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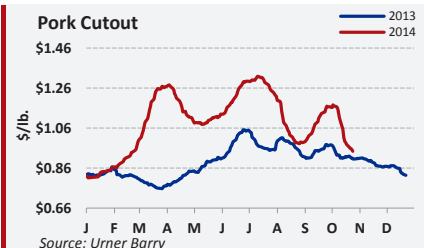
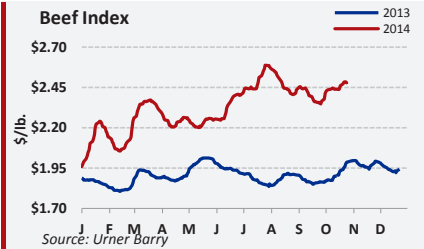
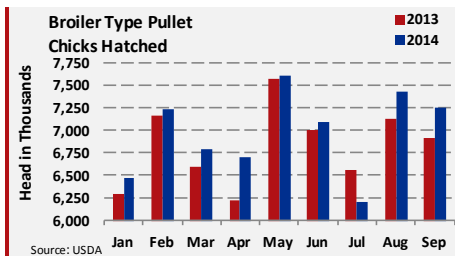
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WEEKLY COMMODITY AT A GLANCE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Omaha, US No 2 Yellow Corn	3.33	3.18	4.22
CBOT Soybean	1,046.50	977.50	1,266.00
NYMEX Light Crude Oil	80.54	81.01	94.61
Loose Lard, Chicago Basis	0.48	0.52	0.43
Edible Tallow, Chicago Basis	0.30	0.30	0.36
Beef Trimnings, 90% Fresh	300.00	298.00	193.00
Beef Trimnings, 50% Fresh	121.00	121.00	119.00
Aust/NZ Blend Cow 90% EC Spot	291.00	292.00	199.00
USDA Drop Credit	16.39	16.34	14.28
112A 3 Ribeye Roll, Lip-On CH	760.00	760.00	730.00
116A 3 Chuck Roll, Neck-Off CH	360.00	360.00	305.00
168 3 Round, Top (Inside) CH	310.00	305.00	240.00
180 3 Strip Loin, Bnls, 0x1 CH	550.00	545.00	515.00
136 Coarse Ground 73%	255.00	255.00	177.00
189A 4 Loin, Tenderloin, PS MO CH	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,160.00
Cattle-Fax, 6-State Fed Steer Price	169.80	164.01	132.39
Select Hams 20/23	104.00	103.00	94.00
Sq Cut Bellies 14/16	103.00	105.00	126.00
1/4 Trmd. Loins 21/dn	130.00	144.00	114.00
1/4 Tr Boston Butts 9/dn	133.00	138.00	105.00
Spareribs, Light, Fresh	166.00	167.00	148.00
Fresh Pork Trim (42%)	44.00	49.00	42.00
Fresh Pork Trim (72%)	82.00	91.00	80.00
Carcass Lamb Y4+55/65	347.00	347.00	280.00
Lamb Cuts, 204 Rack, 8-Rib, 7/Up	855.00	855.00	630.00
Lamb Cuts, 206 Shoulder, Cross Cut	305.00	305.00	245.00
Lamb Cuts, 232 Loin Trmd 4x4	550.00	550.00	480.00
Lamb Cuts, 234 Leg, Boneless	535.00	535.00	505.00
Carcass Veal, Hide-off, 255/315, NC	440.00	440.00	380.00
Veal Cuts, 306 Hotel Rack, 7-Rib 14/20	1,075.00	1,075.00	900.00
Veal Cuts, 310 Shoulder Clod 14/20	725.00	725.00	640.00
Veal Cuts, 332 Loin, 4x4 Trim 12/18	750.00	750.00	635.00
Veal Cuts, 348A Leg, TBS 3-Pc 24/32	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,085.00

Quotes represent the high side of Friday's trading range



EST. DAILY CATTLE SLAUGHTER							
	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	113	114	102	110	99	15	553
LW	114	115	112	108	106	21	576
*LY	123	123	116	123	116	22	623

EST. DAILY HOG SLAUGHTER							
	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	423	432	425	432	409	72	2,193
LW	429	429	421	429	390	43	2,141
*LY	431	432	430	432	428	117	2,270

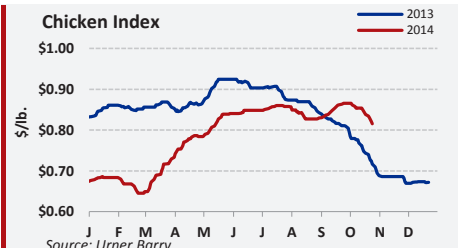
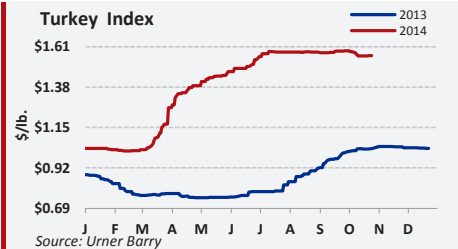
EST. DAILY SHEEP SLAUGHTER							
	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	9	9	9	9	7	0	43
LW	9	9	7	8	7	0	40
*LY	10	9	8	8	5	0	40

EST. DAILY CALVES SLAUGHTER							
	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Total
TW	2	2	2	2	2	0	10
LW	2	2	2	2	2	0	10
*LY	3	3	3	3	3	0	15

EST. DAILY COW & BULL SLAUGHTER							
	F	S	M	T	W	TH	Total
LW	10/17	10/18	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	111
TW	10/24	10/25	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	112
*LY	26	5	25	27	27	26	136

*Last Year's numbers are rounded

Since January, July is the only month in 2014 where pullet chicks hatched did not surpass their year ago totals. This increase has resulted in a consistent advancement of eggs set and chicks placed.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Australia, Dollar	0.880	0.880	0.943
Mexico, Peso	13.465	13.552	13.067
Canada, Dollar	1.127	1.123	1.043
Japan, Yen	112.230	108.098	98.760
China, Yuan (RMB)	6.112	6.117	6.099
Brazil, Real	2.473	2.463	2.257
South Korea, Won	1,074.460	1,056.490	1,062.100
Taiwan, Dollar	30.490	30.372	29.465
European Union, Euro	1.253	1.266	1.348

COLD STORAGE STOCKS

(Pounds in Thousands)	9/30/13	8/31/14	9/30/14
Beef in Freezer, Bnls	401,443	308,350	333,531
Cuts	43,716	38,206	39,813
Total Beef	445,159	346,556	373,344
PORK & OTHER	9/30/13	8/31/14	9/30/14
Pork in Freezer, Picnics	13,115	8,505	10,313
Hams	221,633	179,483	194,077
Bellies	23,491	45,562	33,811
Loins	23,662	20,913	20,234
Spareribs	56,107	49,621	50,872
Butts	17,756	23,778	20,942
Trimnings	38,273	40,440	34,974
Other Pork in Freezer	92,479	90,271	90,627
Total	567,827	543,666	544,998
Veal in Freezer	4,571	3,581	2,326
Lamb & Mutton in Freezer	23,444	40,157	39,693
Total	28,015	43,738	42,019

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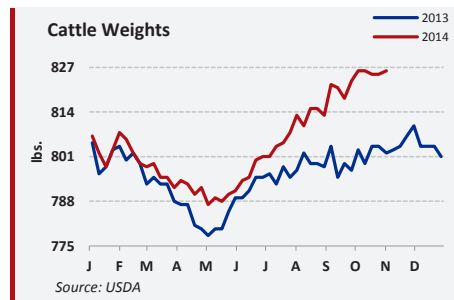
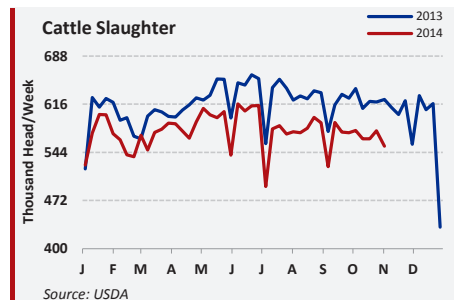
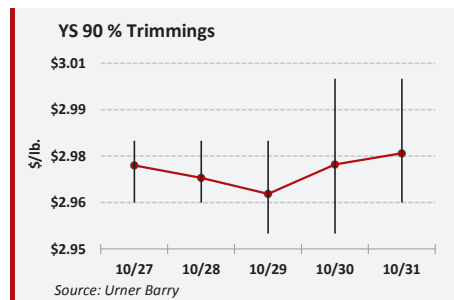
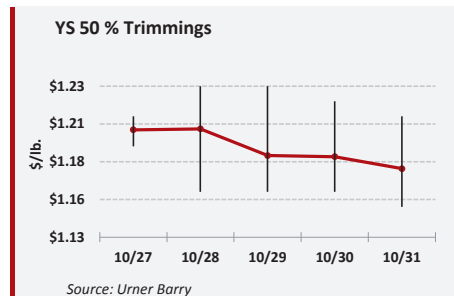
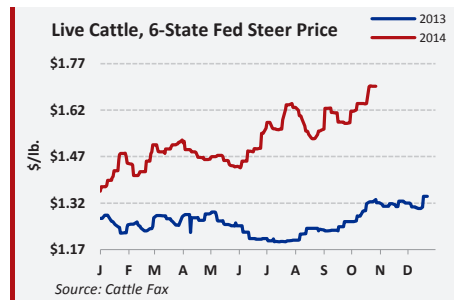
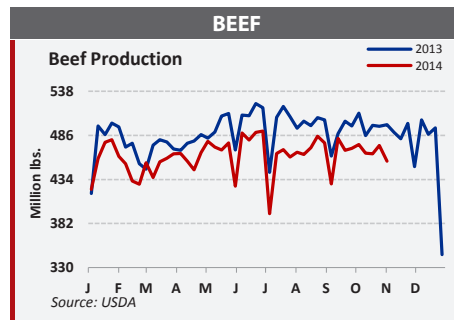
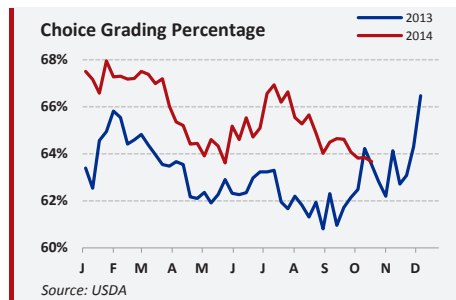
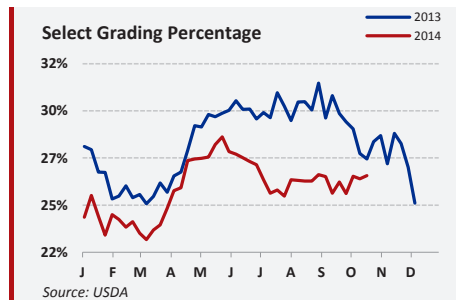
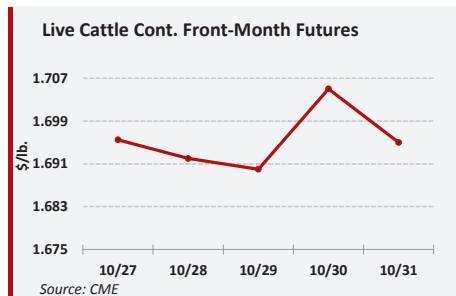
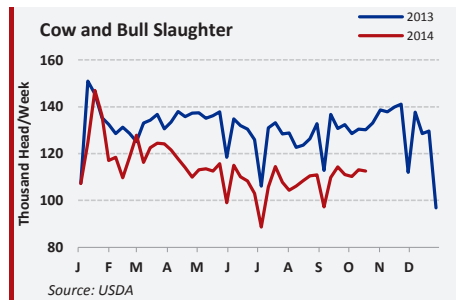
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YS BEEF CUTOUT Oct-31 v. Oct-24				
	CHOICE	SELECT	NO-ROLL	CAB
Rib	1.20%	1.10%	1.08%	2.27%
Chuck	0.51%	1.50%	0.90%	1.18%
Round	0.56%	0.90%	1.06%	1.07%
Loin	0.18%	0.65%	0.34%	1.35%
Brisket	0.26%	0.26%	1.22%	1.87%
Plate	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	1.20%
Flank	0.49%	-0.79%	-0.79%	1.28%
Total	0.53%	0.95%	0.79%	1.42%



BEEF COMMENTARY

Boxes in the early stages of the week were holding more of a steady/firmer tone, but as the week progressed the market saw a barely steady sentiment build. Packers showed some discounts to move unsold inventory such as variety of end cuts. Ground beef held at steady/firm levels. Carcass cutout values edged slightly higher week/over/week, spurred mainly by the early week sales.

LIVE CATTLE: Cash trade commenced on Friday, with packers paying mostly \$2/cwt underneath last week's range of trade. Assisting the packer was the fact that cash trade was influenced by December's live cattle futures contract valued just below the \$168/cwt mark as traders were ready to buy/sell this week's show list. Live cattle sold this week at \$167/cwt to \$168/cwt, the bulk of sales occurred at \$168/cwt. Sales of the dressed carcass had not developed as of this writing.

SLAUGHTER & BEEF PRODUCTION: Processing schedules saw rather sharp adjustments this week on Wednesday and Friday, prompting a large pullback with the weekly total. 553,000 head were processed under inspection this week, 23,000 less when contrasted with week prior. Live cattle weights moved another 2 pounds up to 1355 pounds. Dressed carcass weights reported at 826 pounds, a one pound gain from last week.

RIBS: Ribs saw slight gains as holiday demand is beginning to build. Rib primal carcass values all moved just over one percent from week prior closing levels.

CHUCKS: Cutout values saw only a nominal gain as packers struggled with holding the tops of recent sales as the week progressed.

ROUNDS: As with outer primal sections of the carcass, advances were kept in check with cuts such as the bottom round flat seeing discounting as the week wore on.

LOINS: Loin product held near steady values for the most part. Any gains in spot value were minimal, and were offset with some slight reductions needed to move product ahead of the weekend.

BONELESS BEEF: The market for fresh 50s this week was steady to slightly lower. Supplies were more readily available in some areas. This week's cattle slaughter was estimated at 553,000 head. Leaner boneless beef was mostly steady. Supply and demand appeared to be generally in balance.

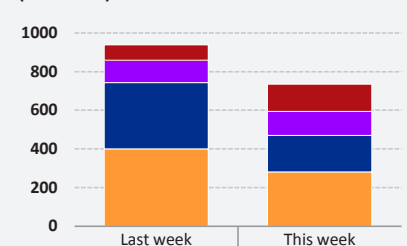
YS BEEF CUTOUT-CH/SE SPREAD (\$/cwt)

	M	T	W	TH	F
TW	13.10	12.85	12.81	12.93	12.29
*LW	13.63	13.43	13.51	14.04	13.21

*Last Week's numbers are rounded

Weekly Beef Breakdown
(# of loads)

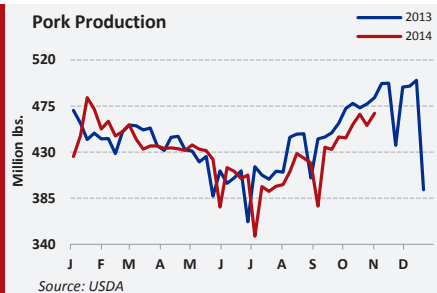
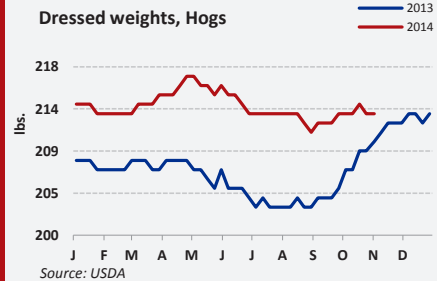
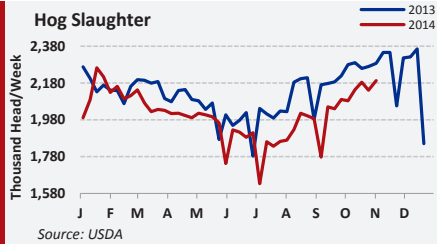
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Trim	80.22	140.57
Grind	116.15	124.89
SE	342.98	188.13
CH	399.78	281.68

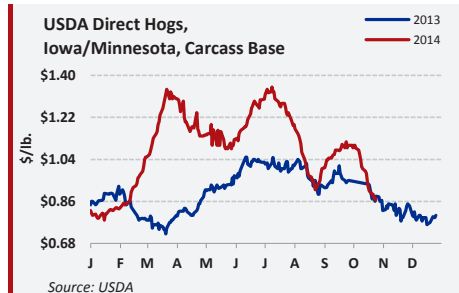
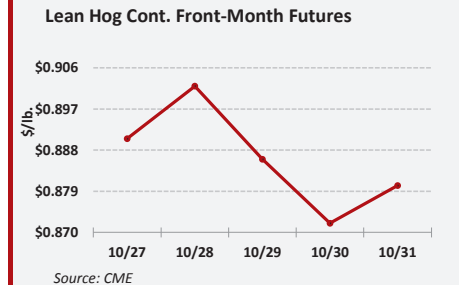
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PORK PRODUCTION



LIVE HOGS & CUTOUT

PORK CUTOUT	Oct-24	Oct-31	Change
Loin	27.656	25.668	-1.988
Butt	11.009	10.566	-0.443
Picnic	9.779	9.128	-0.651
Sparerib	6.703	6.683	-0.02
Ham	22.963	23.323	0.36
Belly	16.364	15.933	-0.431
Cutout Value	97.750	94.483	-3.267



PORK COMMENTARY

Price trends throughout both the pork and hog complexes were considerably more conservative this week than last week, even as prices continued to show weakness. Urner Barry's pork carcass cutout fell \$3.27/cwt, going from \$97.750/cwt last Friday to \$94.483/cwt this Friday. During the same timeframe, Iowa Minnesota carcass base hogs fell 3.5 percent. The Urner Barry pork packer margin index for standard operations ranged between \$15.90 and \$20.64/head over the course of the week.

PORK PRODUCTION: Total pork production for the week ending November 1, 2014 was estimated at 467.8 million lbs. This total was 2.6 percent over last week and 1.9 percent below the same week a year ago. Average hog weights, at 285 pounds, were even with last week and 4 pounds over last year.

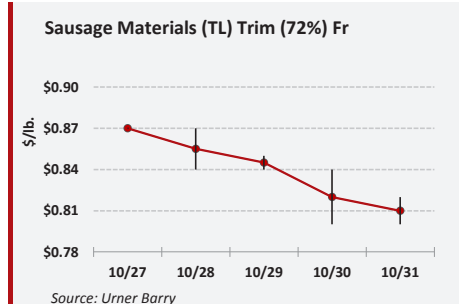
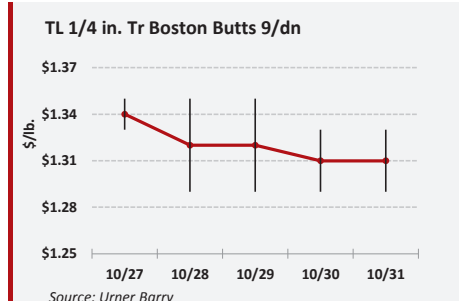
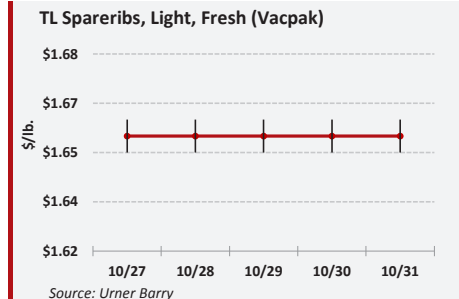
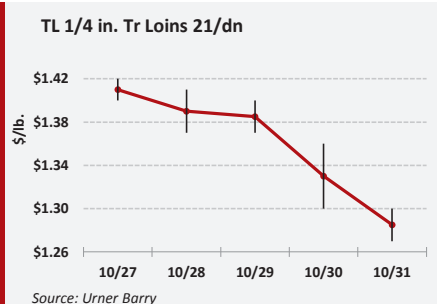
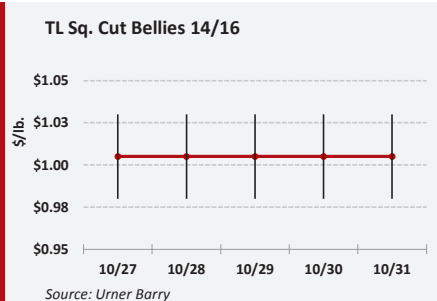
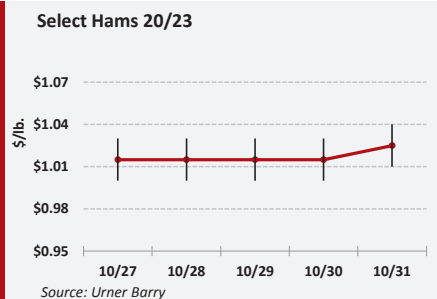
HAMS: Hams were much calmer this week than last and as a result of the more stable price action which was at more acceptable levels, interest was noted to have returned from both domestic and international buyers. 20 to 27lb hams actually gained ground slightly, appreciating by \$1.00 to \$3.00/cwt.

BELLIES: Bellies were steady to just slightly weaker this week. Participants have noted that product is moving readily in retail, with food service demand lagging. By Friday, 12 through 20lb bellies declined between \$1.00 and \$3.00/cwt.

TRIMMINGS: Trimmings were offered throughout the week and buyers were hesitant to catch a falling knife, which only exacerbated the declines. Over the course of the week, fresh 42's fell by \$5.00/cwt while fresh 72's and boneless picnics declined by \$9.00/cwt and \$14.00/cwt respectively.

RETAIL: The market for fresh pork products has once again come under significant downward pressure. Simply put, sustained hand-to-mouth buying and a lack of meaningful commitments, has availed the market of too much meat. Once again, rather significant declines were recorded in the loin component. This week, bone-in loins fell another \$11.00 to \$14.00/cwt, bone-in centers \$11.00 to \$14.00/cwt, and boneless loins \$5.00 to \$11.00/cwt. The balance of the loin component also showed weakness. Picnics declined in-line with the weak trend in lean sausage materials, and butts lost another \$5.00 to \$7.00/cwt. This week, spareribs reversed course. Having found support from the ongoing production of "to be frozen" products, this week they slipped between \$1.00 and \$6.00/cwt. St. Louis Ribs and Loin Back Ribs were unchanged.

PORK PROCESSING ITEMS & RETAIL CUTS

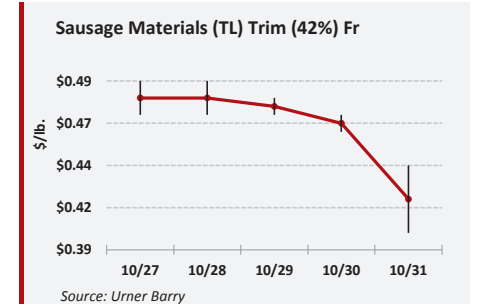


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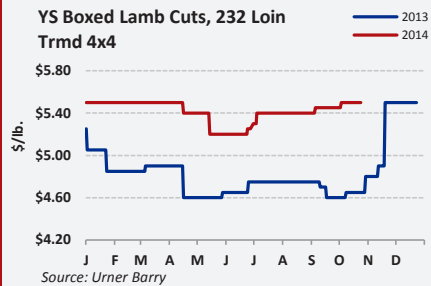
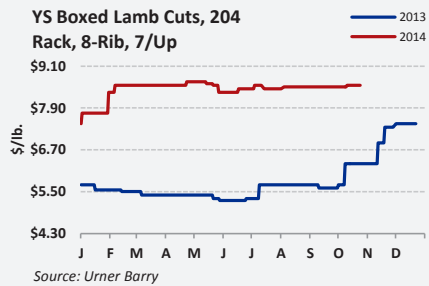
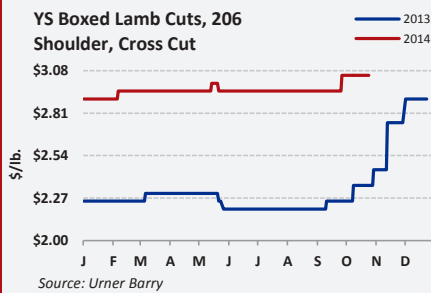
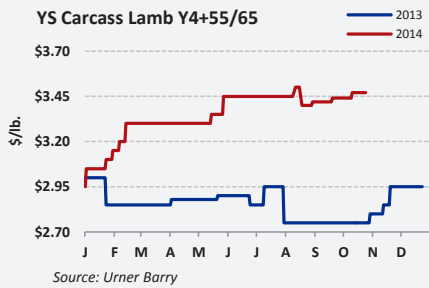
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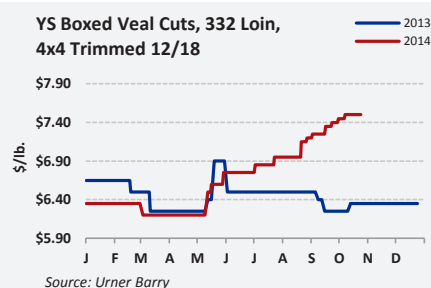
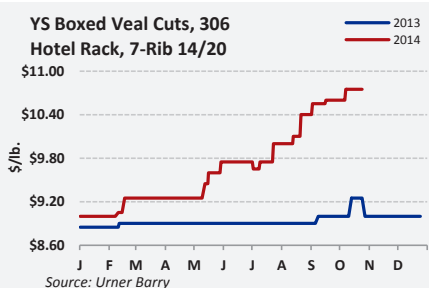
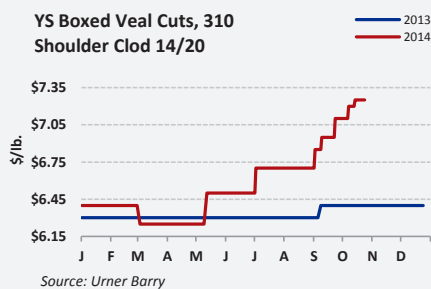
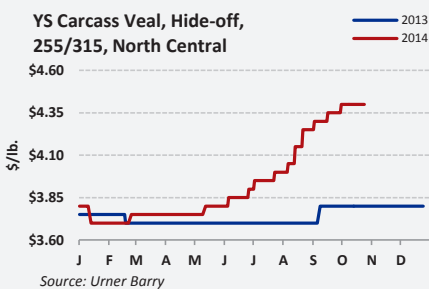
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LAMB COMMENTARY

Lamb carcasses settled at steady to slightly higher price levels. Boxed cuts were mostly steady. Movement was a little more active in some areas this week.

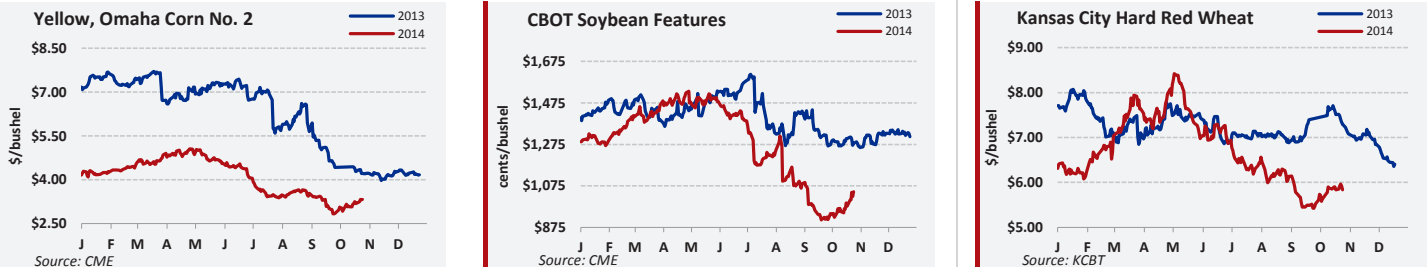
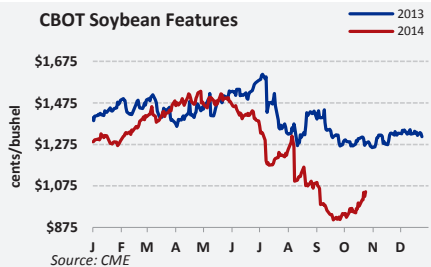
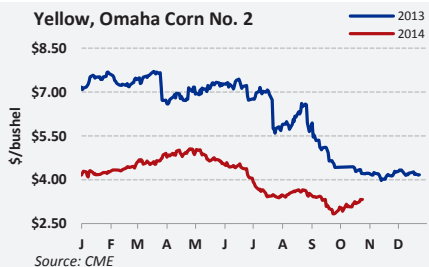
VEAL



VEAL COMMENTARY

Veal carcasses traded at steady to higher prices. Boxed cuts were generally unchanged. Trading activity varied from region to region.

FEEDS: CORN, SOY BEAN, RED WHEAT



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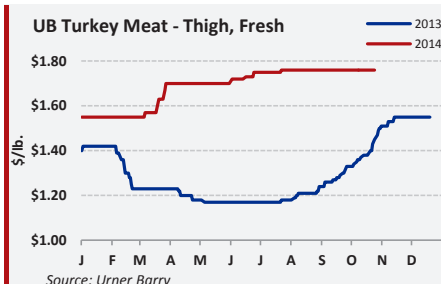
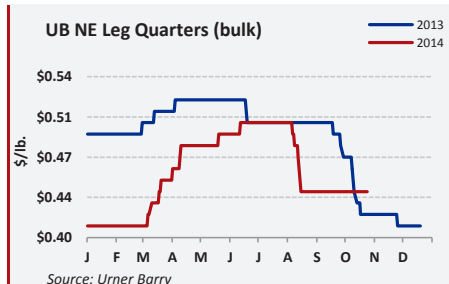
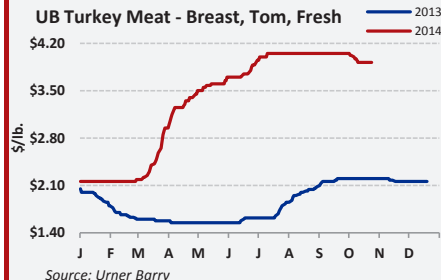
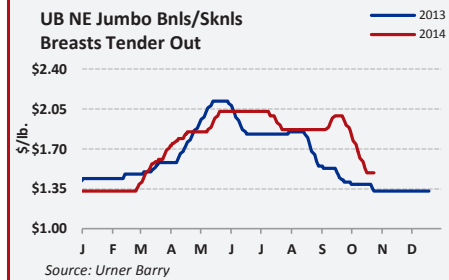
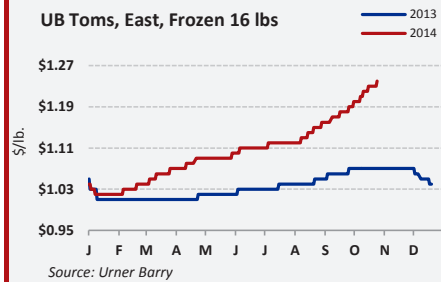
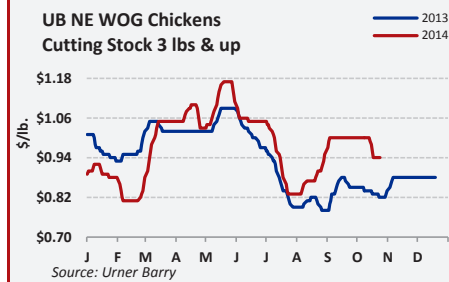
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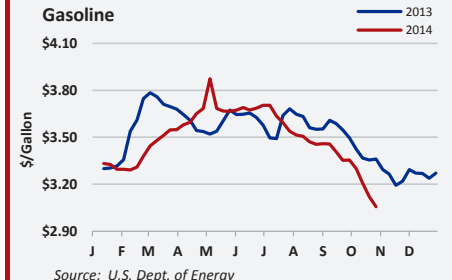
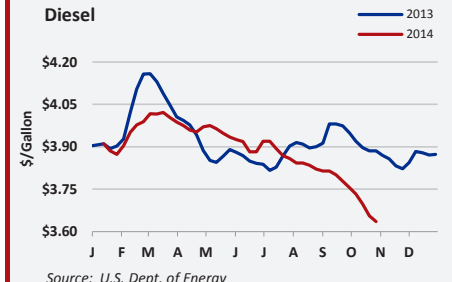
This week in the chicken market, supplies of boneless breast meat and tenders were the best balanced they've been in nearly a month. Trading levels have settled, at least for the time being, and buyers are back to pulling at their normal pace. Expectations are that upcoming first of the month business will generate positive returns, further motivating buyers to take action. The rest of the white meat complex remains under varying degrees of pressure. Wings were soft at times this week.

The discounting of jumbo sized product appears to have subsided, whereas small and medium sized wings are still being shown at cheaper numbers. Values for bone-in breasts, trim and chunk meat continued to trend lower. Whole birds and WOGs were snug at most plants and buyers are already out in the spot market booking loads for next week. The back half of the bird is still rated about steady to steady. Each of the dark bone-in lines were supported all week. Leg

meat and thigh meat movement remained normal and traded values were mostly market related.

Trading activity within the turkey complex remains mostly seasonal. Drum, wing and two-joint offerings are still very limited. Where transactions have surfaced, trading levels are at full market values or better. Whole bird availability is irregular at most points of sale. Our quotations continue to trend upward. Size or label specific buyers quickly find that they are not able to be selective and that some of their efforts are dead on arrival. Breast meat offerings have been a bit tighter this week. Seller prices range from steady to slightly lower whether firm or market related. Thigh meat is still finding support at listed values. Breast trim is beginning to experience some pressure as supplies are now at least adequate at several plants. Scapula and wing meat remains well supported. Fresh and frozen MST is rated about steady to steady, and movement is slow.

ENERGY



**54 new cuts.
78 new photos.**

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