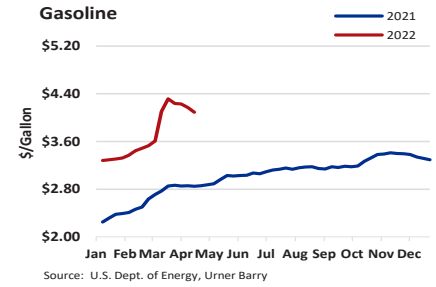
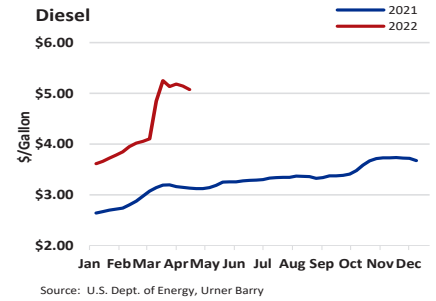
POULTRY COMMENTARY

The tight supply of most lines within the chicken complex continued over the past week. Whole chickens and WOGs, as well as breasts and front halves, remained limited in availability and only inked if premium level values were in play. The same can be said for boneless breasts, tenders, chunk, and trim meats. Jumbo wings continued to be somewhat sluggish in attracting buyer interest. The back half was much the same as its front half counterparts, with minimally available offerings being sold at up money. Thighs and thigh meat were pursued with the most aggression domestically, while legs and leg quarters were consistently reported at higher levels via export channels.

Whole turkeys, as well as consumer and institutional-sized breasts, remained mostly

unavailable as a combination of future inventory uncertainty and deboning left extraordinarily little for buyers. Frozen drums, tails, two joints, and gizzards all remain easily found on the domestic spot market as HPAI export bans limit processors selling channels. Fresh drums and necks remained mostly steady. In raw materials, all breast meat moved sharply higher as flock loss associated with disease and an uptick in deli-related buying caused supplies to be well short of industry needs. Tenderloins, scapula, and breast term fall in a similar category. MST demand is likewise stout as seasonal buyers make the rounds.

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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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