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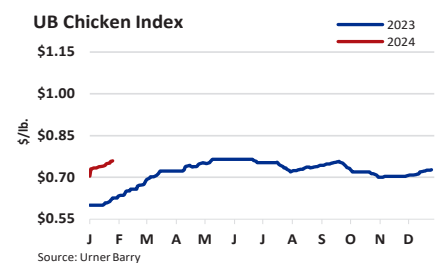
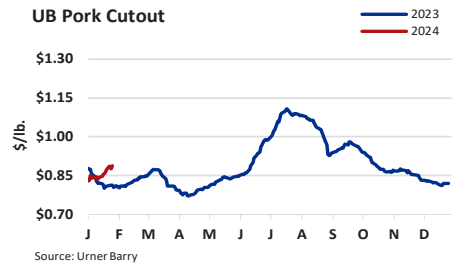
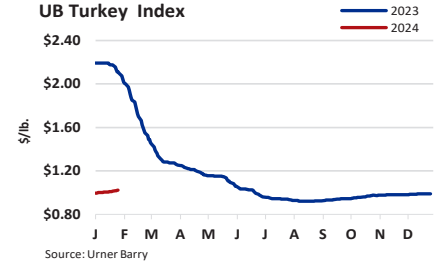
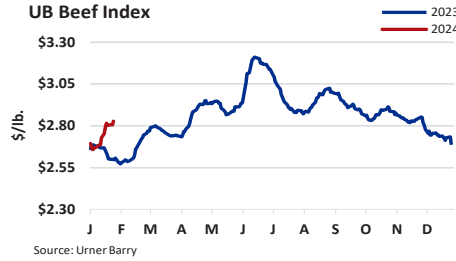
## WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	4.66	4.61	7.25
CBOT Soybean	1,209.25	1,213.25	1,509.50
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	78.01	73.41	79.68
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.55	0.55	0.90
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	0.55	0.55	0.740
Beef Trimnings, 90% Fresh	299.00	294.50	256.00
Beef Trimnings, 50% Fresh	103.00	99.00	110.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	251.00	247.00	236.00
USDA Drop Credit	0.116	0.117	0.137
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	993.00	993.00	1,000.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	465.00	450.00	365.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	315.00	315.00	279.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	775.00	745.00	800.00
136 Coarse Ground 81%	300.00	285.00	240.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,425.00	1,458.00	1,550.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	173.37	173.93	156.77
Select Hams 20/23	71.00	79.00	77.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	147.00	121.00	100.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	105.00	107.00	105.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	108.00	114.00	106.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	144.00	140.00	132.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	47.00	46.00	63.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	93.00	83.00	86.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	4.36	4.36	0.00
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	11.50	11.50	12.20
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	3.95	3.95	4.00
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	7.05	7.05	8.25
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	7.60	7.60	7.00
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	4.50	4.50	4.35
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	10.50	10.50	12.50
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	7.75	7.50	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

Quotes represent the high side of Friday's trading range

## RIEMANN CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS

	1/26	1/19	1/12
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	2.49	2.43	2.40
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	297.80	293.06	279.75



## EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	115	125	126	126	121	5	618
LW	112	111	118	121	121	34	617
*LY	123	126	127	124	122	31	653

## EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	483	479	493	480	490	294	2,719
LW	378	454	489	484	477	348	2,630
*LY	494	493	488	488	491	93	2,546

## EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	10	9	8	5	3	0	35
LW	4	7	8	9	5	0	33
*LY	9	8	6	5	4	0	32

## EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
LW	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
*LY	1	2	1	1	2	0	7

## EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER

	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	1/12	1/13	1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18	Total
	26	4	23	24	23	26	126
TW	1/19	1/20	1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25	Total
	25	4	24	26	27	27	133
*LY	29	13	27	29	29	28	155

\*Last Year's numbers are rounded

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

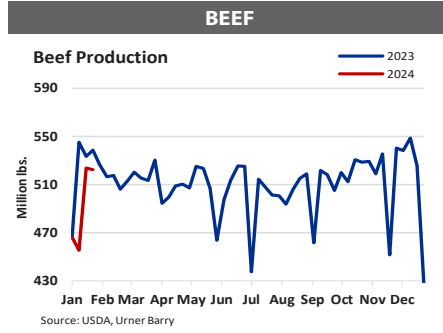
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.658	0.656	0.712
Mexico, Peso	17.228	17.191	18.720
Canada, Dollar	1.351	1.350	1.332
Japan, Yen	147.656	148.023	129.667
China, Yuan (RMB)	7.089	7.123	6.782
Brazil, Real	4.928	4.935	5.066
South Korea, Won	1,336.11	1,339.89	1,232.19
Taiwan, Dollar	31.315	31.554	30.233
European Union, Euro	1.087	1.088	1.087

## COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(Pounds in Thousands)	12/31/23	11/30/23	12/31/22
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	441,586	417,122	498,225
Beef Cuts	43,541	40,289	45,730
<b>Total Beef</b>	<b>485,127</b>	<b>457,411</b>	<b>543,955</b>
<b>PORK &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>12/31/23</b>	<b>11/30/23</b>	<b>12/31/22</b>
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	6,219	7,309	5,734
Hams	55,003	57,290	53,414
Bellies	56,017	48,323	63,015
Loins	42,401	40,509	36,325
Spareribs	80,508	76,106	112,495
Butts	17,742	18,812	20,226
Trimnings	17,742	18,812	53,075
Other Pork in Freezer	51,856	51,549	46,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>427,300</b>	<b>415,662</b>	<b>456,379</b>
Veal in Freezer	958	890	1,389
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	26,505	22,430	26,505
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,333</b>	<b>23,320</b>	<b>27,894</b>

Data Updated: January 24, 2024

UB BEEF CUTOUT Jan-26 v. Jan-19				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	0.02%	0.30%	-2.22%	-0.20%
Chuck	1.70%	1.28%	-0.45%	6.83%
Round	0.63%	0.16%	0.68%	11.75%
Loin	0.76%	1.78%	4.40%	-0.37%
Brisket	-5.94%	-3.61%	0.12%	-0.87%
Plate	1.35%	1.35%	1.35%	4.71%
Flank	0.66%	0.68%	0.68%	3.77%
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	<b>0.87%</b>	<b>3.67%</b>



**BEEF COMMENTARY**

The boxed beef market was fairly unsettled this week as buyers took great focus on forward looking production forecasts. This seemed to have curtailed the significant uplift experienced in weeks prior as the panic buying subsided. Sellers although were able to push prices higher in a few areas as supplies were largely irregular within the market. One common theme was the lack of select and no-roll product which began to contract premium spreads between grades, most notably within middle meats. Cheaper items such as roasting items and grinds continued to be met with active brisk buying levels as retailers looked to put price competitive beef on the shelves.

**LIVE CATTLE:** Live trade was between \$174.00/cwt and \$177.00/cwt and dressed trade was generally at \$277.00/cwt; both higher than the week prior.

**SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION:** The weekly federally inspected slaughter for the week was 618,000 head, compared to 617,000 in the week prior. Dressed weights moved four pounds lower to 847 pounds. Live cattle weights also moved two pounds lower to 1406 pounds.

**RIBS:** Ribs showcased further weakness as the week wore on, but sellers were able to stop any major corrections due to supplies being relatively matched with the level of demand seen. With the Easter holiday not too far along the horizon, procurement efforts have begun to surface, providing a layer of support for boneless ribs in particular. With an added focus on cheaper alternatives to choice, combined with barely adequate supplies, select and no-roll items within the category made in-roads narrowing spreads.

**CHUCKS:** Chucks were relatively muted on the week as buyers remained wary of stepping in for any large positions given the resumption of normalized production. Chuck rolls were the lone item to stand out during the week as supplies remained tight and buyer interest remained relatively strong, ultimately pushing prices up towards the latter half of the week. The rest of the category was able to hold steady as buyers took the dominate approach of hand-to-mouth purchasing.

**ROUNDS:** The upward momentum within the round complex was subdued this week as it appeared buyers were able to get their immediate needs bought. This gave them some breathing room to take a hand-to-mouth approach throughout the week which typically left the majority of quotations unchanged. There still seemed to be a need for grinding material which keep trade relatively flat within the category. Trading ranges although did begin to tighten towards the higher end of our ranges for eye rounds. Peeled knuckles saw a touch of weakness this week, although not too much of a surprise given the steep rise in prices coming into the New Year.

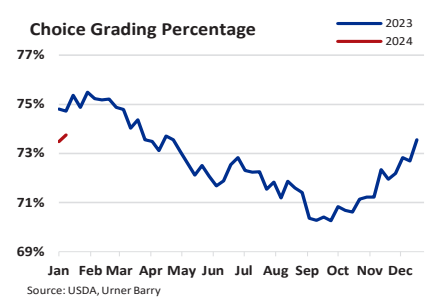
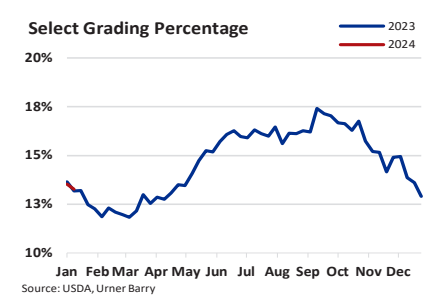
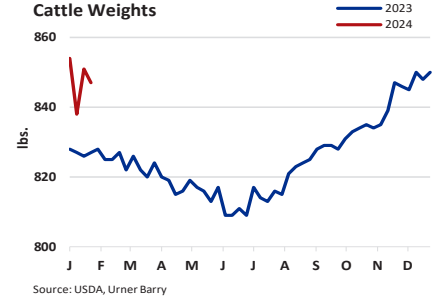
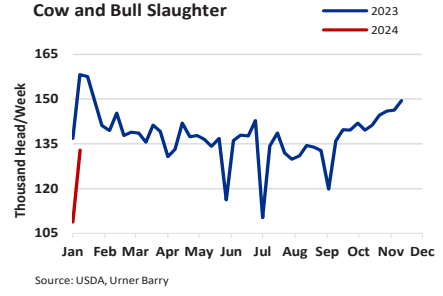
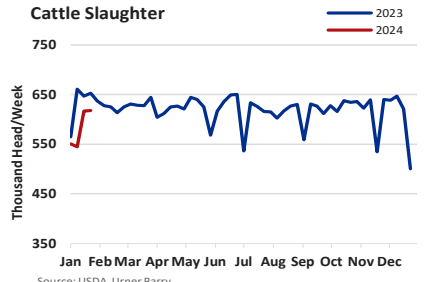
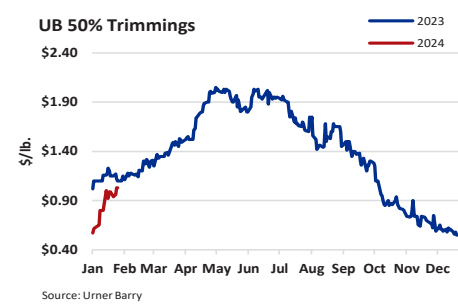
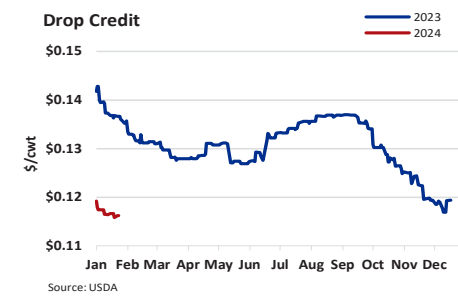
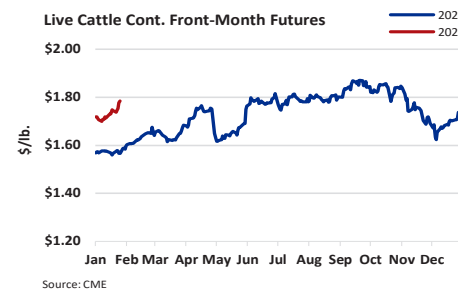
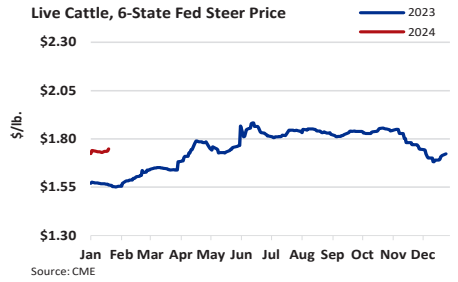
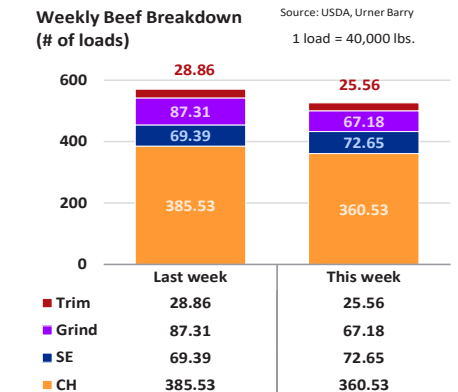
**LOINS:** The loin saw similar sentiment to the week prior, with focus elsewhere, price adjustments were minimal at best this week. Due to the shortened and unexpected slaughter levels, sellers were able to negotiate higher prices for 0x1 strips across quality grades. Tenderloins also came under a touch of downward pressure as sellers had to discount product incrementally to clean up inventories.

**GROUND BEEF:** Grinds saw further upward momentum as brisk buying patterns coupled with short supplies gave sellers the leverage to negotiate higher prices. 73% and 81% coarse grinds were the largest beneficiaries as multiple segments of the market competed for product. With the Super Bowl along the horizon, retailers and grinders alike are seen with the most aggressive needs.

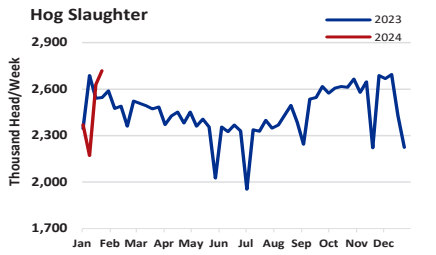
**BONELESS BEEF:** Much of this week's tone echoed the previous weeks' sentiments. Cows remain in short supply, leaving users of lean meat scrambling to secure product. This predicament has placed many packers and processors alike in a challenging position for their respective operations, forcing them to either curtail production hours or procure alternative products. All factors considered, the boneless beef market maintained a relatively bullish stance throughout the week, with both 50s and 90s pricing continuing their upward ascent.

UB BEEF CUTOUT-CH/SE SPREAD (\$/cwt)					
	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	15.75	15.52	15.41	14.11	13.93
*LW	18.21	15.39	15.93	16.22	14.49

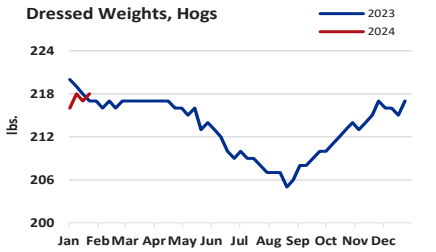
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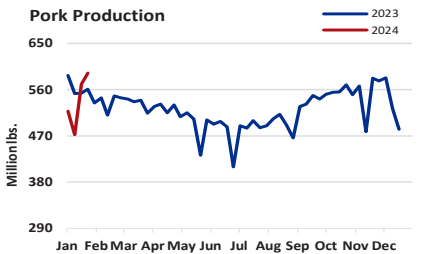
**PORK PRODUCTION**



Source: USDA, Urner Barry



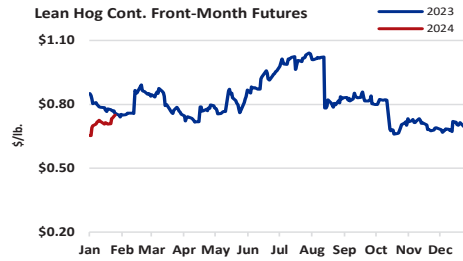
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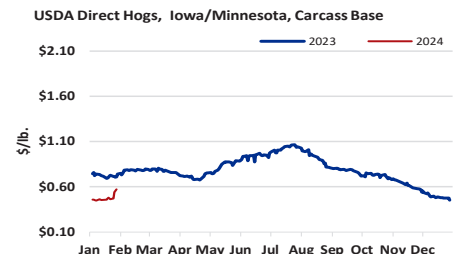
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**LIVE HOGS & CUTOUT**

PORK CUTOUT	Jan-19	Jan-26	Change
Loin	84.050	85.470	1.420
Butt	97.680	93.910	-3.770
Picnic	69.730	70.120	0.390
Sparerib	131.610	134.060	2.450
Ham	74.920	69.320	-5.600
Belly	115.570	139.850	24.280
<b>Cutout Value</b>	<b>86.072</b>	<b>88.825</b>	<b>2.753</b>



Source: CME



Source: USDA, Urner Barry

**PORK COMMENTARY**

In the pork market this week, increased slaughter levels, heavier hogs available, and lingering effects of a storm market in the past weeks impacted pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout increased by 3.2 percent during the week. Estimates of margins for outside purchasers of hogs for Thursday were \$66.67/head, while margins for vertically integrated packers were estimated at -\$0.57/head.

**PORK PRODUCTION:** Pork production for the week ending 1/27/2024 was estimated to be 592.3 million pounds. This would be 3.7 percent higher than last week and 7.1 percent higher than the same week a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 293 pounds for the week, which was 1 pound heavier compared to last week, and 1 pound heavier this same week a year ago.

**GREEN MEATS:** In the green meat complex, bone-in hams were barely steady, as supply levels began to outweigh current demand from both domestic and export channels. Boneless hams were slightly softer, as interest at the retail level for deli meats continued to be lackluster at the consumer level. Bellies continued to be fully steady, with minimal supplies traded on the spot market and mixed buying interest leading to the freezers. In the trim category, 42s were mostly steady. Tight availability for both fresh and frozen 72s experienced supportive price levels, while boneless picnics were slightly softer.

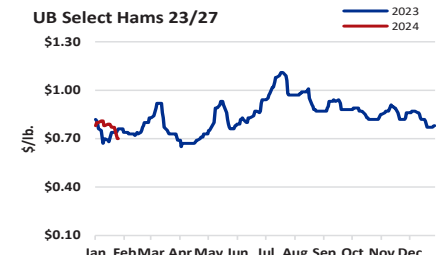
**HAMS:** Bone-in hams were \$8.00/cwt weaker, while boneless cuts were \$5.00/cwt to \$8.00/cwt softer.

**BELLIES:** Heavy skinless bellies were \$29.50/cwt firmer, while light bellies were \$30.00/cwt stronger.

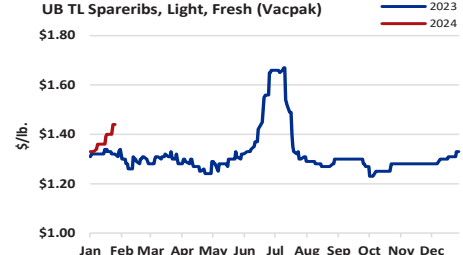
**TRIMMINGS:** 42s were \$2.00/cwt firmer, 72s were \$9.00/cwt higher, while boneless picnics were \$2.50/cwt weaker.

**RETAIL:** 1/4" bone-in loins were \$1.50/cwt weaker, while 1/8" bone-in loins were \$0.50/cwt softer. Boneless strap-ons were \$2.50/cwt firmer, while strap-offs were steady. Bone-in sirloins were sideways, while boneless sirloins were \$2.00/cwt weaker. Tenderloins were steady. 1/4" bone-in butts were \$5.50/cwt weaker, while boneless butts were \$4.00/cwt weaker. Light spareribs were \$4.00/cwt firmer, while medium spareribs were \$2.00/cwt firmer.

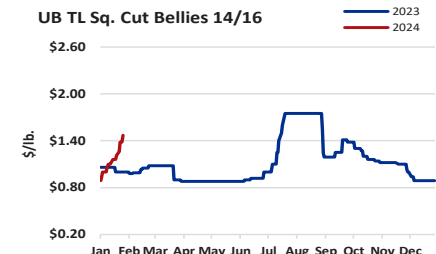
**PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS**



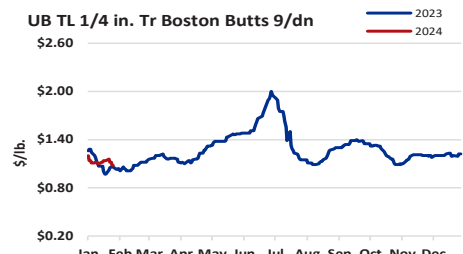
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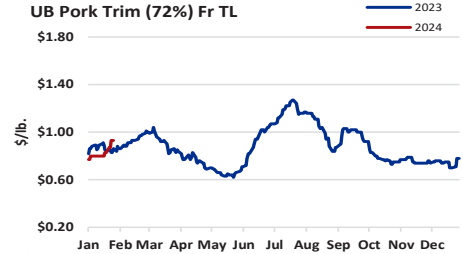
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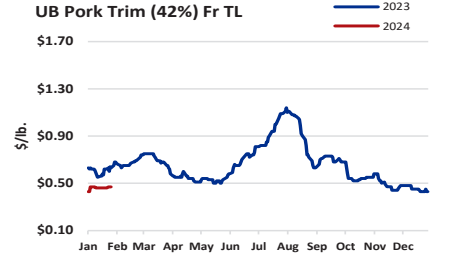
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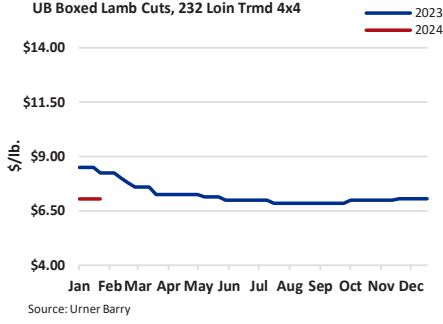
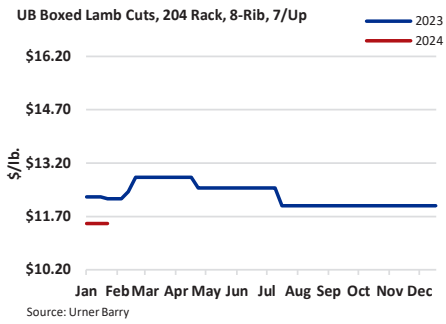
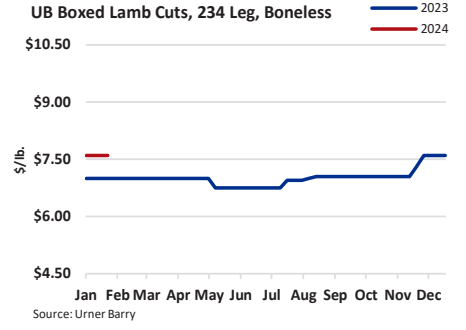
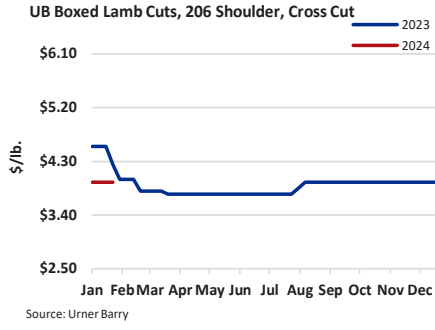
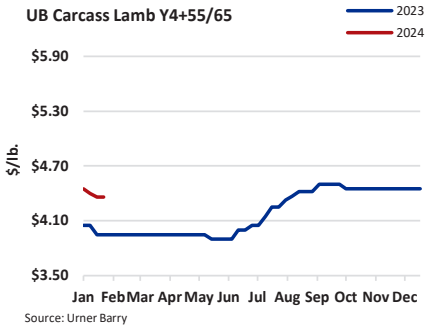


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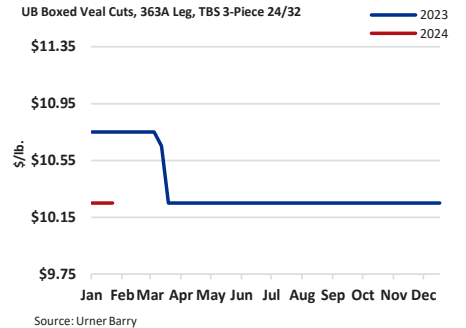
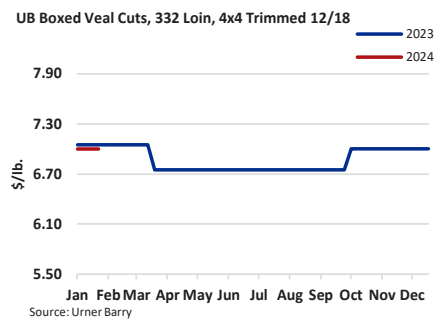
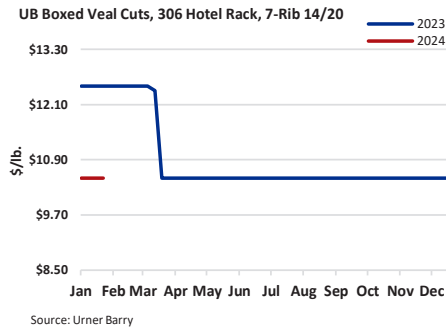
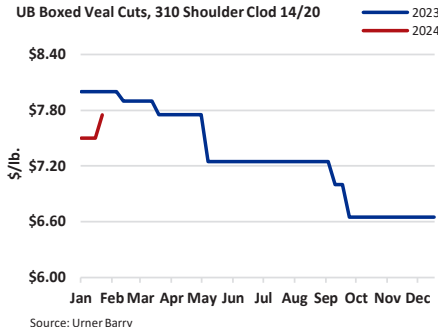
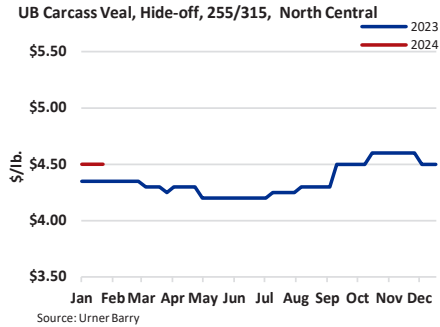


LAMB & VEAL COMMENTARY

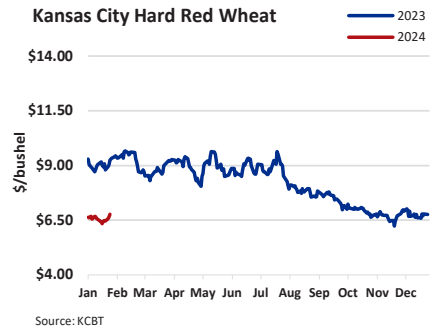
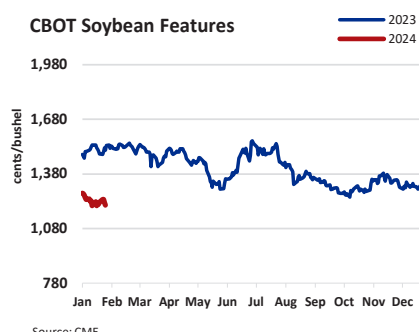
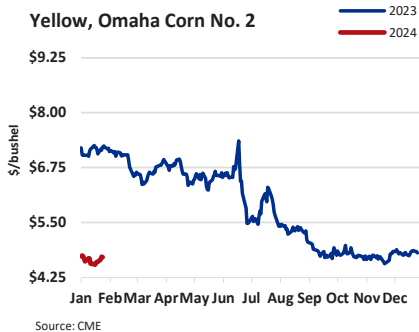
In the veal market this week, trading activity exhibited a sideways trend for carcasses. Boxed cuts such as racks and legs (butt tenderloins) experienced softer pricing. Conversely, single legs and shoulder clod witnessed higher prices, leaning towards the upper end of the spectrum. The latest USDA Carlot Veal Carcass report indicates that the fed veal slaughter for the week ending January 20, 2024, amounted to a total of 1,921 head. This figure represents a decrease of 0.6% compared to the previous week. Additionally, weights saw a slight increase, rising by 0.5 pounds from the week prior.

In the domestic lamb market this week, pricing for both cuts and carcasses remained mostly steady. According to the most recent USDA report (5-Day Rolling Average Boxed Lamb Cuts - Negotiated Sales), the traded volume of fresh product amounted to 342,478 pounds, a decrease of 14.9% compared to the previous week. The transaction volume of frozen product totaled 70,061 pounds, witnessing a significant 36.1% reduction.

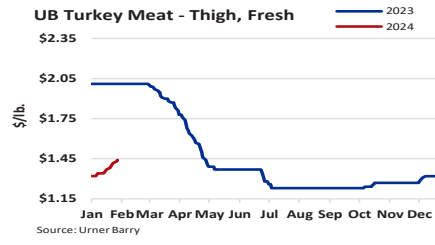
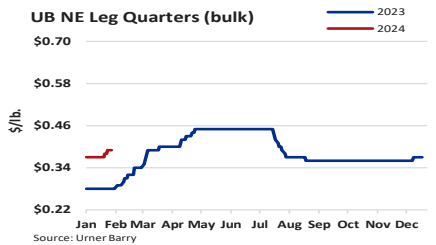
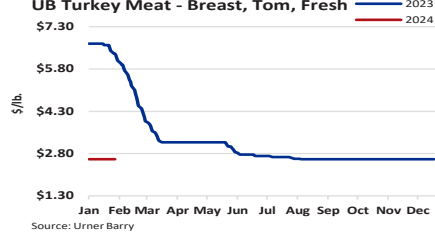
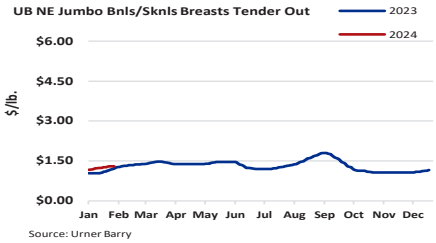
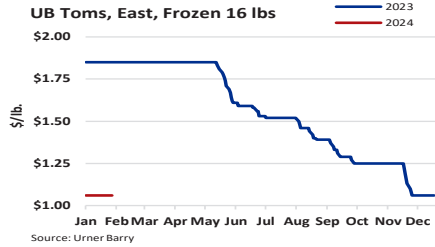
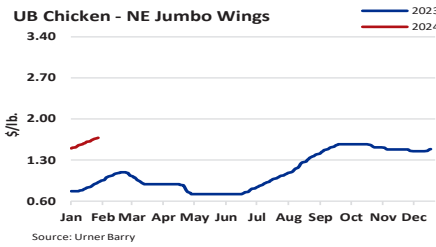
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FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



**POULTRY**



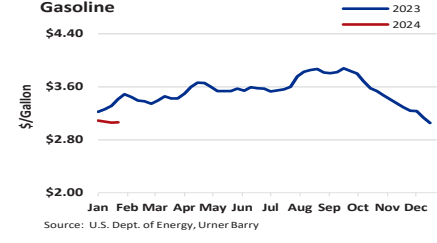
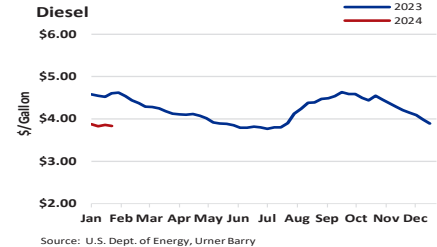
**POULTRY COMMENTARY**

Availability of the 20 and 22-head WOGs remained fully adequate for the industry call. Ask prices hovered at or slightly below our listed quotations. As for boneless, premium level sales slowed throughout the week and gave way to a steadier scenario. Tenders, as well as chunk and trim meats, were tight overall. Wings, particularly cut, remained short of demand with ongoing unfulfilled demand noted. Moving to the back half, sellers of fresh and frozen legs and leg quarters held limited offerings with a confident grasp. Export leg quarters in particular shifted higher this week. Thigh and leg meats were actively pursued at full market or higher levels. All the above lines remained in a full steady position pending additional market feedback.

Bagged toms and hens were steady overall. Consumer and institutional-sized breasts were uneventful with spot availability adequate in keeping up with the current draw. Fresh and frozen whole wings were sought after with enthusiasm. When limited volumes did hit the street, sellers weren't shy about asking and receiving a modest premium. The same could be said for two-joint wings which deserved an at

least steady rating this week. Drums maintained a balanced undertone. Some marketers took a more bullish approach to spot negotiations than others. Demand centered around fresh and frozen breast meat was seasonal overall. Fresh tenderloins were held by sellers with a firm grasp. Fresh and frozen thigh meat demand continues to be robust. Supplies are mostly short of needs. A similar scenario carried into the MST complex which opened under a full steady rating.

**ENERGY**



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