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Survival, Recovery, and Success

BEEF-CATTLE OUTLOOK

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Take-Home Summary

1. Supply Dynamics, Switching to Support Higher Cattle Prices
2. Beef Demand (Domestic & Export) Has Been Solid But Is Weakening
3. Think Global & Manage Local
 - **Stay Informed YET focus on what you can influence**

Quarterly Forecasts (LMIC: 11/28/22)

		% Chg.	Average	% Chg.	Comm'l	% Chg.
Year	Comm'l	from	Dressed	from	Beef	from
Quarter	Slaughter	Year Ago	Weight	Year Ago	Production	Year Ago
2022						
I	8,405	1.5	835.6	0.3	7,022	1.8
II	8,669	1.9	815.4	-0.3	7,069	1.5
III	8,756	2.7	816.2	-0.3	7,147	2.4
IV	8,258	-3.2	832.3	0.0	6,873	-3.3
Year	34,087	0.7	824.7	-0.1	28,111	0.6
2023						
I	7,882	-6.2	836.8	0.2	6,595	-6.1
II	8,284	-4.4	817.9	0.3	6,775	-4.1
III	8,223	-6.1	820.8	0.6	6,749	-5.6
IV	7,907	-4.3	836.2	0.5	6,612	-3.8
Year	32,295	-5.3	827.7	0.4	26,732	-4.9
2024						
I	7,171	-9.0	841.8	0.6	6,036	-8.5
II	7,547	-8.9	823.8	0.7	6,217	-8.2
III	7,758	-5.6	830.0	1.1	6,439	-4.6
IV	7,403	-6.4	845.4	1.1	6,259	-5.3
Year	29,879	-7.5	835.1	0.9	24,951	-6.7

Data Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center

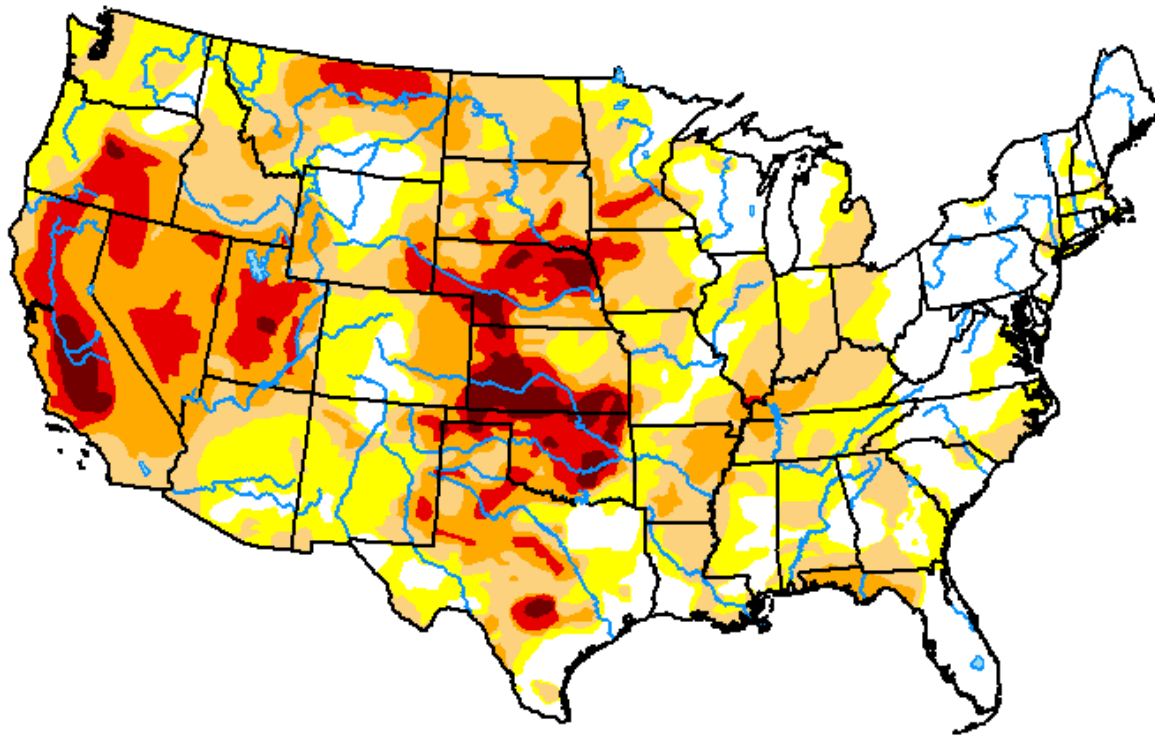
Quarterly Forecasts: Cattle (LMIC: 11/28/22)

	Live Sltr.	% Chg.	Feeder Steer Price	
Year	Steer Price	from	Southern Plains	
Quarter	5-Mkt Avg	Year Ago	7-800#	5-600#
2022				
I	139.25	23.3	160.00	193.66
II	141.93	17.5	160.49	188.43
III	143	16.2	178	192
IV	150-151	13.7	177-180	186-188
Year	143-144	17.2	169-171	190-192
2023				
I	147-152	7.4	176-181	191-196
II	152-157	8.9	177-182	198-203
III	148-158	6.7	178-188	205-215
IV	150-160	3.0	181-191	220-230
Year	153-154	7.0	180-182	206-208
2024				
I	160-175	12.0	182-197	225-240
II	165-180	11.7	184-198	220-235
III	163-178	11.4	190-205	230-245
IV	167-182	12.6	187-202	235-250
Year	165-175	10.7	187-197	230-240

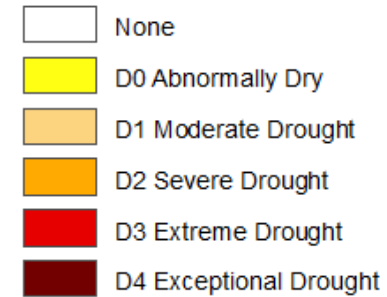
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U.S. Drought Monitor CONUS

December 6, 2022
(Released Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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Number of Beef Cows by Region							
	Western	Great Plains	Southern Plains	Cornbelt	Northeast	Southeast	U.S. Total
2016	9.9%	29.4%	20.6%	14.7%	1.2%	23.8%	30,166
2017	10.0%	29.2%	21.0%	15.0%	1.3%	23.3%	31,171
2018	10.2%	29.1%	21.0%	14.9%	1.3%	23.2%	31,466
2019	10.0%	29.1%	21.5%	14.7%	1.4%	23.0%	31,691
2020	10.2%	28.9%	21.3%	14.8%	1.4%	23.2%	31,339
2021	10.1%	28.7%	22.0%	14.4%	1.3%	23.2%	30,844
2022	10.3%	28.0%	21.9%	14.8%	1.3%	23.4%	30,125

Context on Beef Cow Herd Dynamics

Western: AZ, CA, ID, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA
Great Plains: CO, **KS**, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY
Southern Plains: OK, TX
Cornbelt: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI
Southeast: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV

Context on Beef Cow Herd Dynamics

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An Updated Evaluation of the U.S. Cattle Cycle

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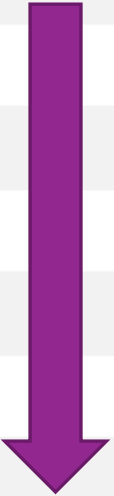
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- <https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/production-economics/updated-evaluation-us-cattle-cycle>

Context on Beef Cow Herd Dynamics

Table 1. Beef Cow Inventory (000's head)

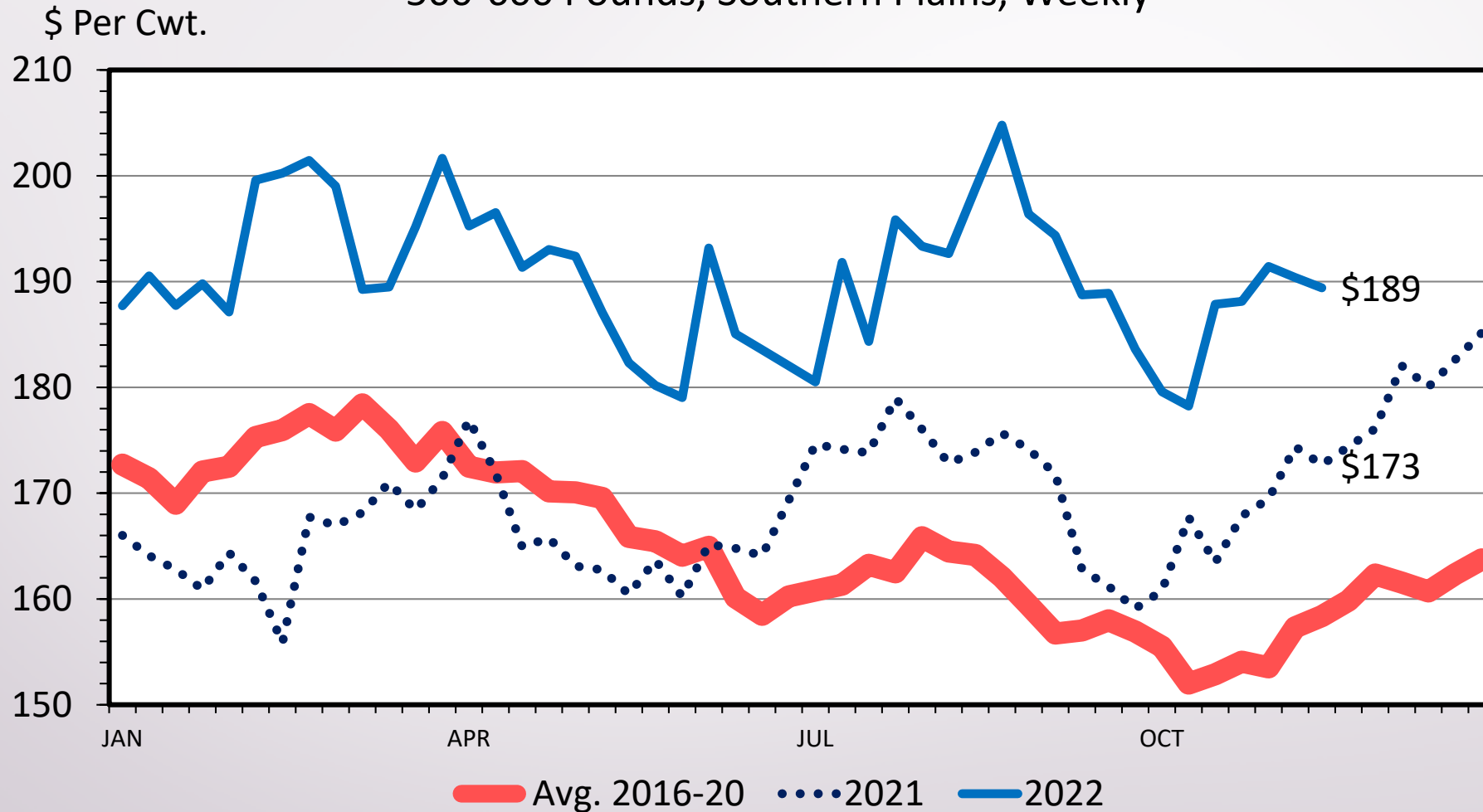
CATTLE CYCLE	AVERAGE	STD DEV	MIN	MAX	RANGE	RELATIVE RANGE*
1949-1958	21,772	3,867	15,919	25,659	9,740	44.7%
1958-1967	29,300	3,898	24,165	34,442	10,277	35.1%
1967-1979	39,505	3,520	34,708	45,711	11,003	27.9%
1979-1990	36,033	2,373	32,487	39,229	6,742	18.7%
1990-2004	33,688	909	32,454	35,318	2,864	8.5%
2004-2014	31,704	1,108	29,631	32,702	3,071	9.7%
2014-PRESENT	30,620	1,025	28,956	31,690	2,734	8.9%



* Relative range is calculated as $100 \times \text{range} / \text{average}$.

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500-600 Pounds, Southern Plains, Weekly

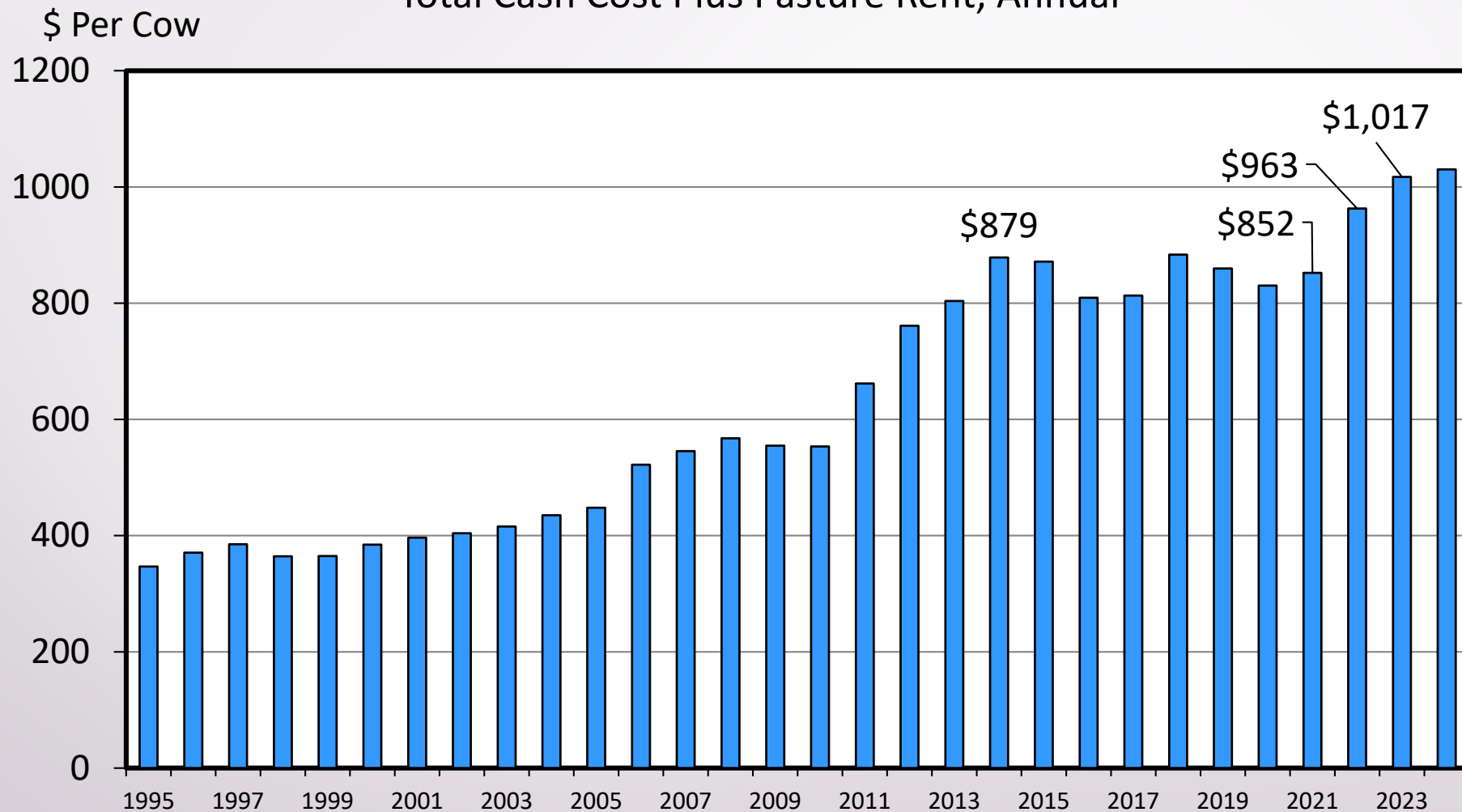


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ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF COSTS

Total Cash Cost Plus Pasture Rent, Annual



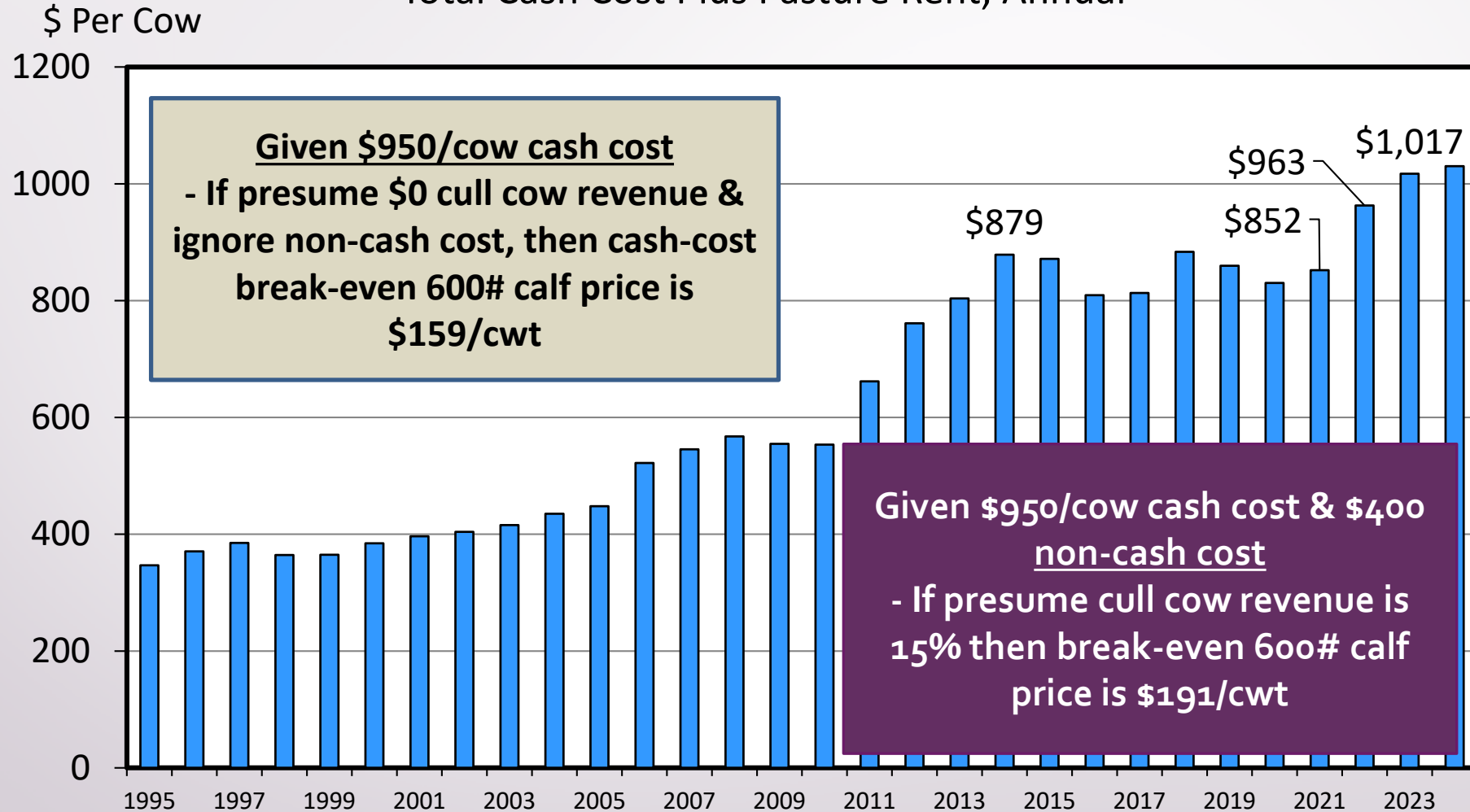
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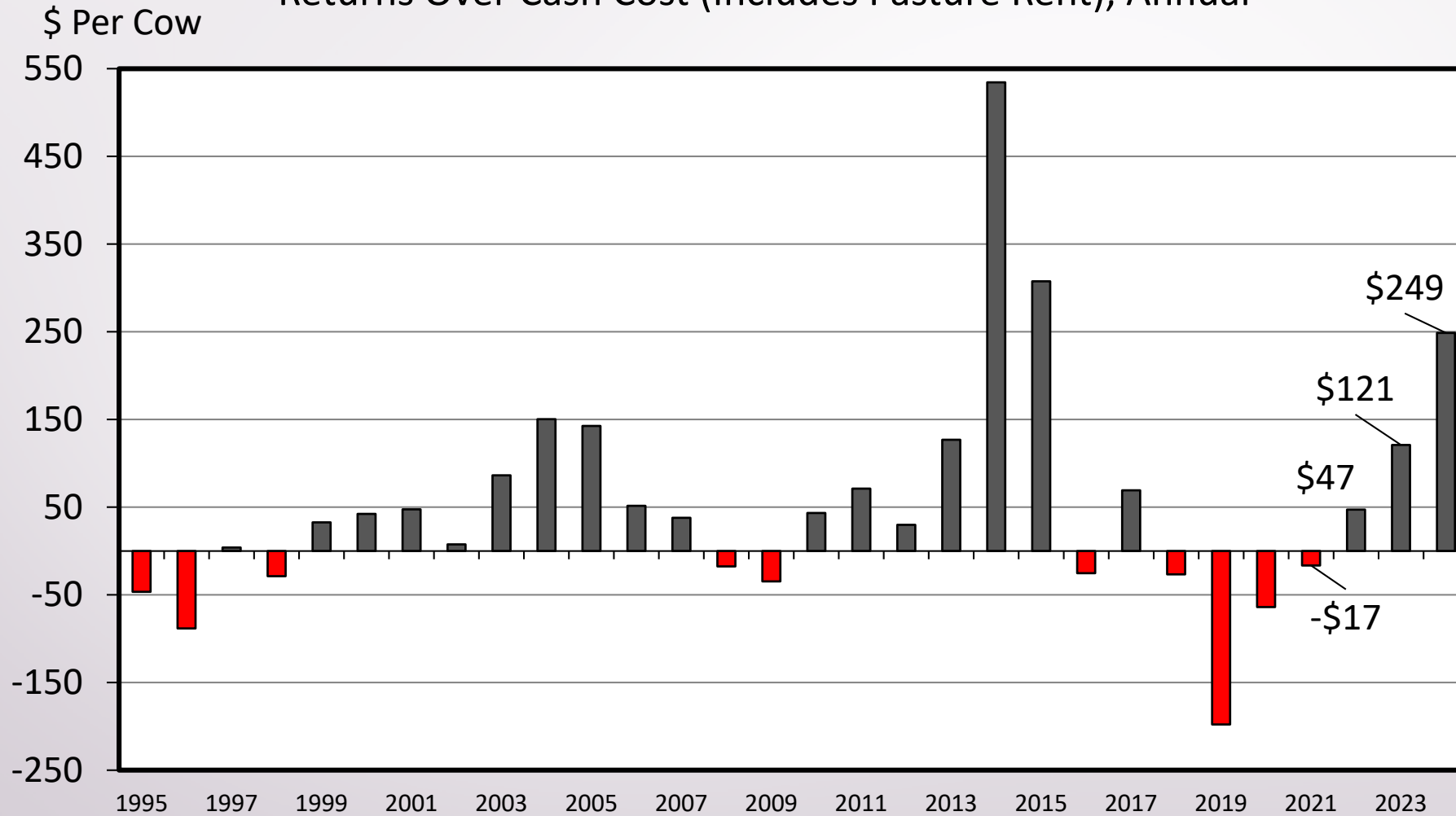
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ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF RETURNS

Returns Over Cash Cost (Includes Pasture Rent), Annual



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Want Feeder Cattle Price, Basis, & VOG Projections?
Use BeefBasis.com

*Salina **FALL CALF** Market, as of 12/13*

10/12/2023 Sell @ Weaning @ 600 lbs

- *Expected Cash Price: \$225/cwt*

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Use BeefBasis.com

*Salina **SUMMER GRASS** Market, as of 12/13*

4/5/2023 Buy/Retail @ 750 lbs

9/6/2023 Sell @ 950 lbs

DOF=154 & ADG=1.3

- *Expected Buy Price: \$192/cwt*
- *Expected Sell Price: \$186/cwt*
 - *VOG: \$186/cwt (\$341/head)*



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KSU-Feeder Cattle Risk Management Tool

<https://www.agmanager.info/k-state-feeder-cattle-risk-management-tool>

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KSU-Feeder Cattle Risk Management Tool

An Excel spreadsheet for evaluating feeder cattle risk management strategies

Version- 12.14.2020



INTRODUCTION

This spreadsheet was developed as a decision-aid tool for producers interested in managing feeder cattle price risk. It can be used to compare the Expected Net Selling Price using alternative risk management tools available for pricing feeder cattle.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE!

Be sure to "Enable Content" and "Enable Macros" for the spreadsheet to function correctly.

In the Comparison sheet all blue numbers are input by the user. All black numbers are calculated using data provided by the user. The spreadsheet automatically recalculates every time an additional input is entered. Thus, it is important to wait until all data have been entered and reviewed before interpreting any of the calculated results (i.e., black numbers). Most of the input cells (i.e., blue number) have a red diamond in the upper right hand corner of the cell. By moving your mouse cursor over this diamond, a brief description of

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

To learn more about managing price risk and using LRP insurance visit www.AgManager.info or click on the following link

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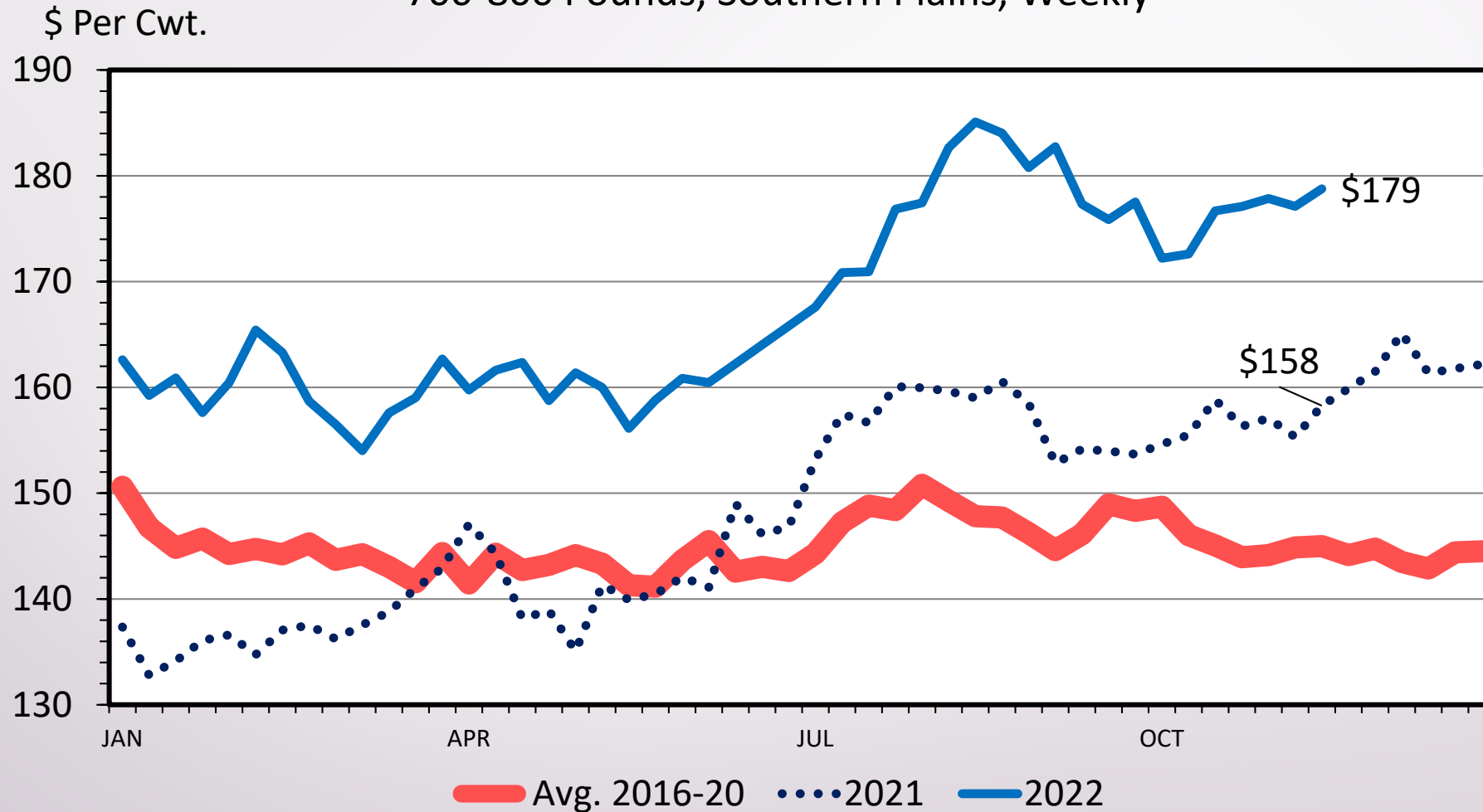
 

Always good to reassess
your situation

e.g. changes in LRP make
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700-800 Pounds, Southern Plains, Weekly



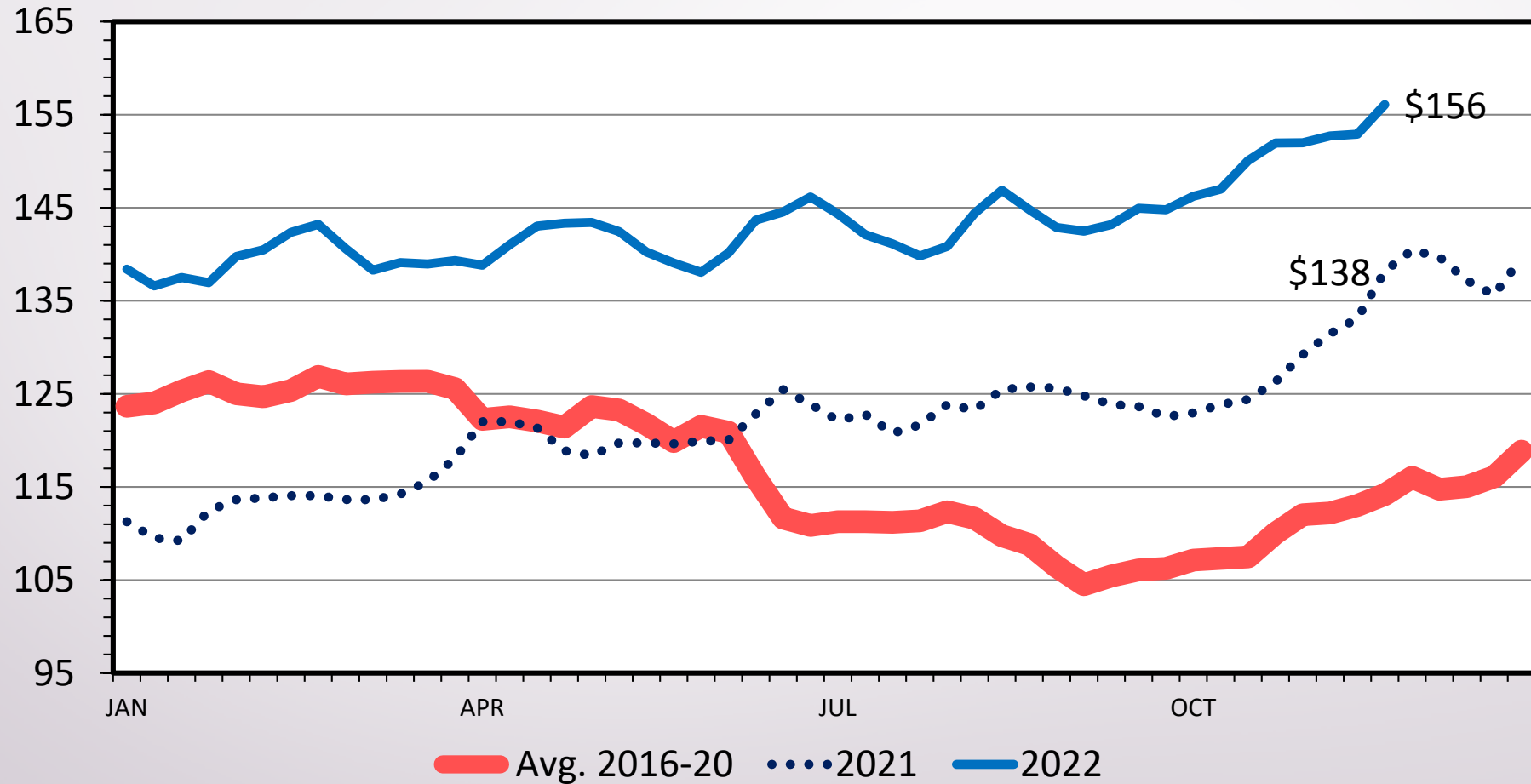
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SLAUGHTER STEER PRICES

5 Market Weighted Average, Weekly

\$ Per Cwt.



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Historical and Projected Kansas Feedlot Net Returns (as of 12/9/22')

(<http://www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/FinishingReturns/default.asp>)

Oct 22': **-\$42/steer**

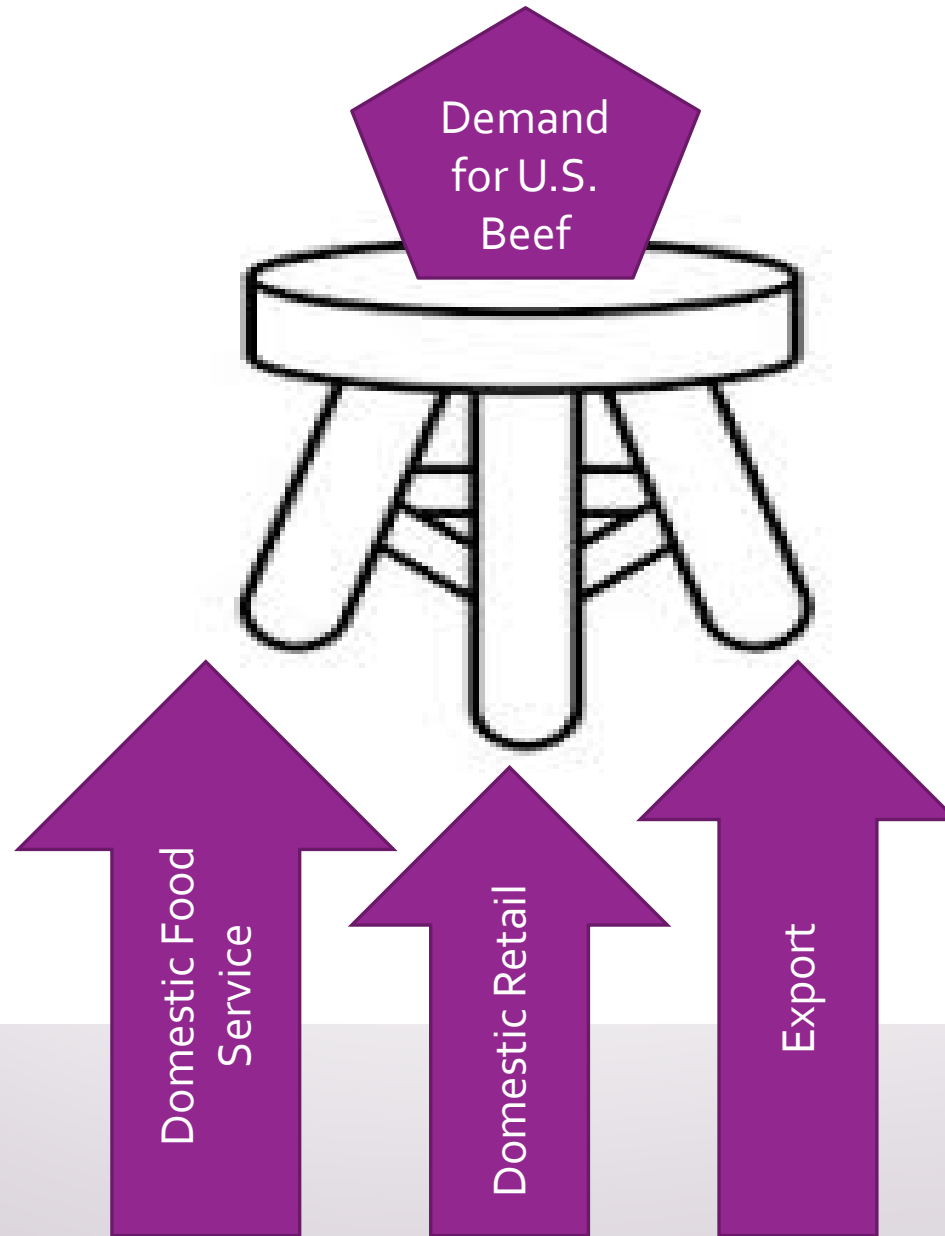
Table 1. Projected Values for Finishing Steers in Kansas Feedyards*

Closeout Mo-Yr	Net Return	FCOG**	Fed Price	Fed Futures	Fed Basis	Feeder Price	Breakeven FCOG**	Breakeven Fed Price	Breakeven Feeder Price
Nov-22	59.06	136.60	153.31	152.47	0.84	155.21	145.76	149.28	162.40
Dec-22	120.34	138.34	157.33	155.55	1.78	153.66	156.42	149.15	168.60
Jan-23	87.00	137.19	156.88	155.55	1.33	158.06	149.80	150.91	169.39
Feb-23	37.69	132.62	159.74	159.35	0.39	171.94	138.31	157.15	176.70
Mar-23	97.77	130.44	163.50	159.35	4.15	172.94	145.22	156.60	185.90
Apr-23	135.06	124.37	162.52	155.93	6.60	171.36	145.12	152.75	189.82
May-23	245.86	116.76	164.51	155.93	8.59	168.16	153.31	147.19	201.11
Jun-23	123.51	116.86	160.10	156.18	3.92	174.90	135.59	151.36	191.29
Jul-23	8.06	116.87	156.41	156.18	0.23	182.24	118.11	155.84	183.30
Aug-23	71.67	116.23	160.48	160.00	0.48	182.76	126.98	155.49	192.06

Representative Barometer for Trends in Profitability

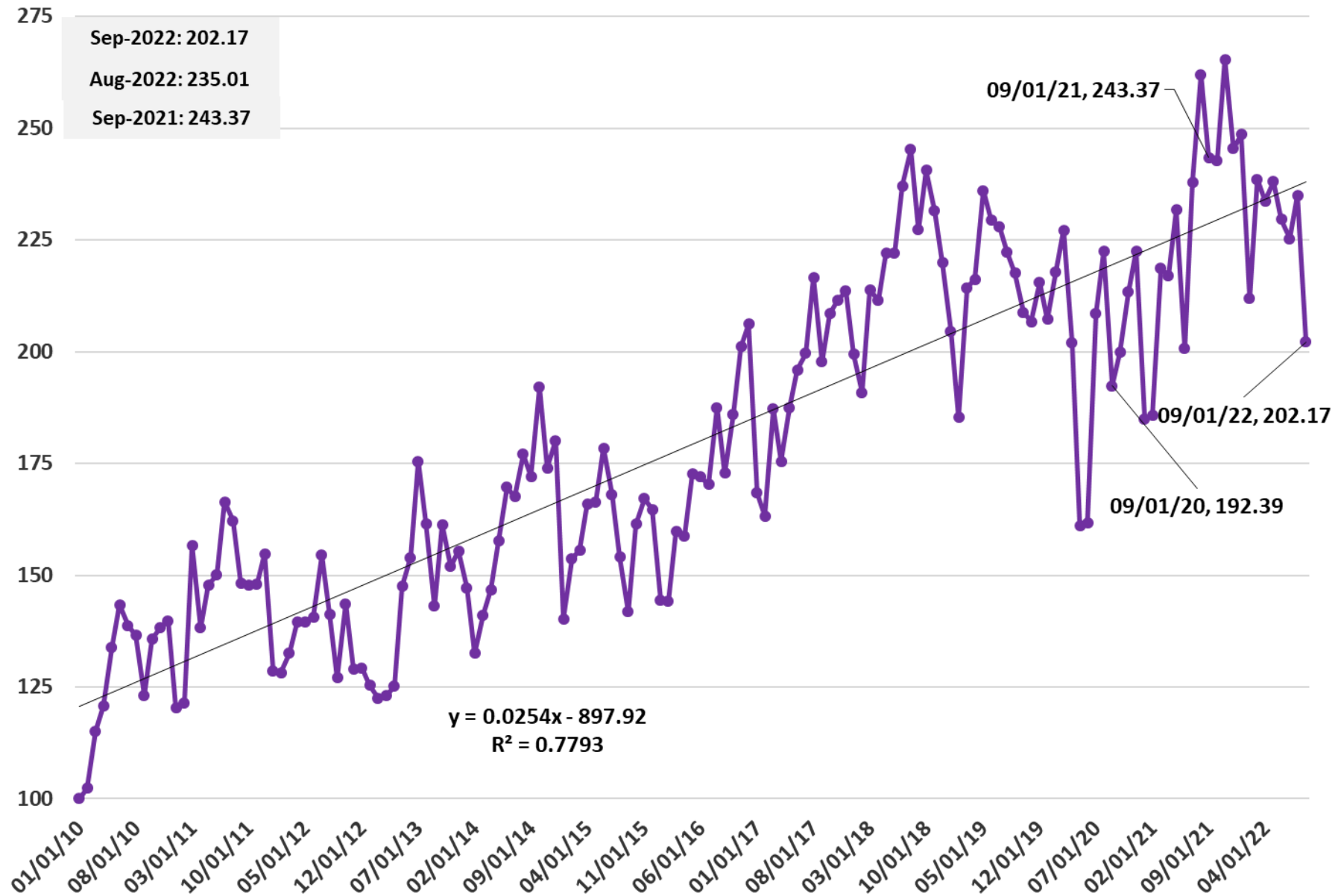


Beef Demand Patterns



See mid-Nov Extended Discussion w/ Matt Perrier on Practically Ranching:
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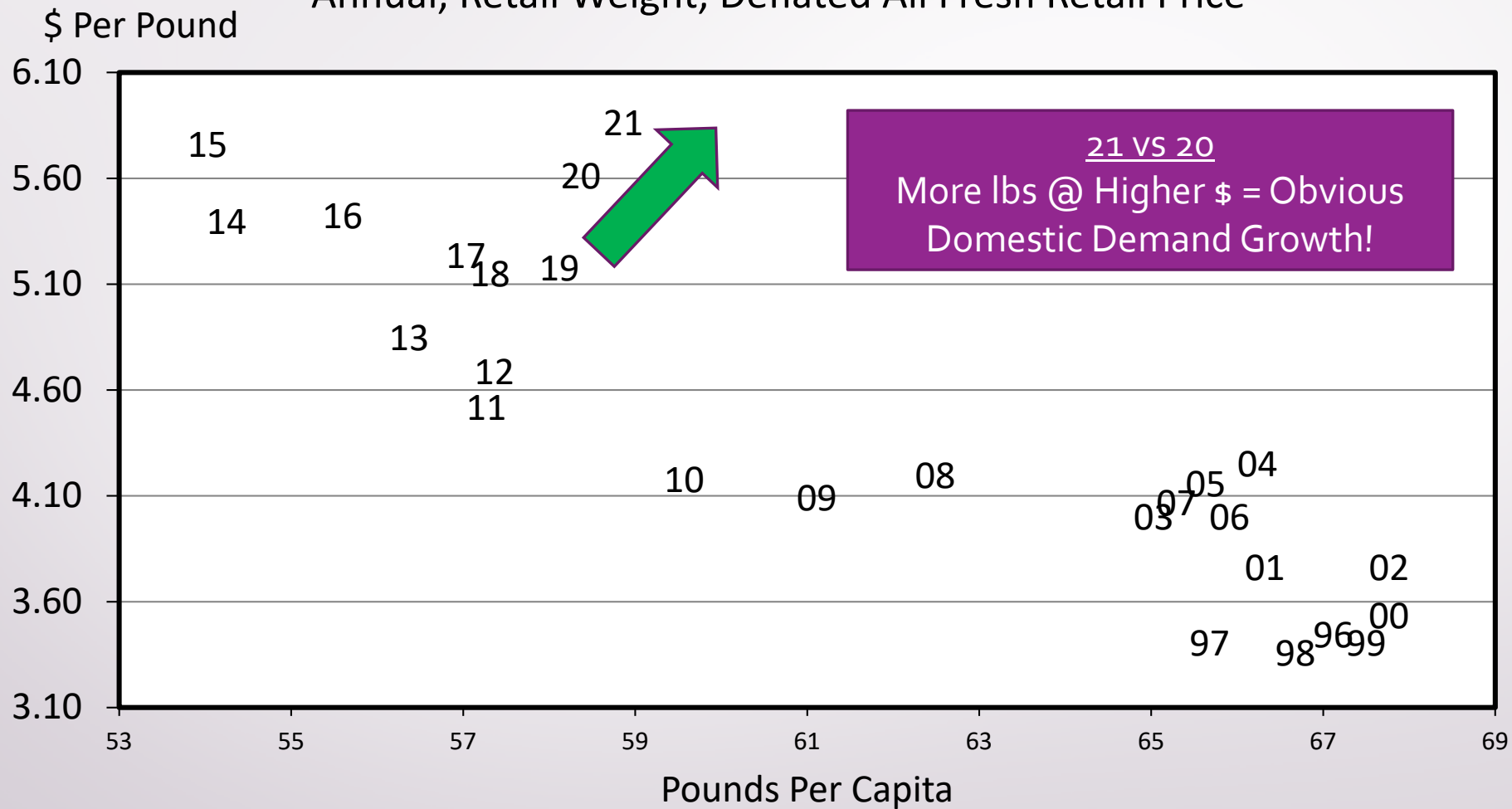
Monthly U.S. Beef, Export Demand Index, Jan. 2010 (base) - present



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BEEF PRICE-QUANTITY RELATIONSHIP

Annual, Retail Weight, Deflated All Fresh Retail Price



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Monthly Meat Demand Monitor, Methods, and Supporting Information

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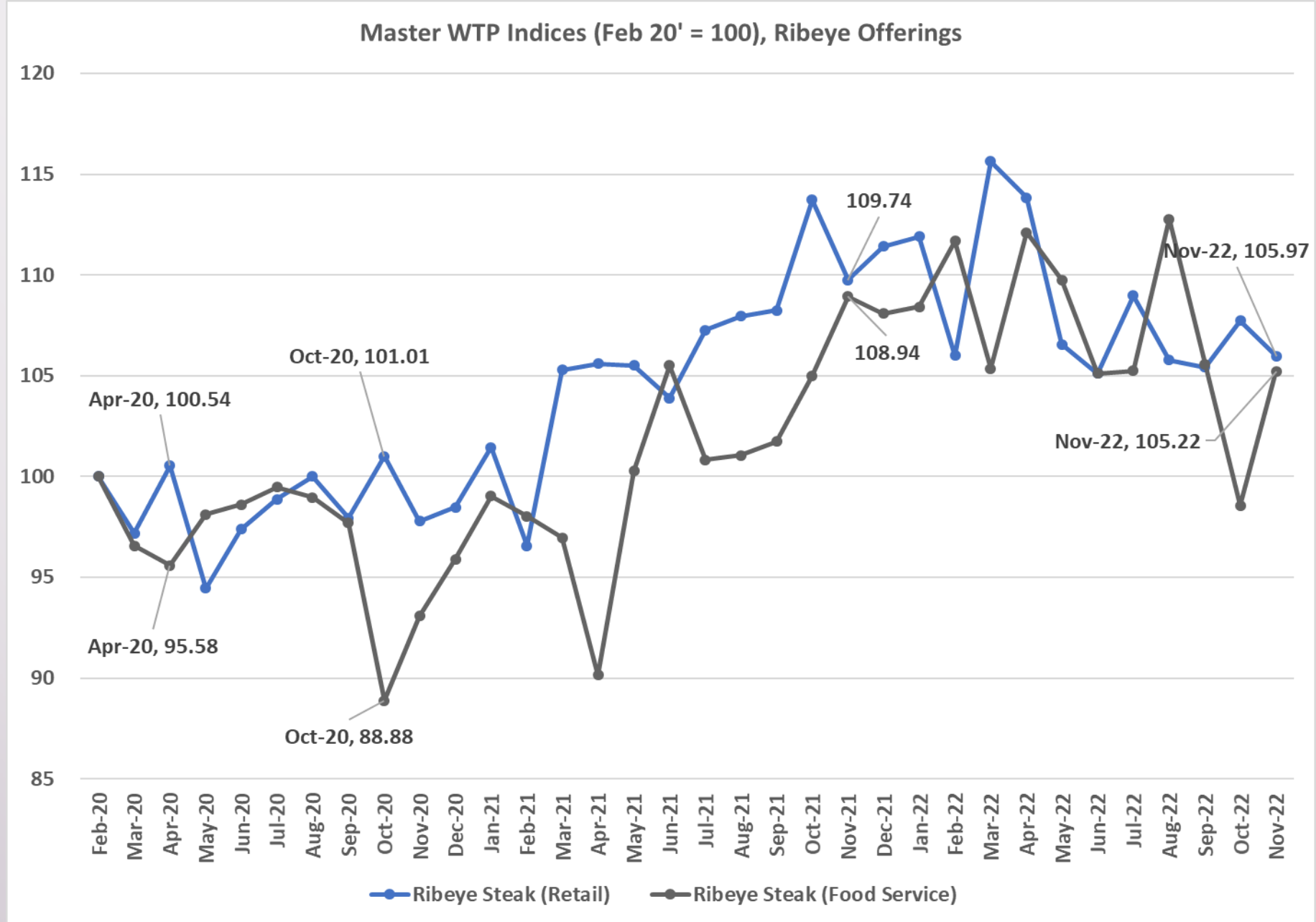
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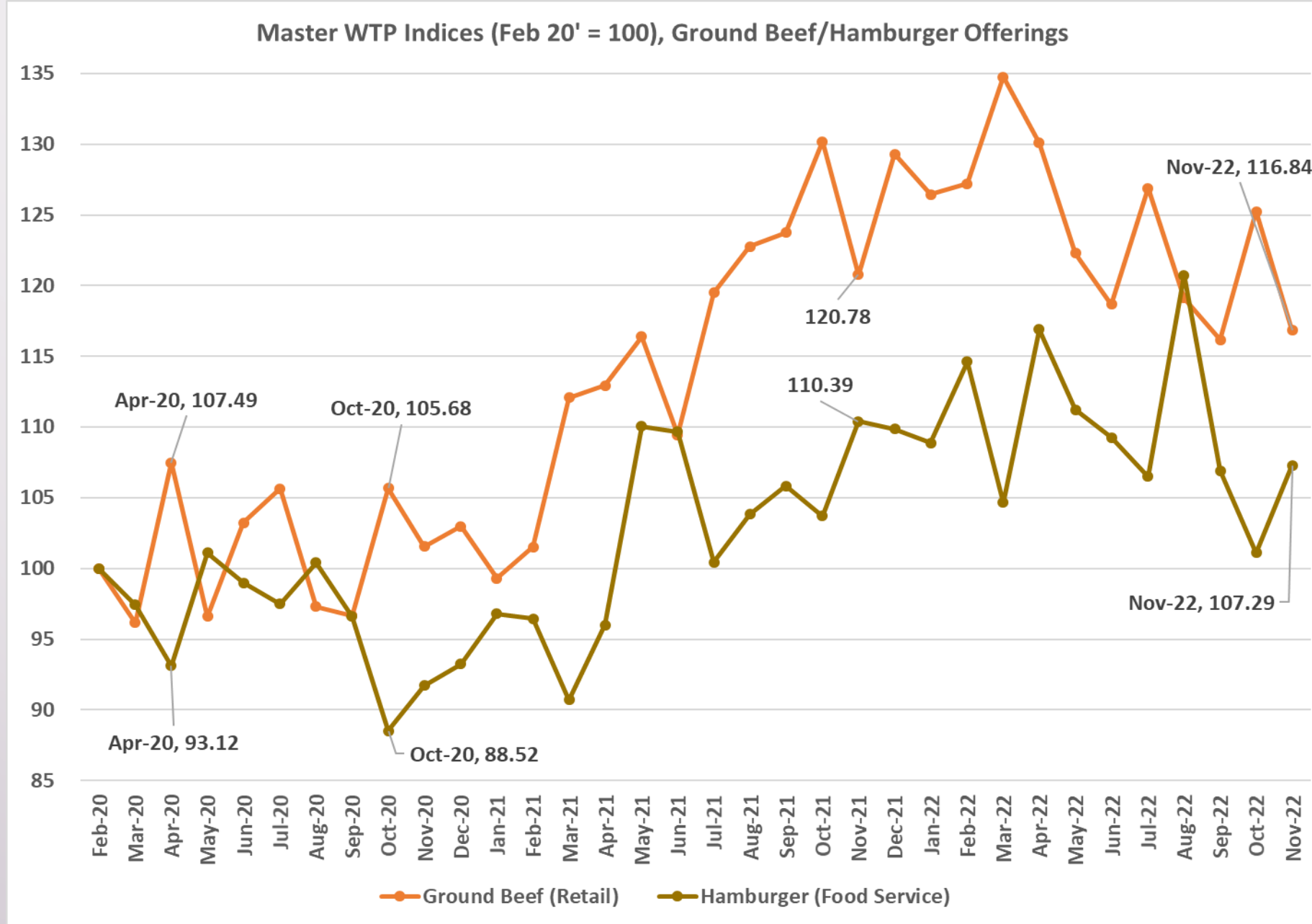
Monthly Meat Demand Monitor

Title	Author	Date	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - August 2020	Tonsor	September 4, 2020	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - July 2020	Tonsor	August 4, 2020	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - February-June 2020 Summary Report	Tonsor	July 27, 2020	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - June 2020	Tonsor	July 2, 2020	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - May 2020	Tonsor	May 29, 2020	Downloads
Meat Demand Monitor - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact on U.S. Meat Demand:	Tonsor	May 12, 2020	Downloads

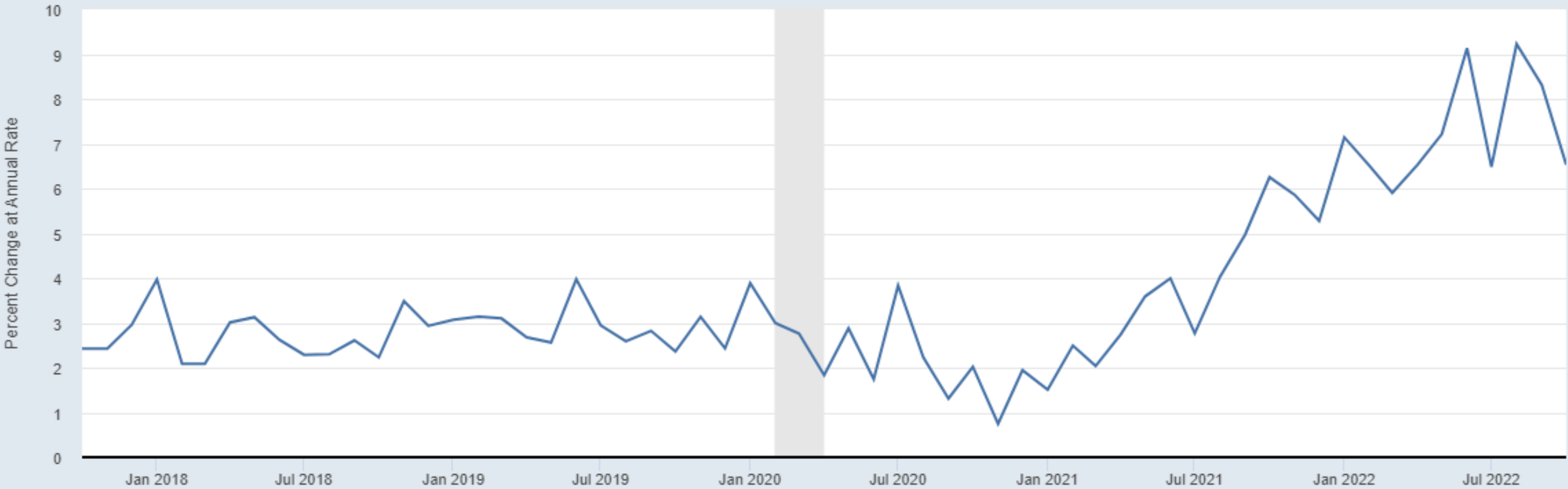
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Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

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— Employed full time: Median usual weekly real earnings: Wage and salary workers: 16 years and over



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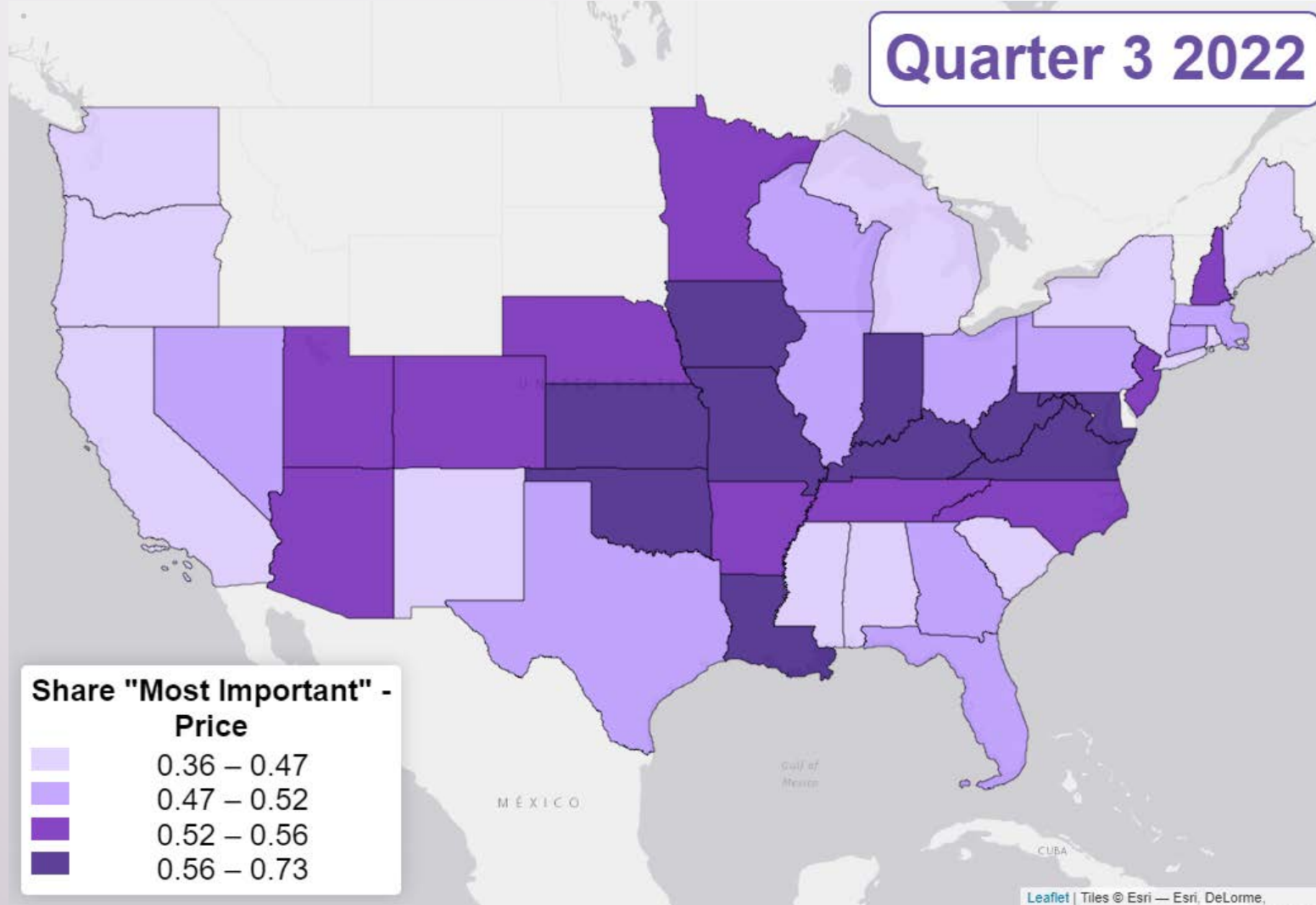
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How Has Economy-Wide Inflation Impacted Consumer Sensitivity to Pork Prices?

Tonsor & Lusk, Sept 2022 – National Pork Board Report

- ☐ Real earnings declined since Q2.2020
- ☐ Relative importance of Price (#MDM) higher in Q2.2022 than Q2.2021
 - ☐ Update: Q3.2022 Price importance highest on record (Feb 2020 MDM start)
- ☐ Analysis of IRI Scanner data (Jan 2017 – Aug 2022)
 - ☐ Consumers are becoming more sensitive to prices on retail pork products

Where is Price Most Important in Protein Purchasing Decisions?



Q3-2022

Nationally: 50%

IA: 73%
WV: 73%

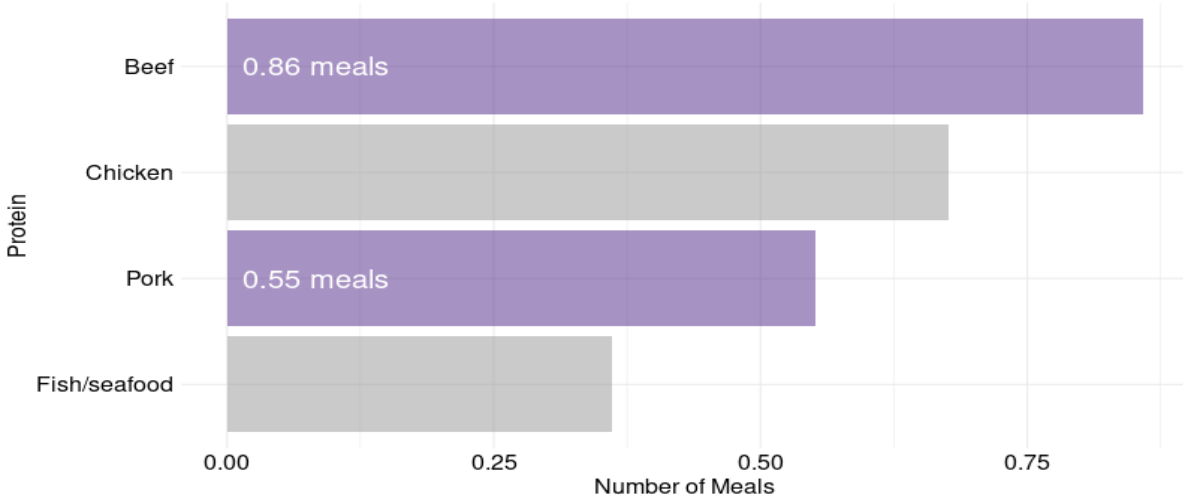
RI: 36%
WA: 40%

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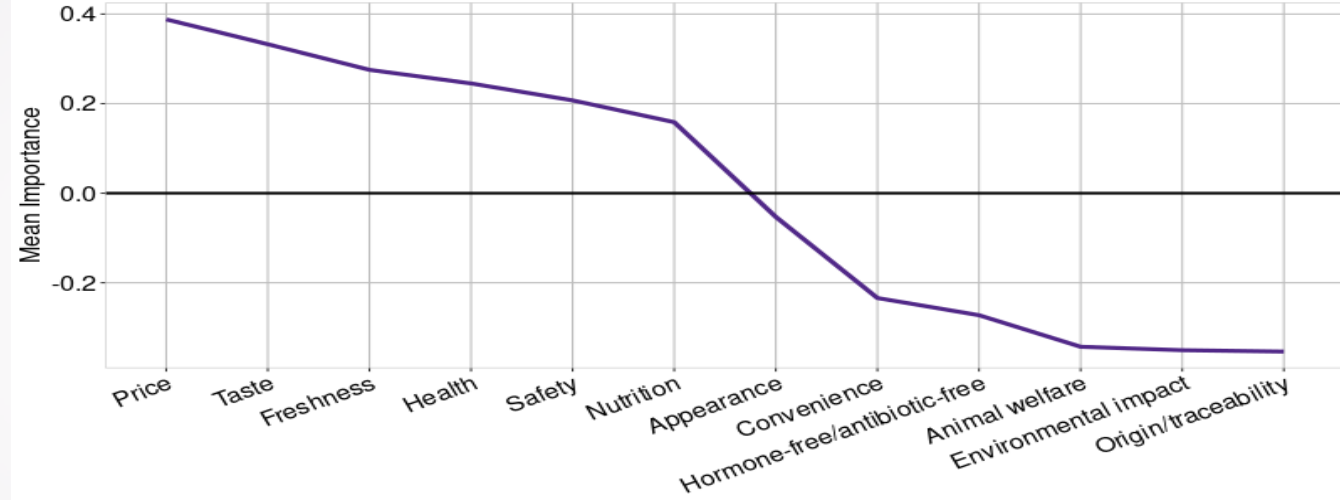
MDM Dashboard: Q3.2022 KS Example

<https://ksmeatdemandmonitor.shinyapps.io/MDMapp/>

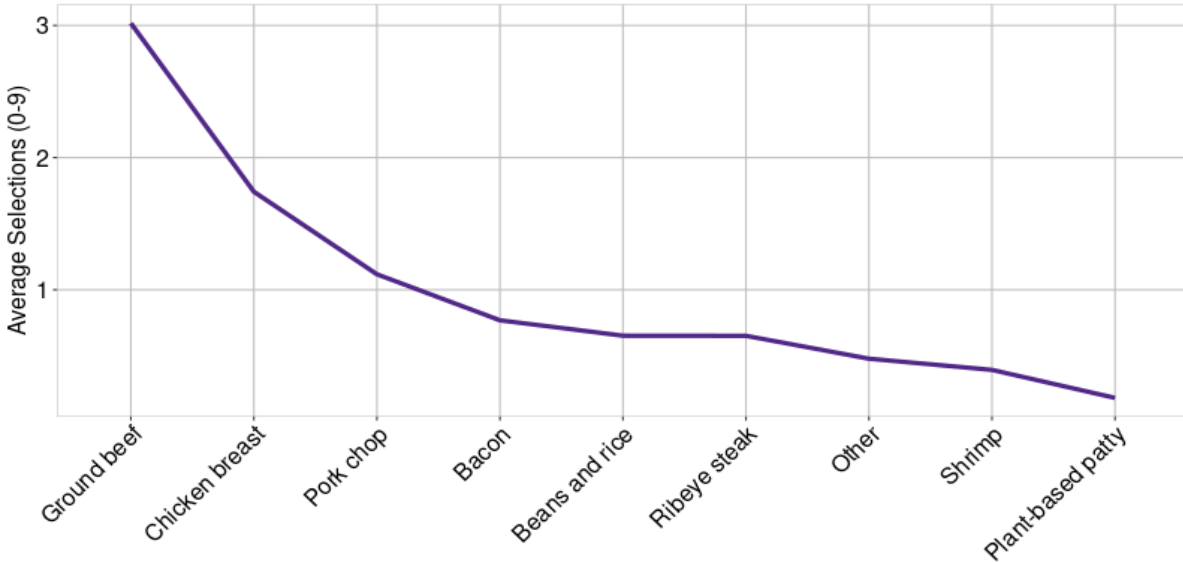
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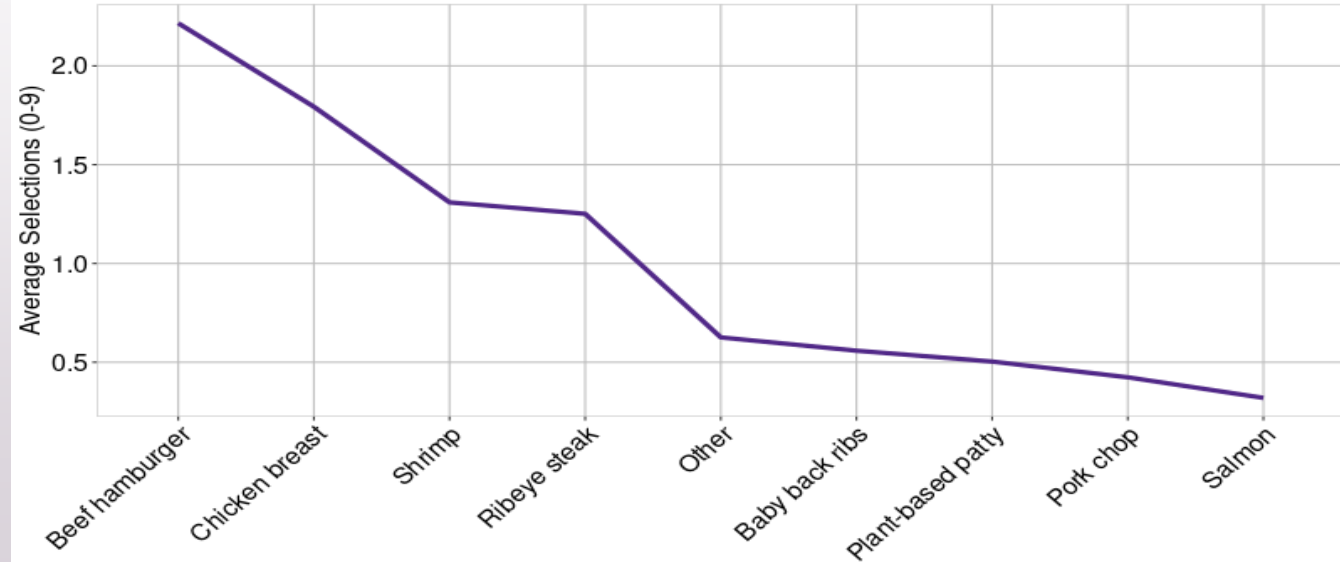
Protein Values
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Choice Experiment - Retail
Quarter 3 2022 - Kansas



Choice Experiment - Food service
Quarter 3 2022 - Kansas



Take-Home Summary

- Herd Dynamics = Reduced Beef Supplies = Likely Higher Cattle Prices
- Demand Story Mixed
 - Export Demand DESPITE Strong USD & Logistical Challenges
 - Domestic Demand Slipping as U.S. Consumer Buying Power Erodes
- ***Industry Continues to Operate in Period of Elevated Uncertainty...***



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