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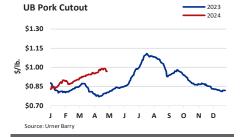
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WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE				
	This Week	Last Week		
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	UNQ	4.56	6.38	
CBOT Soybean	1,159.50	1,150.50	1,444.25	
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	UNQ	83.14	76.78	
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.41	0.41	0.82	
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	0.55	0.55	0.690	
Beef Trimmings, 90% Fresh	349.00	349.00	282.00	
Beef Trimmings, 50% Fresh	82.00	94.00	199.00	
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	293.00	294.00	264.00	
USDA Drop Credit	0.114	0.116	0.131	
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	925.00	930.00	1,045.00	
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	365.00	374.00	400.00	
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	314.00	325.00	320.00	
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	935.00	950.00	843.00	
136 Coarse Ground 81%	299.00	280.00	291.00	
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PSMO CH	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,670.00	
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	182.71	183.49	178.16	
Select Hams 20/23	84.00	88.00	74.00	
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	120.00	130.00	88.00	
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	130.00	124.00	99.00	
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	149.00	145.00	132.00	
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	183.00	184.00	124.00	
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	73.00	77.00	51.00	
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	102.00	106.00	69.00	
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	4.48	4.48	0.00	
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	11.50	11.50	12.50	
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	3.85	3.85	3.75	
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	7.15	7.15	7.25	
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	7.90	7.90	7.00	
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	4.55	4.55	4.30	
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	11.00	11.00	10.50	
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	7.75	7.75	7.75	
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	7.15	7.15	6.75	
Veal Cuts, 363A Leg, TBS 3-Pc 24/32	10.25	10.25	10.25	

Quotes represent the high side of Friday's trading range

RIEMANN CONTRACT SETTLEMENTS				
	4/26	4/19	4/12	
Weekly Imported Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC 7:45	2.92	2.94	2.93	
Weekly Weighted Average Blended Boxed Beef Cutout Index	295.51	296.07	299.72	





EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER							
	М	Т	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	113	125	125	125	113	12	613
LW	121	124	124	118	113	20	620
*LY	12	125	127	123	123	106	617
	ES	T. D	AILY	HOG	SLAU	GHTE	R
TW	482	486	483	485	439	4	2,379
LW	482	486	486	486	480	67	2,487
*LY	85	467	468	472	476	450	2,418
	ES.	Γ. DA	ILY S	HEEP	SLA	JGHT	ER
TW	10	7	7	7	3	0	34
LW	11	7	7	7	4	0	36
*LY	0	9	7	6	6	4	33
	EST	. DA	ILY C	ALVE:	S SLA	UGH	ΓER
TW	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
LW	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
*LY	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
	EST. D	AILY	COV	V & B∖	JLL S	LAUG	HTER
	F	S	М	Т	W	TH	
LW	4/12	4/13	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/18	Total
LVV	24	2	24	27	25	25	127
TW	4/19	4/20	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	Total

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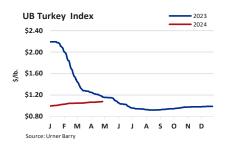
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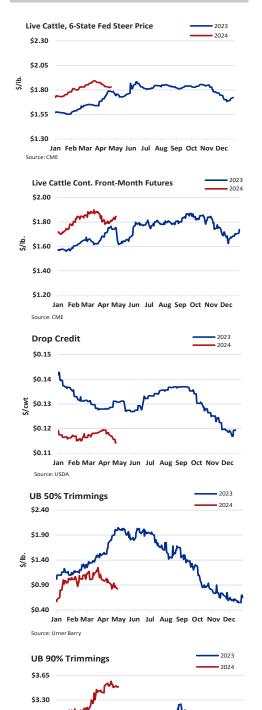
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year		
Australia, Dollar	0.651	0.644	0.661		
Mexico, Peso	17.136	17.014	17.988		
Canada, Dollar	1.368	1.376	1.355		
Japan, Yen	155.561	154.440	136.240		
China, Yuan (RMB)	7.244	7.238	6.911		
Brazil, Real	5.155	5.242	4.986		
South Korea, Won	1,374.61	1,376.97	1,337.76		
Taiwan, Dollar	32.588	32.423	30.735		
European Union, Euro	1.072	1.066	1.101		
COLD STORAGE STOCKS					

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(Pounds in Thousands)	3/31/24	2/29/24	3/31/23			
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	395,717	407,393	432,578			
Beef Cuts	36,505	39,963	45,228			
Total Beef	432,222	447,356	477,806			
PORK & OTHER	3/31/24	2/29/24	3/31/23			
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	4,922	5,017	11,082			
Hams	69,151	69,473	84,554			
Bellies	75,131	63,745	76,986			
Loins	40,037	42,016	43,328			
Spareribs	91,219	88,373	111,876			
Butts	18,490	21,364	23,261			
Trimmings	46,667	46,780	55,618			
Other Pork in Freezer	48,734	49,207	58,088			
Total	464,205	457,662	533,893			
. Veal in Freezer	551	796	1,643			
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	22,413	19,973	25,772			
Total	22,964	20,769	27,415			

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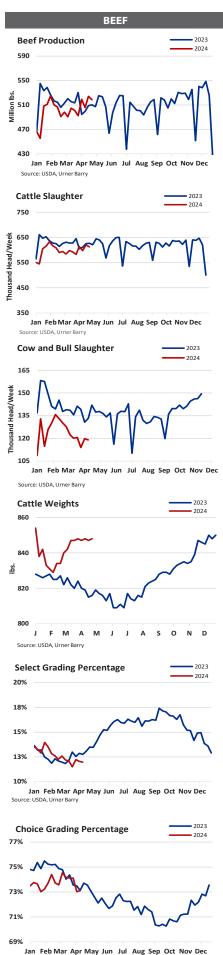
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UB BEEF CUTOUT Apr-26 v. Apr-19					
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	САВ	
Rib	-1.31%	-1.05%	-0.20%	-2.58%	
Chuck	0.13%	-4.21%	-4.41%	0.01%	
Round	-1.79%	-1.49%	-1.56%	-0.06%	
Loin	-0.39%	-0.16%	0.15%	-1.01%	
Brisket	-0.30%	-0.30%	-0.31%	-5.04%	
Plate	-1.08%	-1.08%	-1.08%	0.05%	
Flank	-1.31%	-1.32%	-1.33%	-1.14%	
Total	-0.72%	-1.68%	-1.59%	-0.95%	



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BEEF COMMENTARY

The boxed beef market was relatively steady throughout the week as caution was heeded across the majority of key lines. While we did see some spring procurement begin, it typically ended with lower values in most cases. Buying strategies were largely unchanged with the exception of retailers who were reported to be a bit more active in the forward periods. With weather beginning to turn a corner for the better, optimism began to show its face after a long winter, leading some areas of the market to turn a bit bullish. With that said, middle meats continued to face some downward pressure as did end cuts as buyers felt leverage to be on their side.

LIVE CATTLE: Cash cattle prices this week were steady in the South at \$182.00/cwt (full range \$180.00 - \$182.00/cwt live). Prices in the North were \$1.00 to \$2.00/cwt higher from \$184.00 - \$186.00/cwt live, with a few up to \$187.00/cwt (full range \$182.00 - \$187.00/cwt live). Dressed purchases traded \$1.00 - \$3.00/cwt higher from \$294.00 - \$295.00/cwt (full range \$290.00 - \$303.00/cwt)

SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION: The weekly federally inspected slaughter for the week was 613,000 head, compared to 620,000 in the week prior. Live cattle weights were unchanged from last week at 1399 pounds. Dressed weights ticked up one pound to 848 pounds.

RIBS: Ribs held fairly steady during the week. While a softer bias persisted, price adjustments were minimal throughout the trading sessions. The bulk of discounting was seen around select ribs as buyers felt little obligation to pay asking prices given choice pricing trends. Choice boneless ribeyes came under a touch of downward pressure but it seemed the market was really zeroing in on fair value. Both boneless and bone-in choice ribs were unable to move off their 52-week lows.

CHUCKS: The chuck complex largely remained locked in a channel throughout the week. Shoulder clods, top blades and clod tenders were stubbornly steady. Chuck rolls continued to move lower as interest has slowly faded into spring along with lackluster international buying. Premium spreads between quality grades remained non-existent as grading continued to come in well above expectations.

ROUNDS: Rounds saw similar trends as the chuck unfold, trading ranges typically tightened as both sides of the aisle lost interest in pushing their views on one another. Peeled knuckles and inside rounds inched lower as the week wore on and spot interest slowly faded. Outside rounds saw trading ranges tighten to the top side of quotations, once again, zeroing in on fair value.

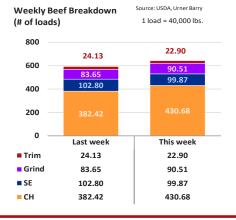
LOINS: Loins were modestly unsettled; short loins were able to push higher behind retail and distribution demand. Ox1 Strips on the other hand, saw trading ranges tighten towards the bottom side of our quotations but still remained well above price points of last year by nearly 14%. Top Butts along with tenderloins traded within a channel.

GROUND BEEF: Coarse grinds were relatively tame on the week in regard to price action. 73% and 81% coarse grinds were able to push higher as the spring season appears to finally be upon us and these remain a value within the market. Primal sourced grinds remained locked in a range.

BONELESS BEEF: Downward pressure was a common theme in the domestic boneless beef market this week. Lackluster demand seemed to be frequent topic of conversations. Fresh 50s were readily available and prices generally trended lower as the week progressed. Leaner boneless beef was mixed as availability varied from source to source.

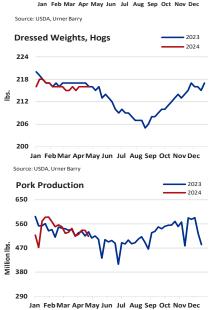


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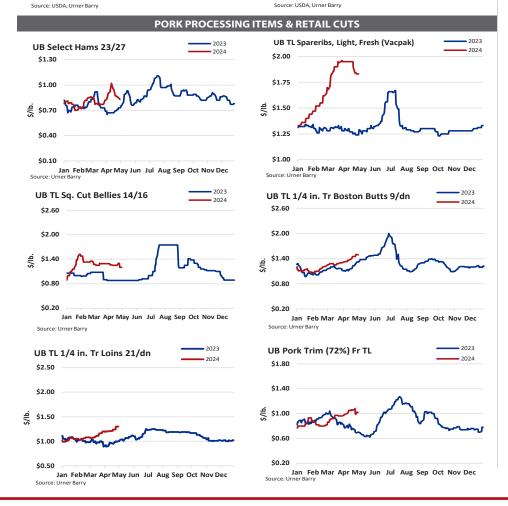
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LIVE HOGS & CUTOUT					
PORK CUTOUT	Apr-19	Apr-26	Change		
Loin	100.150	100.010	-0.140		
Butt	122.080	125.560	3.480		
Picnic	78.620	80.240	1.620		
Sparerib	171.510	169.100	-2.410		
Ham	82.650	80.500	-2.150		
Belly	126.050	114.480	-11.570		
Cutout Value	98.995	97.034	-1.961		





PORK COMMENTARY

In the pork market this week, currency exchange rates, active international interest in U.S. pork, and lower week-over-week slaughter figures impacted pork trade. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout decreased slightly by 1.98 percent during the week.

PORK PRODUCTION: Pork production for the week ending 4/28/2024 was estimated to be 513.3 million pounds. This would be 4.2 percent lower than last week and 0.3 percent lower than this same week a year ago. Live hog weights averaged 290 pounds for the week, which was the same as last week, and 1 pound lighter than this same week a year ago.

GREEN MEATS: In the green meat complex, bone-in hams were barely steady as the Mexican peso to U.S. dollar conversion rate continued its upward movement, while the boneless category was mostly steady to higher due to lean trim material becoming more sought after. In the belly category, a weak tone was noted as more supplies became available on the open market. In the trim category, 42s and 72s were barely steady as some discounted was noted throughout the week, while boneless picnics were supported.

HAMS: Bone-in hams were \$3.50/cwt to \$4.00/cwt weaker, while boneless ham items were \$3.00/cwt to 3.50/cwt firmer.

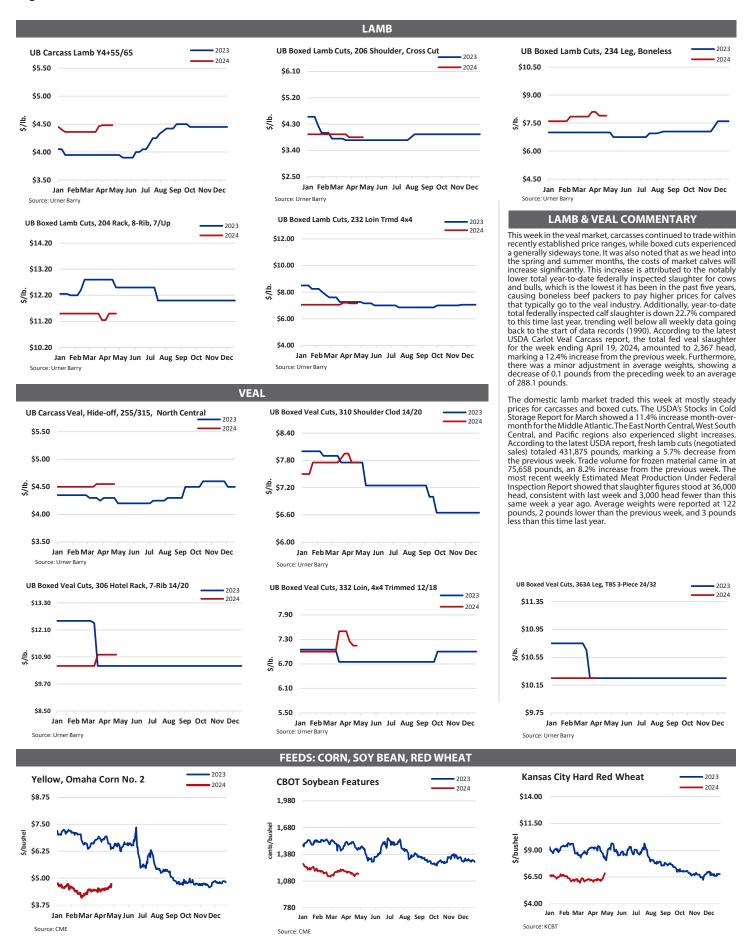
BELLIES: Skinless bellies were \$14.00/cwt to \$15.00/cwt weaker.

TRIMMINGS: 42s were \$5.00/cwt weaker, 72s were \$4.00/cwt weaker, while boneless picnics were \$3.50/cwt firmer.

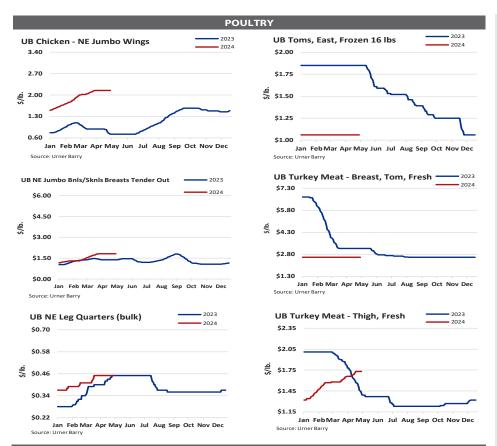
RETAIL: 1/4" bone-in loins were \$5.50/cwt stronger, while 1/8" bone-in loins were \$2.50/cwt firmer. Boneless strap-ons were \$1.00/cwt weaker, while strap-offs were \$2.00 firmer. Bone-in sirloins were \$1.00/cwt firmer, while boneless sirloins were \$1.00/cwt stronger. Tenderloins were \$5.00/cwt weaker. 1/4" bone-in butts were \$4.00/cwt stronger, while boneless butts were \$5.00/cwt firmer. Light spareribs were \$0.50/cwt firmer, while medium spareribs were \$3.00/cwt weaker.



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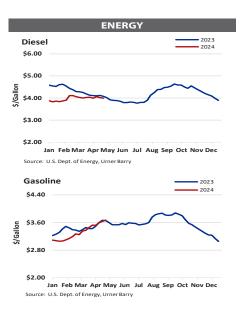


POULTRY COMMENTARY

This week, WOG demand maintained a consistent pace with adequate spot availability. The boneless breast segment continues to be well-supported at current price points, with some marketers achieving premiums on low-volume deals. Whole wings consistently achieved full market value through traditional channels. Demand for tenders exceeded supply, highlighting strong interest. In the back half, fresh legs, leg quarters, and drumsticks showed adequate overall supply. Export confidence remains notable, particularly for frozen jumbo leg quarters. Both leg and thigh meats are well-balanced across sales points.

This week, the frozen whole turkey segment displayed a sideways trend, with demand persisting yet sensitive to price and volume changes. Both consumer and institutional-sized breasts are experiencing similar market conditions, with generally adequate supplies to meet industry needs. In the parts arena, frozen drumsticks are tight and are being confidently

held at slightly elevated price points. Buyers are finding it challenging to consistently source whole wings and two-joint wings. However, other parts like necks and tails remain mostly balanced and are steady in terms of market rating. Regarding raw materials, fresh whole-muscle white meats and related trim lines are being regularly absorbed by traditional buyers. While frozen products are generally more accessible, the availability of frozen tom meat has decreased compared to previous periods. Thigh meat continues to be in tight supply and is actively sought after, a trend also observed for mechanically separated turkey.



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