

Outlook: Grain, Forage & Cattle Markets Plus General Economy

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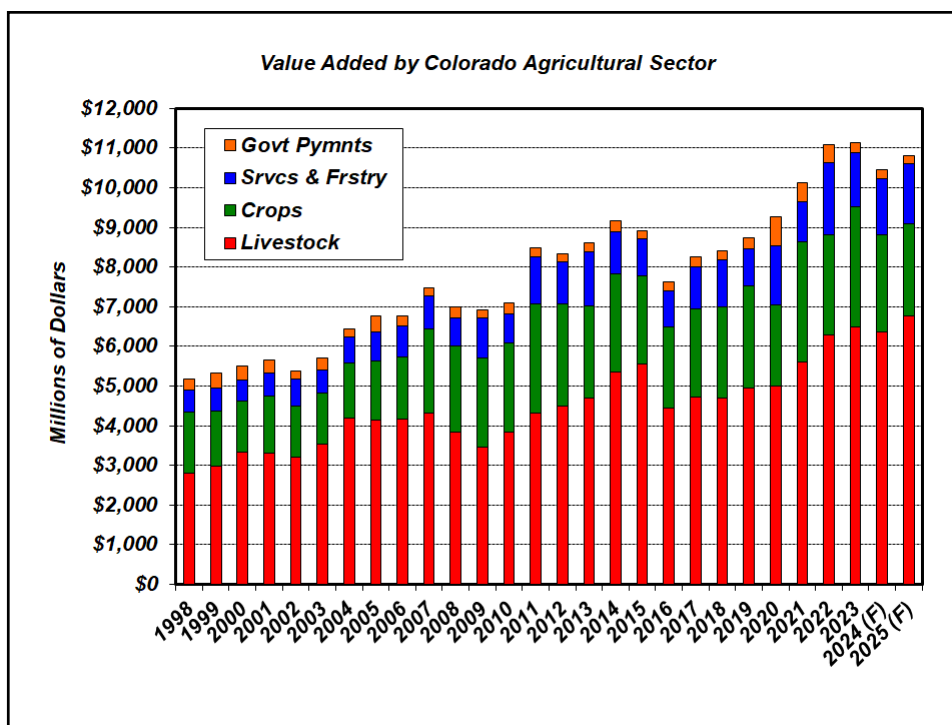
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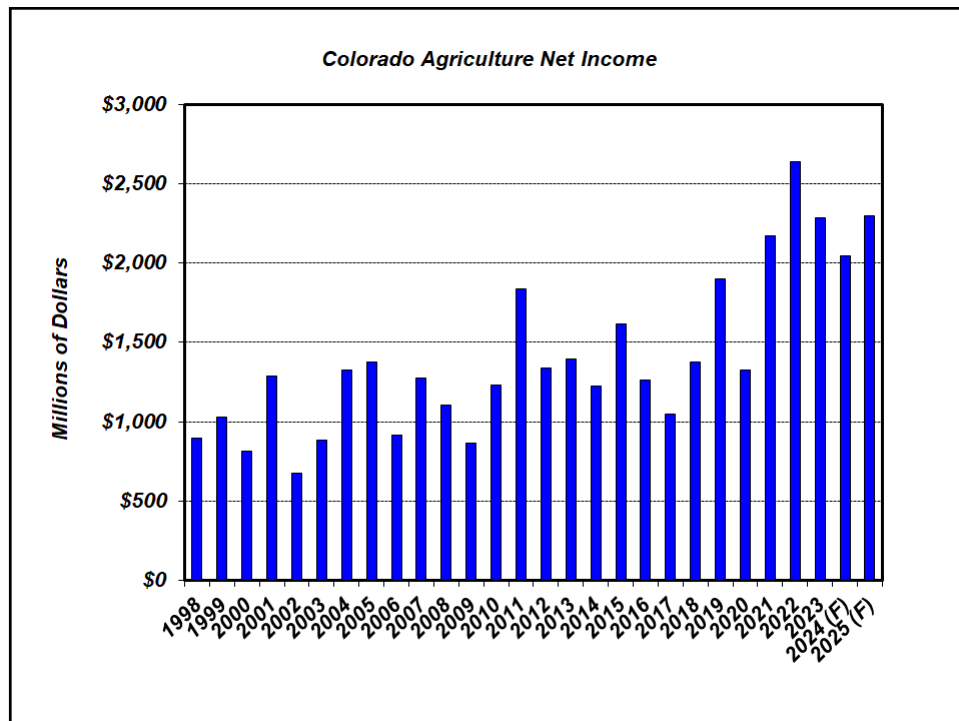
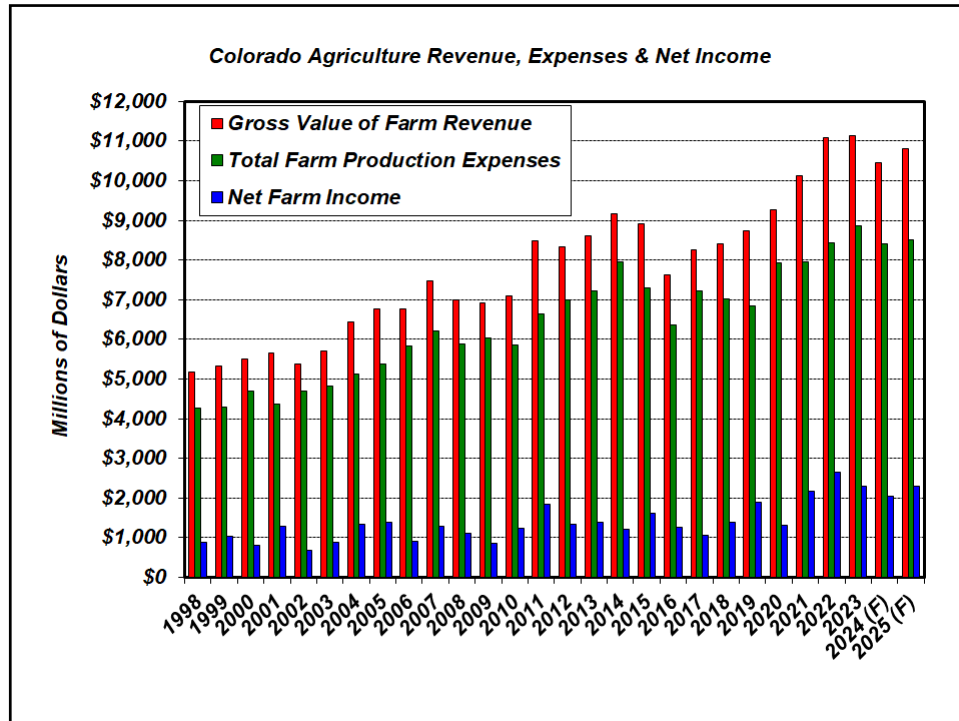
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Outline

- Commodity Price Outlook
 - Weather
 - Corn & Oilseeds
 - Forage
 - Wheat
 - Cattle & Dairy
- Macro & General Economic Conditions.
- What's happened, why, & what likely next?

Commodity Market Outlook Summary

- Corn – current strength but weakening... No risk premium? Soybeans w/ record S. Am. crop but?
- Hay – substantial improved stocks & quality?
- Wheat – tightening but large worldwide & expanding domestic.
- Cattle – meat supplies are tight & tightening, demand strong & trade? Herd building?
- Dairy – strong prices, exports, & international market but expanding inventory. Better feed costs so in the long term...
- Economy – very strong, strong dollar, and higher long-term interest rates.

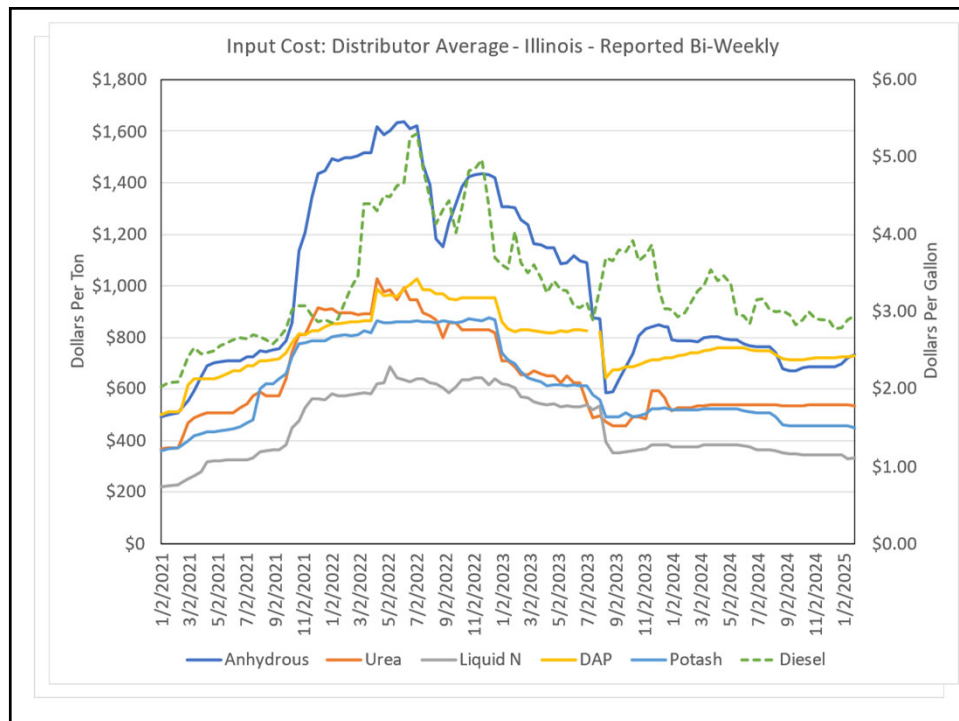
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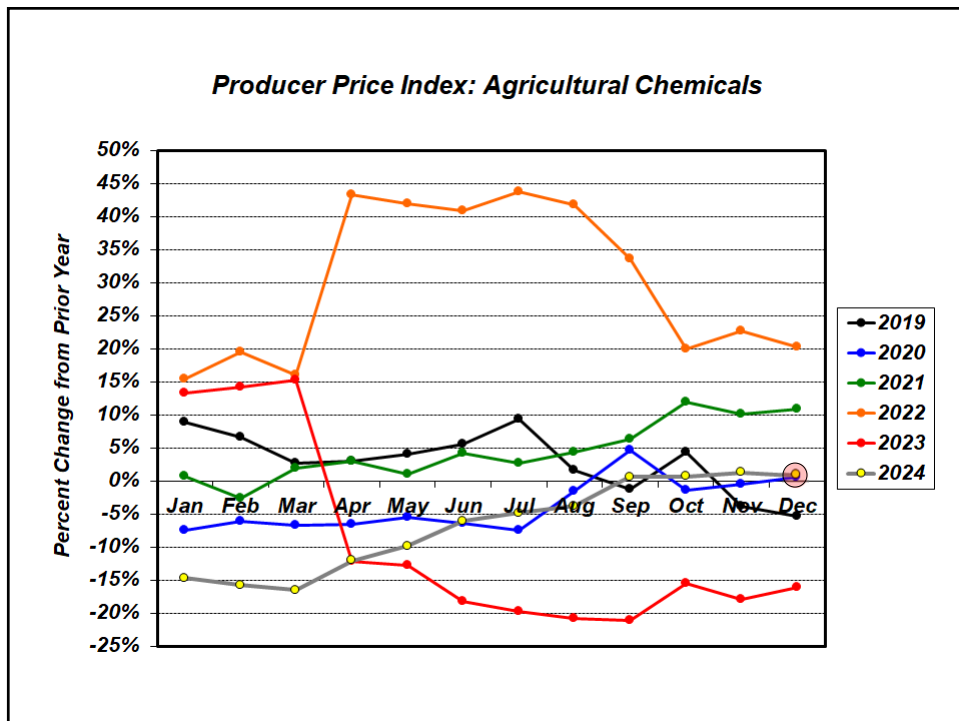
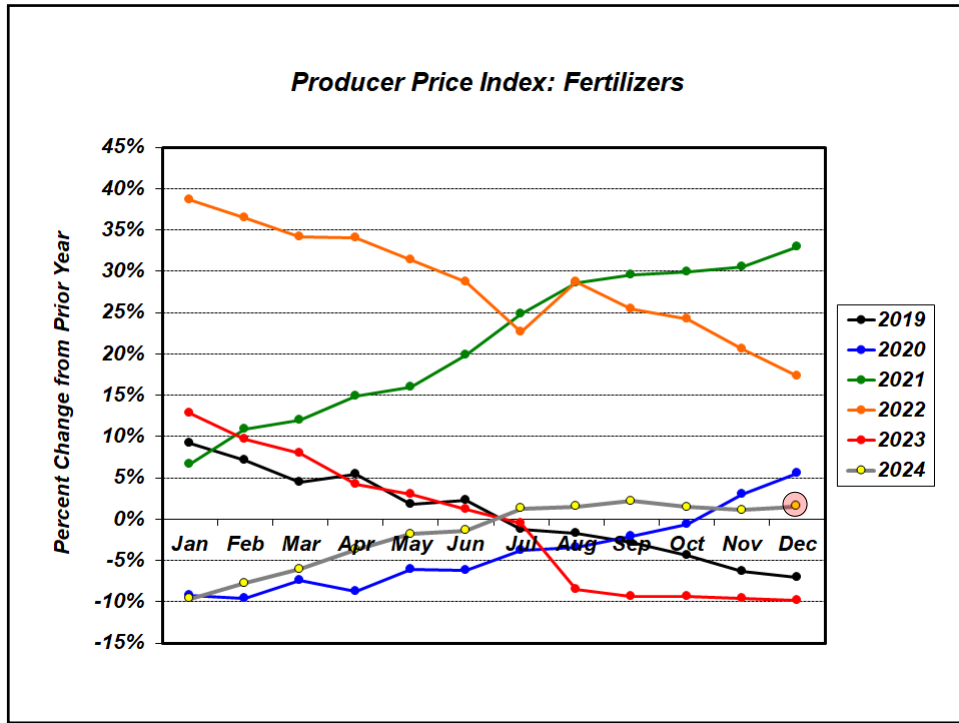
- Improving supplies of almost all crop & many livestock commodities. But not cattle/beef.
- Strong domestic but not international demand. Growth?
- Costs have substantially retreated.
- Very strong dollar & higher interest rates.
- Weaker prices & margins for crop production.
- High protein prices. Expanding non-beef production.
- Mixed protein production margins but improving.

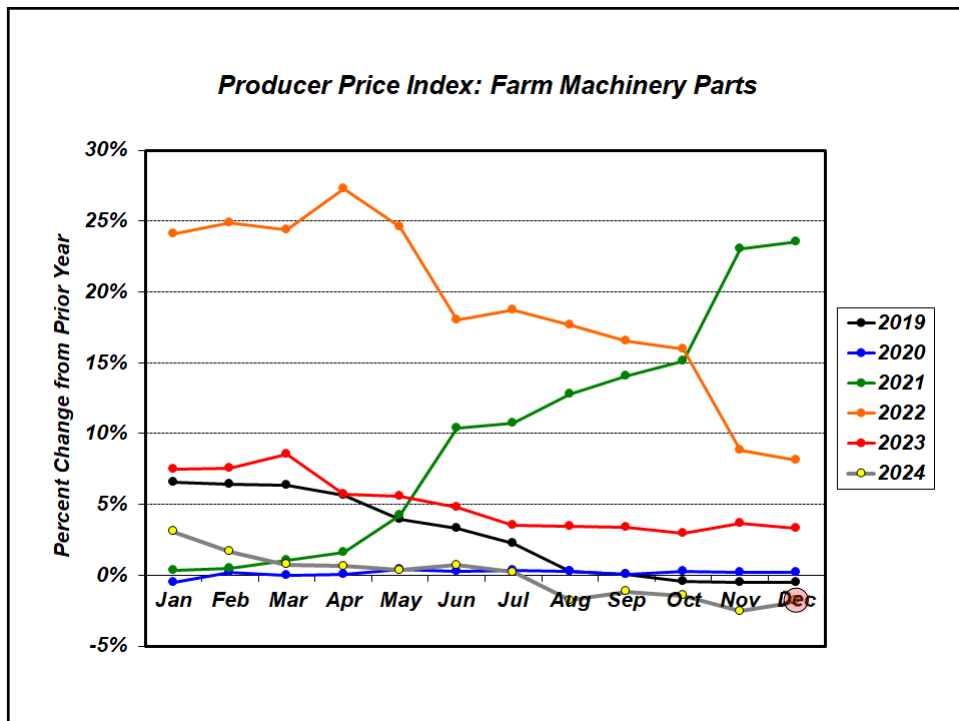
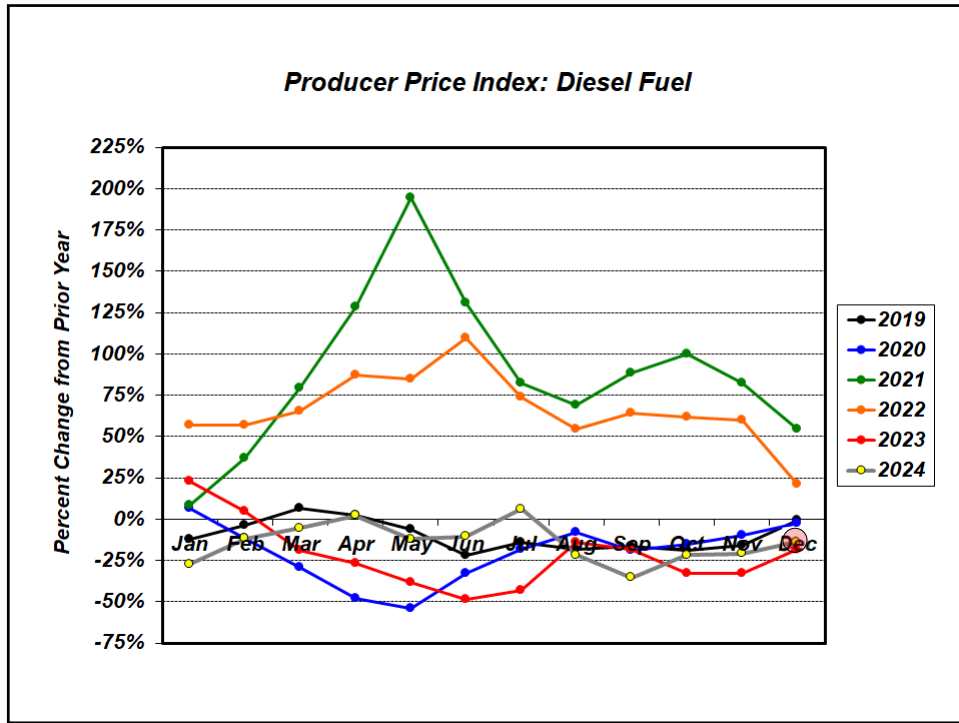
01/28/25	Corn	Wheat	KCW	Soybeans	Fed	Feeder	Hogs	Milk
JAN25						\$281.825		\$20.32
FEB					\$208.550		\$83.900	\$20.39
MAR	\$4.8525	\$5.4525	\$5.6100	\$10.4500		\$278.250		\$20.09
APR					\$207.275	\$277.800	\$90.900	\$19.83
MAY	\$4.9600	\$5.5875	\$5.7075	\$10.5950		\$276.275	\$95.475	\$19.64
JUN					\$201.350		\$104.175	\$18.88
JUL	\$4.9825	\$5.7025	\$5.7975	\$10.7225			\$104.700	\$18.98
AUG				\$10.6625	\$197.125	\$277.200	\$103.300	\$19.01
SEP	\$4.6275	\$5.8425	\$5.9150	\$10.4675		\$275.350		\$19.05
OCT					\$197.125	\$273.150	\$85.600	\$18.98
NOV				\$10.4750		\$270.100		\$18.77
DEC	\$4.6100	\$6.0350	\$6.0825		\$196.800		\$76.250	\$18.75
JAN26				\$10.5575				\$18.75
FEB					\$196.225		\$79.050	\$18.05
MAR	\$4.7225	\$6.2000	\$6.2175	\$10.5350				\$18.00
APR					\$195.725		\$82.475	\$17.75
MAY	\$4.7900	\$6.2875	\$6.2825	\$10.5725			\$85.850	\$17.70
JUN					\$188.325		\$93.625	\$17.70
JUL	\$4.8200	\$6.2500	\$6.2225	\$10.6400				
AUG				\$10.5725				
SEP	\$4.6375	\$6.3425	\$6.2200	\$10.3800				
OCT								
NOV				\$10.3600				
DEC	\$4.6200	\$6.4750	\$6.3600					
JUL27	\$4.8050	\$6.1825	\$6.1450	\$10.6300				
NOV				\$10.5000				
DEC	\$4.5875							

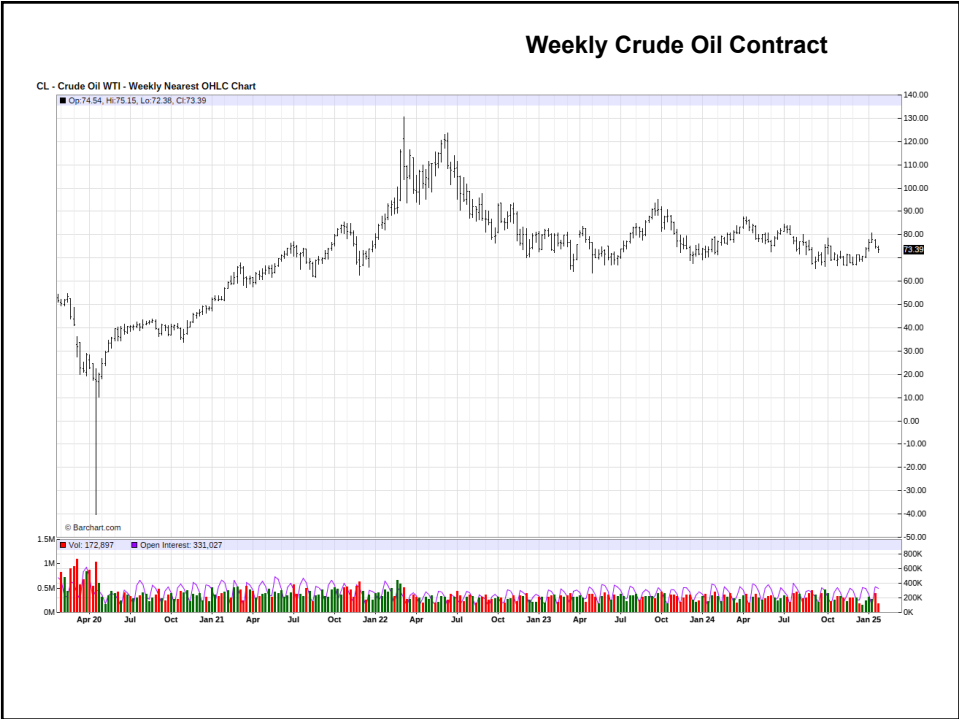
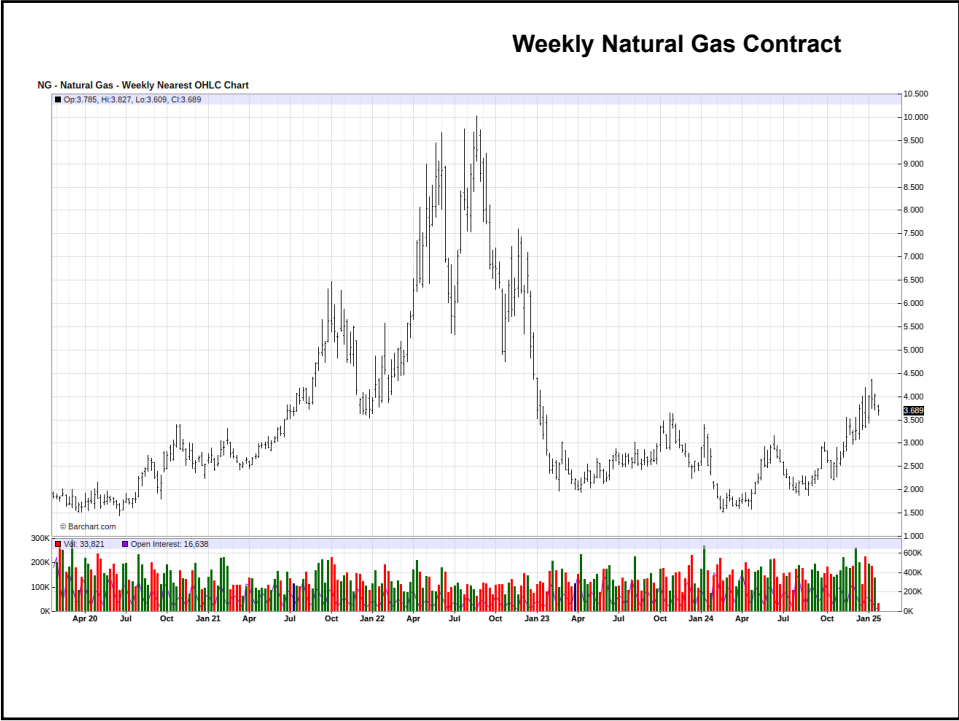
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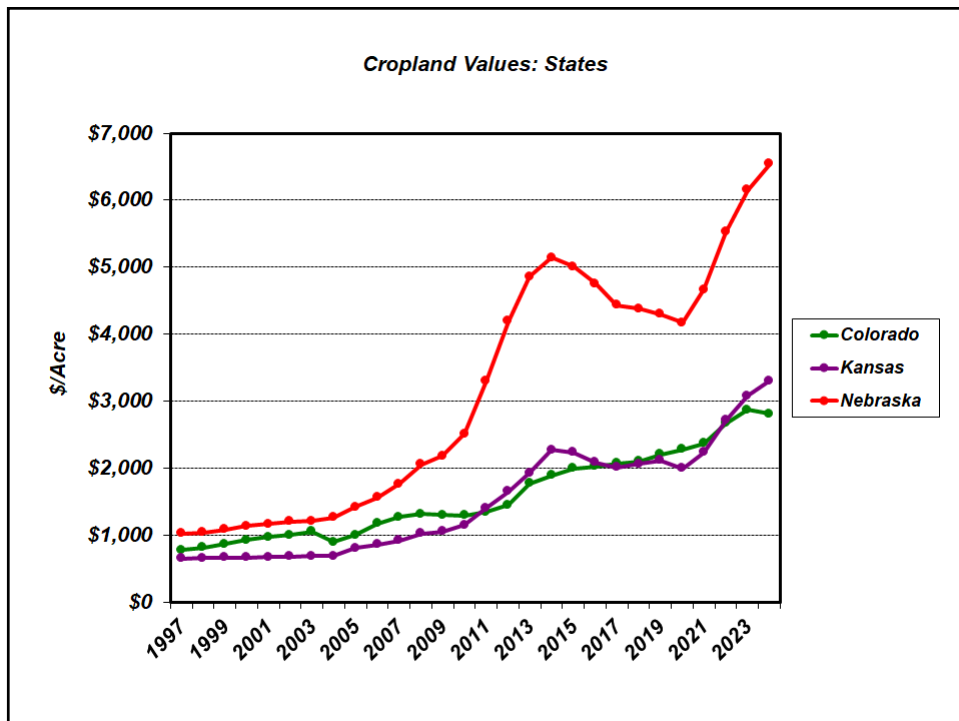
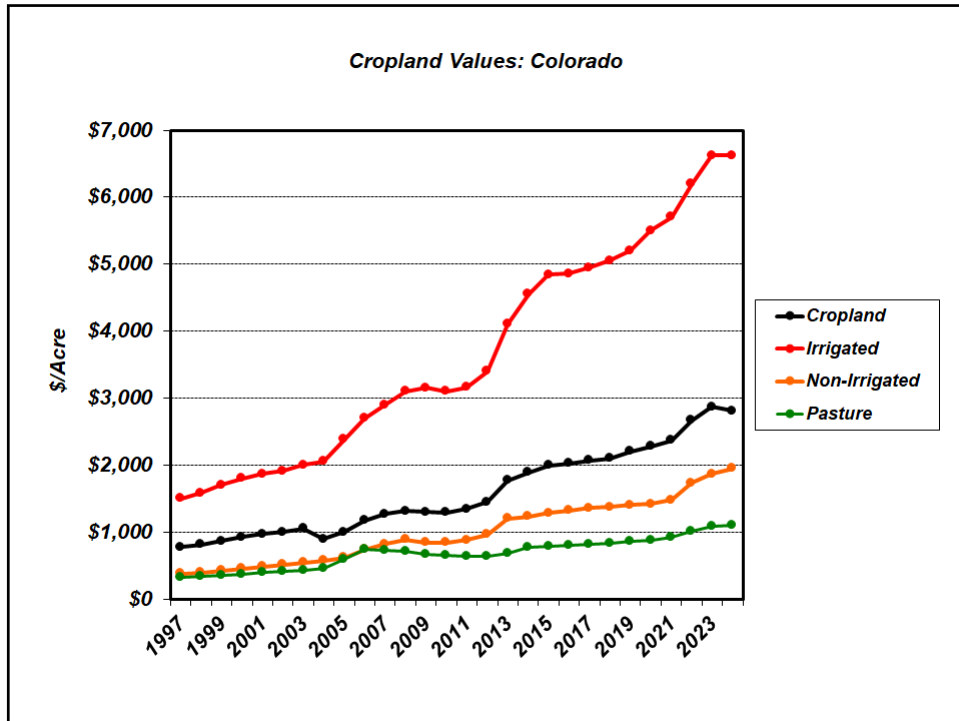
- Supply chain recovery.
- Inflation reduction & some deflation.
- Strong but softening farm economy.
- Strong nonfarm economy.
- Labor, labor, labor...
- Energy...
- Inputs...
- Inflation & interest rates...

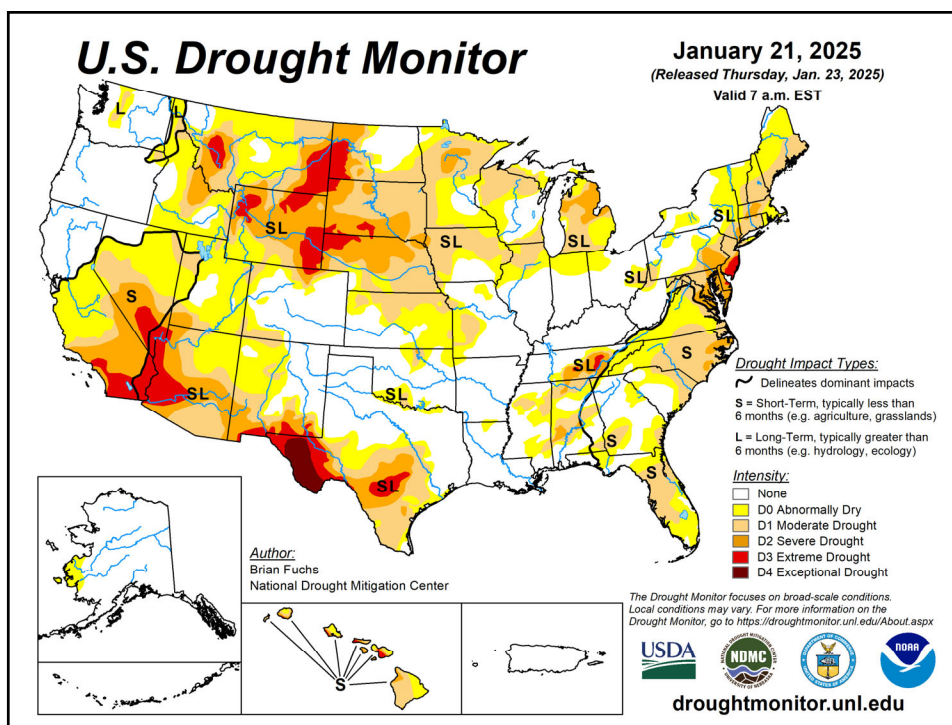
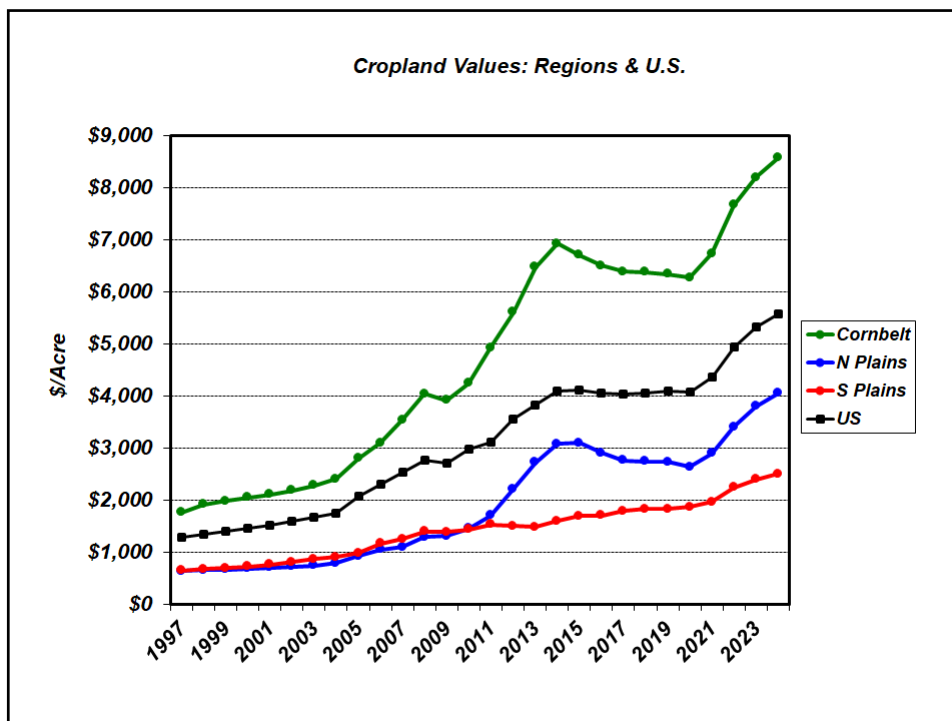


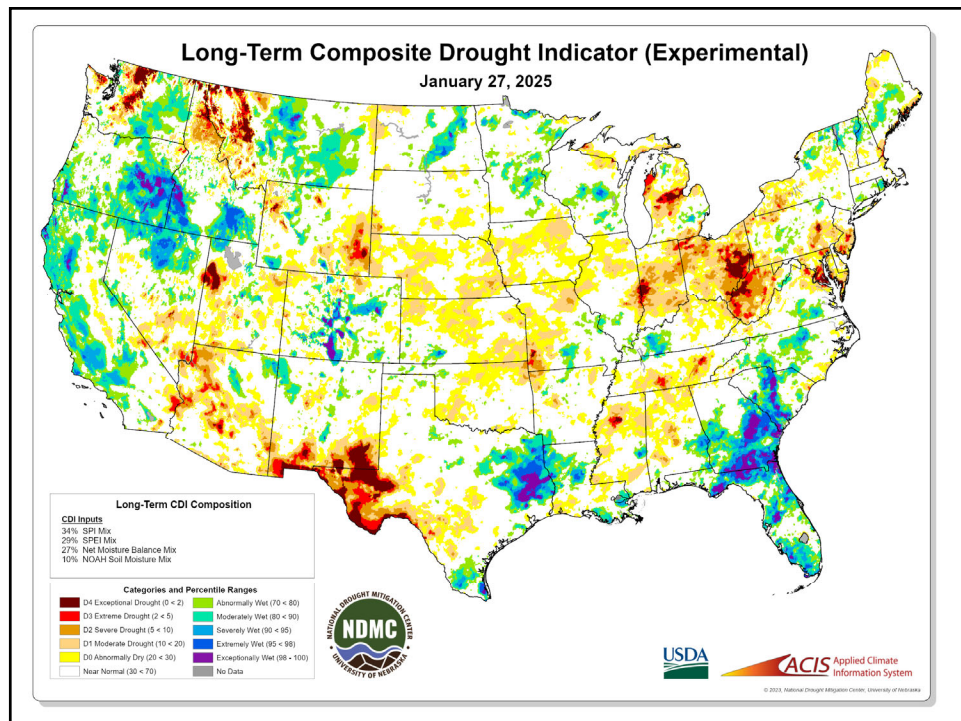
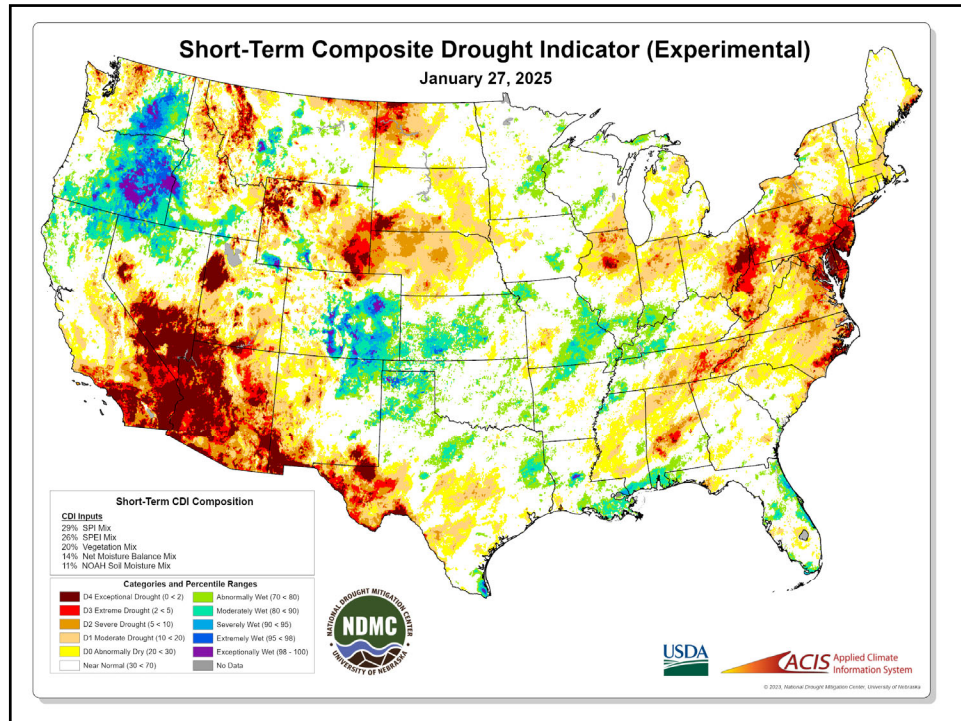


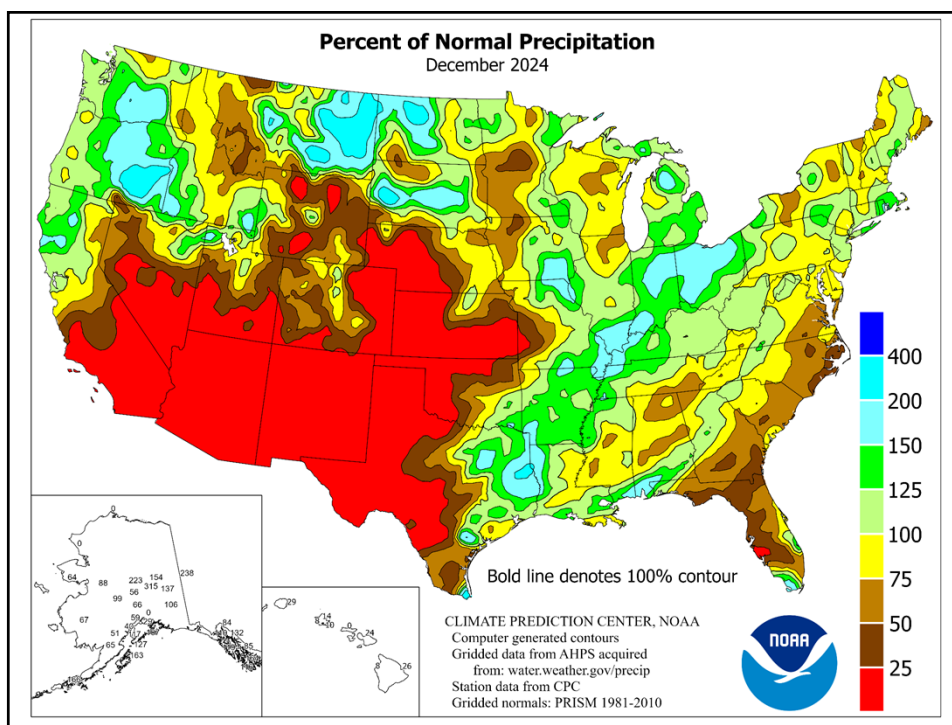
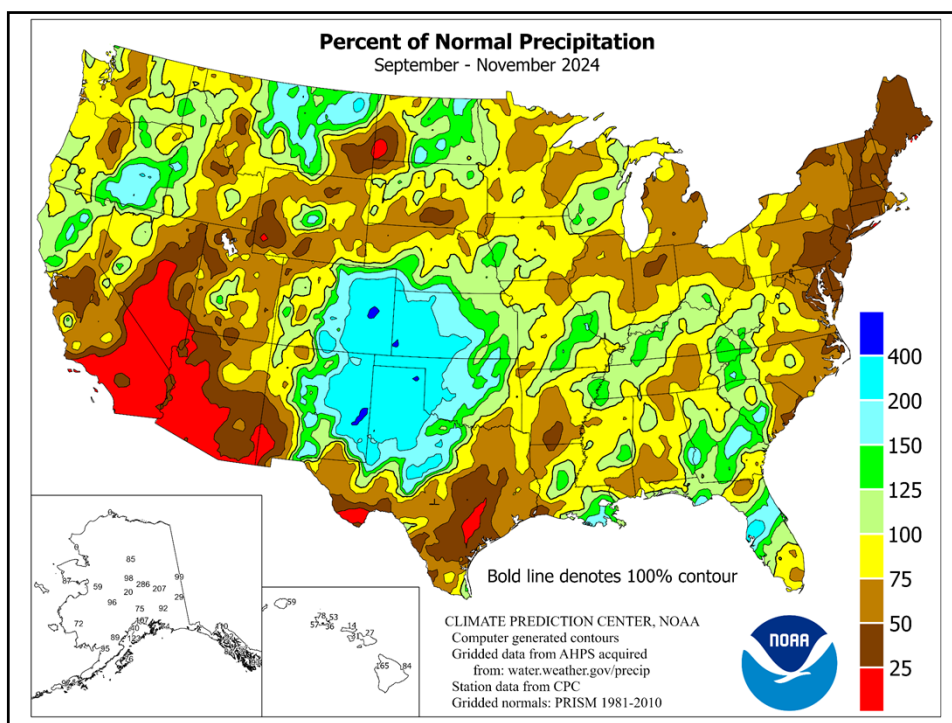


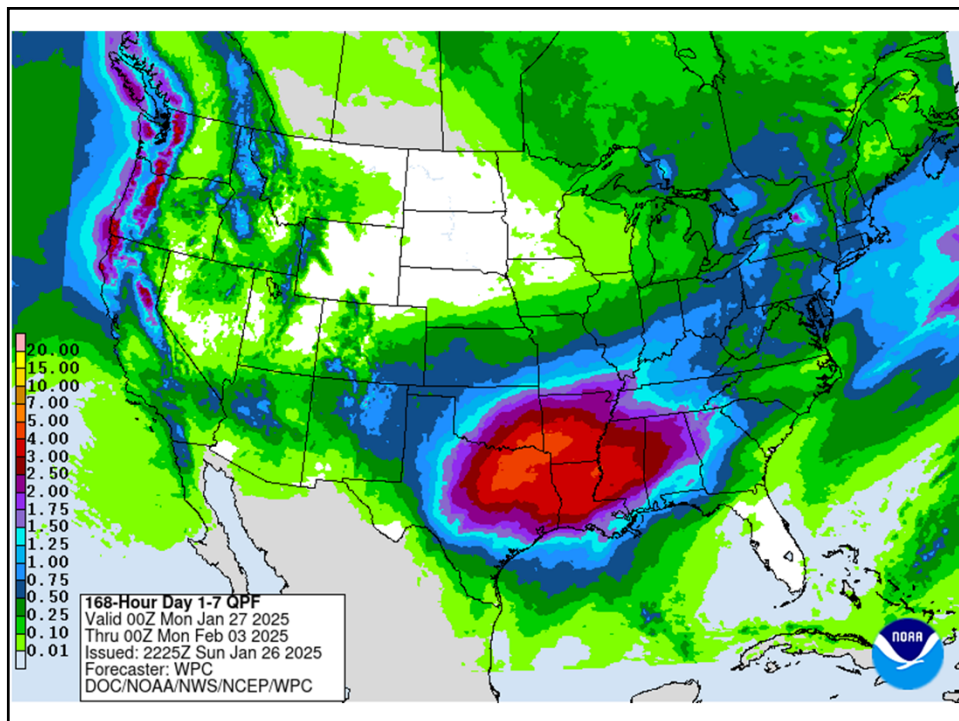
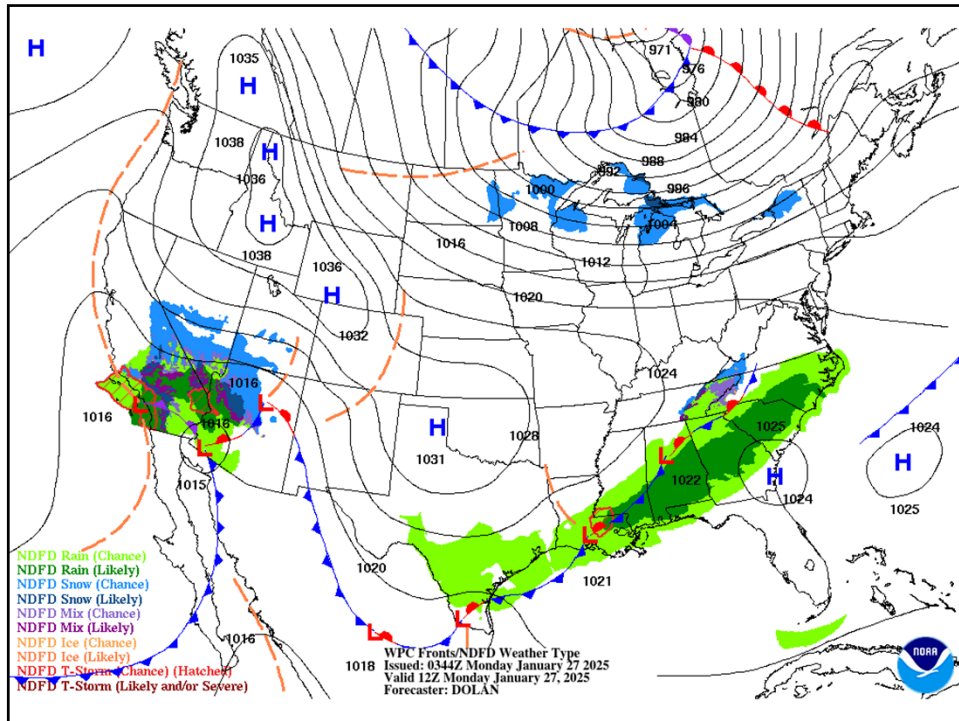


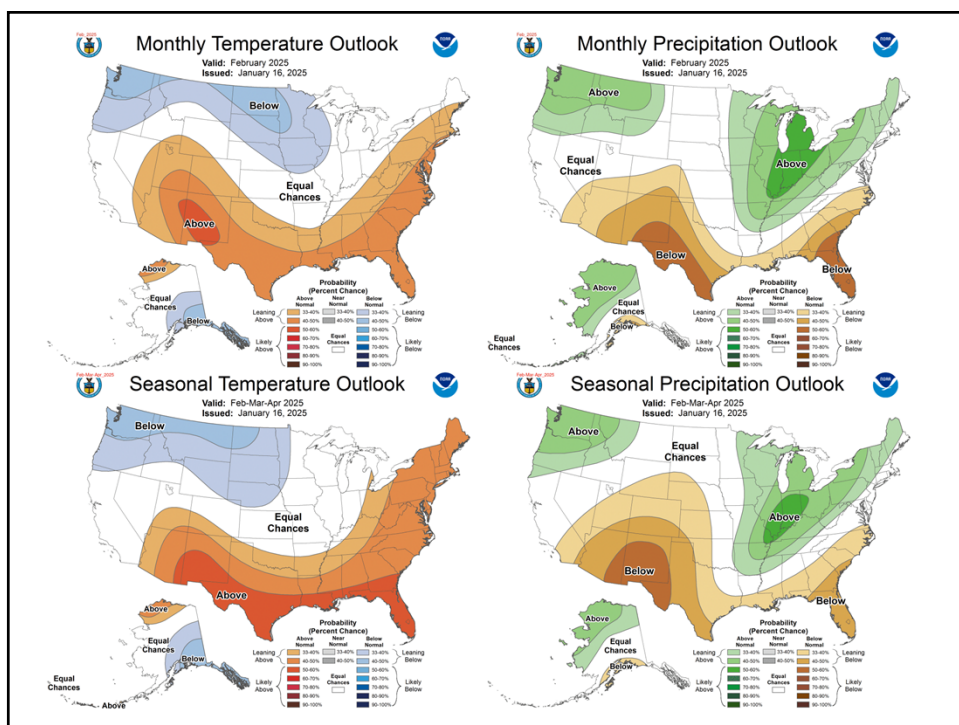
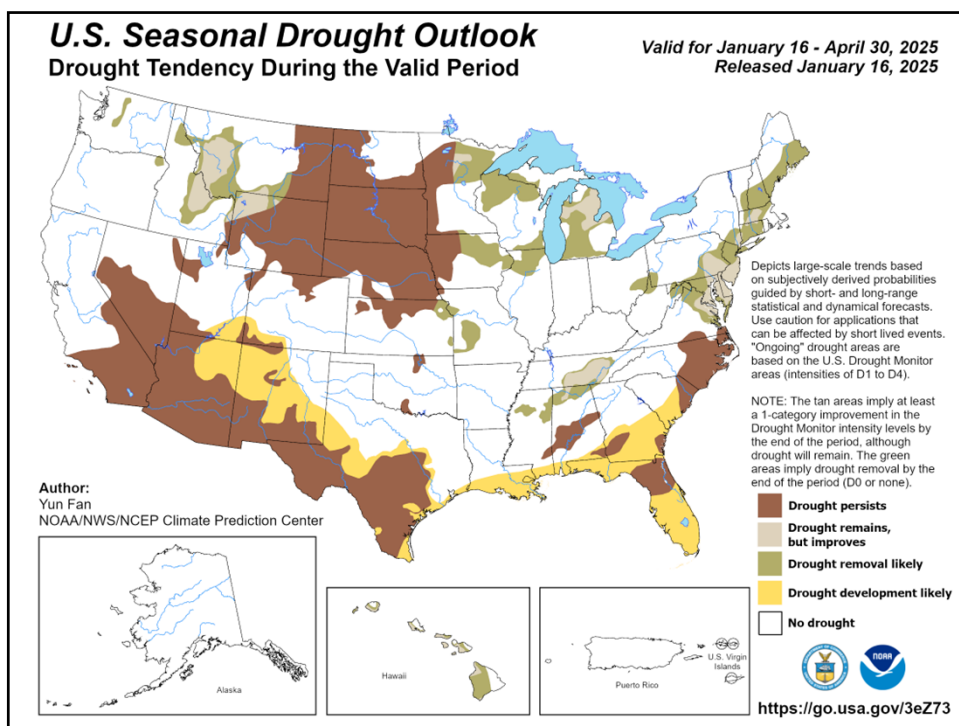


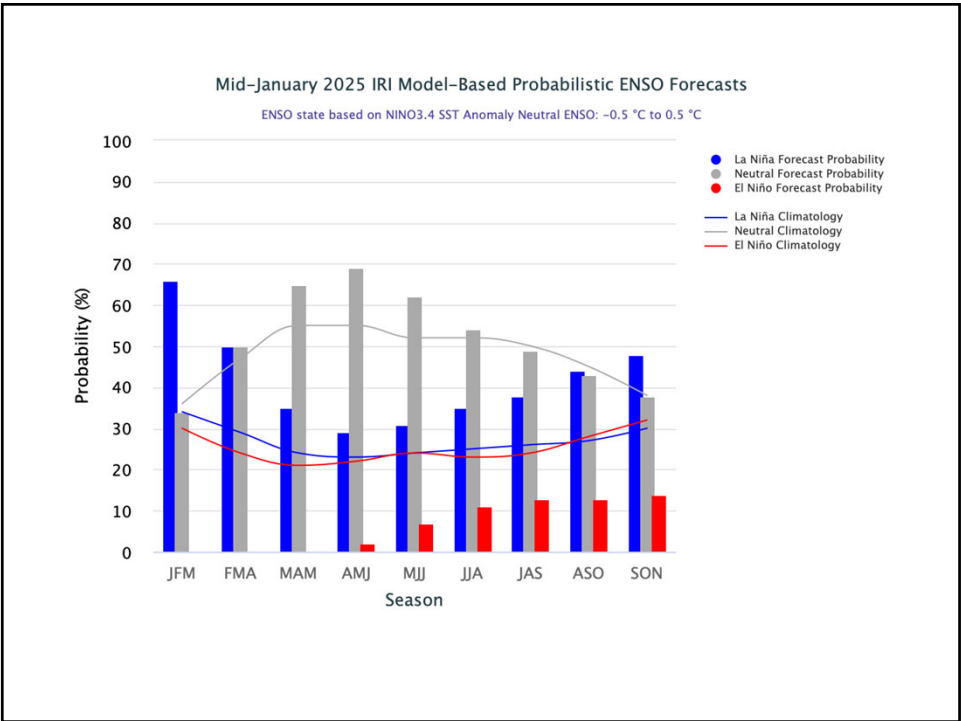
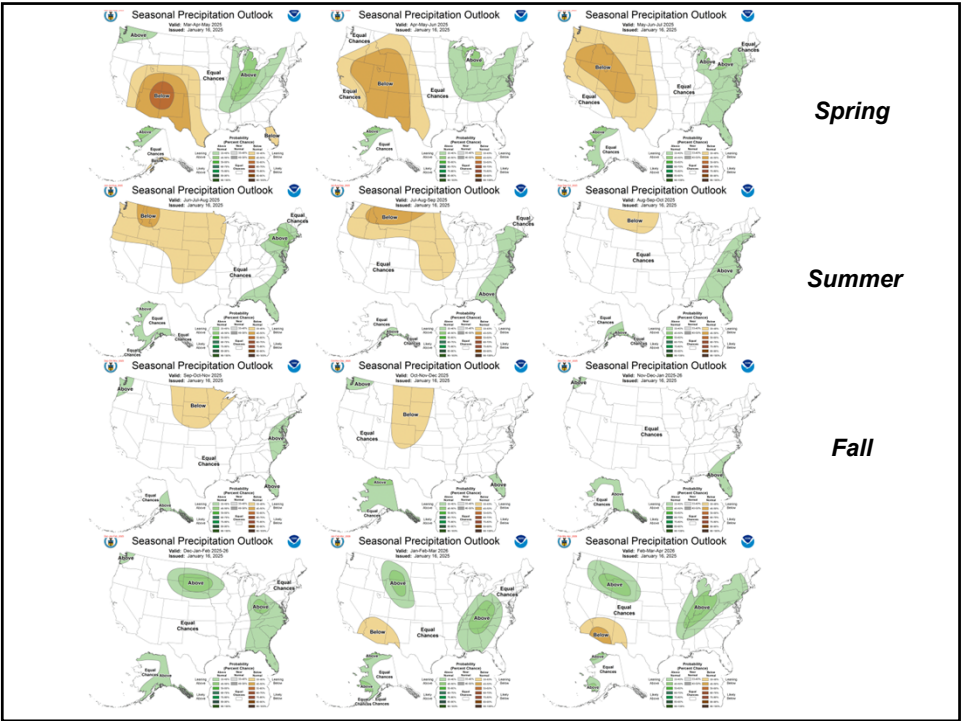


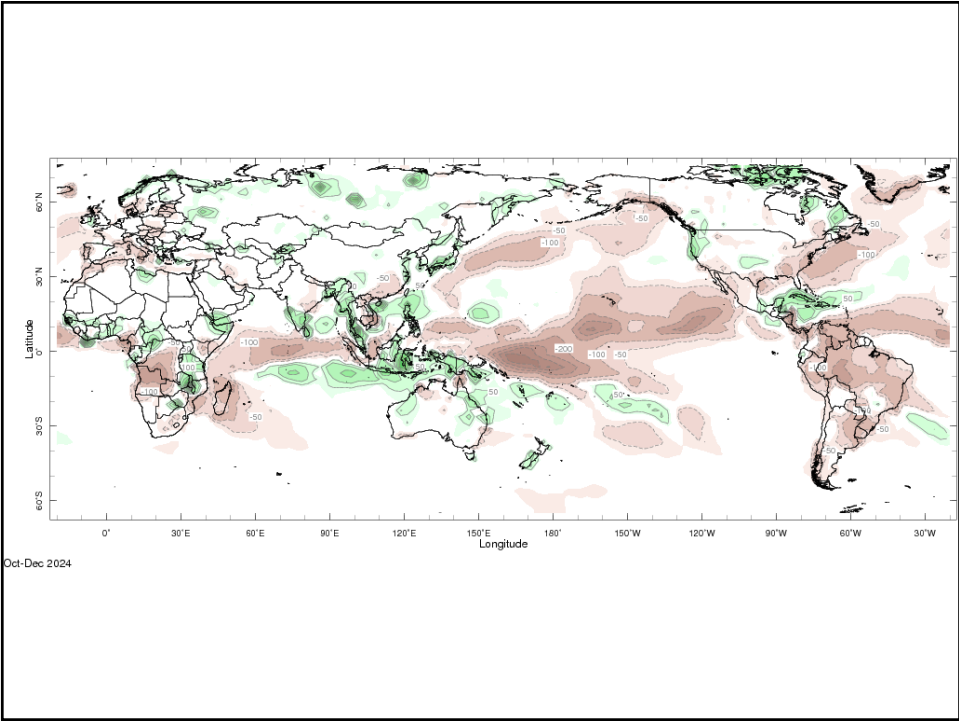
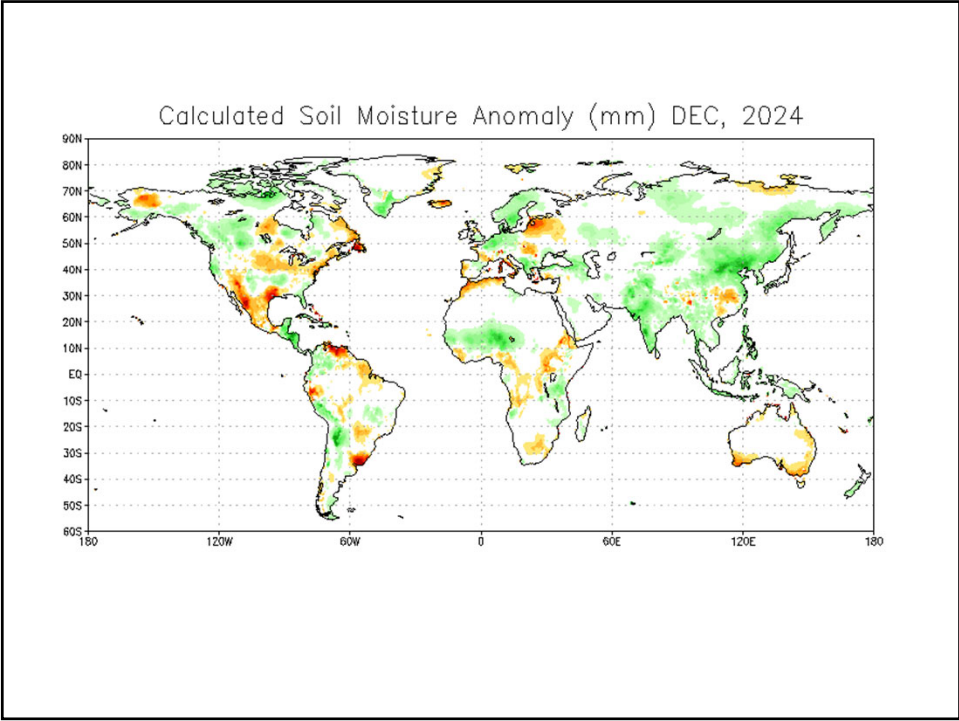






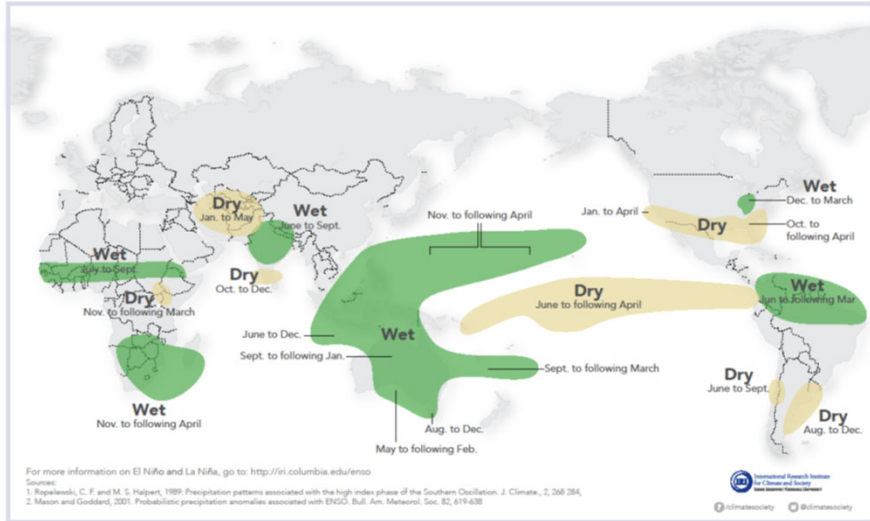






La Niña and Rainfall

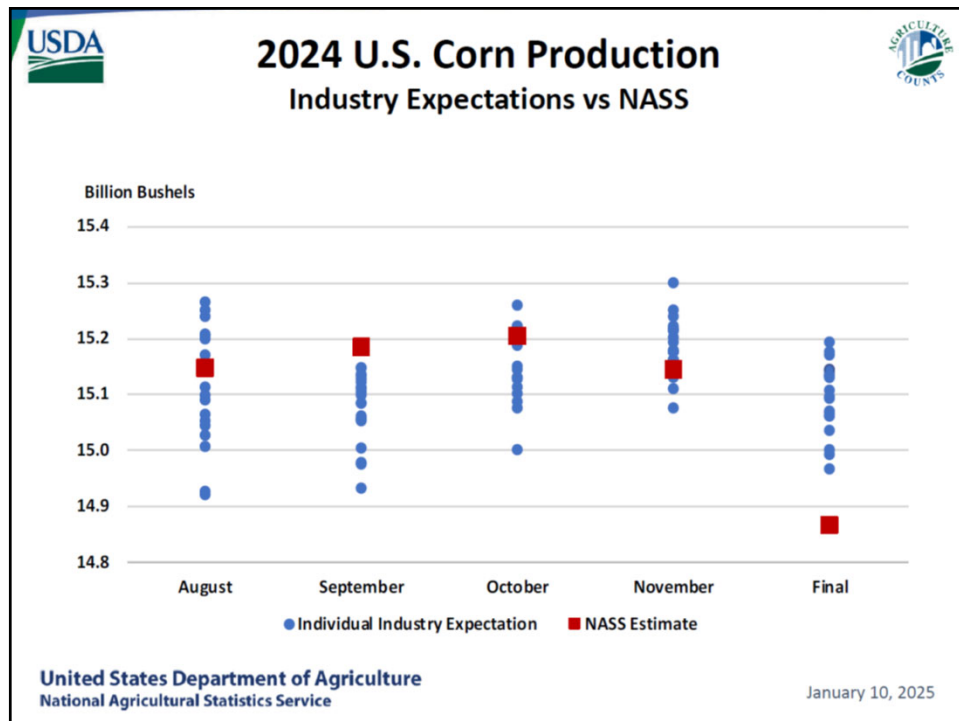
La Niña conditions in the tropical Pacific are known to shift rainfall patterns in many different parts of the world. Although they vary somewhat from one La Niña to the next, the strongest shifts remain fairly consistent in the regions and seasons shown on the map below.

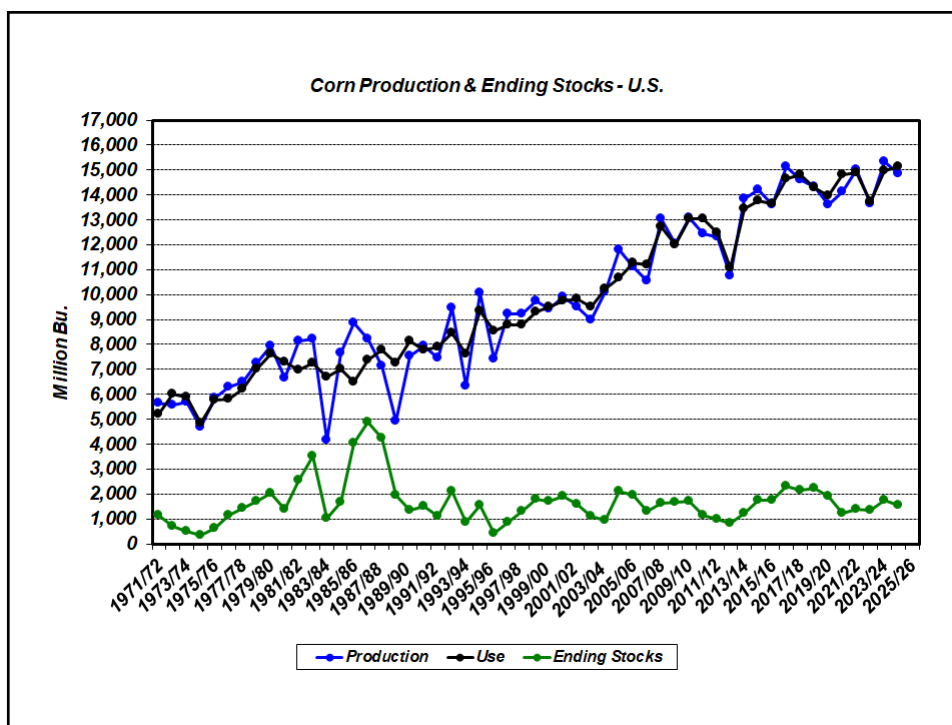
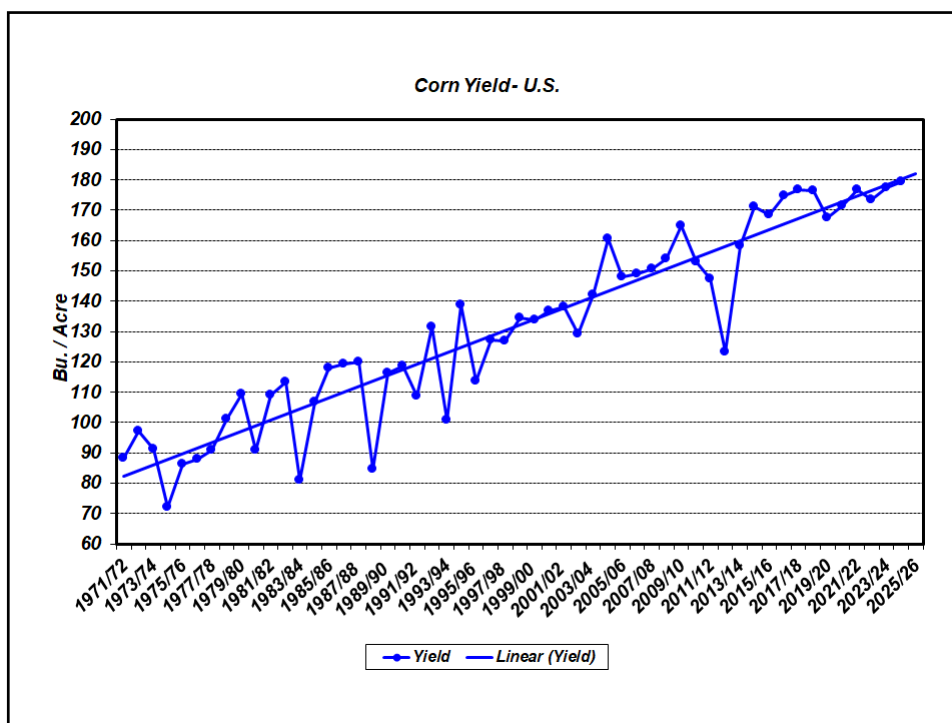


Weekly Corn Contract

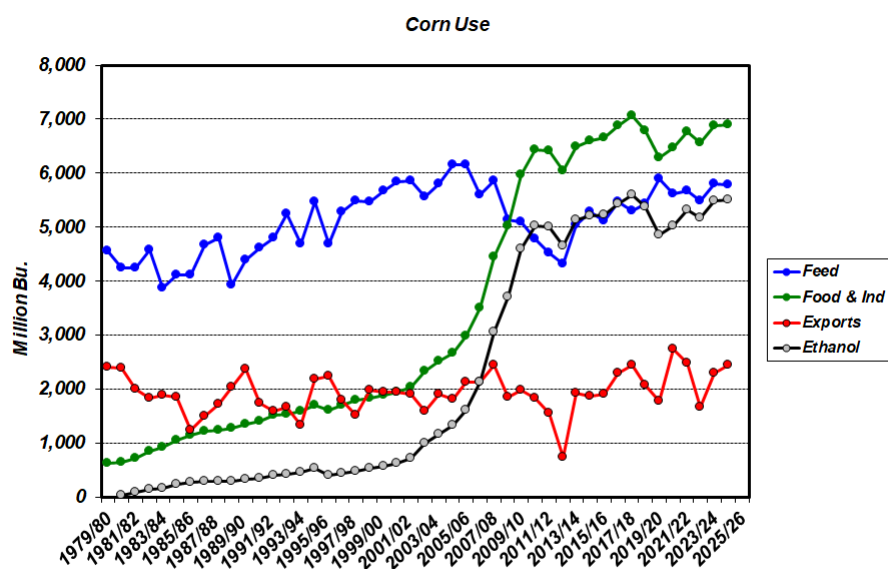
ZC - Corn - Weekly Nearest OHLC Chart



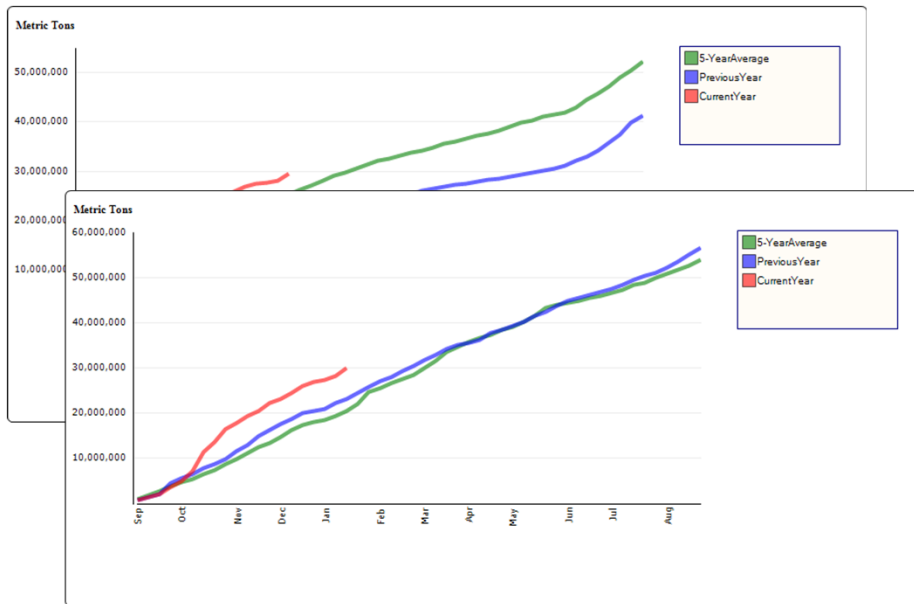




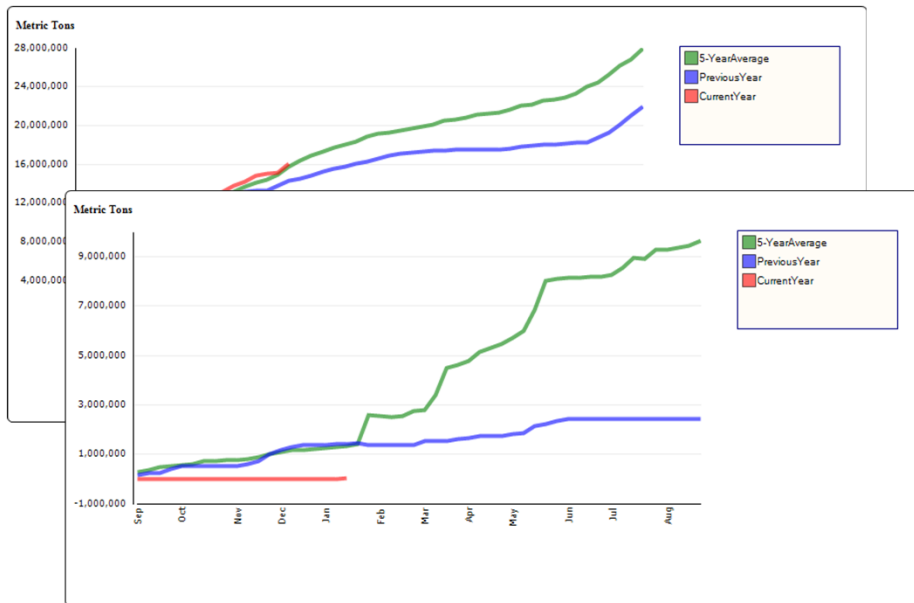
USDA NASS: Corn Yield - 1/2025					
	2023	Nov-24	Final-24	24/23	Final/Nov
State	Bushels per Acre			%	
CO	122	118	116	95	98
IL	206	218	217	105	100
IN	203	209	198	98	95
IA	201	213	211	105	99
KS	119	138	129	108	93
KY	187	180	178	95	99
MI	168	179	181	108	101
MN	185	183	174	94	95
MO	153	182	183	120	101
NE	182	194	188	103	97
NC	147	86	87	59	101
ND	143	149	149	104	100
OH	198	185	177	89	96
PA	157	139	138	88	99
SD	152	166	164	108	99
TN	173	153	152	88	99
TX	122	112	112	92	100
WI	176	181	174	99	96
Other	166.8	159.9			
US	177.3	183.1	179.3	101.1	97.9

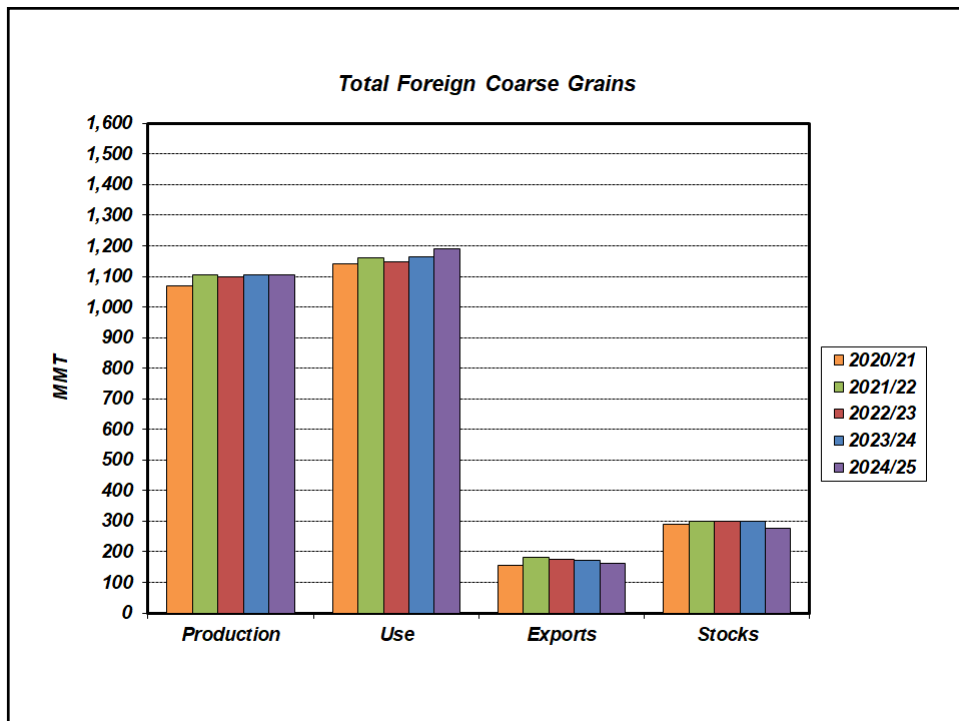
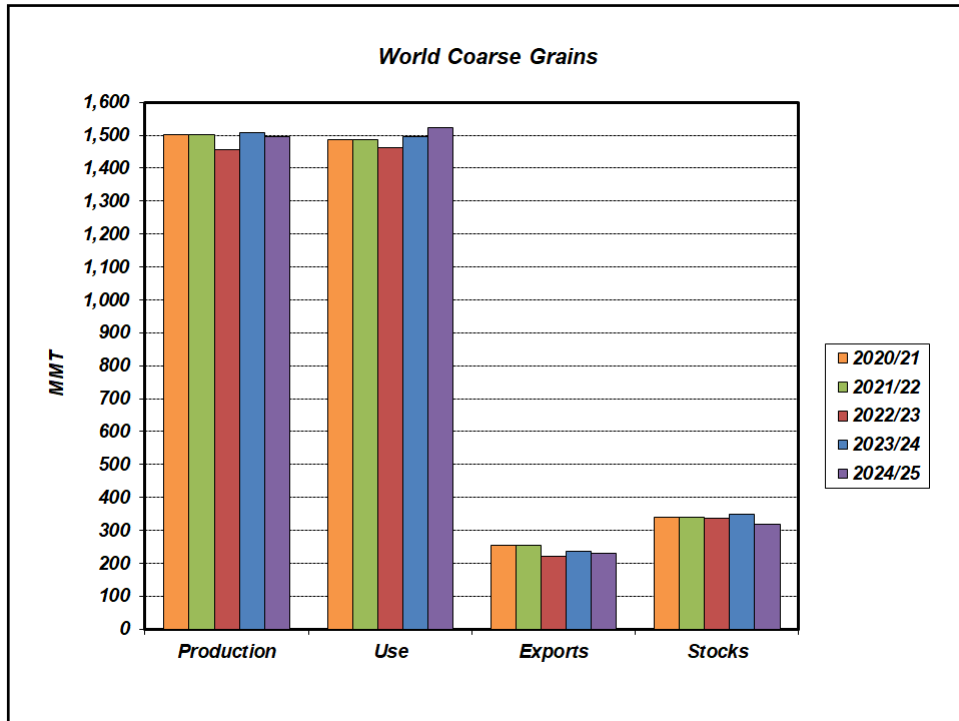


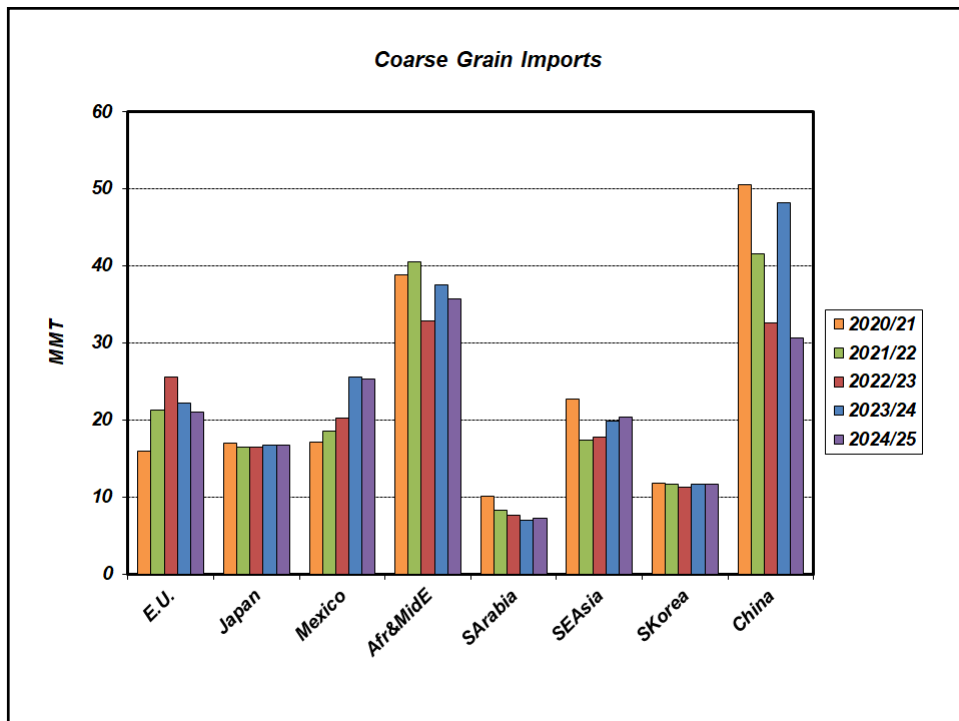
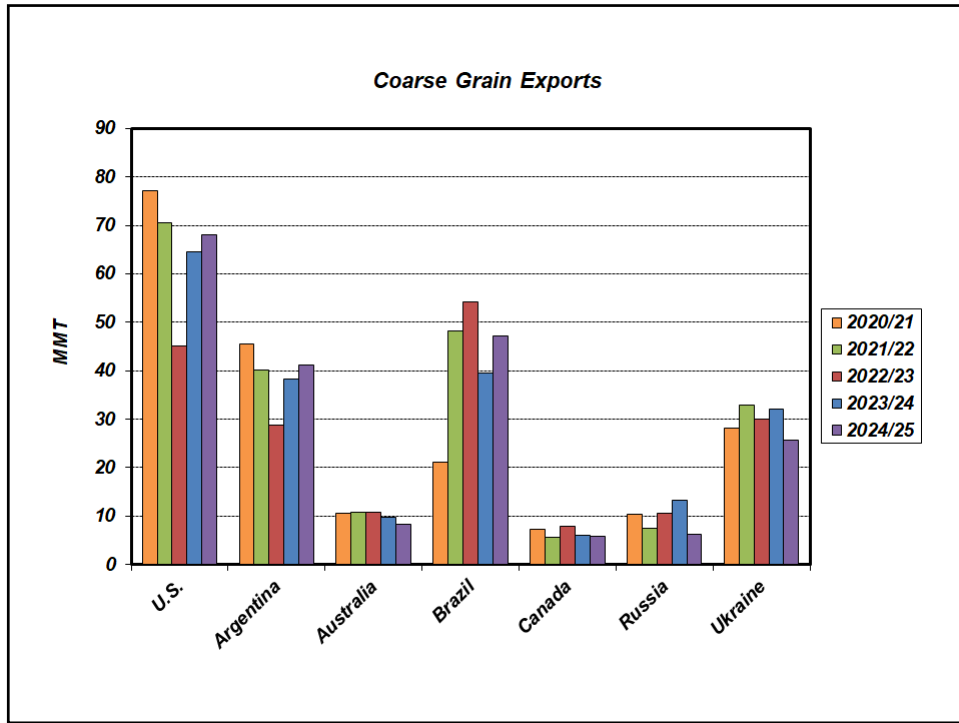
Accumulated Soybean & Corn Net Sales (Exports)

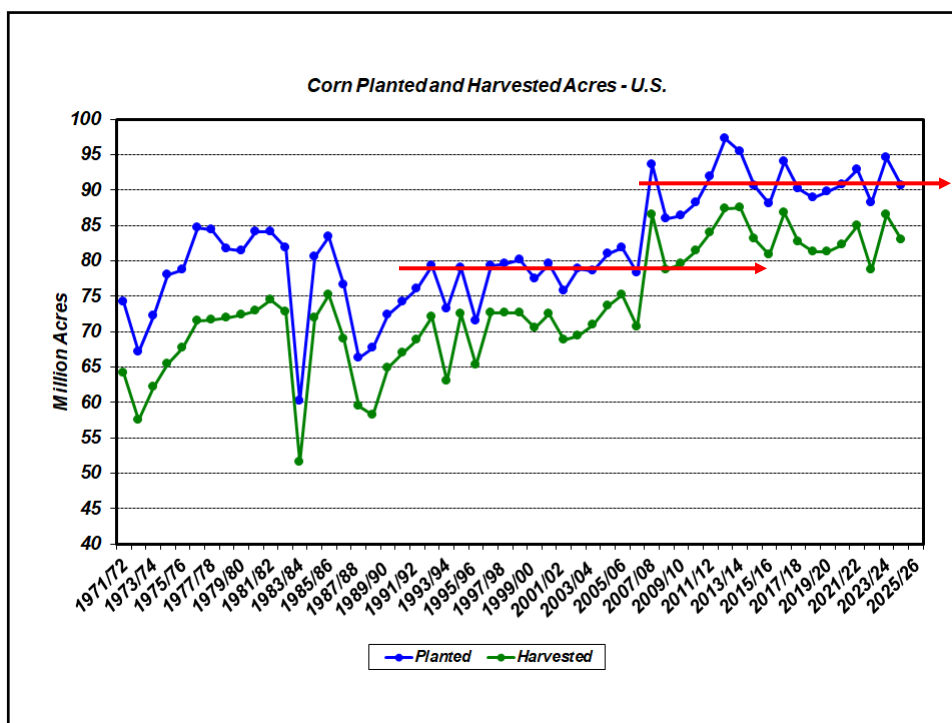


Accumulated Soybean & Corn Net Sales to China









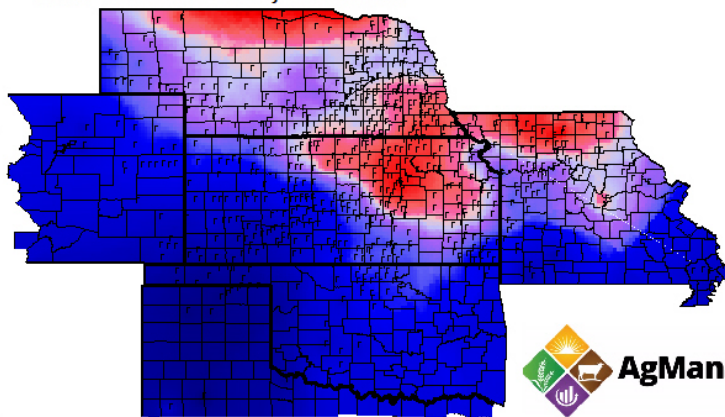
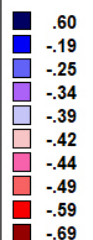
CORN - January 2025 (Crop Year: Sep 1 - Aug 31)	2022/23	2023/24 Est.	2024/25 Proj.		2024/25 Forecasts			2025/26 Forecasts		
			Dec	Jan	High P	Normal	Low P	High P	Normal	Low P
Planted Acres (Million Acres)	88.2	94.6	90.7	90.6	90.5	90.6	90.9	90.0	92.0	93.0
Harvested Acres (Million Acres)	78.7	86.5	82.7	82.9	82.7	82.9	83.0	82.0	84.0	85.0
Yield (Bushels per Acre)	173.4	177.3	183.1	179.3	179.0	179.3	180.0	180.0	183.0	185.0
Beginning Stocks (Million Bu.)	1,377	1,360	1,760	1,763	1,763	1,763	1,763	1,535	1,535	1,535
Production	13,651	15,341	15,143	14,867	14,803	14,864	14,940	14,760	15,372	15,725
Imports	39	28	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
SUPPLY	15,066	16,729	16,928	1,665	16,591	16,652	16,728	16,320	16,932	17,285
Feed and Residual	5,486	5,804	5,825	5,775	5,800	5,775	5,775	5,875	5,850	5,825
Food, Seed, & Industrial	6,558	6,869	6,890	6,890	6,925	6,890	6,890	6,925	6,900	6,850
Ethanol & by-products	5,176	5,478	5,500	5,500	5,525	5,500	5,500	5,443	5,423	5,384
Export	1,662	2,292	2,475	2,450	2,500	2,450	2,450	2,550	2,500	2,450
USE	13,706	14,966	15,190	15,115	15,225	15,115	15,115	15,350	15,250	15,125
Ending Stocks	1,360	1,763	1,738	1,540	1,366	1,537	1,613	970	1,682	2,160
Average US Farm Price	6.54	4.55	4.10	4.25	4.35	4.25	4.15	6.50	4.50	4.00
Average DEC Futures								6.00	4.25	3.75
Average Colorado Price								6.25	4.35	3.95
ES/USE Ratio	0.099	0.118	0.114	0.102	0.090	0.102	0.107	0.063	0.110	0.143

Corn Basis, 01-22-2025

Basis = Cash Price - Nearby Futures Price

CBT Mar
Futures
Price: \$4.84

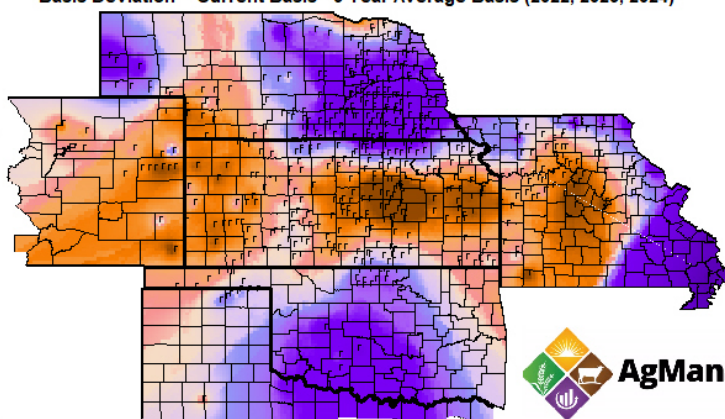
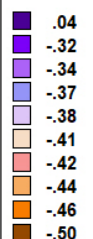
\$/Bushel

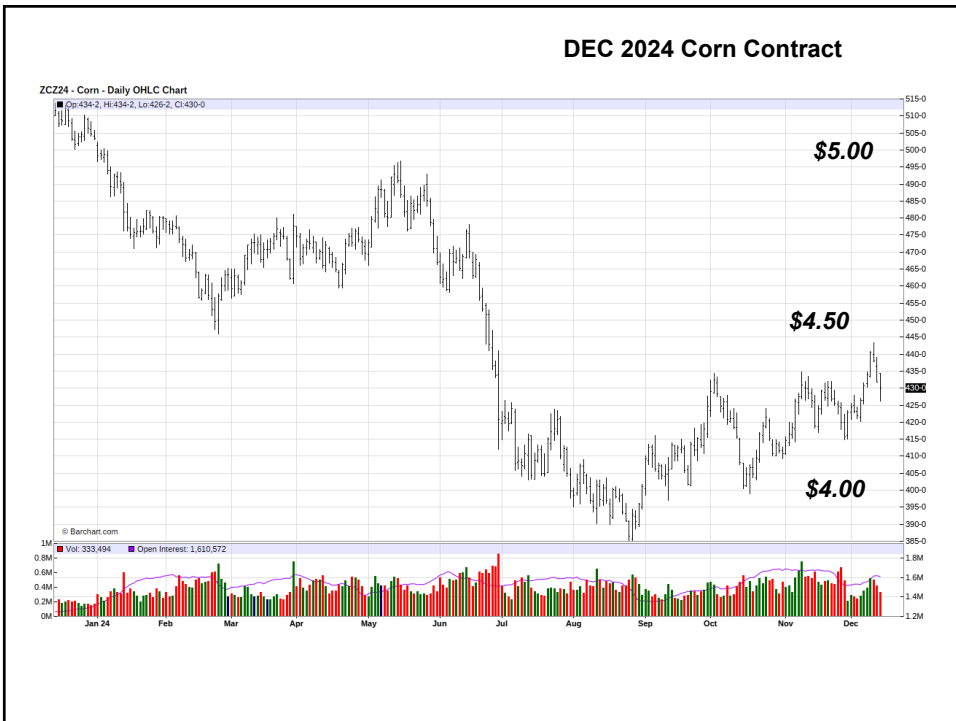
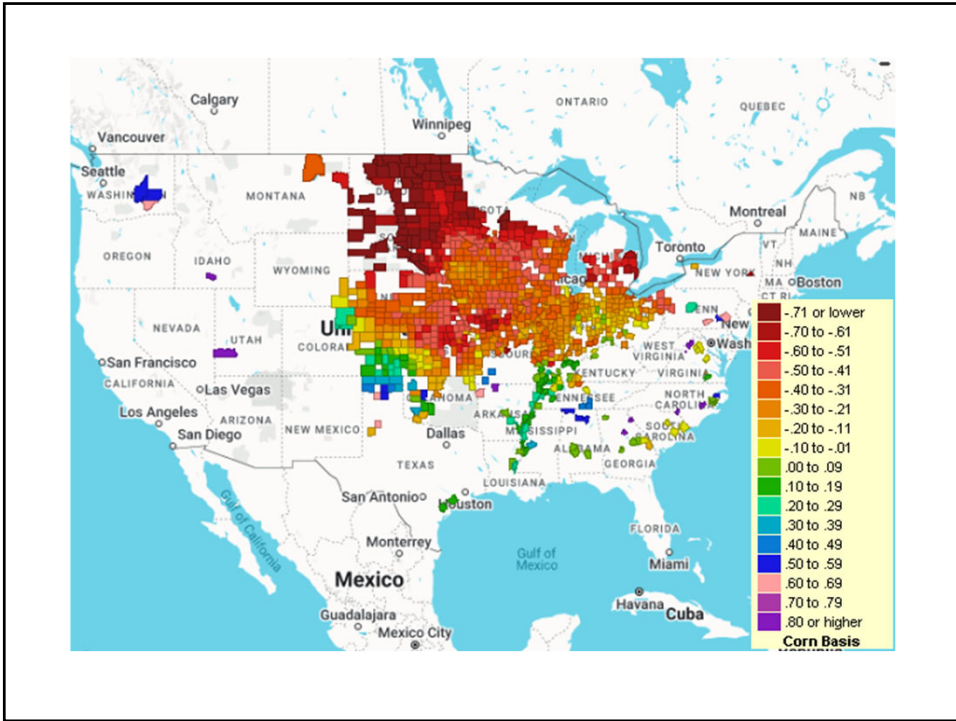


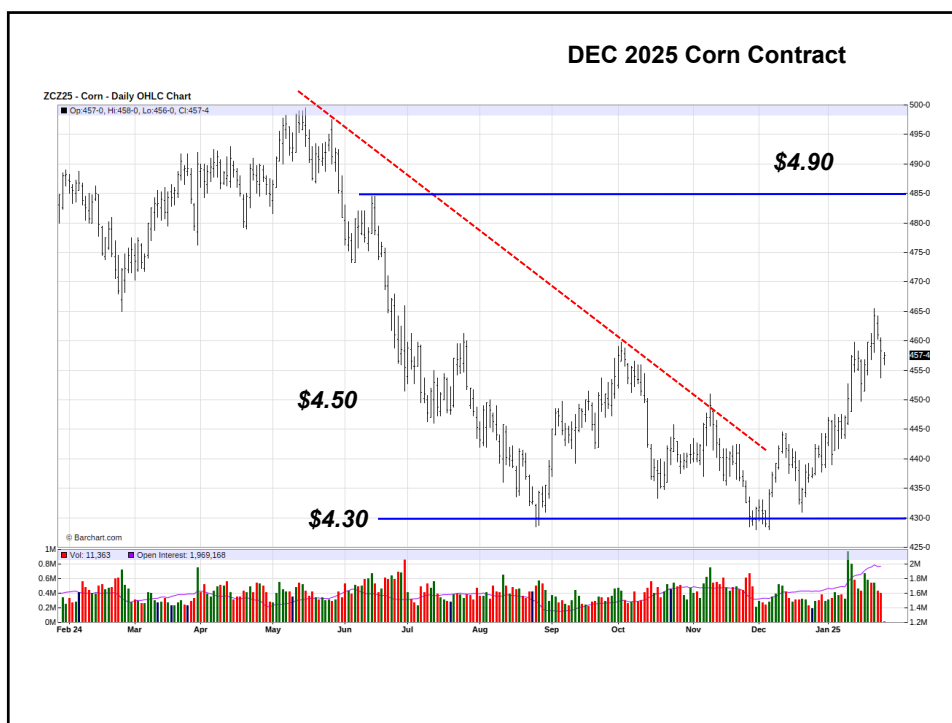
Corn Basis Deviation, 01-22-2025

Basis Deviation = Current Basis - 3 Year Average Basis (2022, 2023, 2024)

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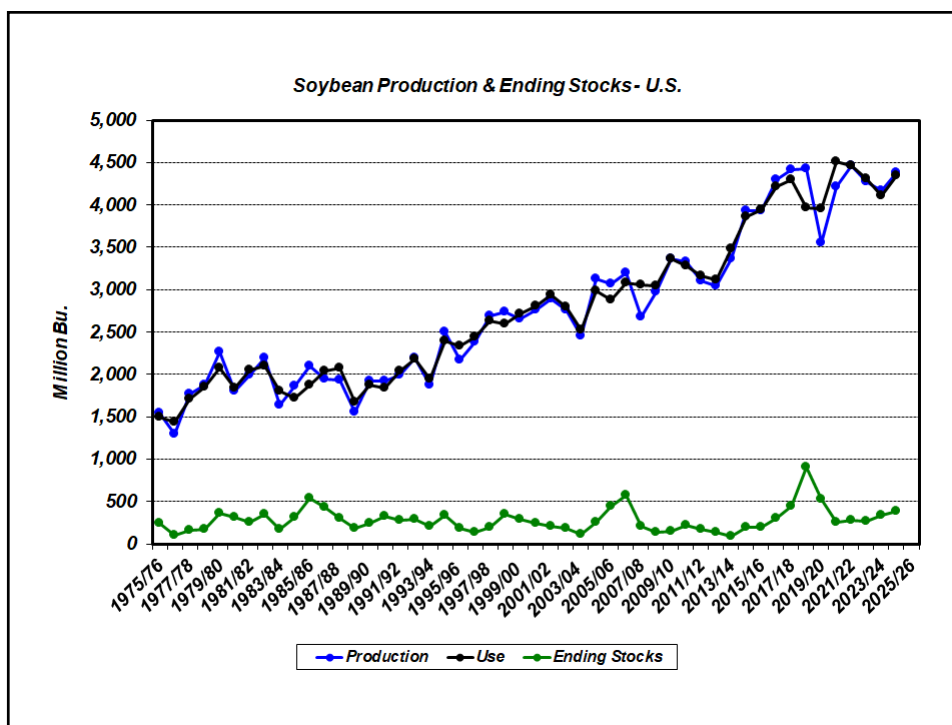
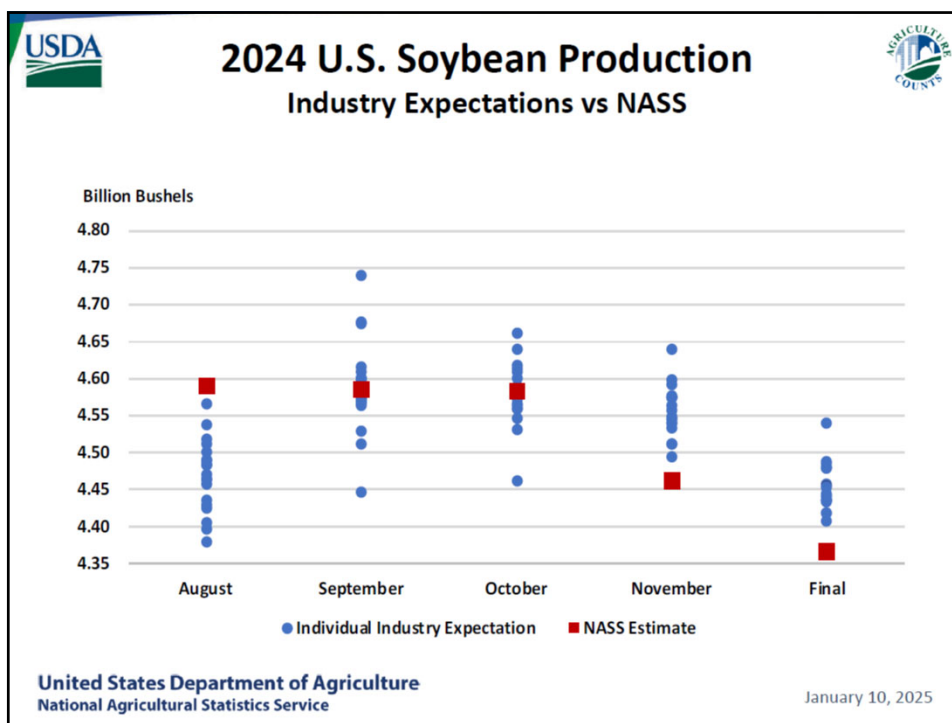


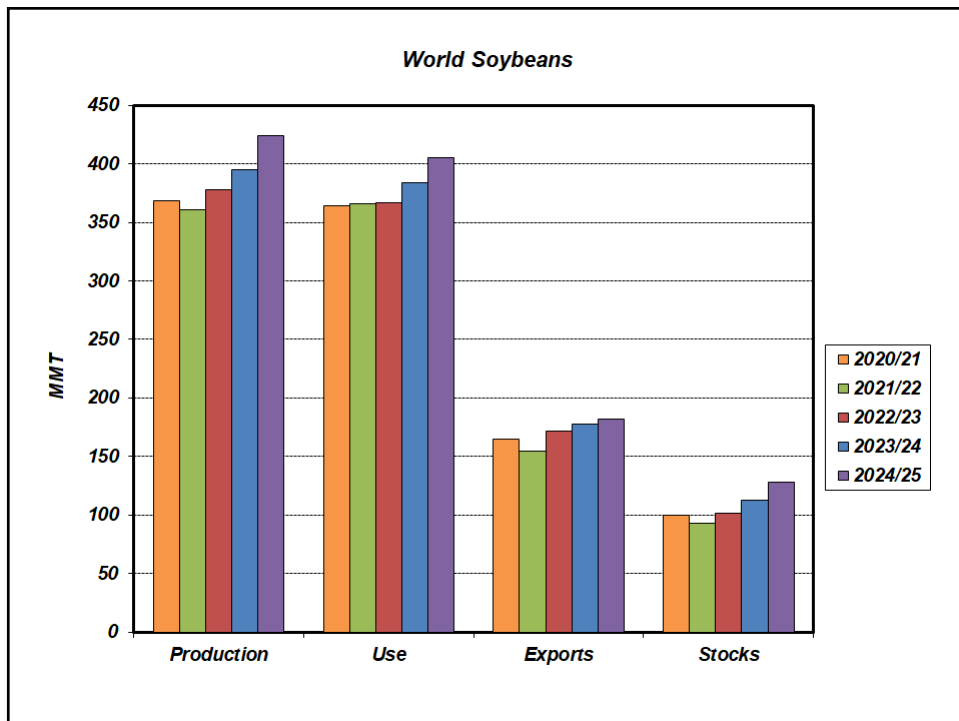
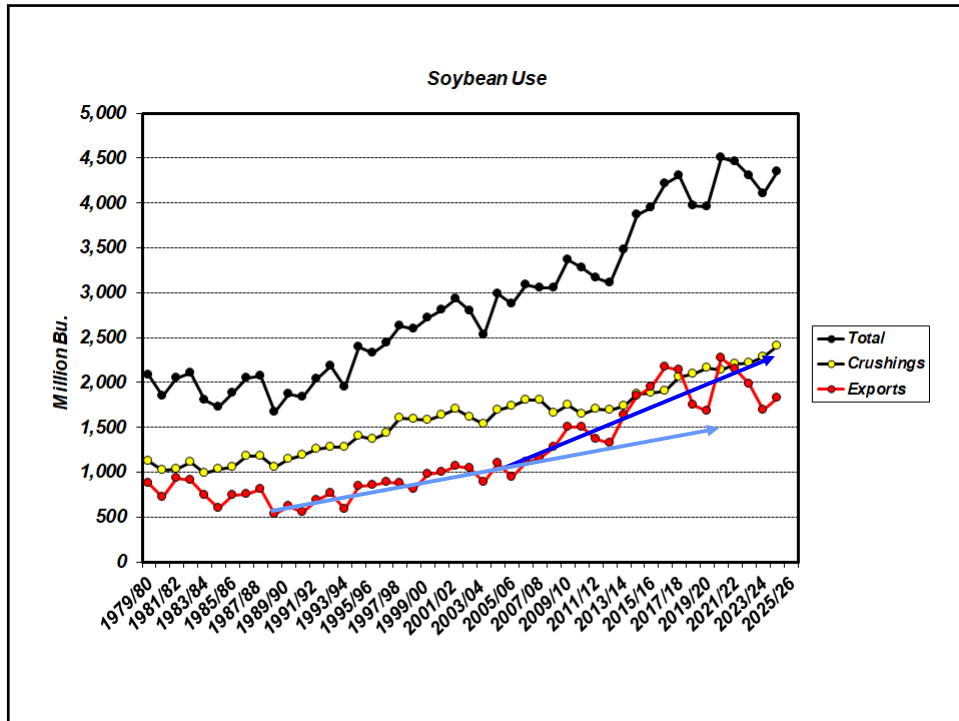


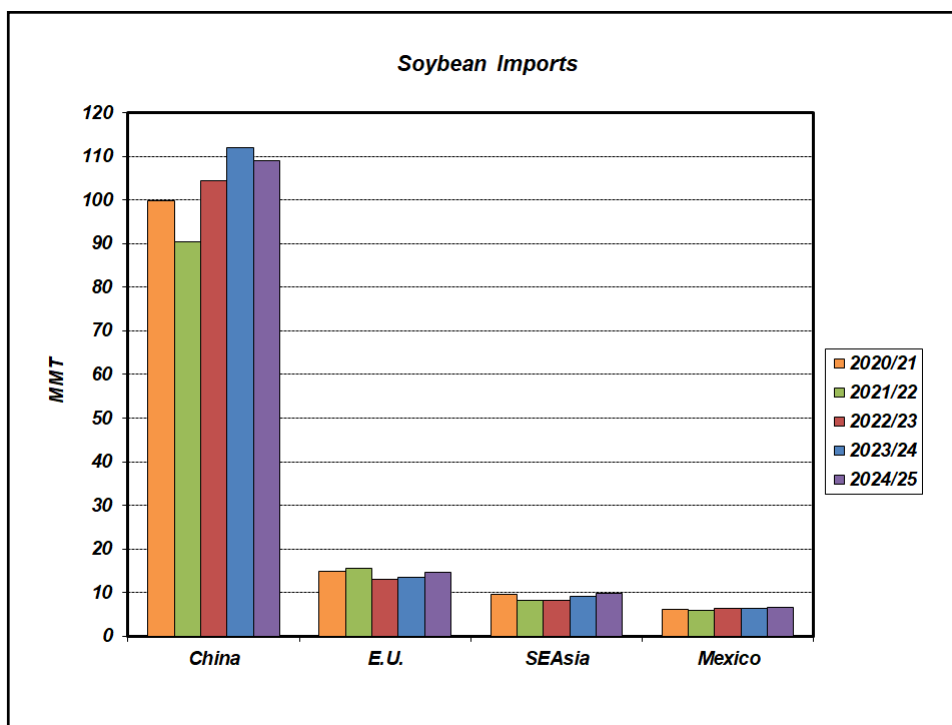
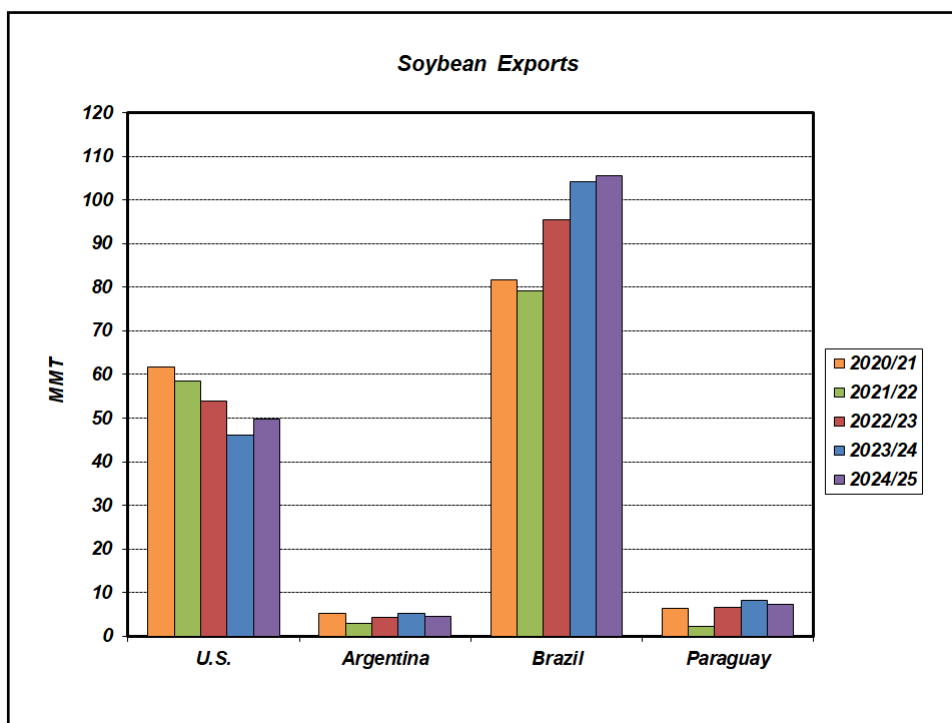


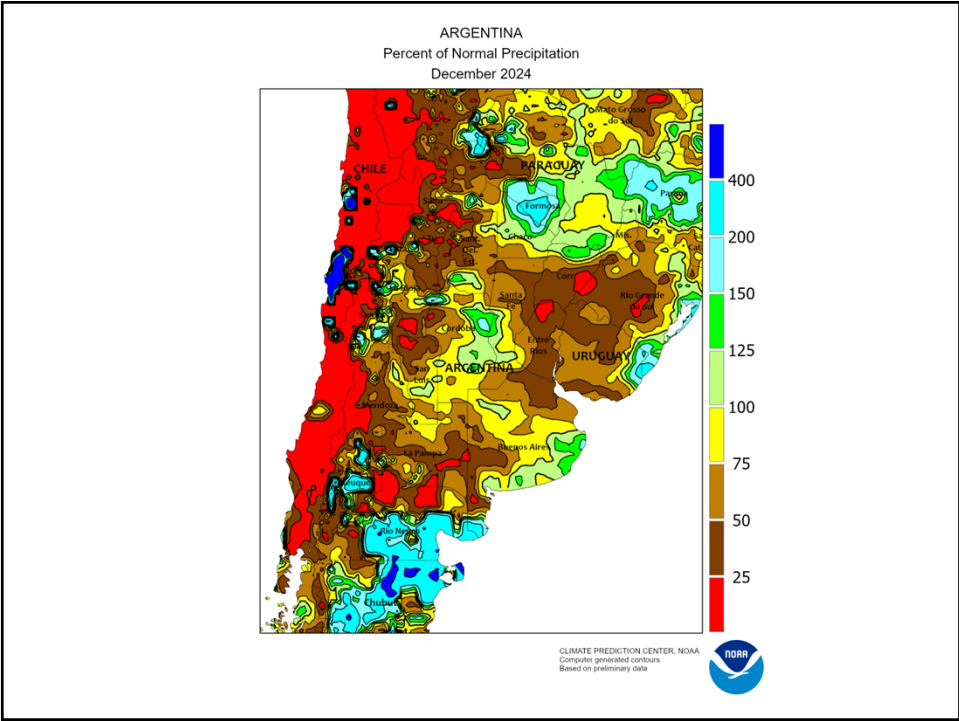
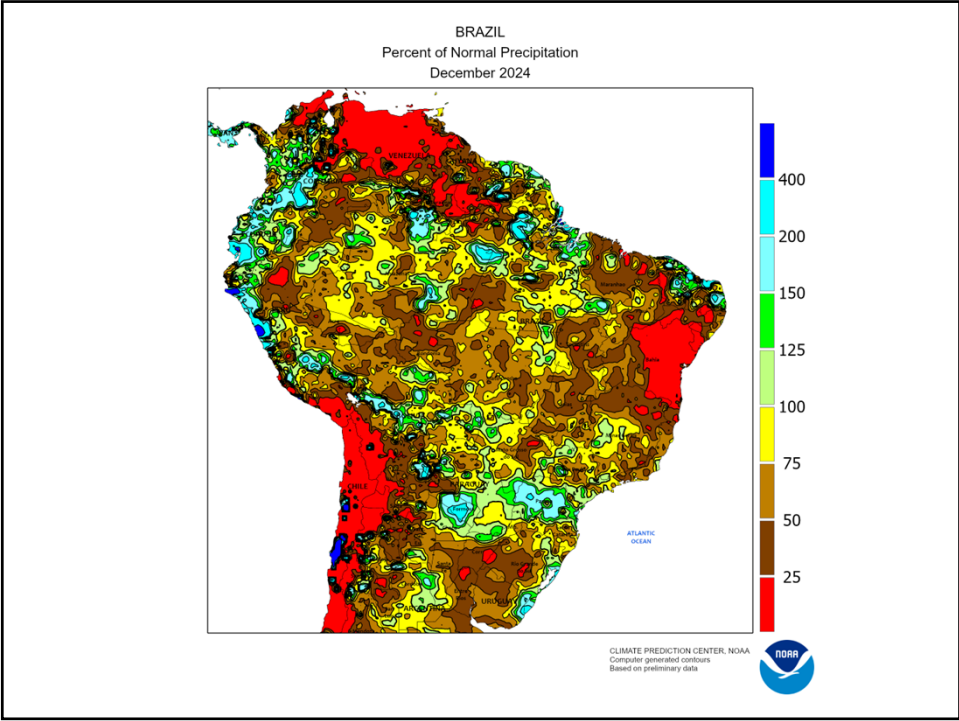
Corn Outlook

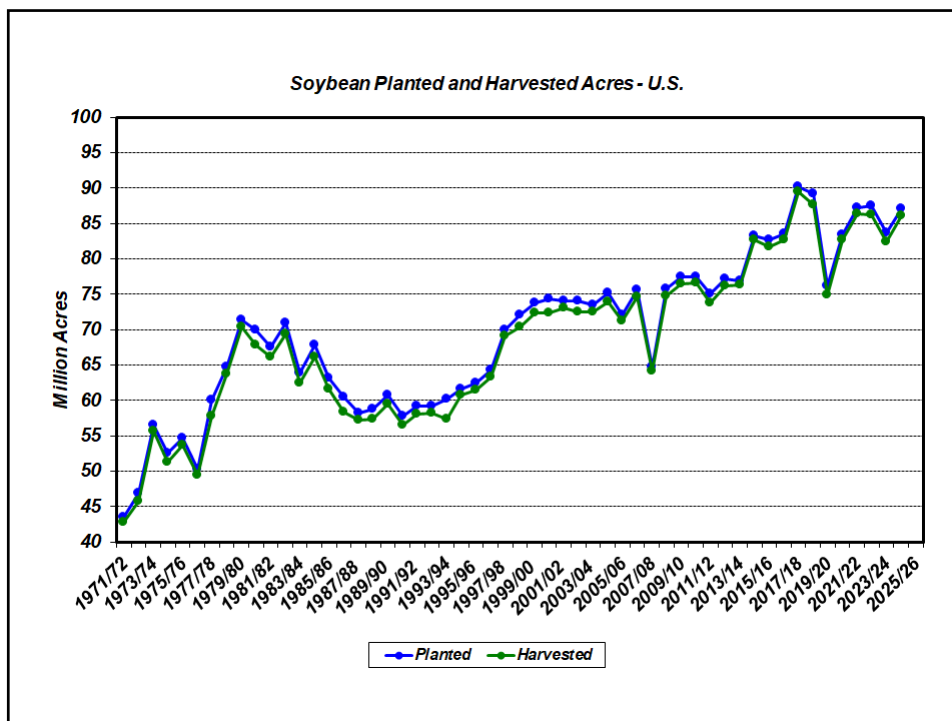
- Currently, corn & soybean prices are well below what fundamentals can explain. Old crop & new crop...
- But corn very strong relative to soybeans.
- Acreage? Prices at crop insurance discovery...
- Risk premium? Demand? Drought?
- Input costs. Strong dollar.
- Trend? Support? Resistance?
- Price outlook – \$3.75-\$4.25/bu. Break-evens \$3.67-\$4.00/bu. Acres, acres, acres...



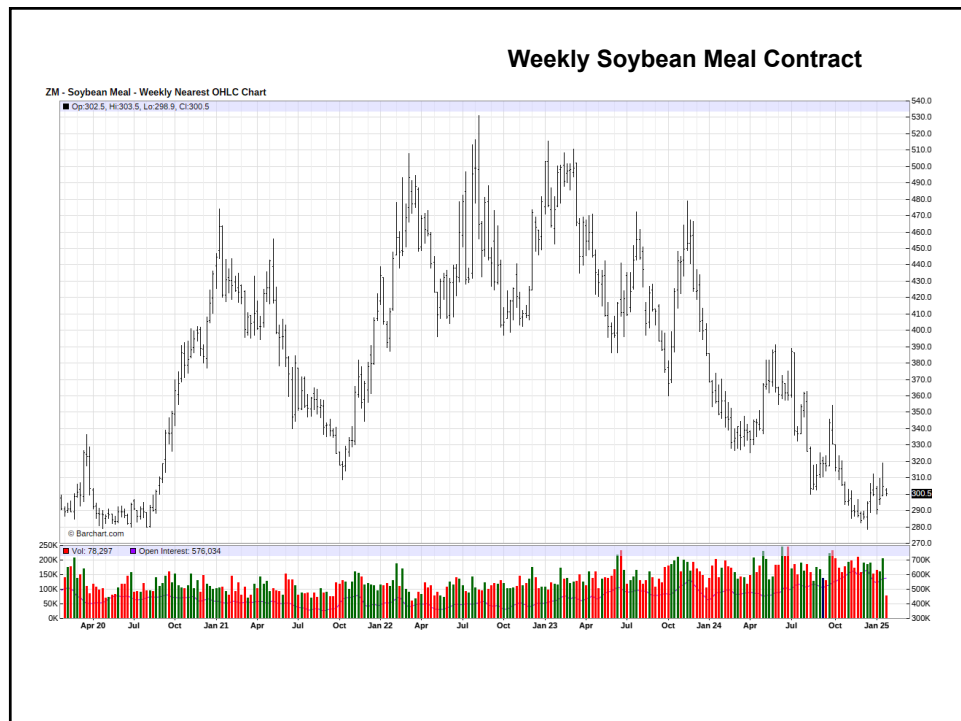
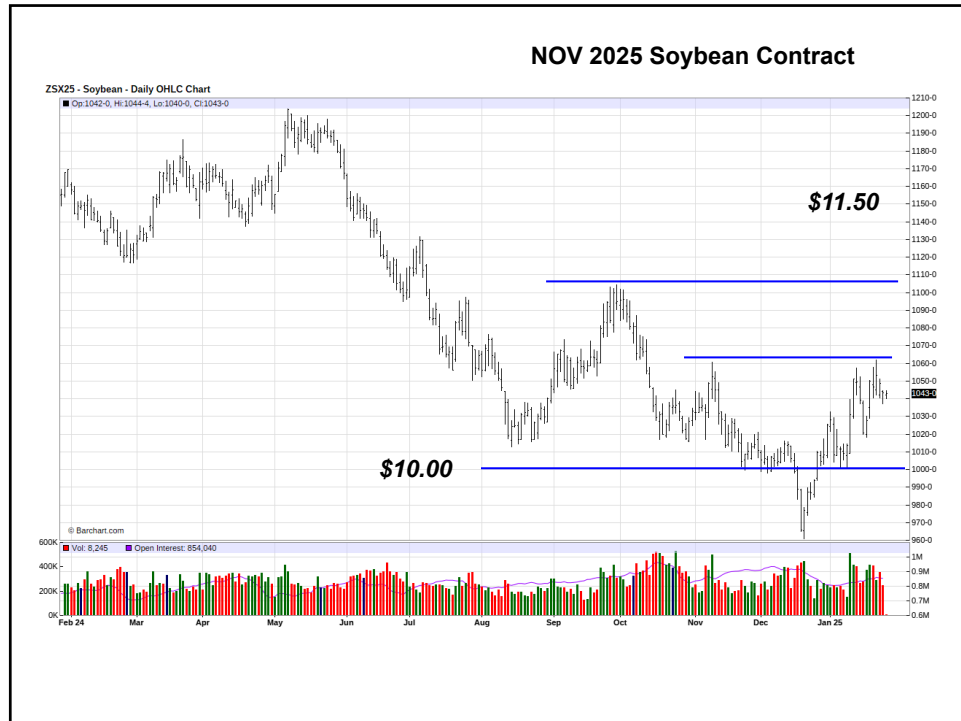


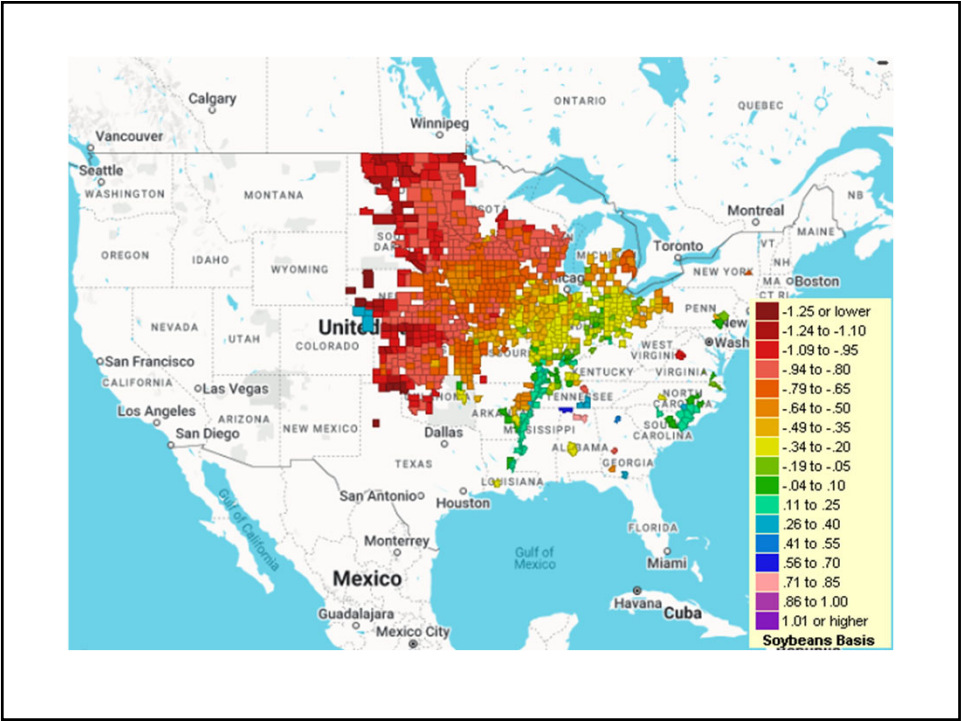
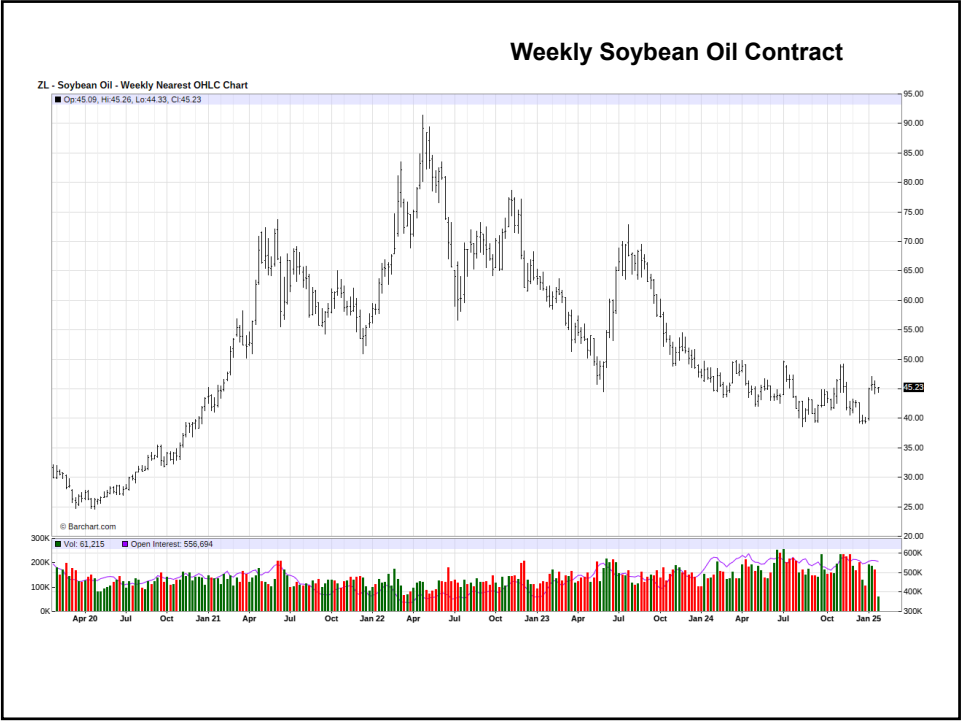


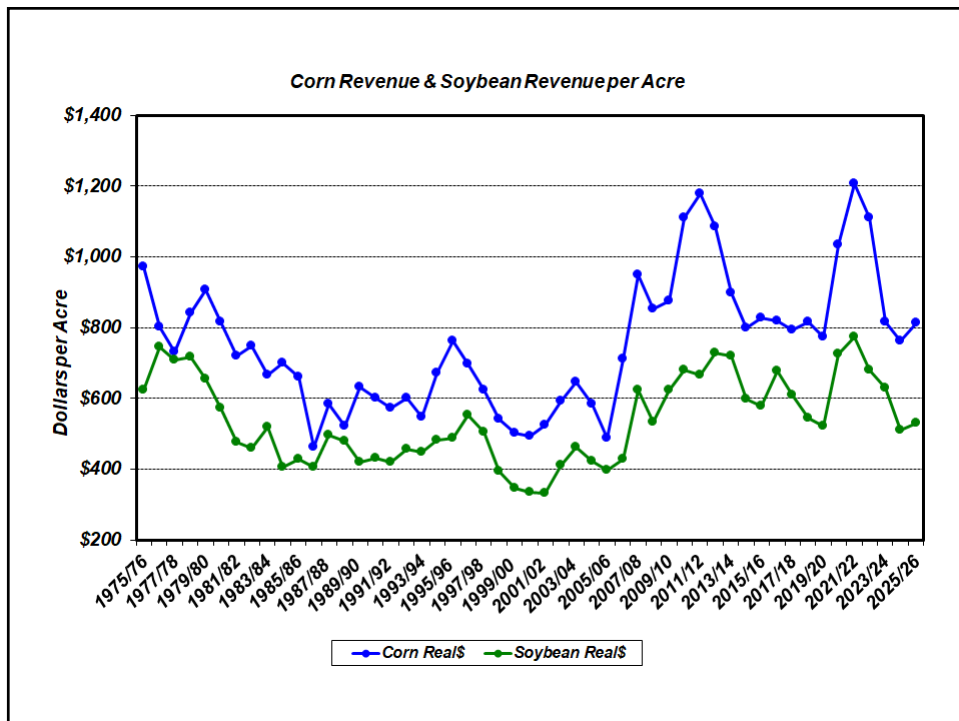
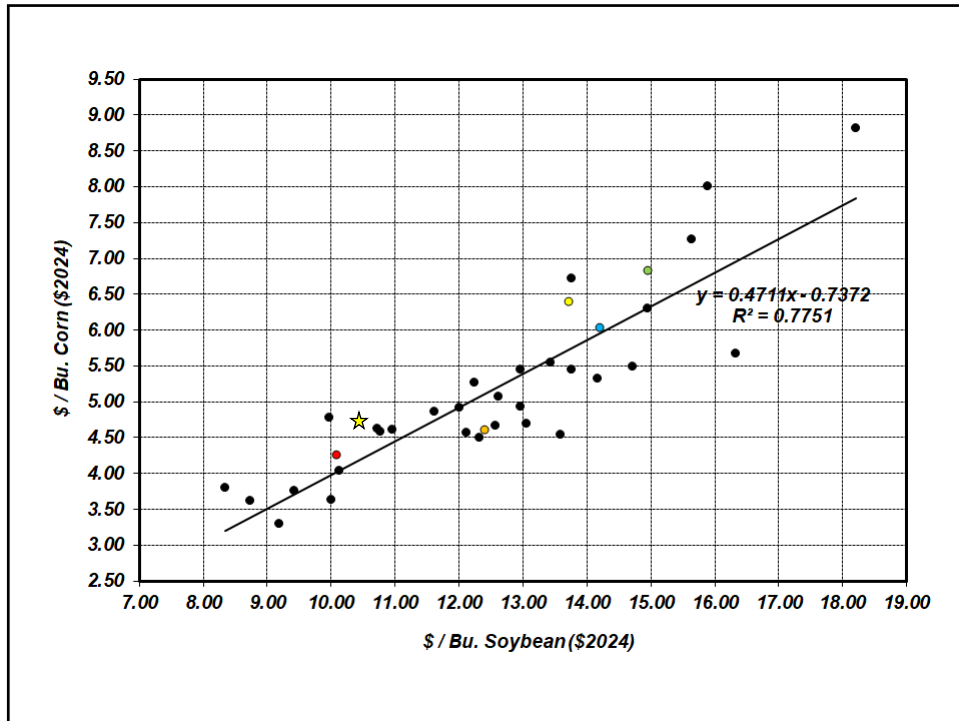




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Planted Acres (Million Acres)	87.5	83.6	87.1	87.1	87.0	87.1	87.2	82.5	84.0	85.0
Harvested Acres (Million Acres)	86.2	82.4	86.3	86.3	86.2	86.3	86.4	81.3	83.0	84.2
Yield (Bushels per Acre)	49.6	50.6	51.7	50.7	51.5	51.7	52.0	49.5	52.0	54.0
Beginning Stocks (Million Bu.)	274	264	342	342	342	342	342	380	380	380
Production	4,270	4,162	4,461	4,366	4,439	4,462	4,493	4,024	4,316	4,547
Imports	25	21	15	20	20	20	20	25	25	25
SUPPLY	4,569	4,447	4,818	4,729	4,801	4,824	4,855	4,429	4,721	4,952
Crushings	2,212	2,287	2,410	2,410	2,425	2,410	2,400	2,400	2,425	2,450
Seed	75	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78
Residual	39	45	35	36	30	38	45	20	35	40
Export	1,980	1,695	1,825	1,825	1,850	1,825	1,825	1,825	1,850	1,850
USE	4,305	4,105	4,348	4,349	4,383	4,351	4,348	4,323	4,388	4,418
Ending Stocks	264	342	470	380	418	473	507	106	333	534
Average US Farm Price	14.20	12.40	10.20	10.20	10.50	10.25	10.00	14.00	11.00	9.00
Average NOV Futures								13.75	10.50	8.50
ES/USE Ratio	0.061	0.083	0.108	0.087	0.095	0.109	0.117	0.025	0.076	0.121

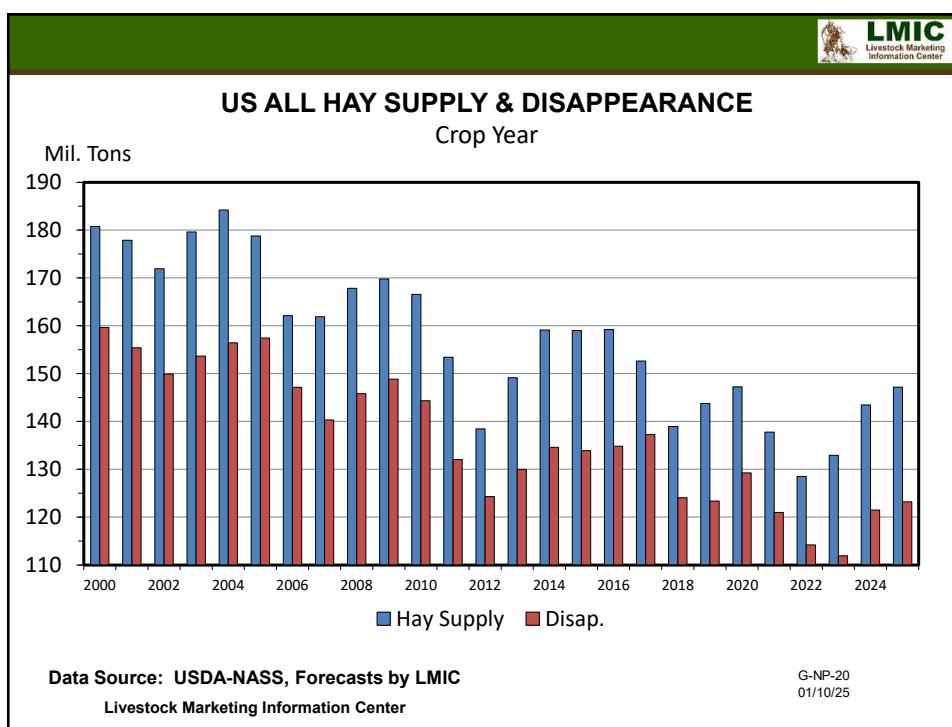


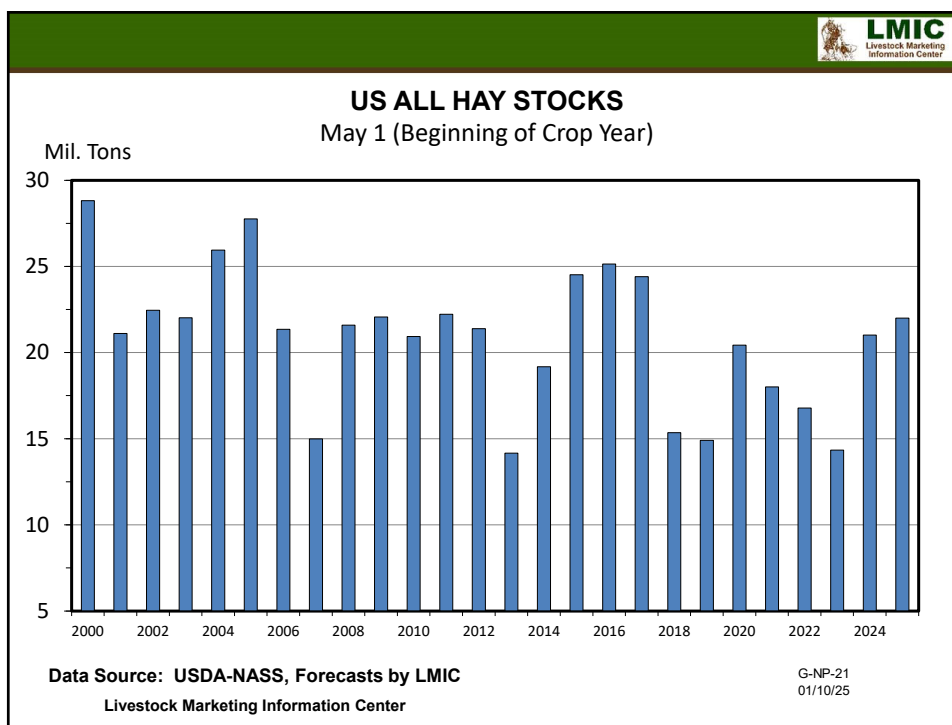
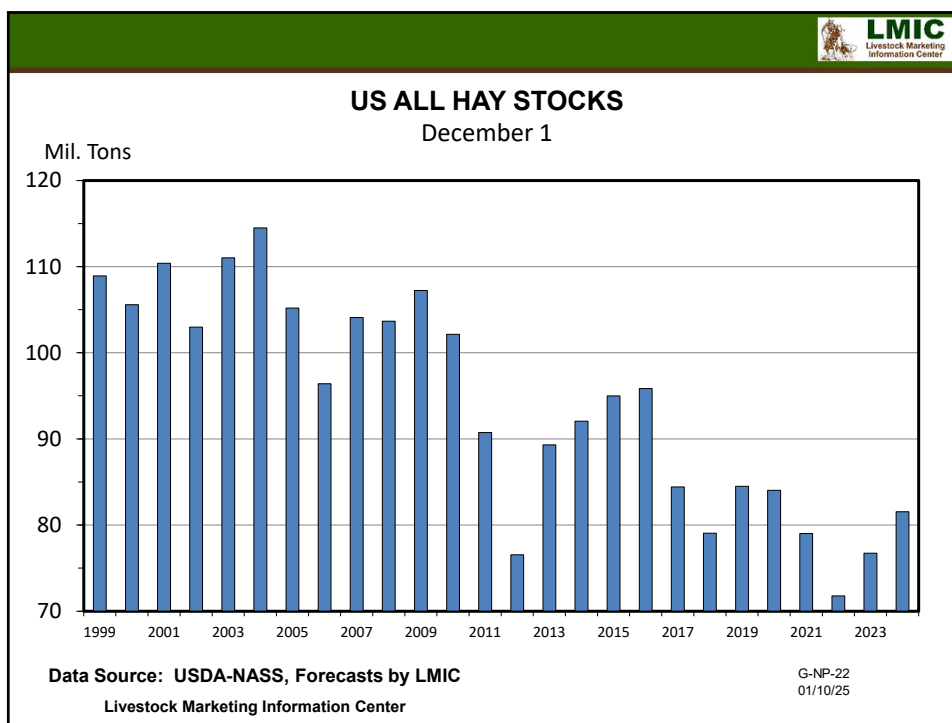


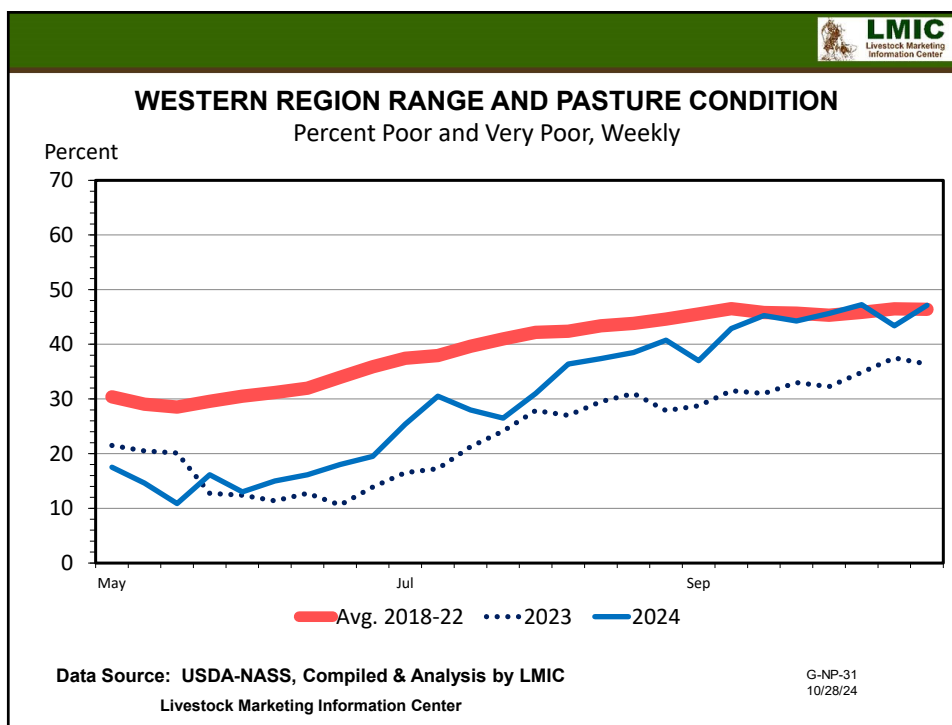
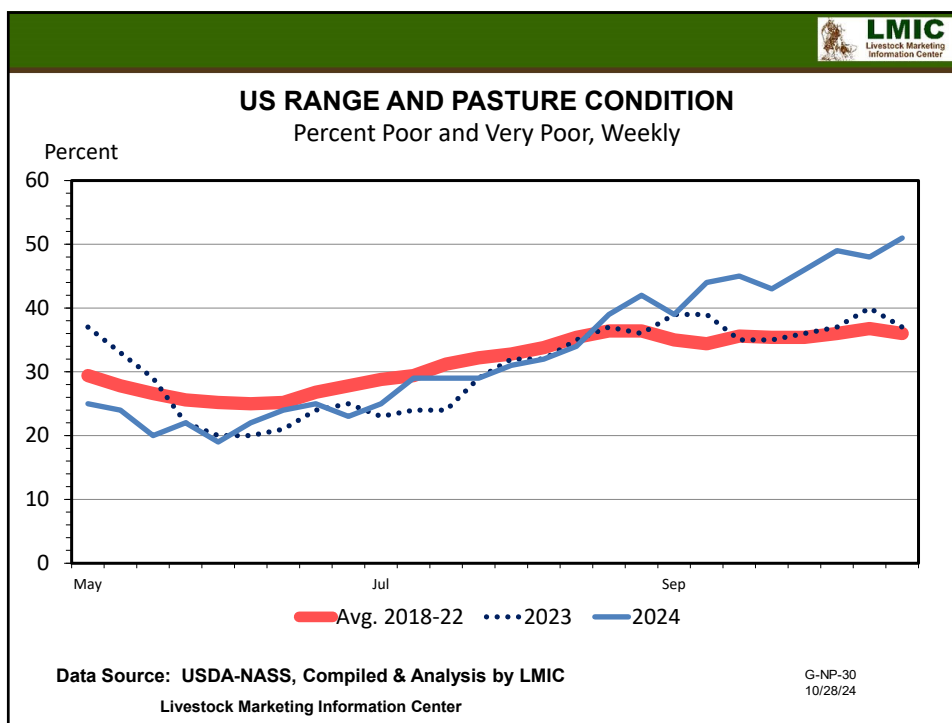


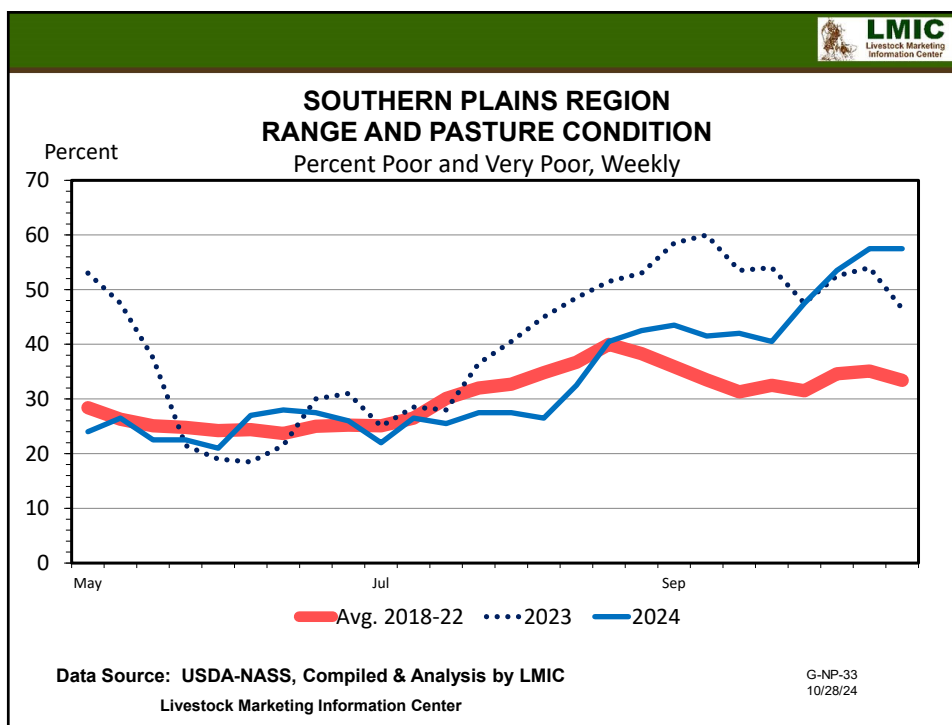
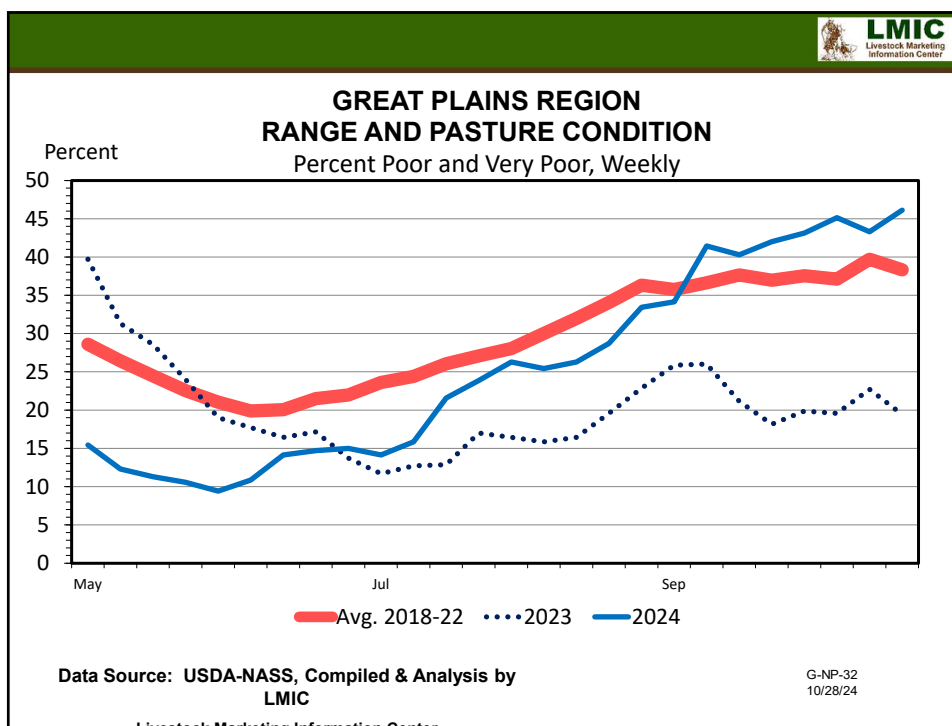
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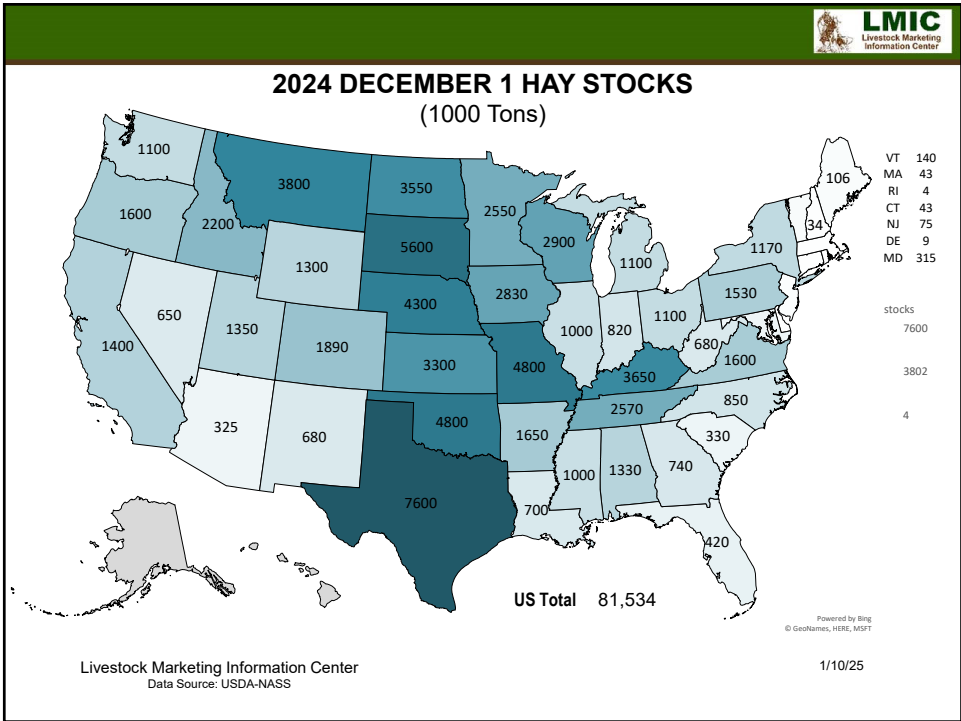
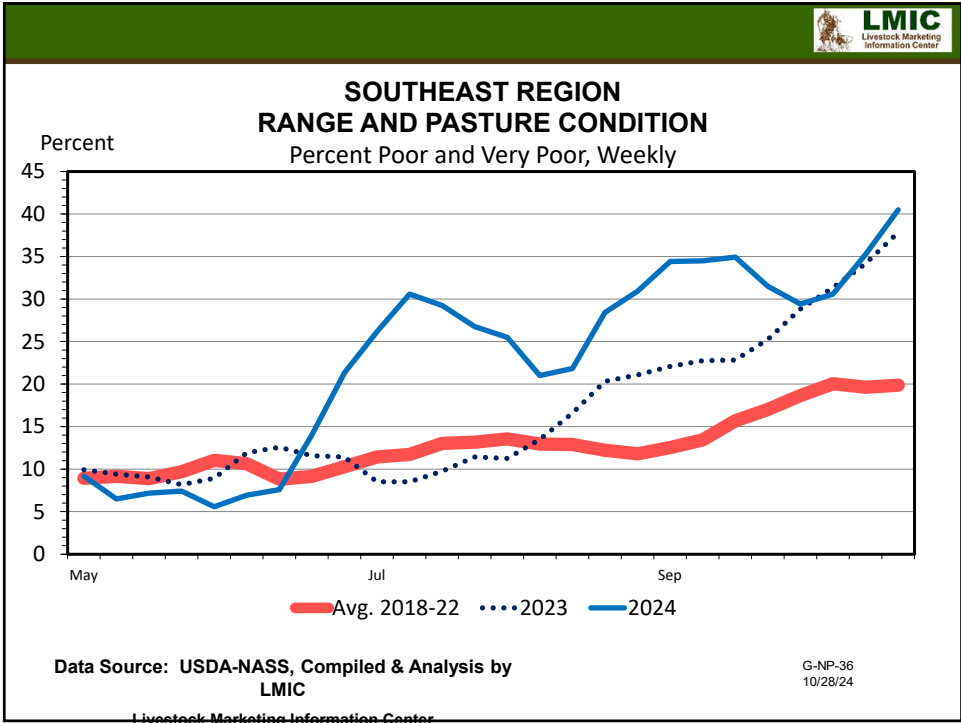
- World production & consumption of oilseeds grows. China, China, China...
- Foreign production & trade of oilseeds grows.
- Enormous S. Am. stocks.
- This year: acres & weather?
- Corn v. soybean prices at crop insurance discovery.
- Are we also in for stronger yields?
- Lots of volatility next year & the risk is downside. But a lot depends on Brazil weather.
- Price outlook is \$9.50-\$11.00/bu. for soybeans.

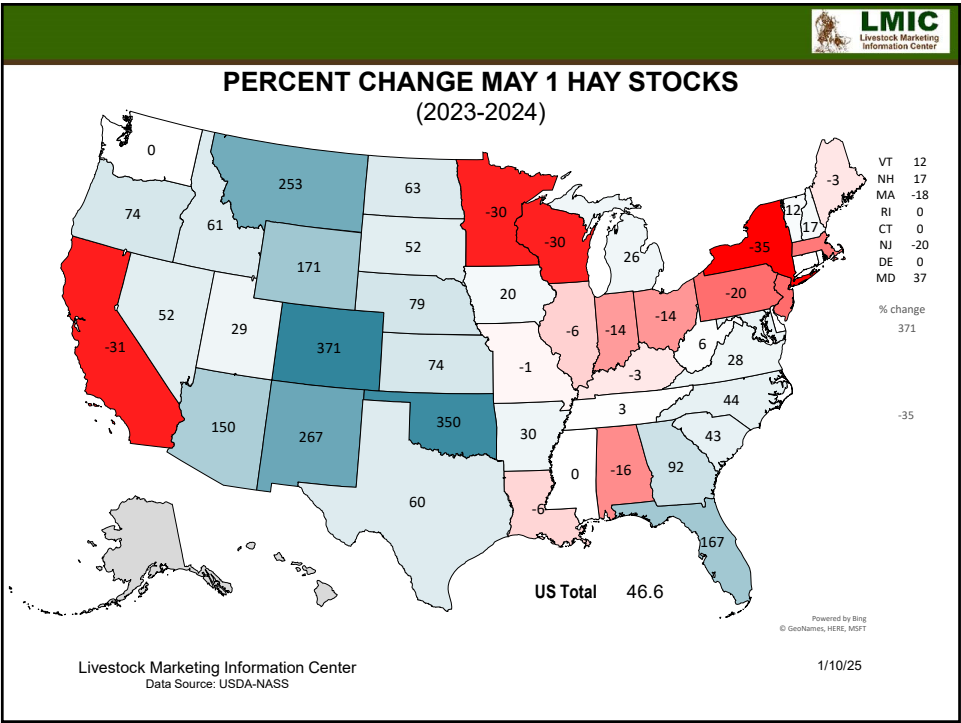
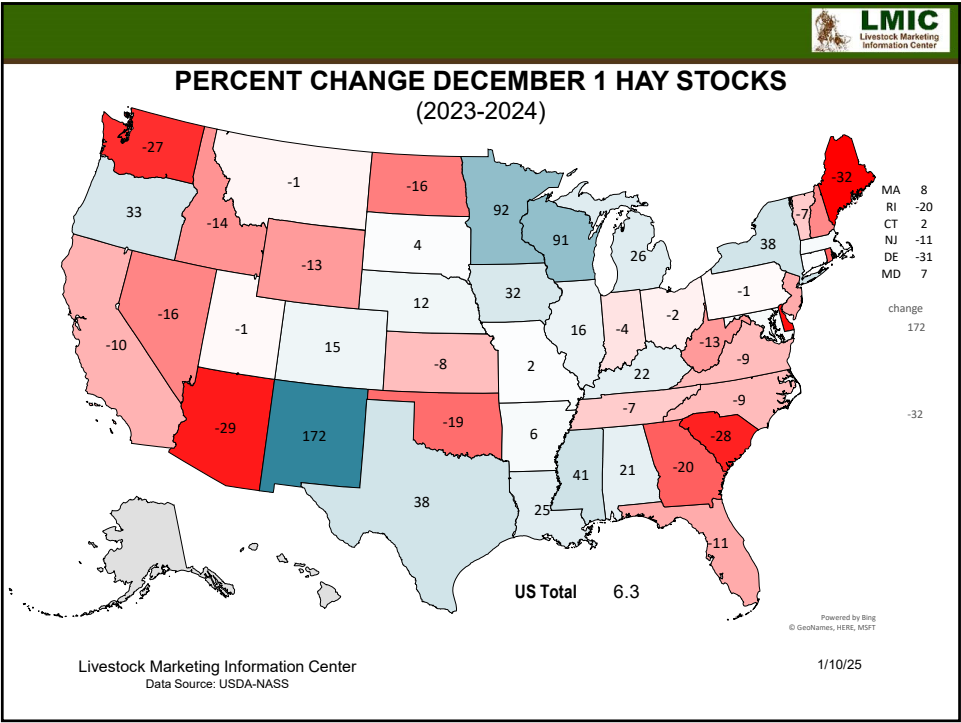


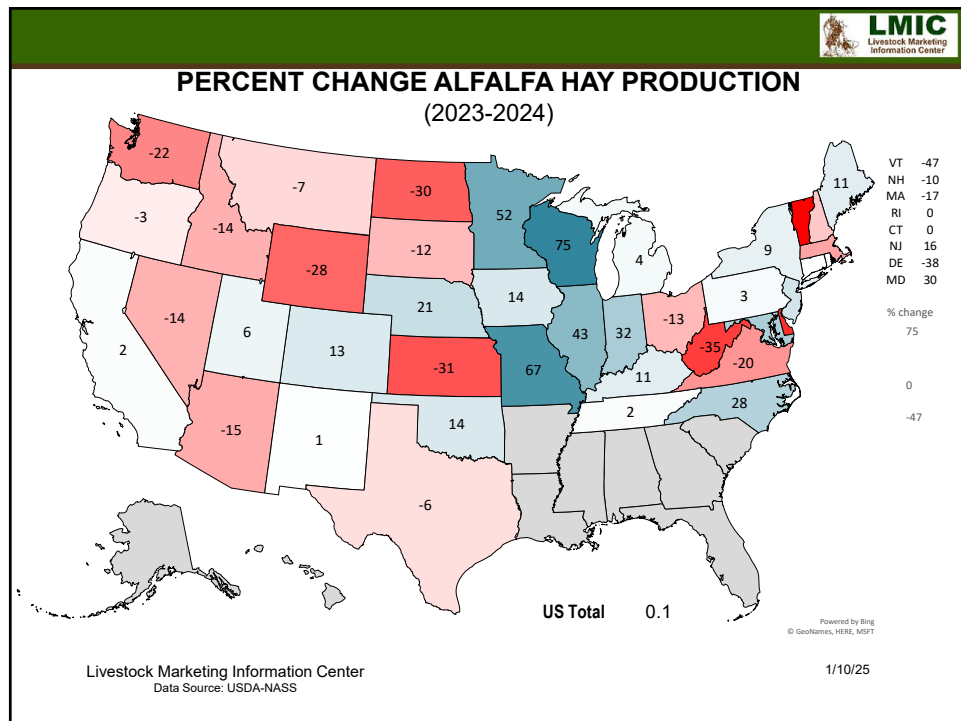
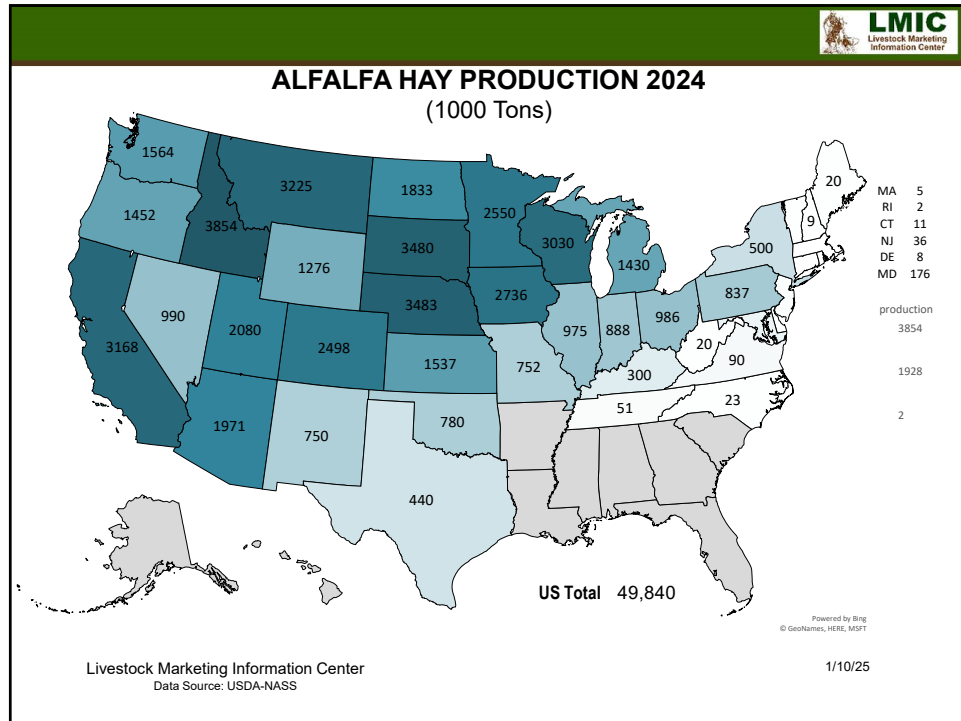


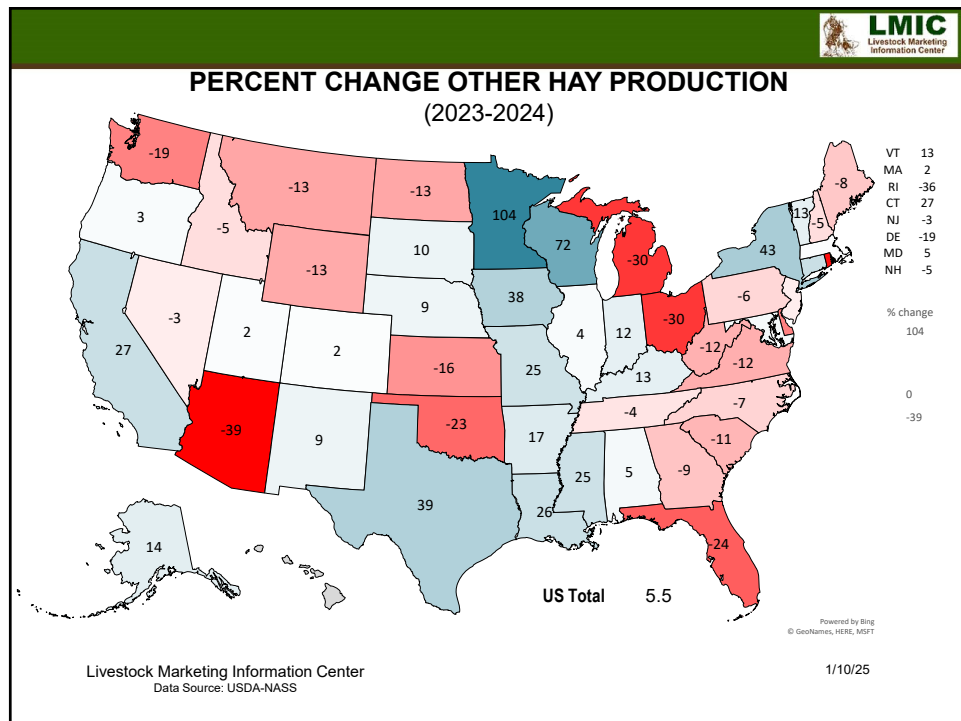
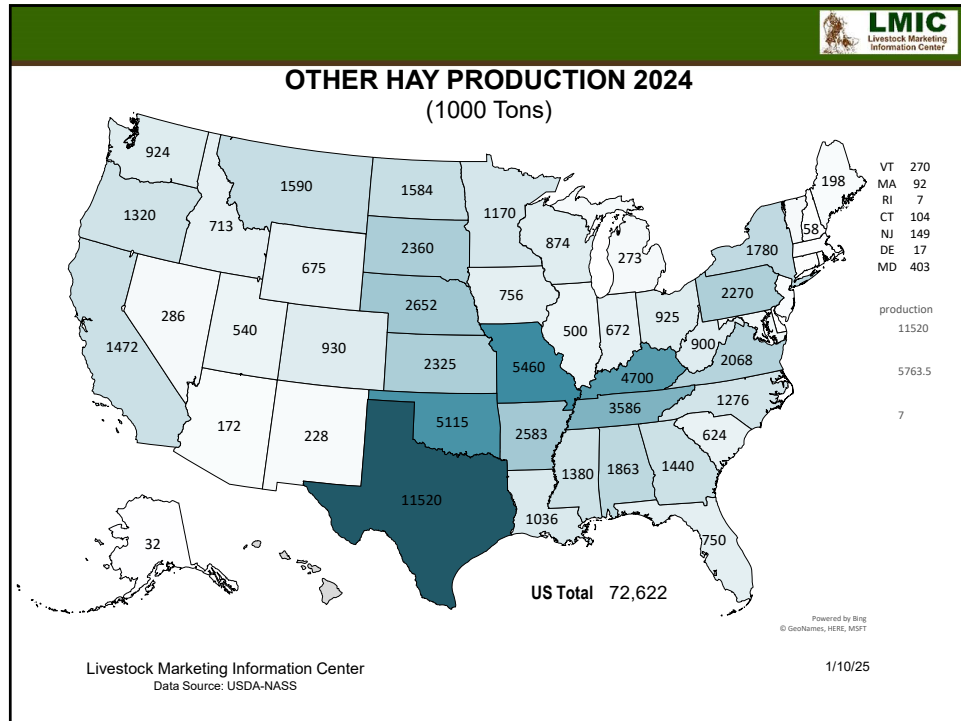


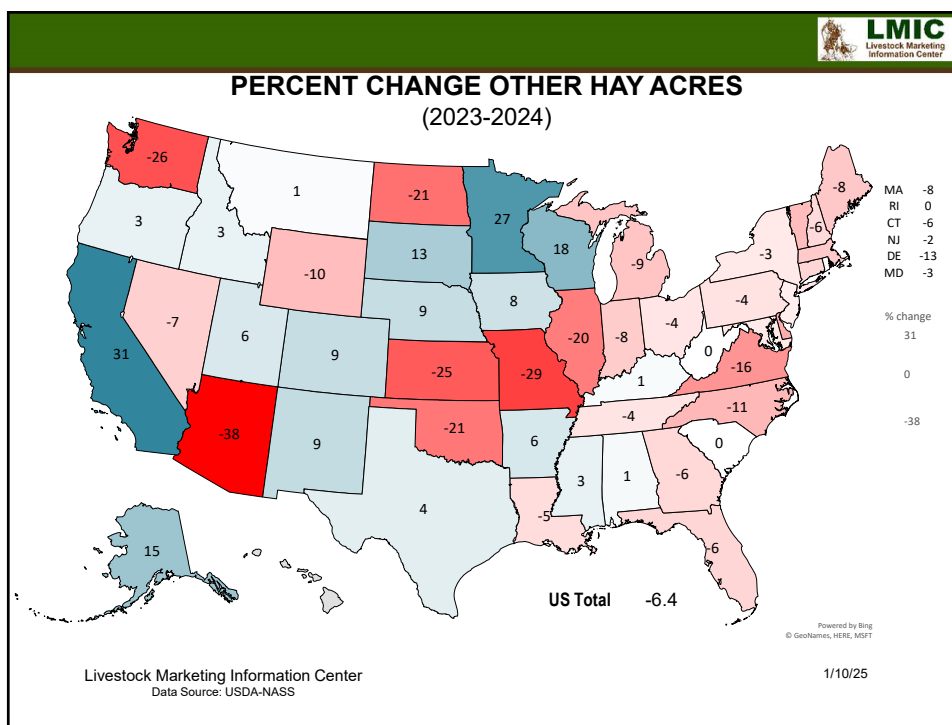
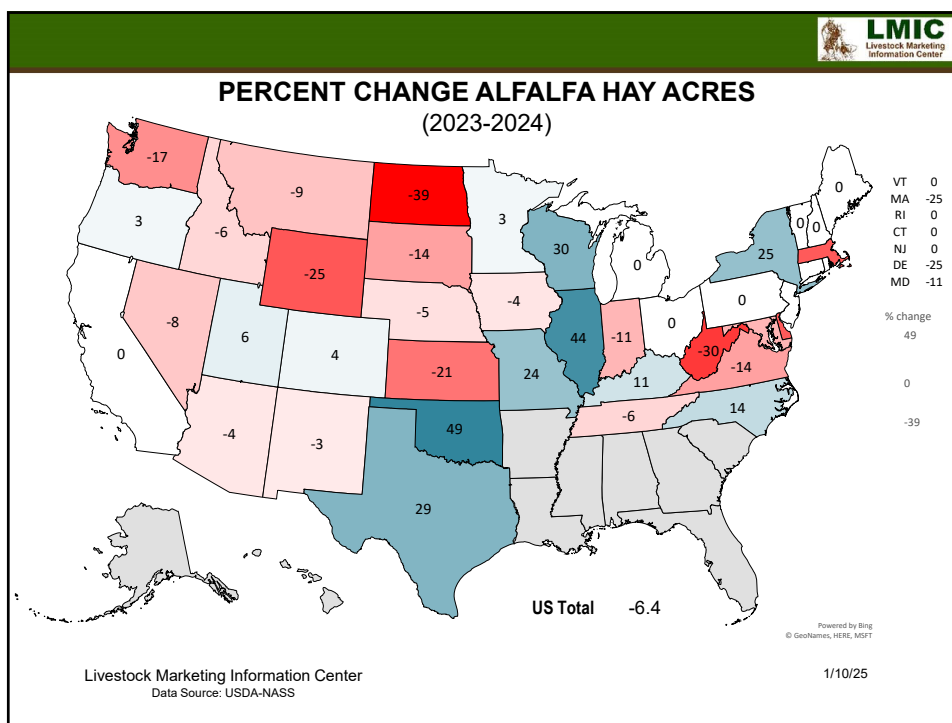


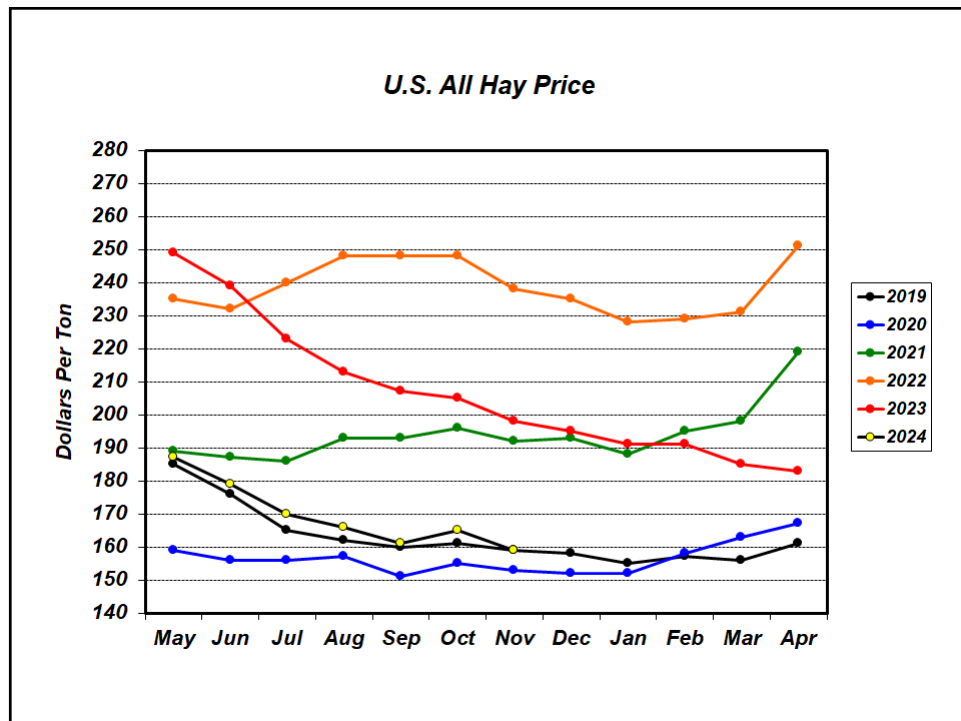
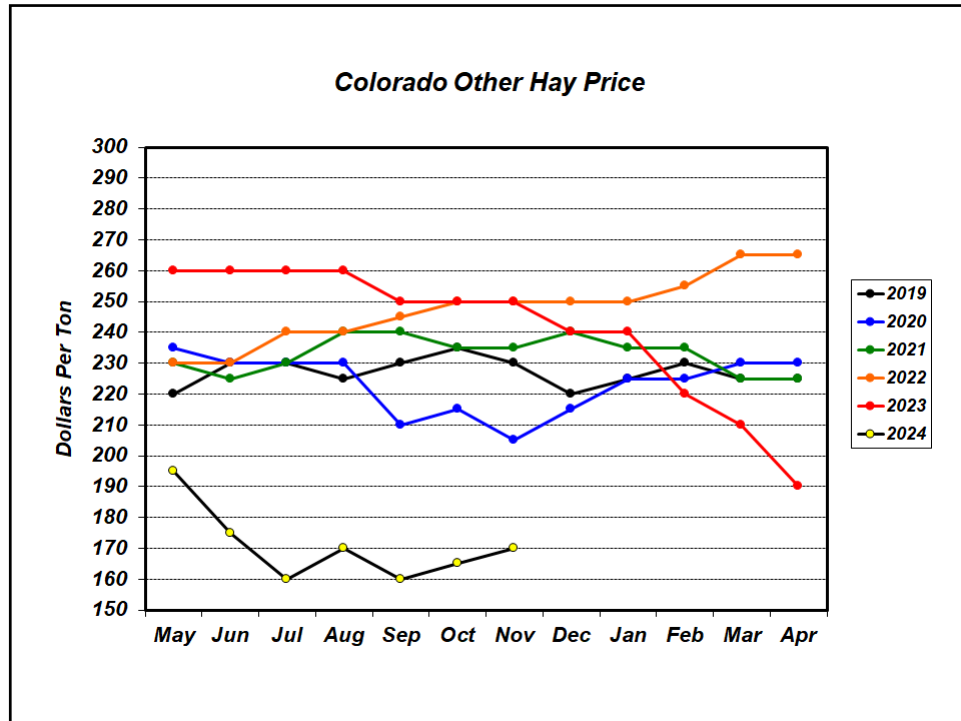














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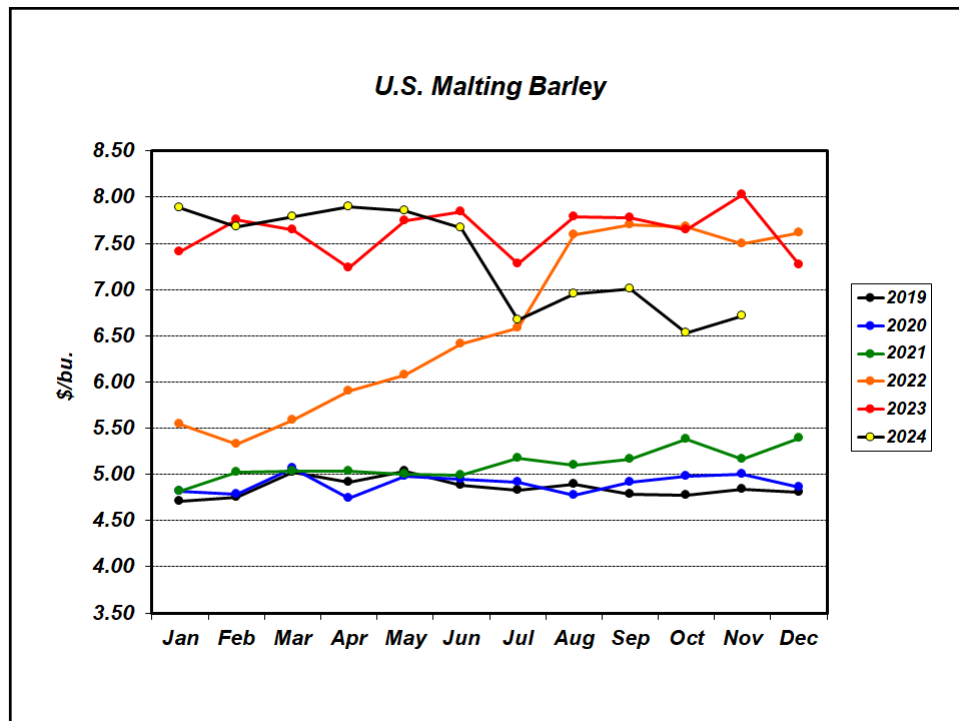
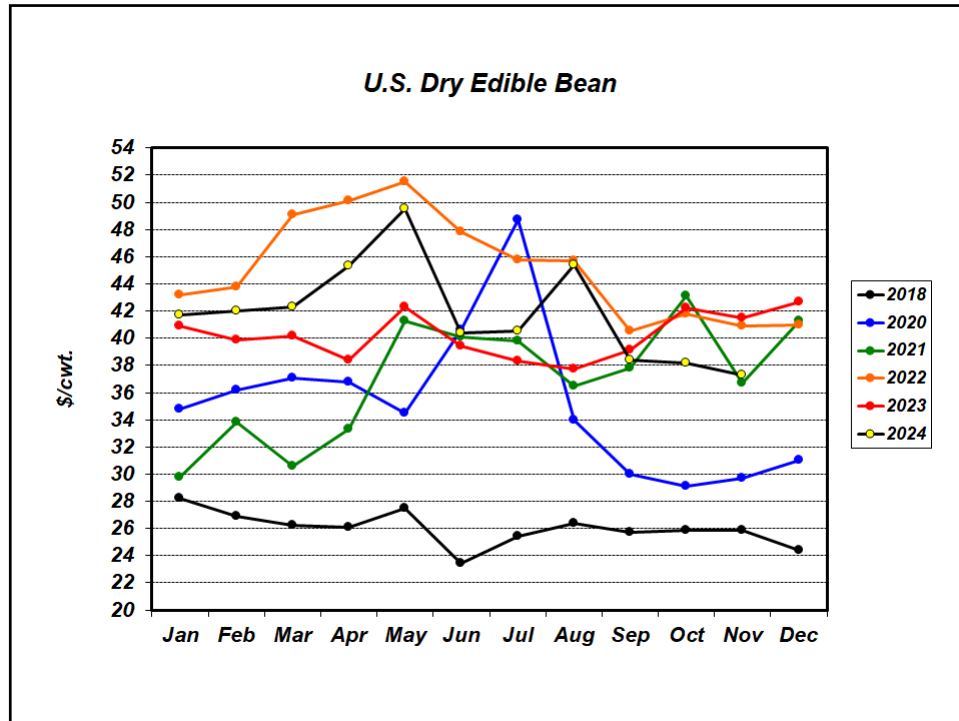
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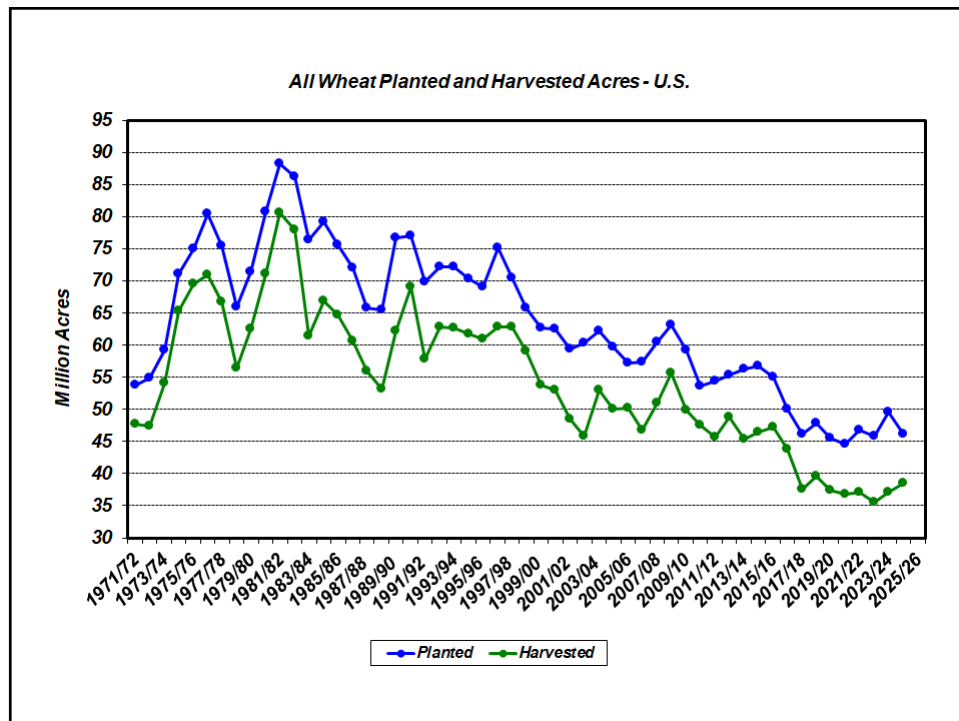
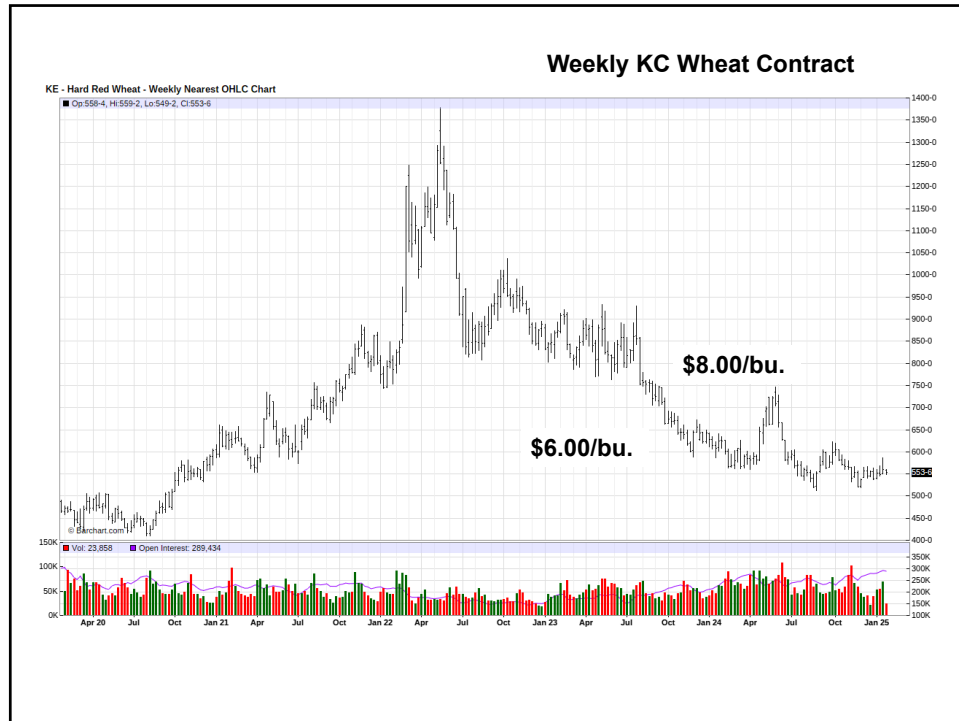
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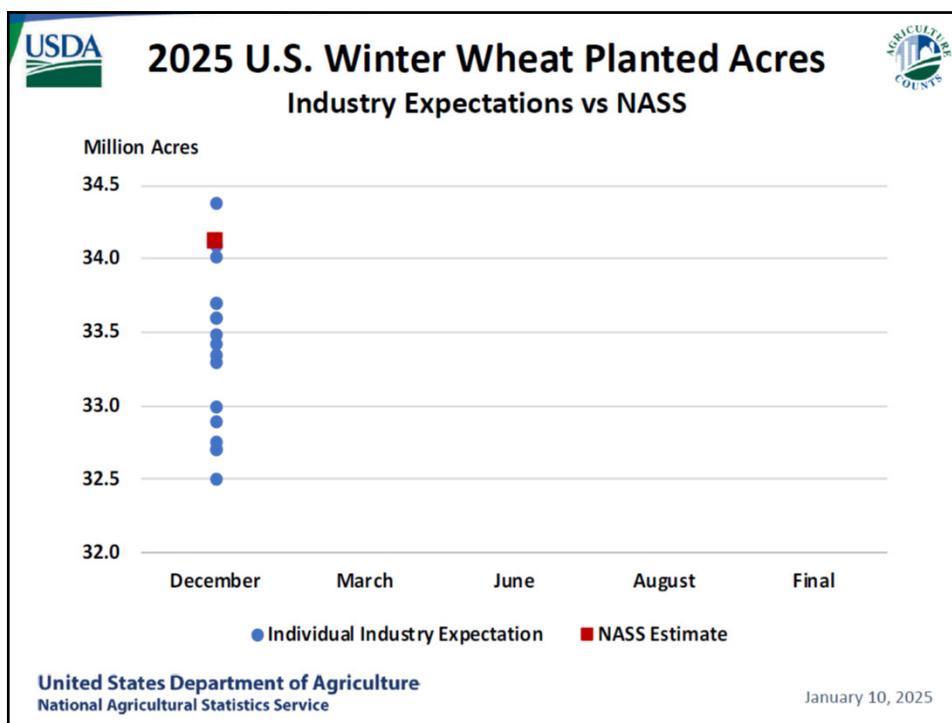
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square 3x4		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		Old Crop
Alfalfa - Supreme (Offer/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square 3x4		220.00		Delivered-Dairy	Very High Testing	Old Crop
Large Square 4x4		215.00		Delivered-Feedlot	Very High Testing	Old Crop
Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	100	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut
Small Square	200	9.50	9.50	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-4th Cut
Forage Mix-Two Way - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Medium Square 3x3	10	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut
Small Square	100	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	1st Cut
Small Square	100	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut
Straw (Conventional)						
Corn Stalk - (Contract (Trade)/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square	2000	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		

Forage Outlook

- Substantial expansion of stocks. Quality?
- There is abundant forage – but not expanding. Bottoming out?
- Feed grain, oilseed, & wheat prices weak.
- Drought: east v. west & north v. south.
- Upside potential.
- Excellent hay: \$175-\$225/T.
- Good hay: \$125-\$175/T.
- Low-quality hay: \$100-\$125/T. Sub-\$100 east...

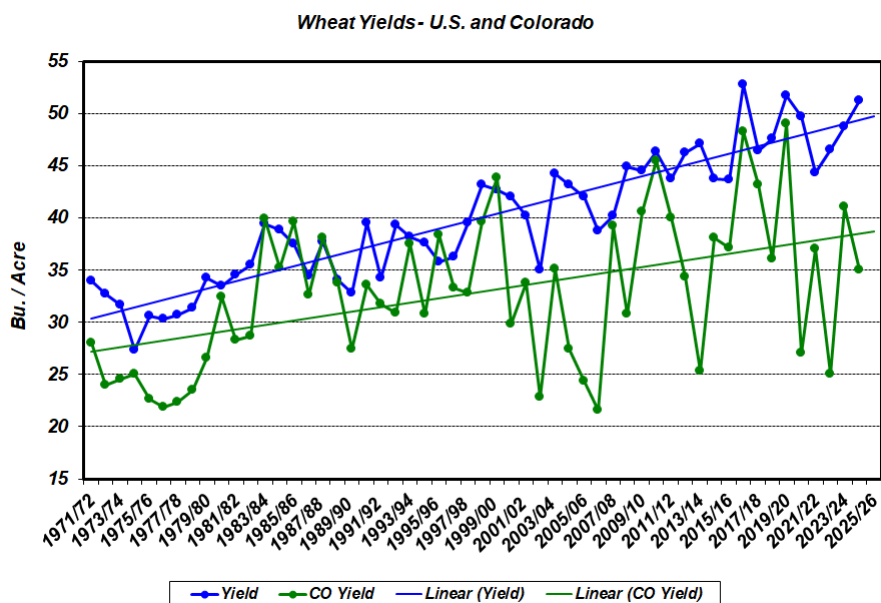


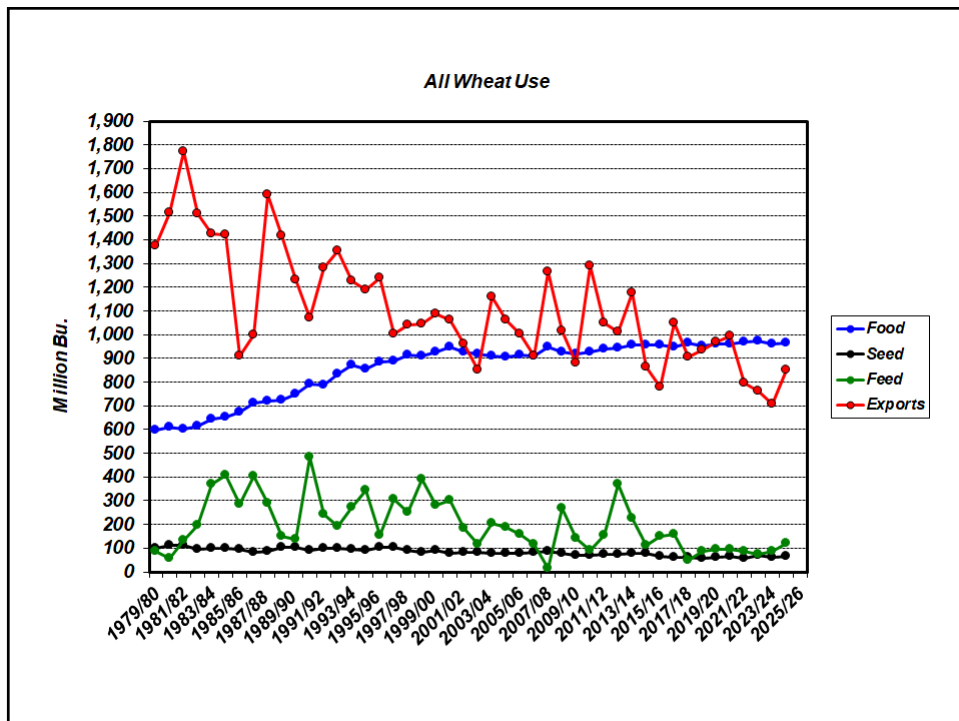
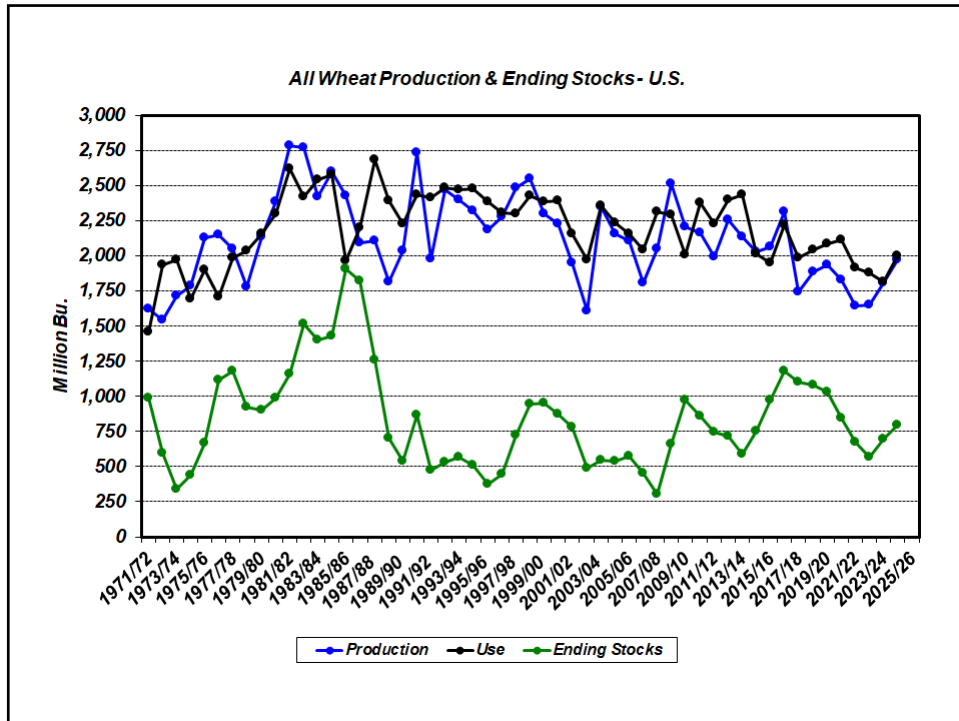


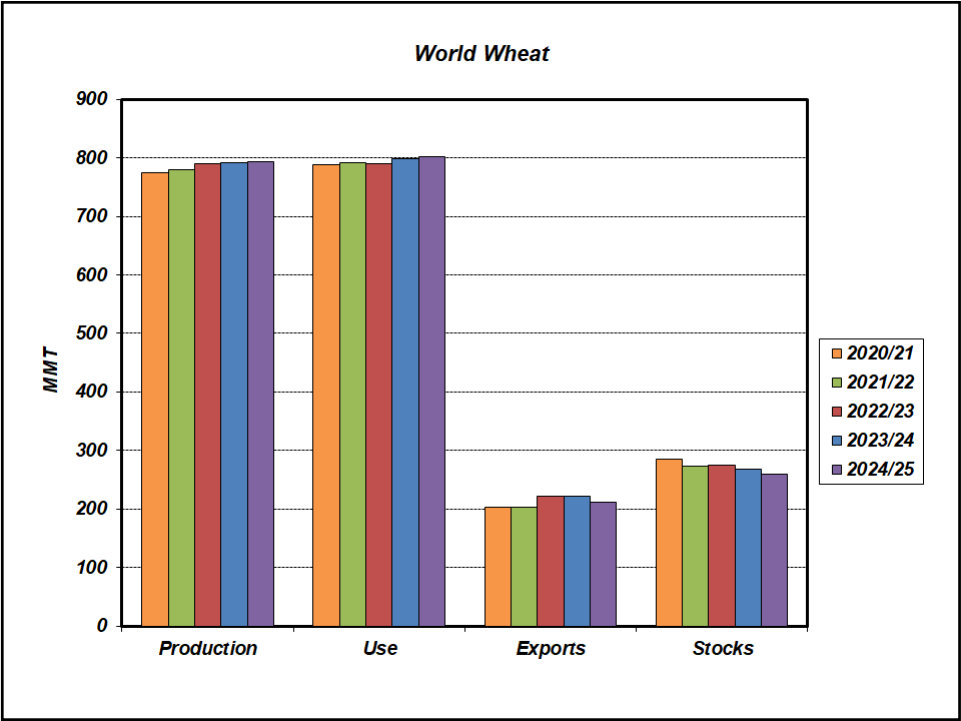
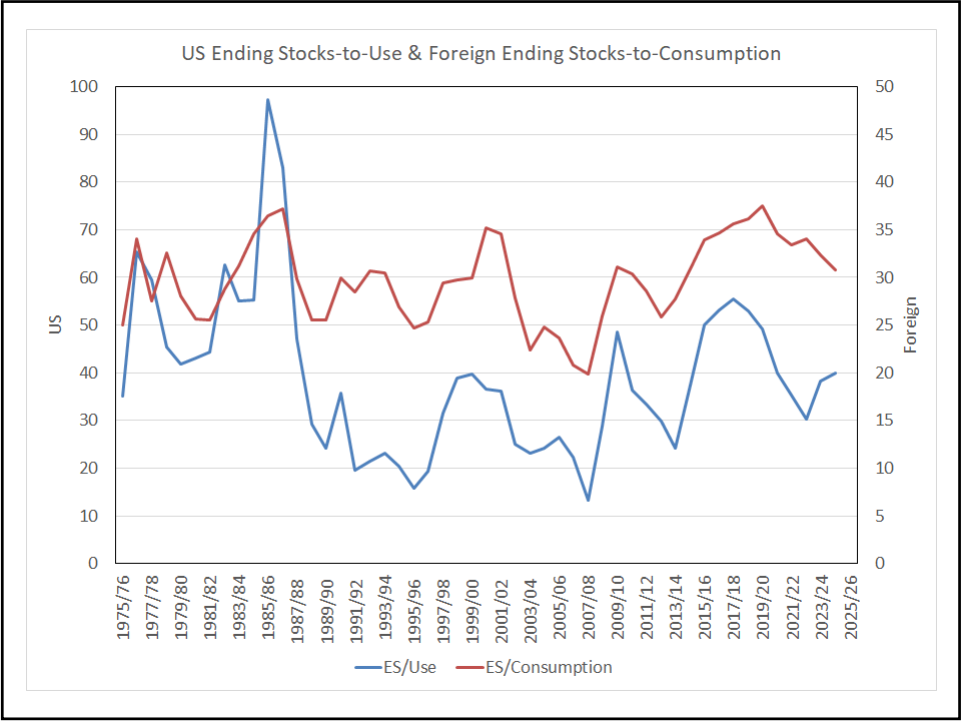


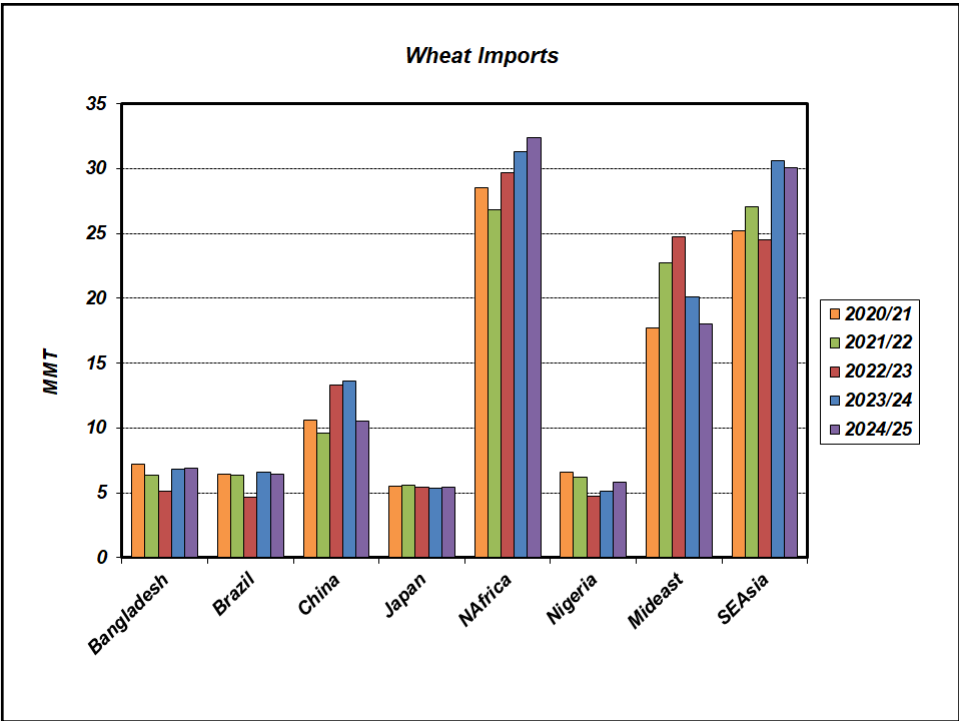
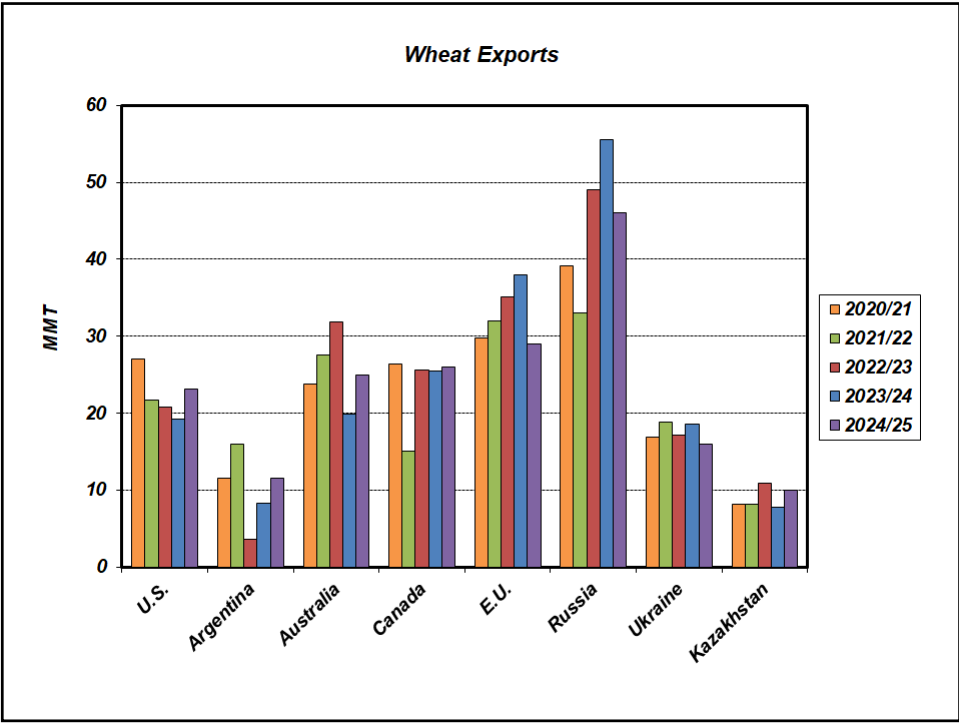
USDA NASS: Winter Wheat Seedings - 1/12/2025					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	25/24
State	1,000 Acres				%
AR	220	230	130	120	92
CA	350	320	290	360	124
CO	1,950	2,300	2,100	2,100	100
ID	770	750	760	760	100
IL	650	840	770	790	103
IN	290	405	310	330	106
KS	7,300	8,100	7,600	7,400	97
MI	460	600	400	550	138
MO	630	780	670	630	94
MT	2,050	1,850	1,950	2,250	115
NE	980	1,130	1,000	970	97
NC	480	480	410	380	93
OH	510	650	520	660	127
OK	4,300	4,550	4,350	4,250	98
OR	730	740	740	750	101
SD	830	920	860	790	92
TX	5,300	6,400	5,500	5,800	105
WA	1,850	1,800	1,800	1,850	103
18-States	29,650	32,845	30,160	30,740	101.9
18/US	89	89	90	90	
US	33,281	36,699	33,390	34,115	102.2

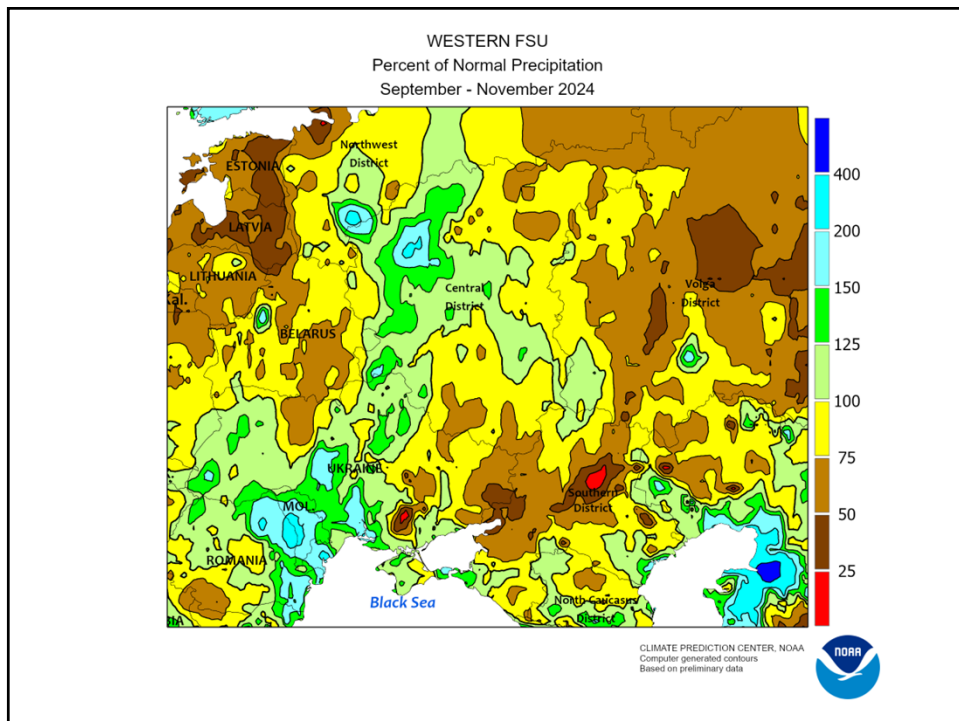
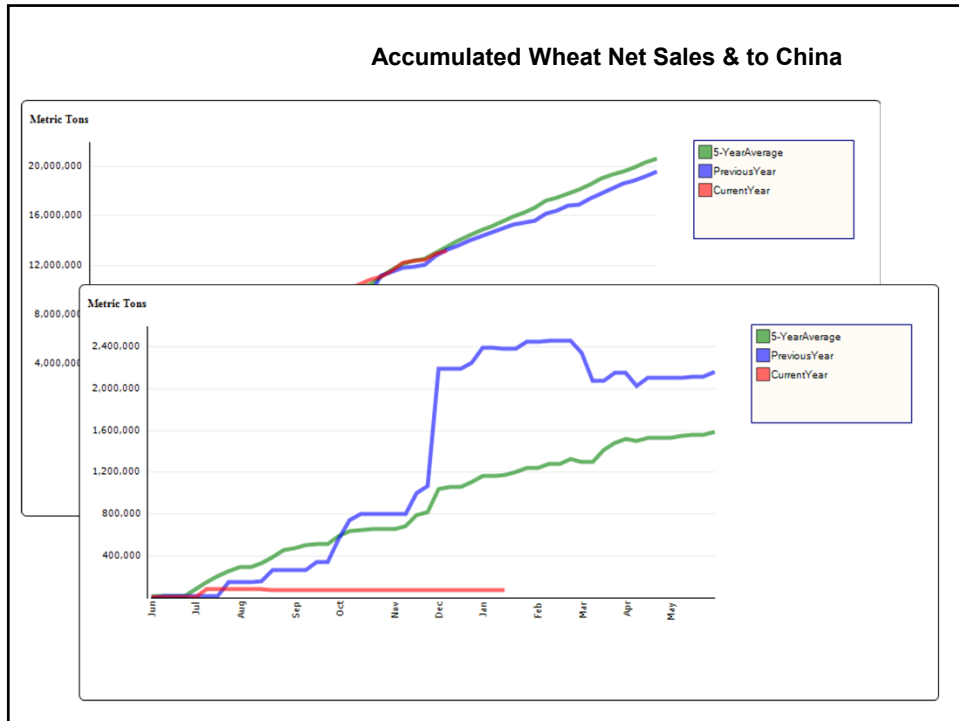
USDA NASS: Crop Progress - 11/25/2024					
Wheat: Crop Condition					
by Percent and Selected States					
State	VP	P	F	G	EX
AR	0	4	44	45	7
CA	0	0	10	75	15
CO	2	8	22	60	8
ID	0	1	52	41	6
IL	1	2	17	77	3
IN	1	5	30	52	12
KS	3	9	33	46	9
MI	0	1	22	56	21
MO	1	1	20	71	7
MT	4	5	52	39	-
NE	7	12	33	45	3
NC	1	4	32	61	2
OH	0	2	28	54	16
OK	2	14	36	42	6
OR	2	11	33	34	20
SD	3	29	44	21	3
TX	7	11	30	42	10
WA	1	8	43	38	10
18-States	3	9	33	47	8
Prev Wk	4	11	36	41	8
Prev Yr	6	9	35	41	9

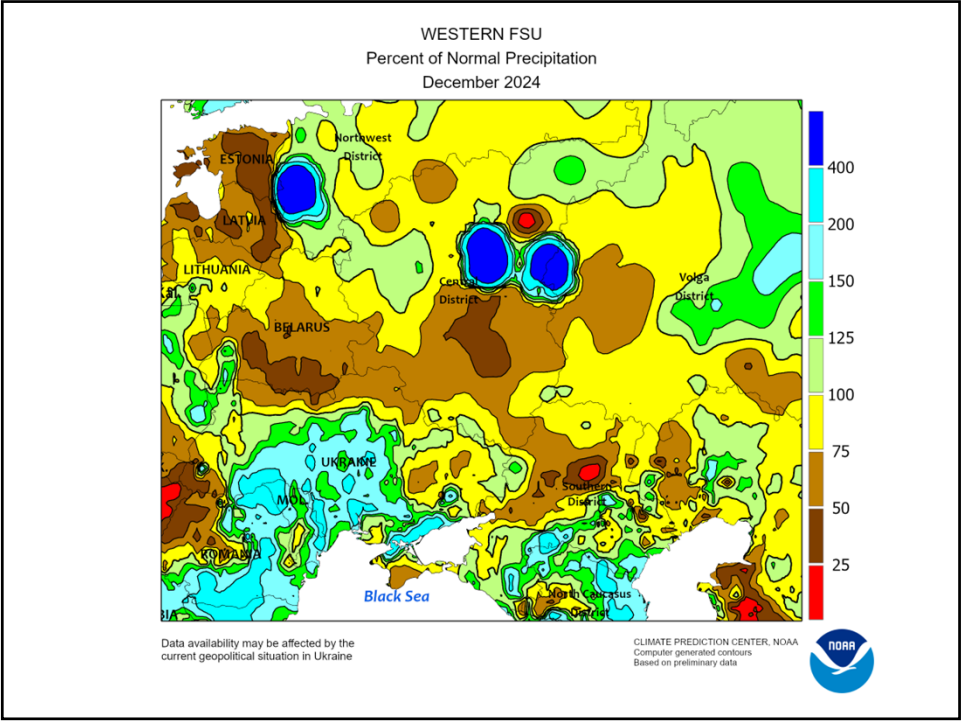












WHEAT - ALL - January 2024 (Crop Year: Jun 1 - May 31)	2022/23	2023/24 Est.	2024/25 Proj.		2024/25 Forecasts			2025/26 Forecasts		
			Dec	Jan	High P	Normal	Low P	High P	Normal	Low P
Planted Acres (Million Acres)	45.8	49.6	46.1	46.1	46.0	46.1	46.3	45.0	47.0	48.0
Harvested Acres (Million Acres)	35.5	37.1	38.5	38.5	38.3	38.5	38.6	36.0	39.0	40.5
Yield (Bushels per Acre)	46.5	48.7	51.2	51.2	51.0	51.2	51.4	47.5	50.0	52.5
Beginning Stocks (Million Bu.)	674	570	696	696	696	696	696	800	800	800
Production	1,650	1,804	1,971	1,971	1,953	1,971	1,984	1,710	1,950	2,126
Imports	122	138	125	130	130	130	130	125	125	125
SUPPLY	2,446	2,512	2,793	2,798	2,779	2,797	2,810	2,635	2,875	3,051
Food	972	961	966	966	966	966	966	966	966	966
Seed	68	62	62	64	64	64	64	62	62	62
Feed and Residual	74	85	120	120	130	120	120	50	100	100
Export	762	707	850	850	875	850	825	875	850	825
USE	1,876	1,815	1,998	2,000	2,035	2,000	1,975	1,953	1,978	1,953
Ending Stocks	570	696	795	798	744	797	835	682	897	1,098
Average US Farm Price	8.83	6.96	5.60	5.55	5.65	5.55	5.50	6.25	5.50	4.75
Average JUL KC Futures								6.50	5.75	5.00
Average Colorado Price					5.50	5.40	5.30	6.00	5.25	4.50
ES/USE Ratio	0.304	0.383	0.398	0.399	0.366	0.399	0.423	0.349	0.453	0.562

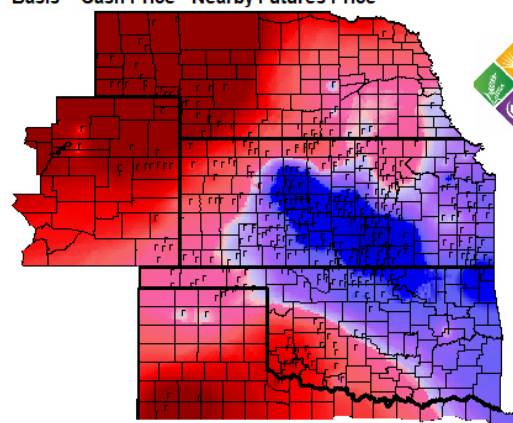
Wheat Basis, 01-22-2025

Basis = Cash Price - Nearby Futures Price

KCBT Mar
Futures
Price: \$5.75

\$/Bushel

Dark Blue	-.20
Blue	-.53
Light Blue	-.54
Very Light Blue	-.61
White	-.67
Light Pink	-.68
Pink	-.69
Red	-.77
Dark Red	-.85
Dark Red	-.96

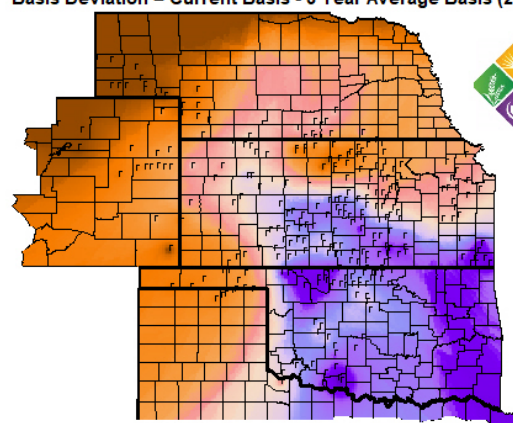


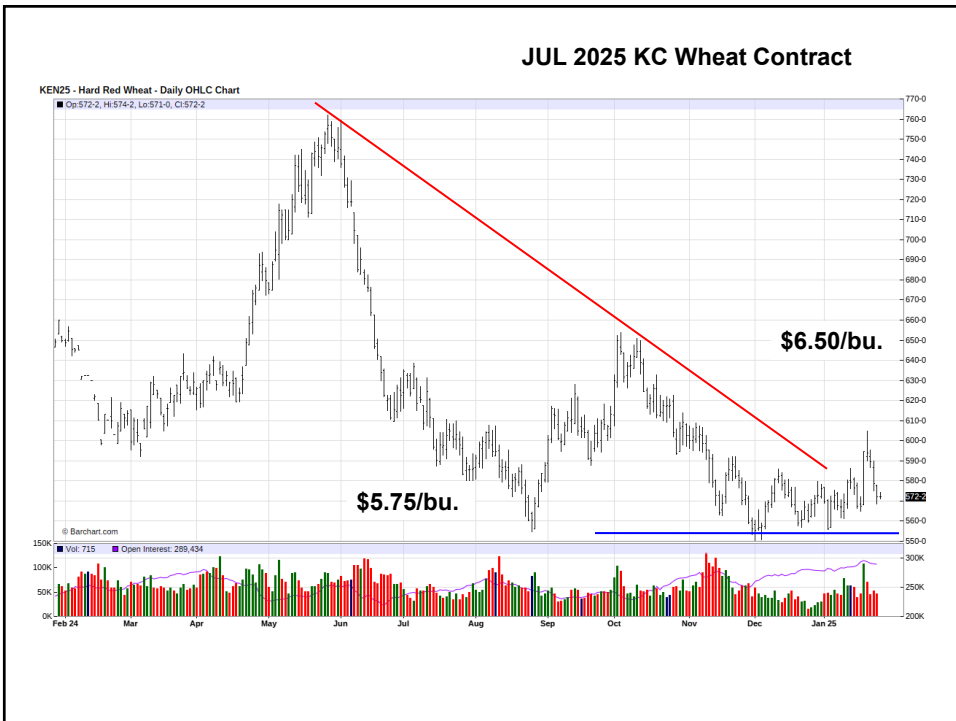
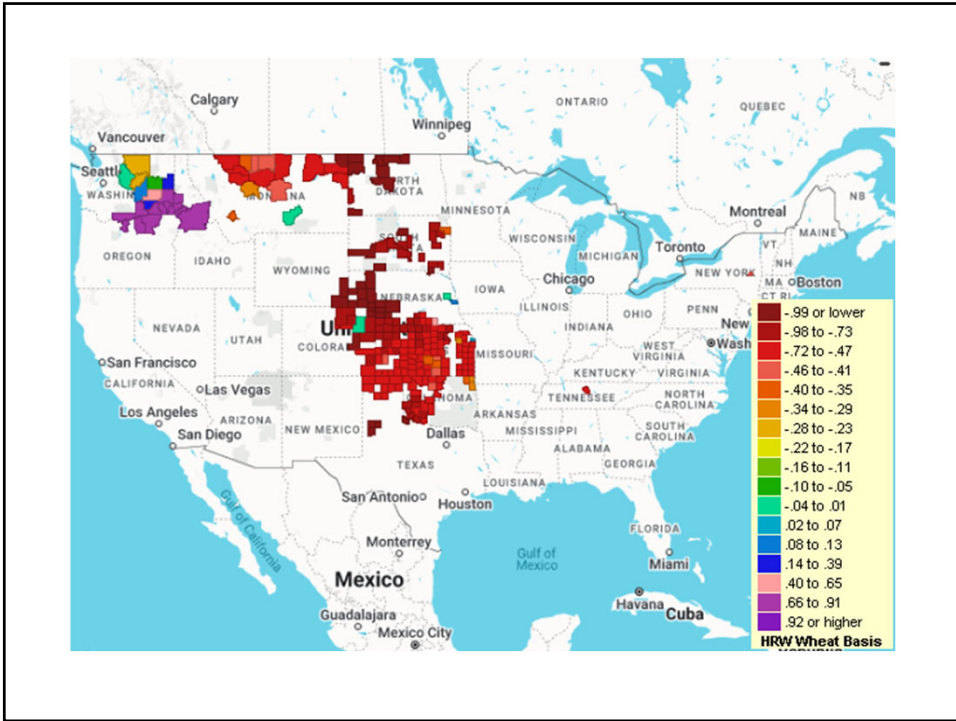
Wheat Basis Deviation, 01-22-2025

Basis Deviation = Current Basis - 3 Year Average Basis (2022, 2023, 2024)

\$/Bushel

Dark Purple	.07
Purple	-.08
Light Purple	-.09
Very Light Purple	-.12
White	-.14
Light Orange	-.20
Orange	-.27
Dark Orange	-.30
Dark Orange	-.39
Dark Orange	-.46





Wheat Outlook

- Reasonable world production & strong usage. Again, declining world stocks.
- U.S.: increased production & decreased use. Increasing domestic stocks.
- Acreage increases. Winter yes. Spring wheat? Late drought?
- Weakening prices & okay basis.
- Forecasts
 - JUL 2025 @ \$5.75 with range \$4.75-6.50/bu.
 - Trend? Support? Resistance?
 - The strength of the dollar is the problem.

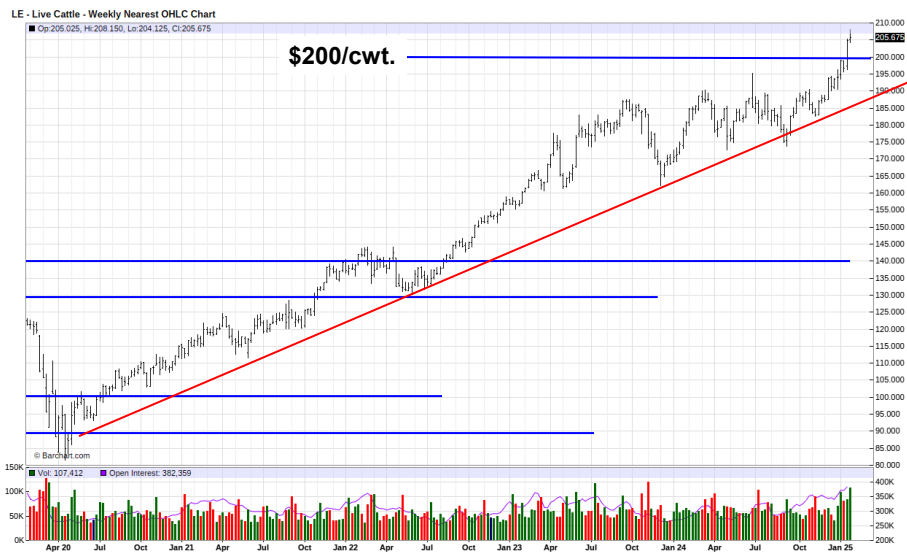
Quarterly Cattle Price Forecasts

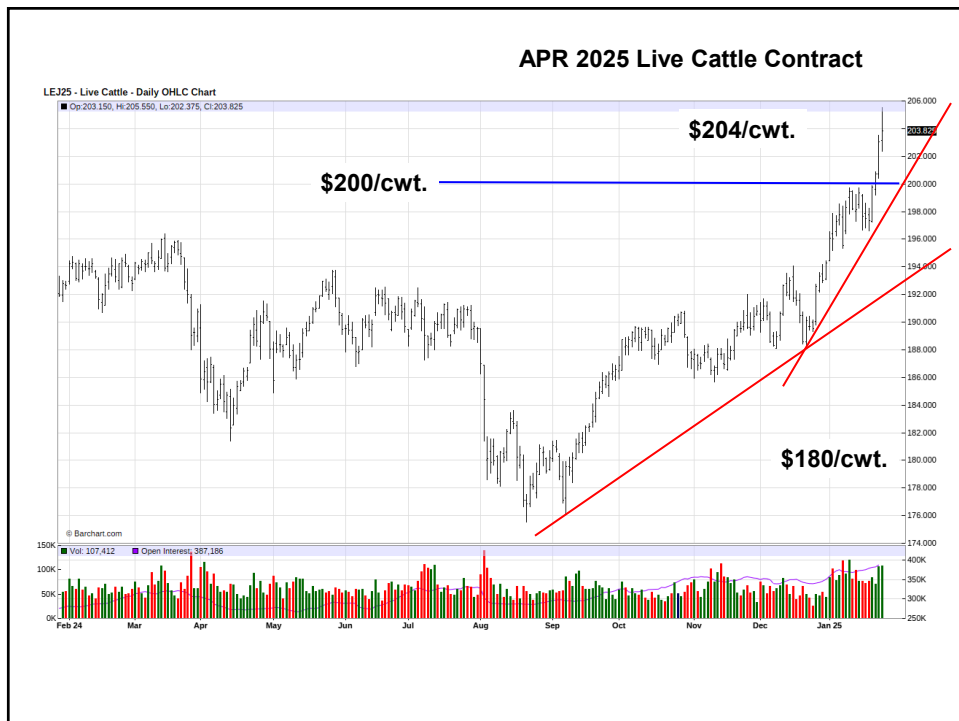
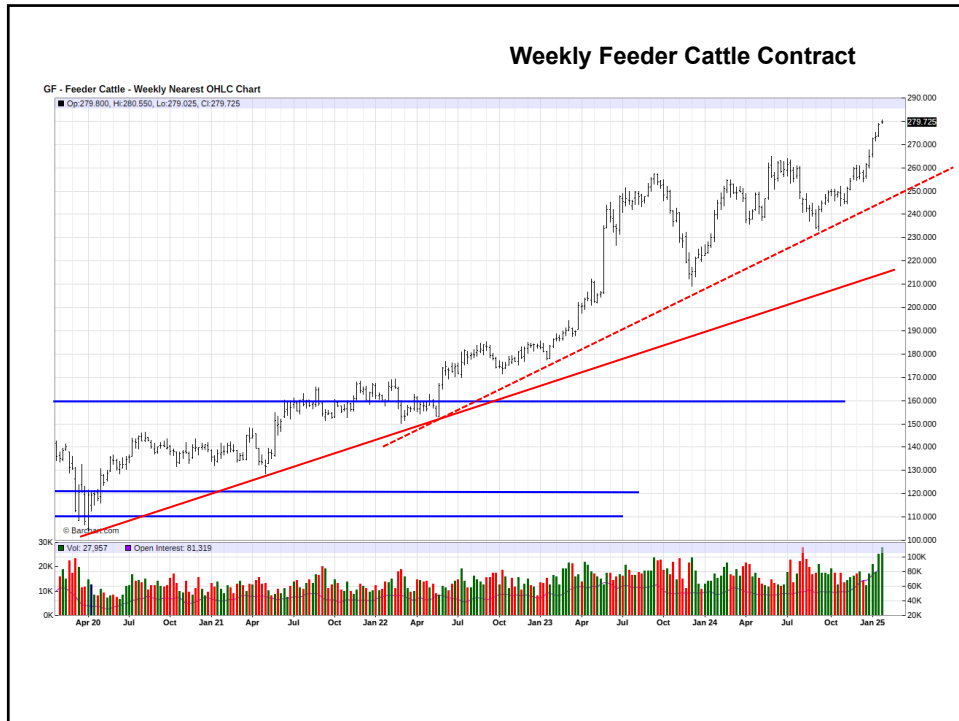
Date	Fed Cattle	7-800# Feeder	5-600# Calf
2024: IV	\$188-190	\$255-259	\$294-298
2025: I	\$188-193	\$256-260	\$306-311
2025: II	\$188-194	\$257-263	\$307-313
2025: III	\$187-196	\$265-272	\$307-314
2025: IV	\$187-198	\$261-269	\$305-314
2026: I	\$186-199	\$255-264	\$308-316
2026: II	\$187-202	\$259-269	\$310-320
2026: III	\$186-203	\$273-284	\$307-318
2026: IV	\$185-205	\$275-282	\$304-316

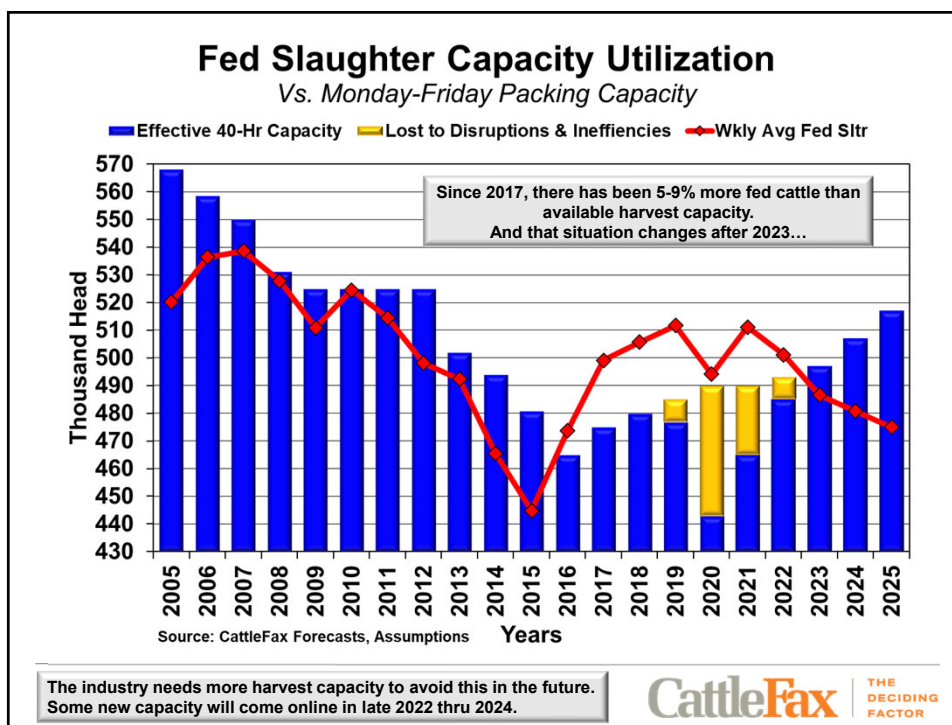
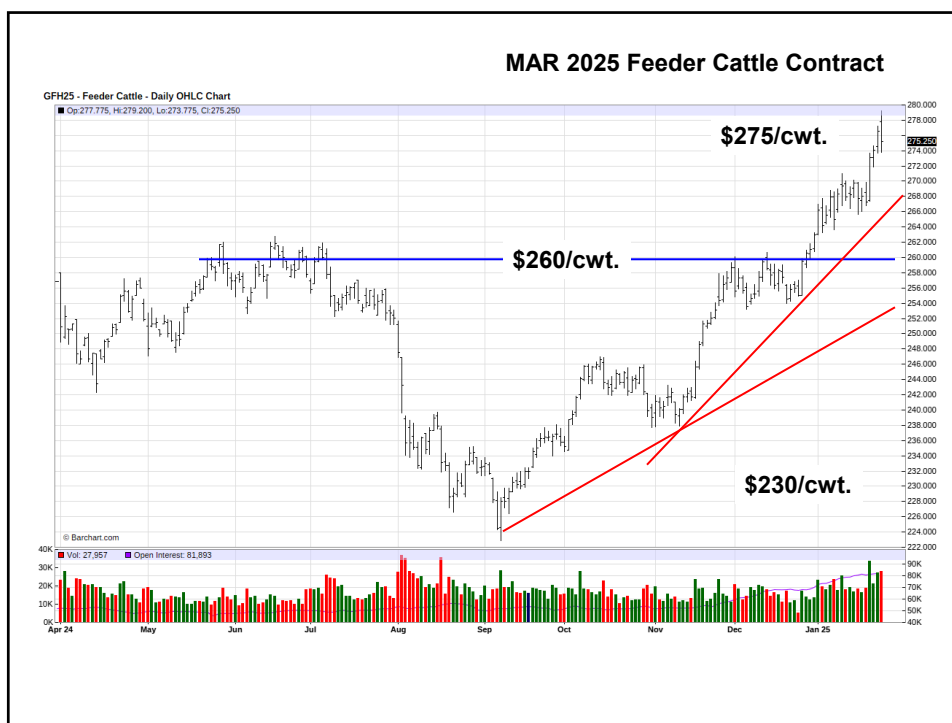
Meat Quantity Forecasts

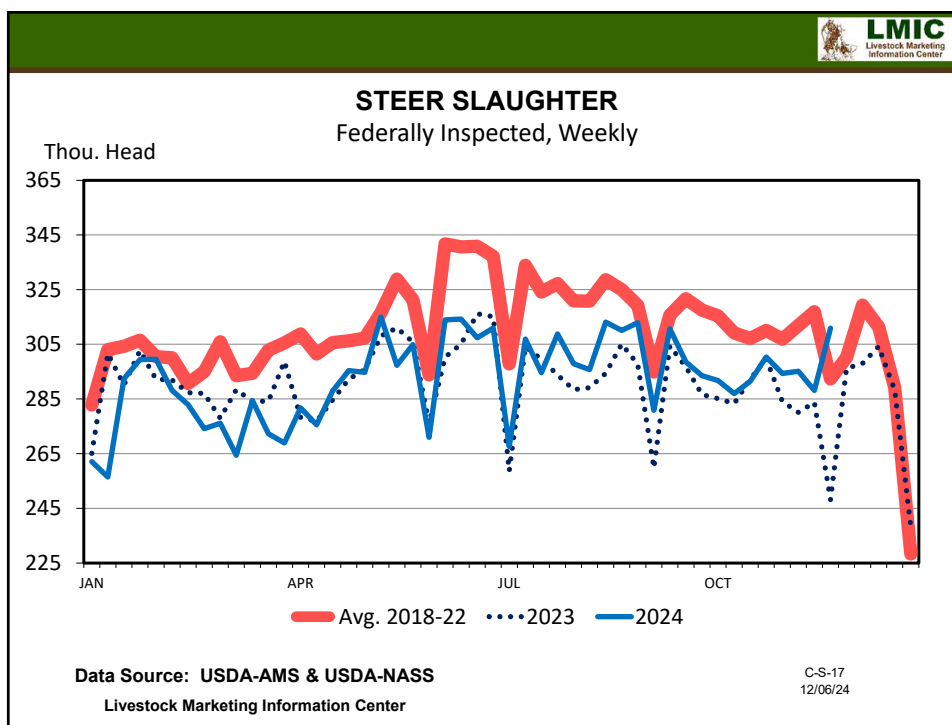
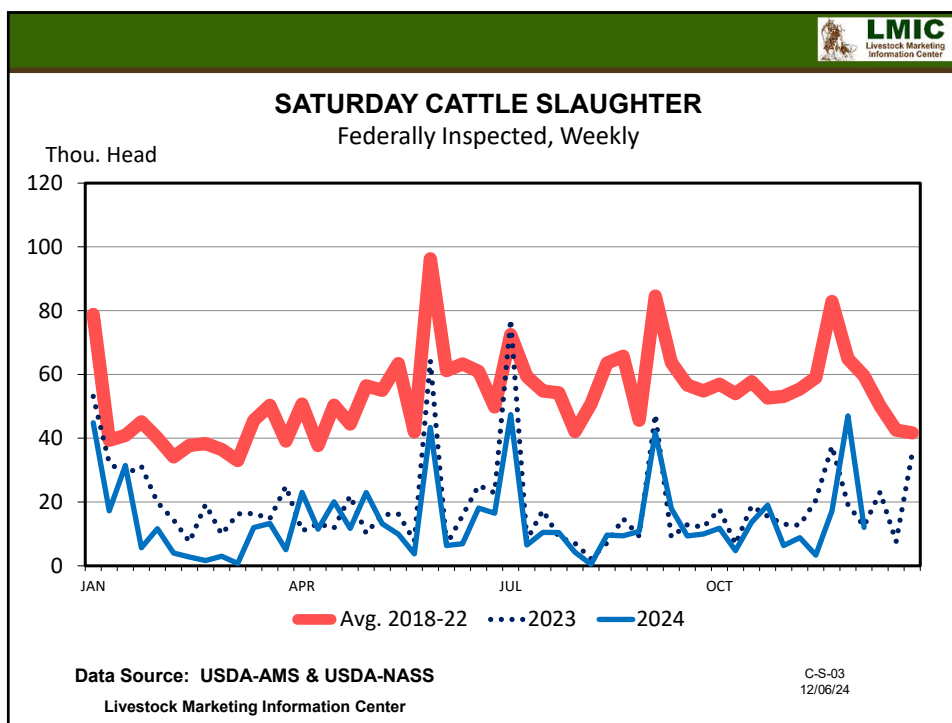
Date	Beef Sghtr	Beef Wght	Beef Prdctn	Beef Cnsmpr	Pork Sghtr	Pork Wght	Pork Prdctn	Pork Cnsmpr
2024: IV	-1.5%	+3.1%	+1.6%	+2.9%	+1.8%	+0.2%	+2.3%	+0.6%
2025: I	-2.5%	+0.6%	-1.9%	-2.1%	-0.6%	-0.0%	-0.6%	-3.4%
2025: II	-2.7%	+0.6%	-2.1%	+1.6%	+2.6%	-0.3%	+2.2%	+1.7%
2025: III	-3.3%	+0.3%	-3.0%	-3.0%	+2.3%	+0.4%	+2.8%	+3.0%
2025: IV	-3.9%	+0.3%	-3.6%	-3.2%	+1.9%	+0.5%	+2.4%	+2.7%
2026: I	-3.3%	+0.2%	-3.1%	-1.6%	+0.4%	+0.4%	+7.8%	+0.1%
2026: II	-3.2%	+0.1%	-3.1%	-3.8%	+1.1%	+0.1%	+1.2%	+0.3%
2026: III	-3.1%	+0.1%	-3.0%	-2.7%	+0.9%	+0.4%	+1.3%	-0.1%
2026: IV	-3.8%	+0.2%	-3.6%	-3.9%	+0.4%	+0.4%	+0.9%	-0.5%

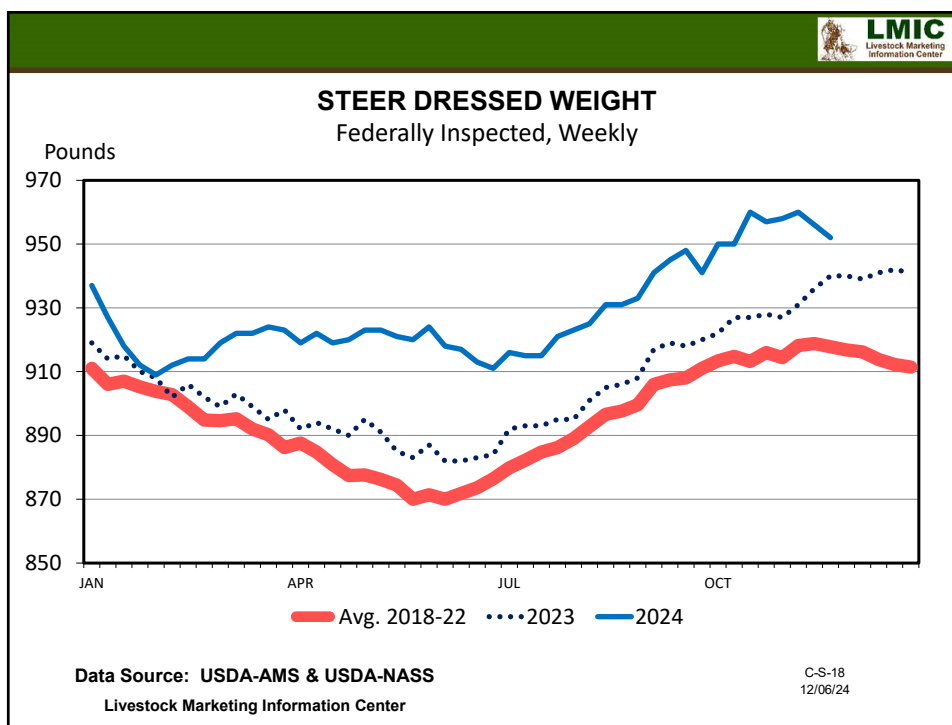
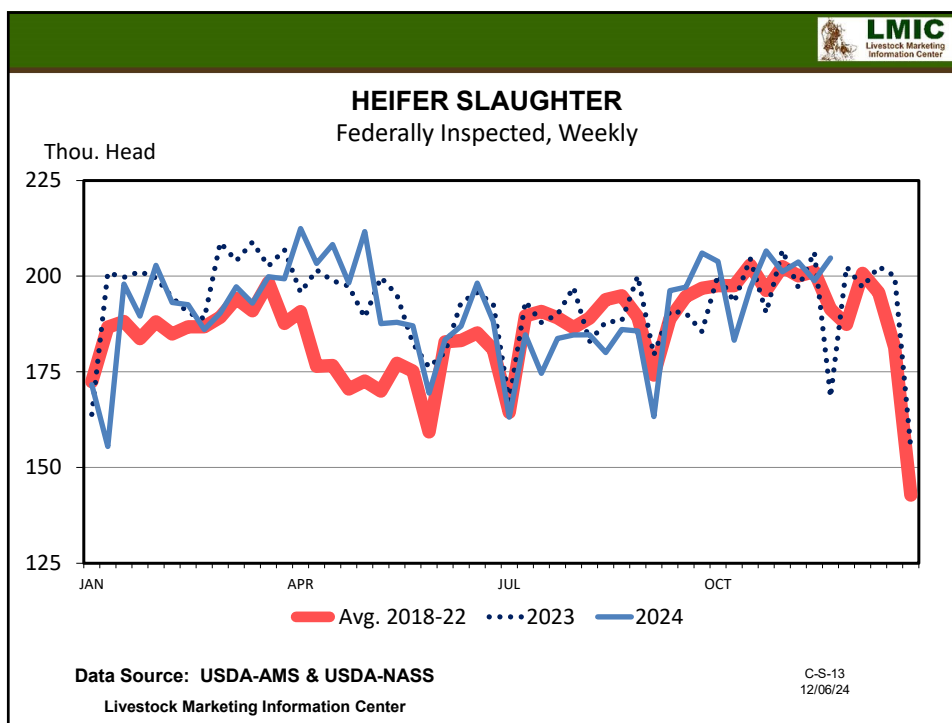
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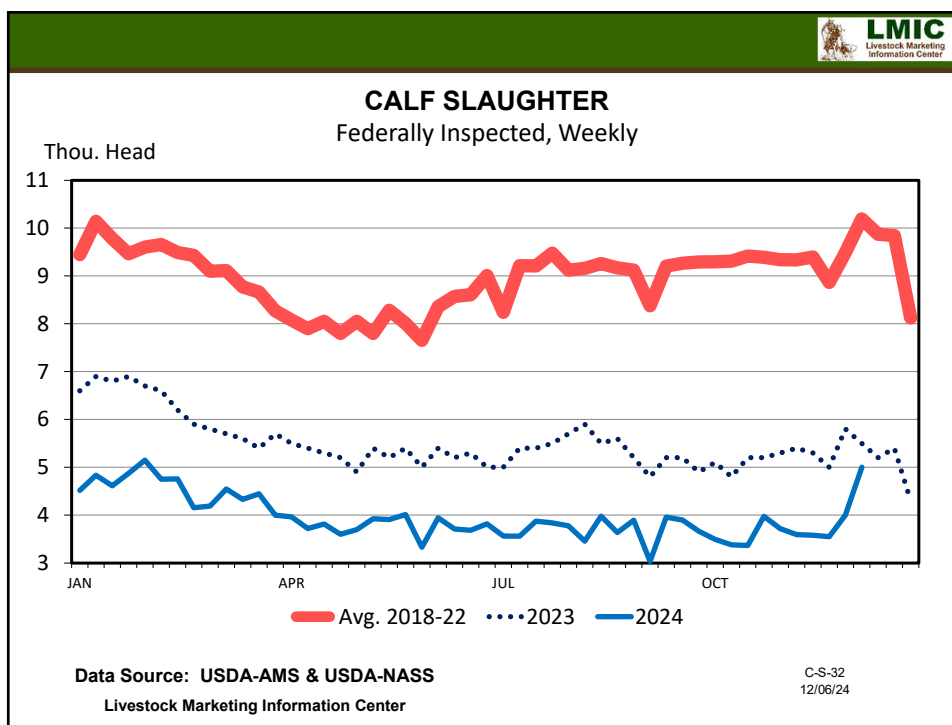
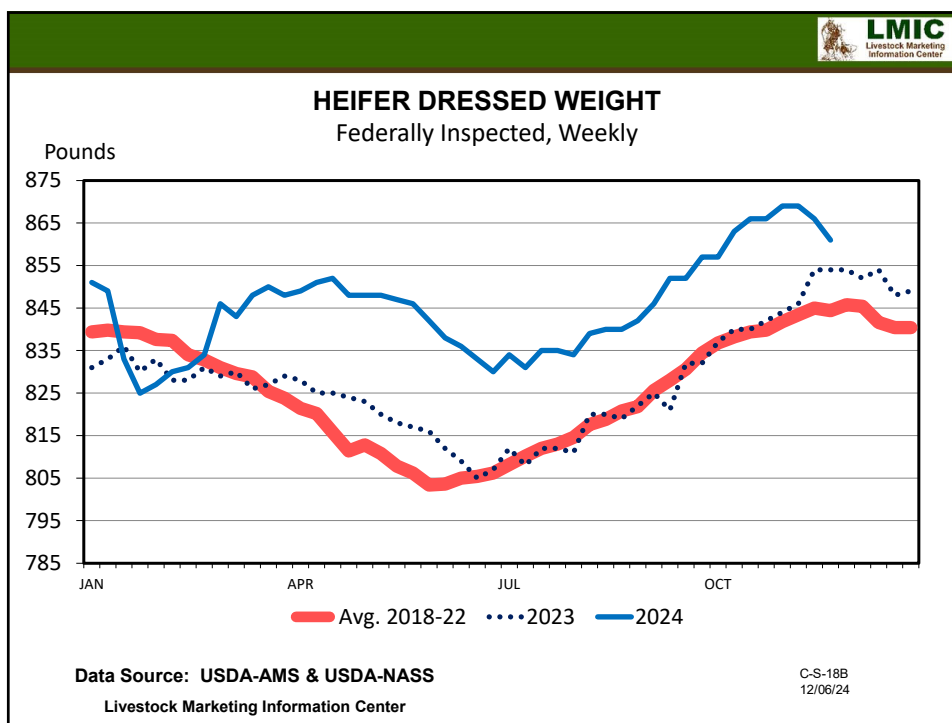


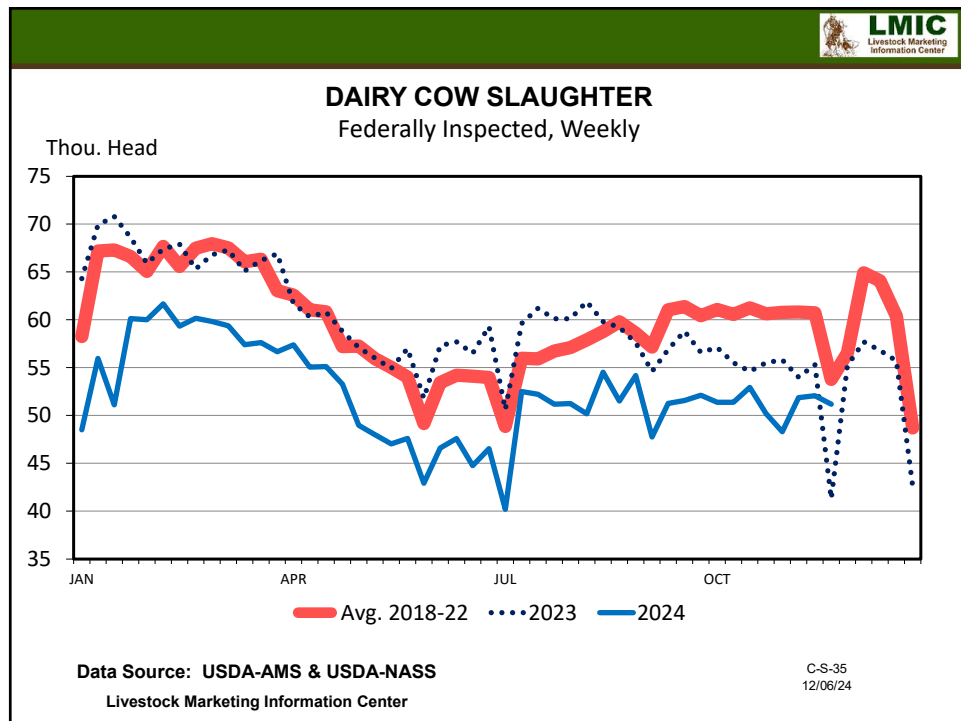
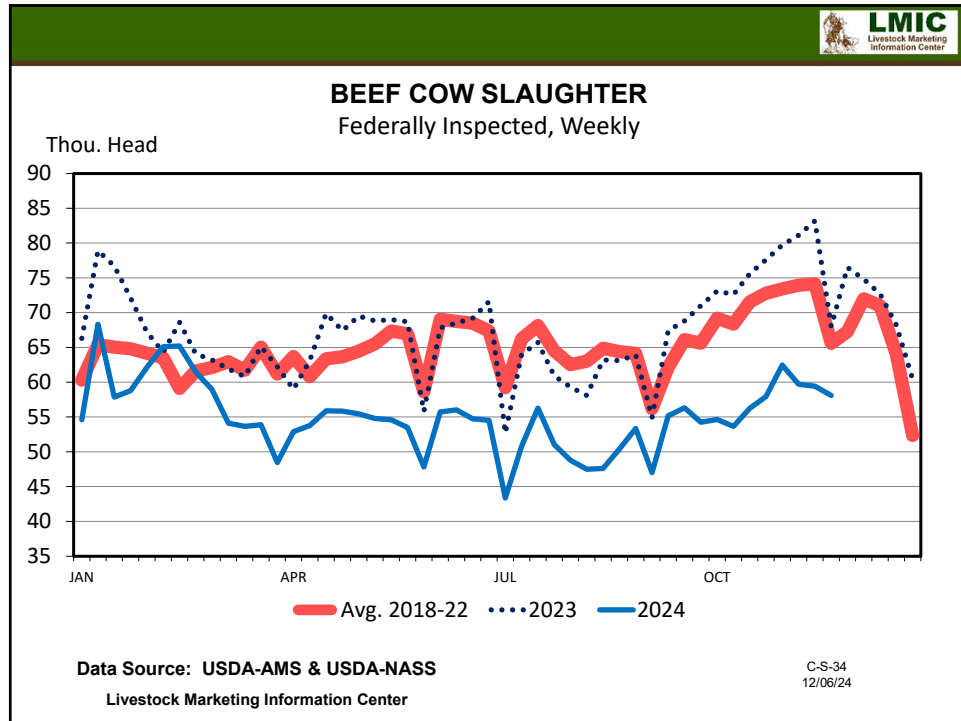


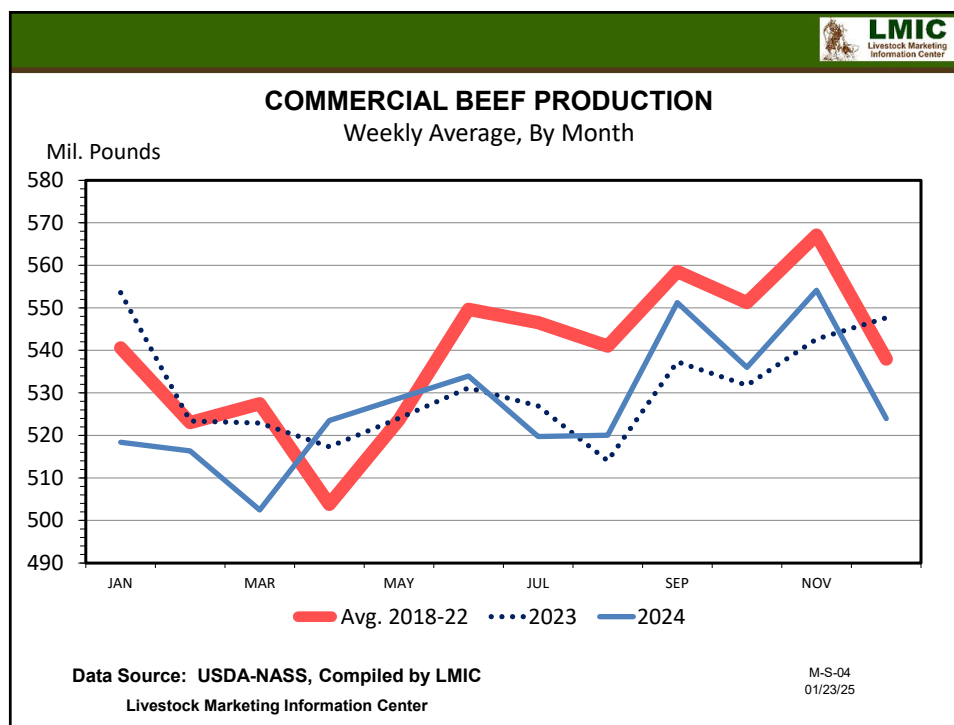
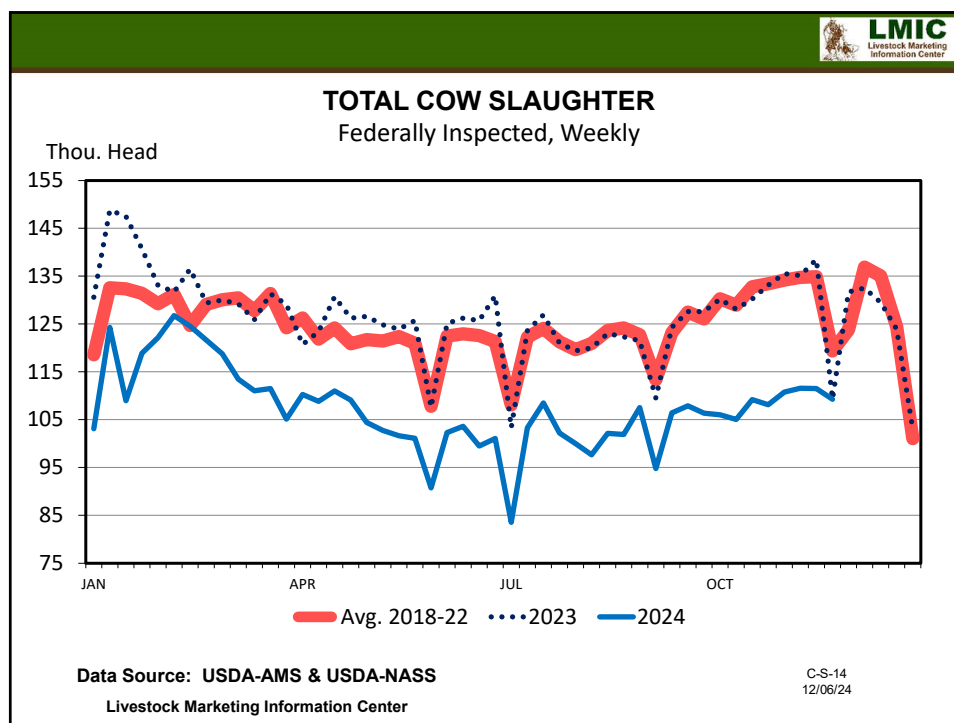


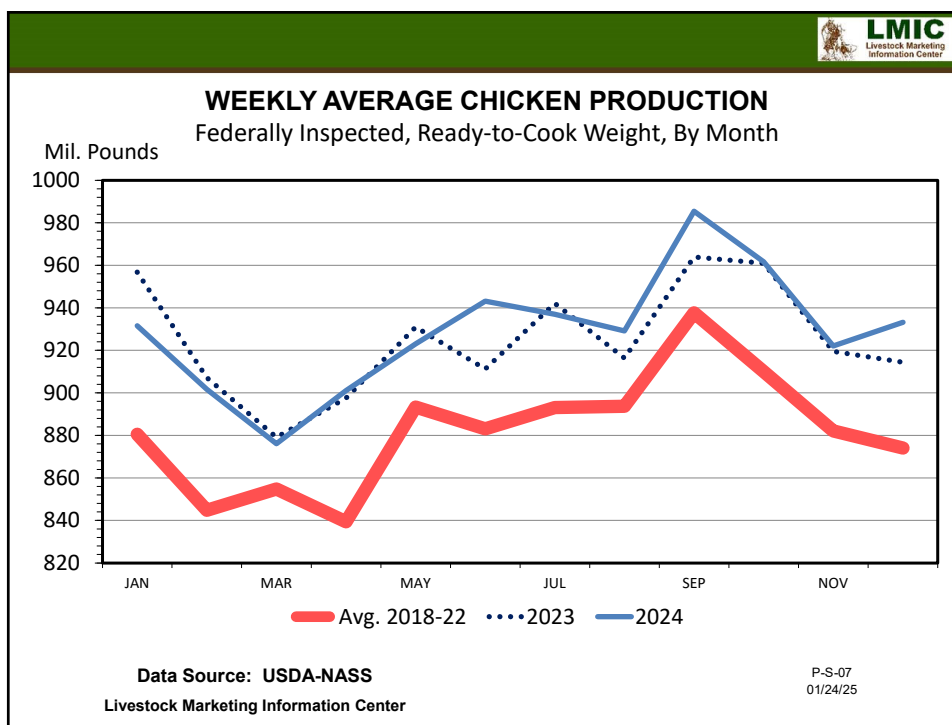
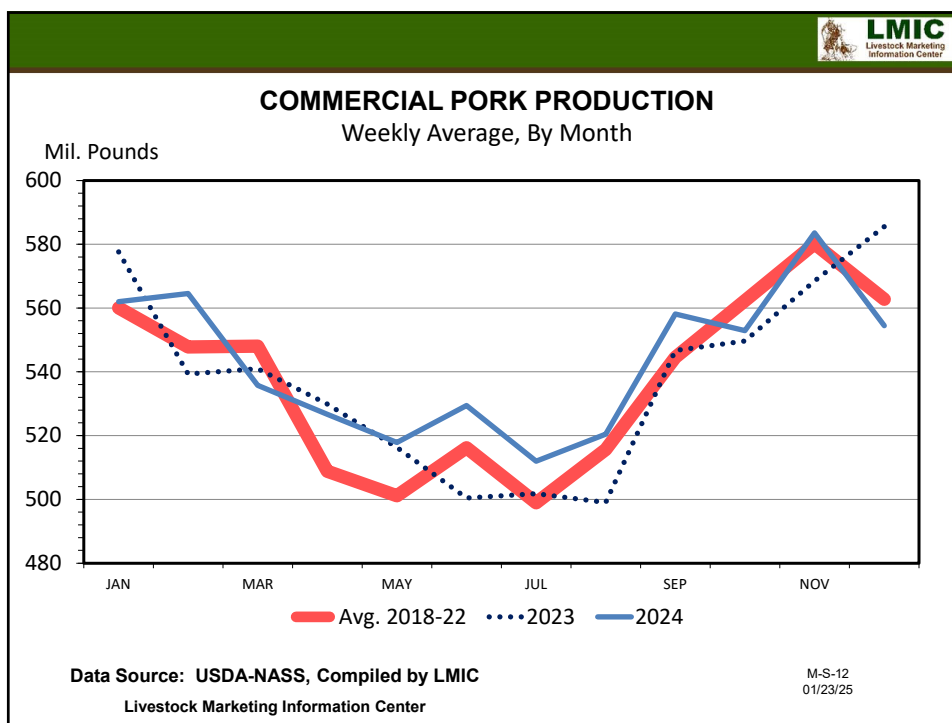


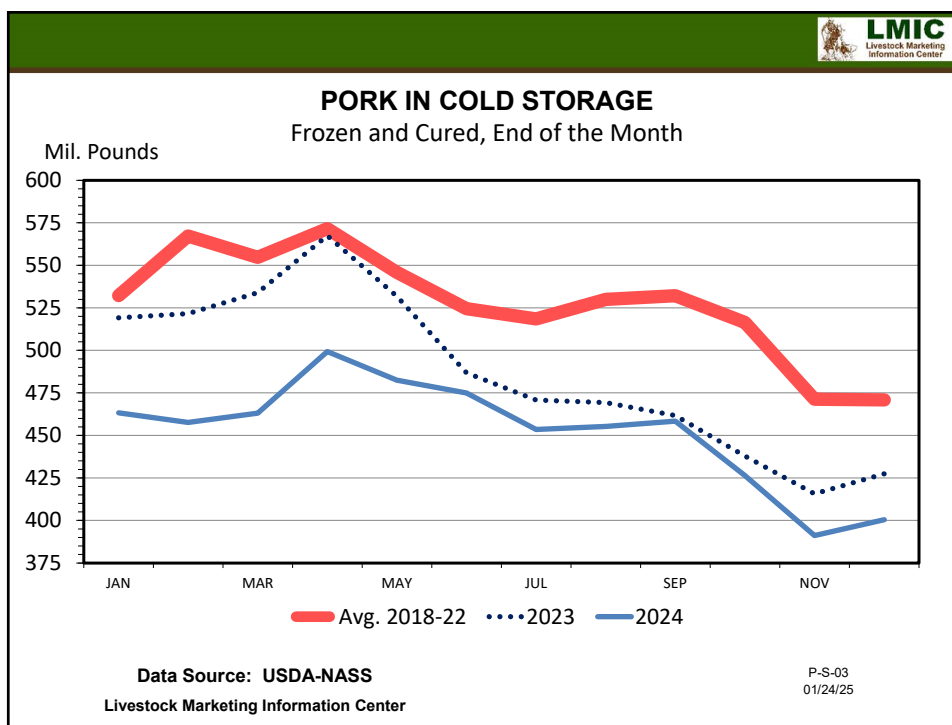
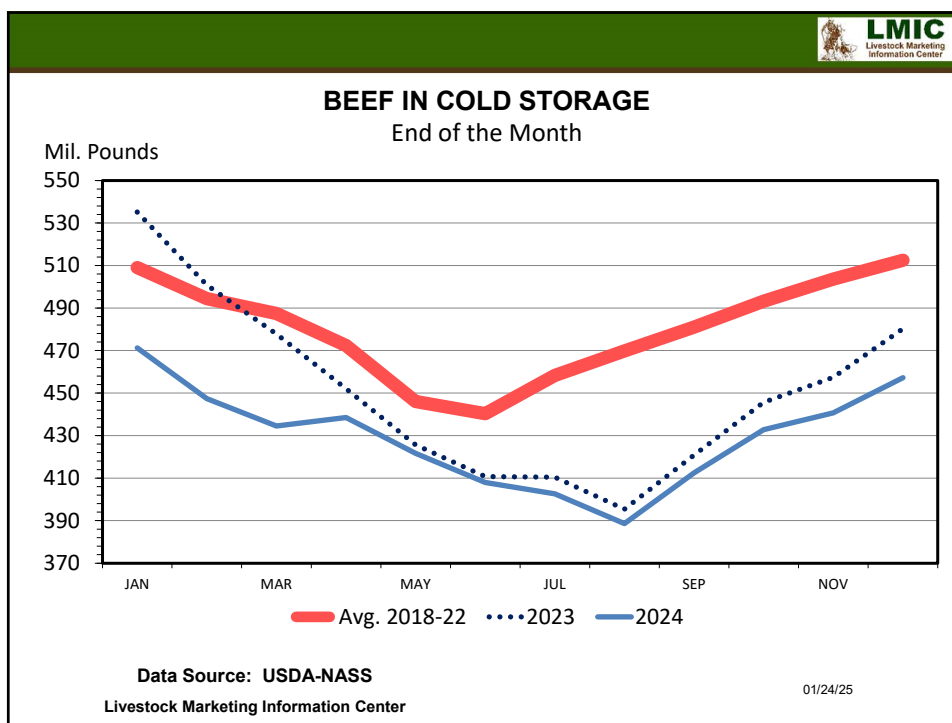


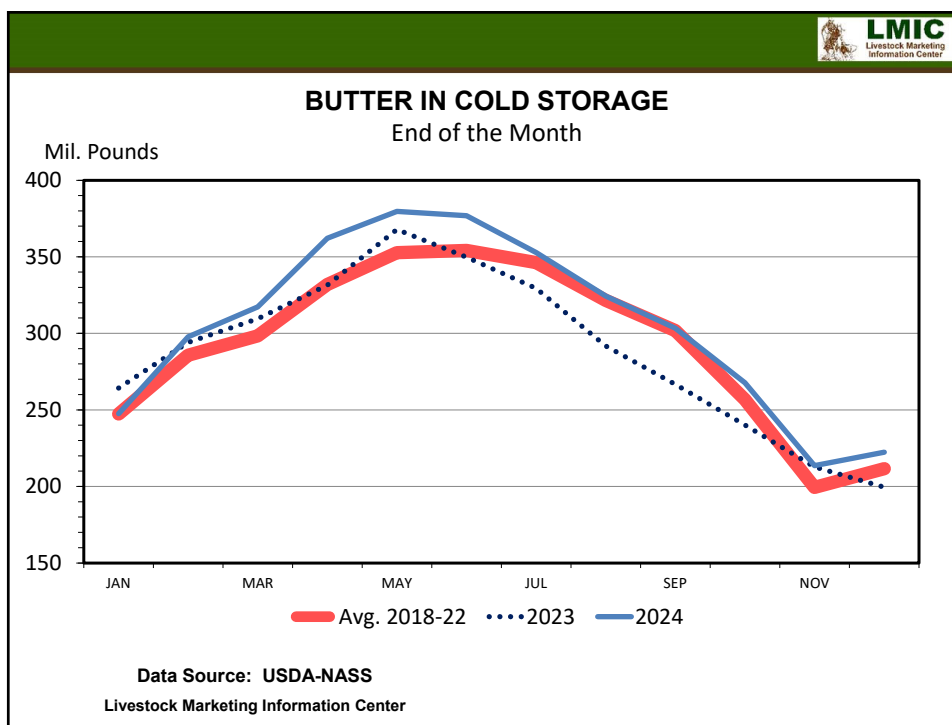
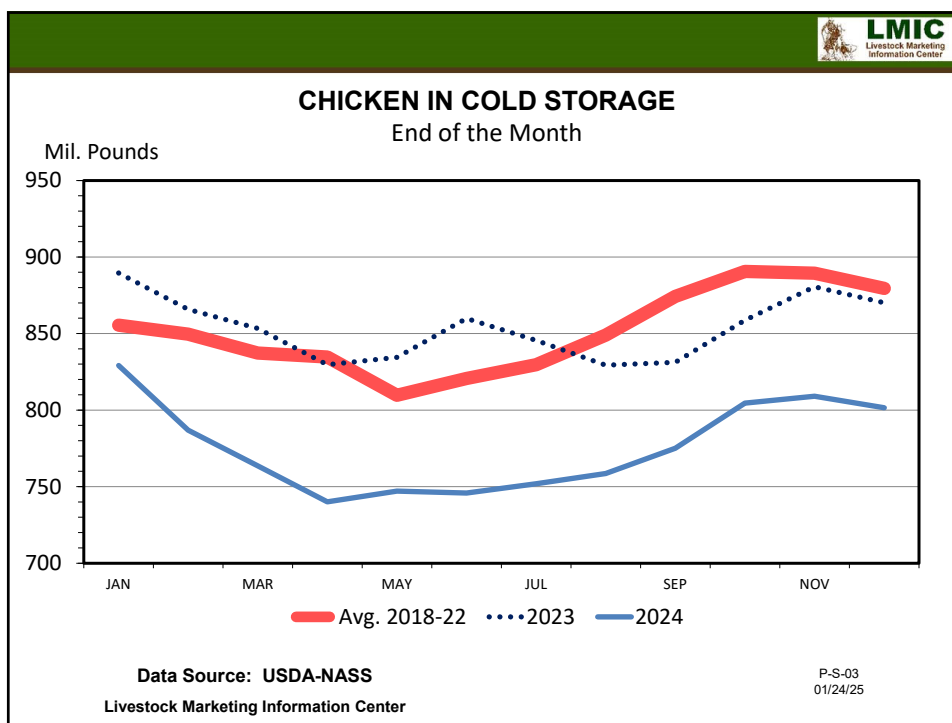


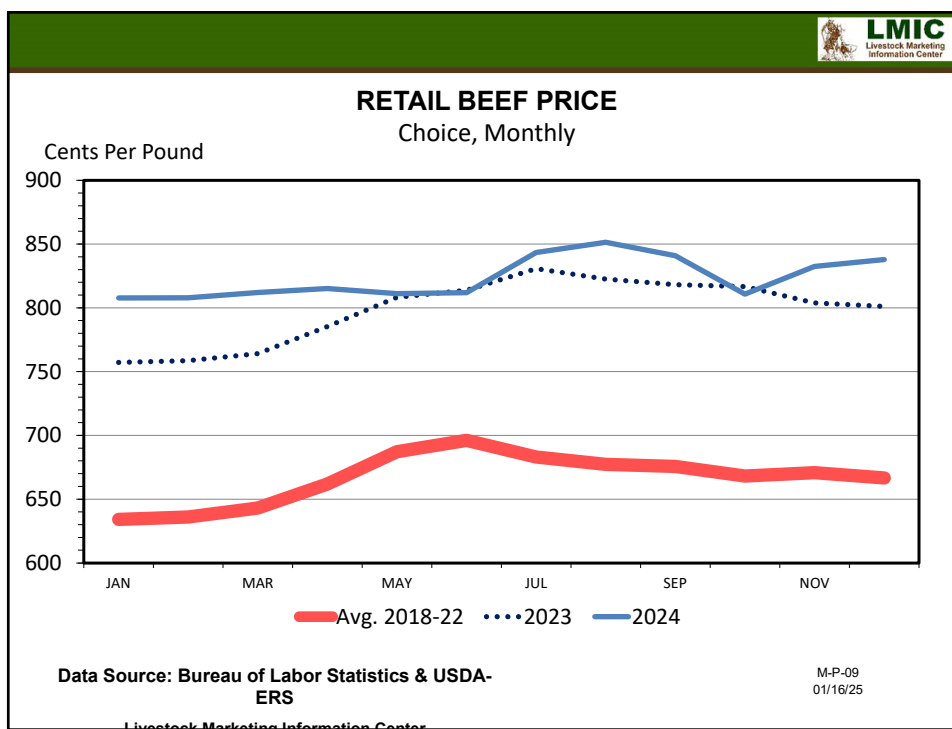
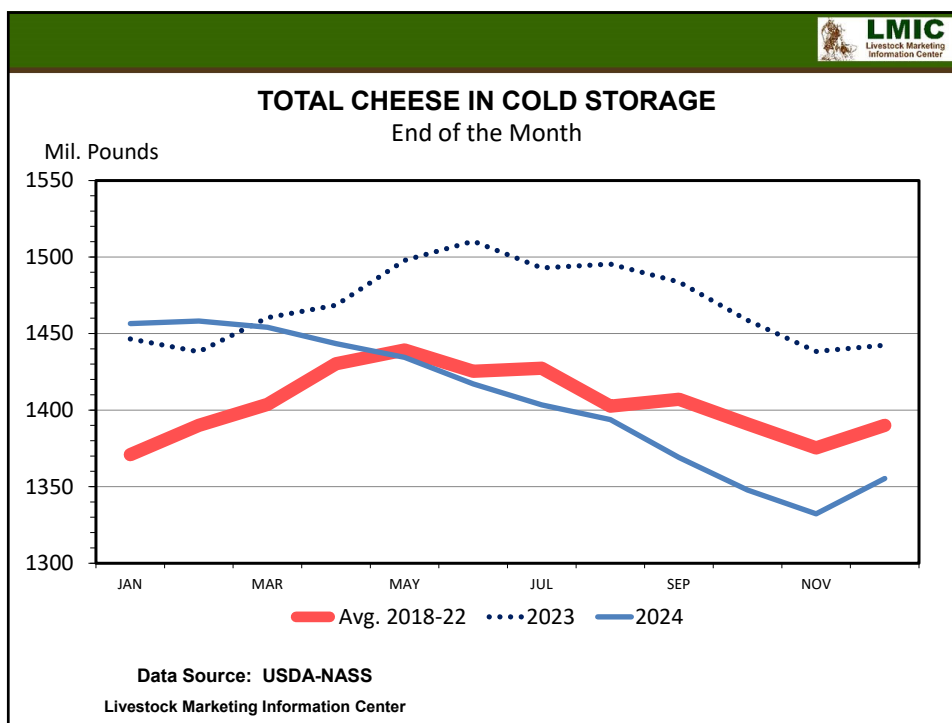


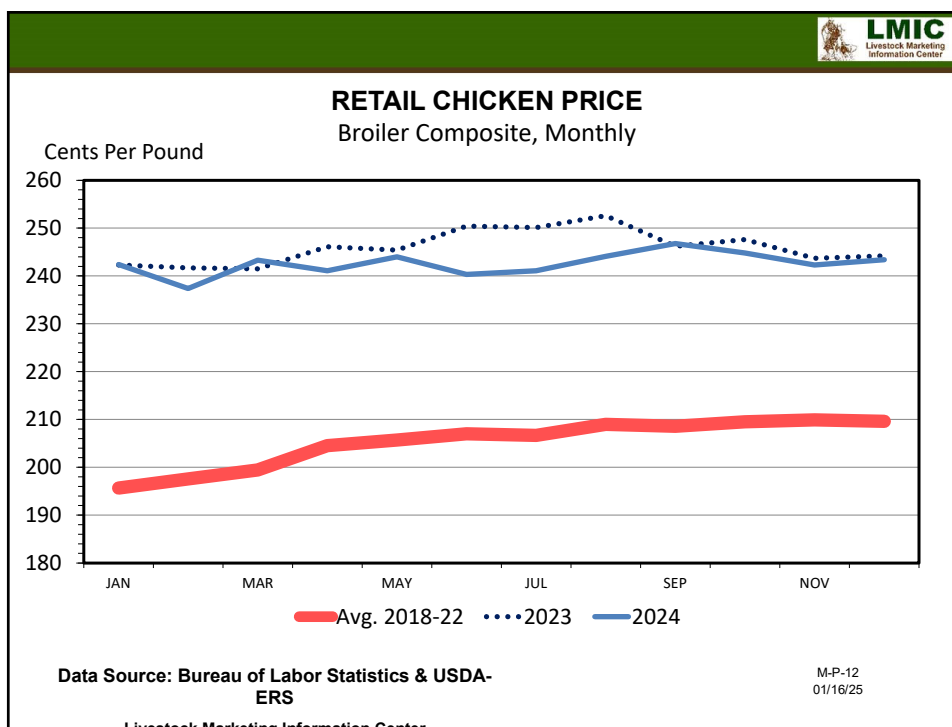
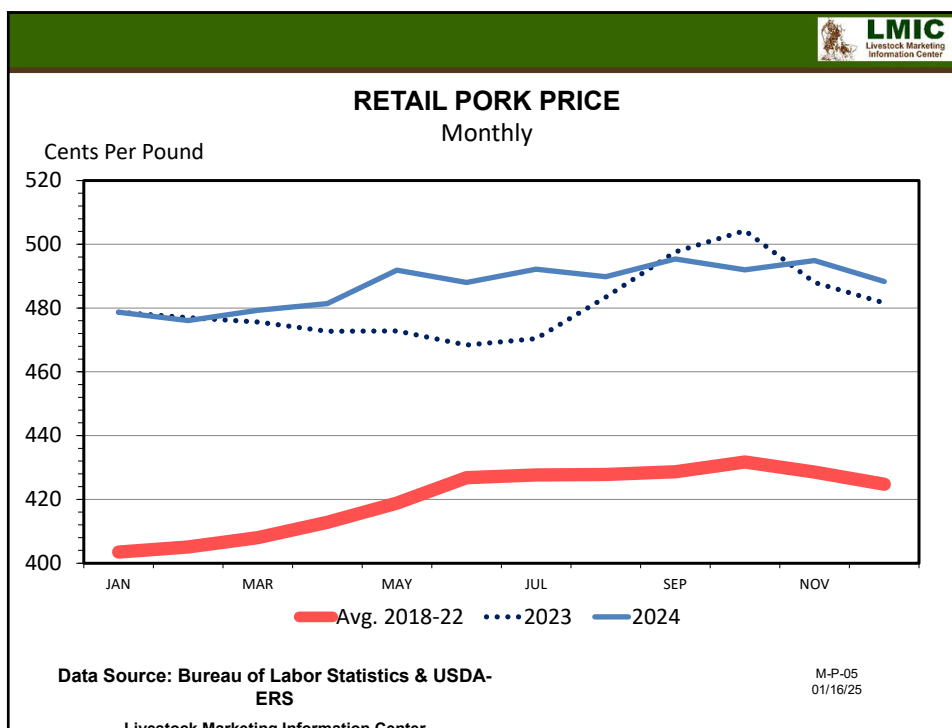


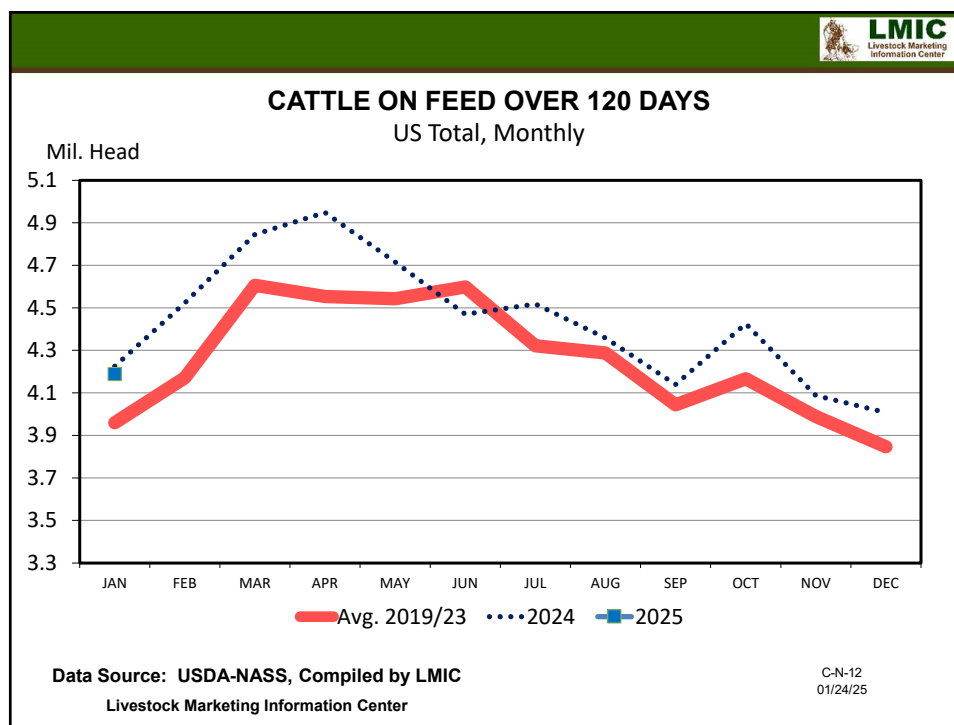
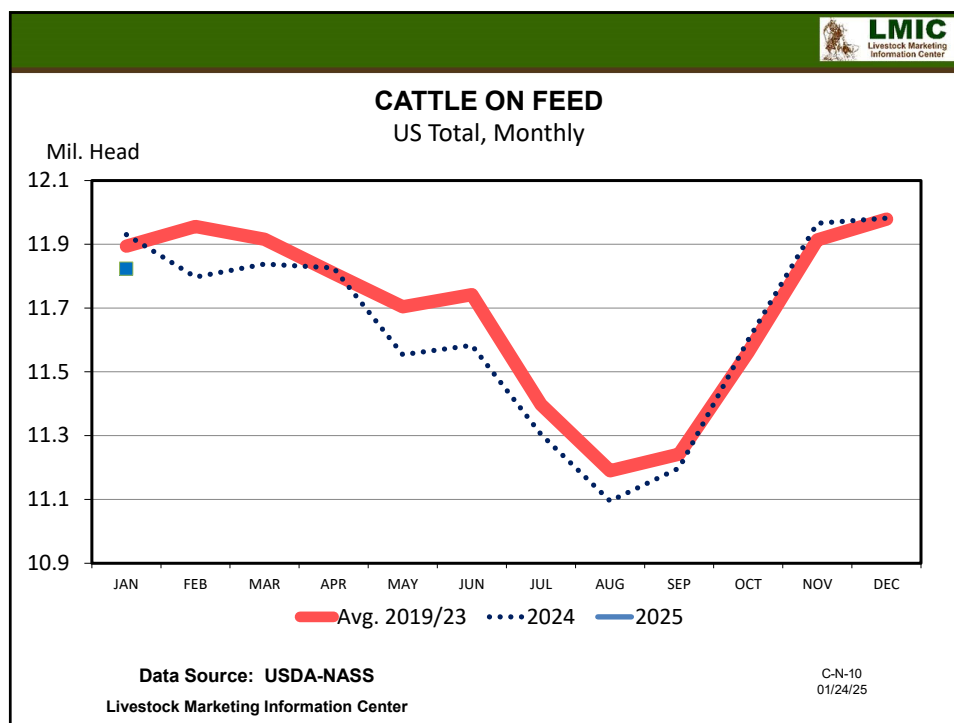


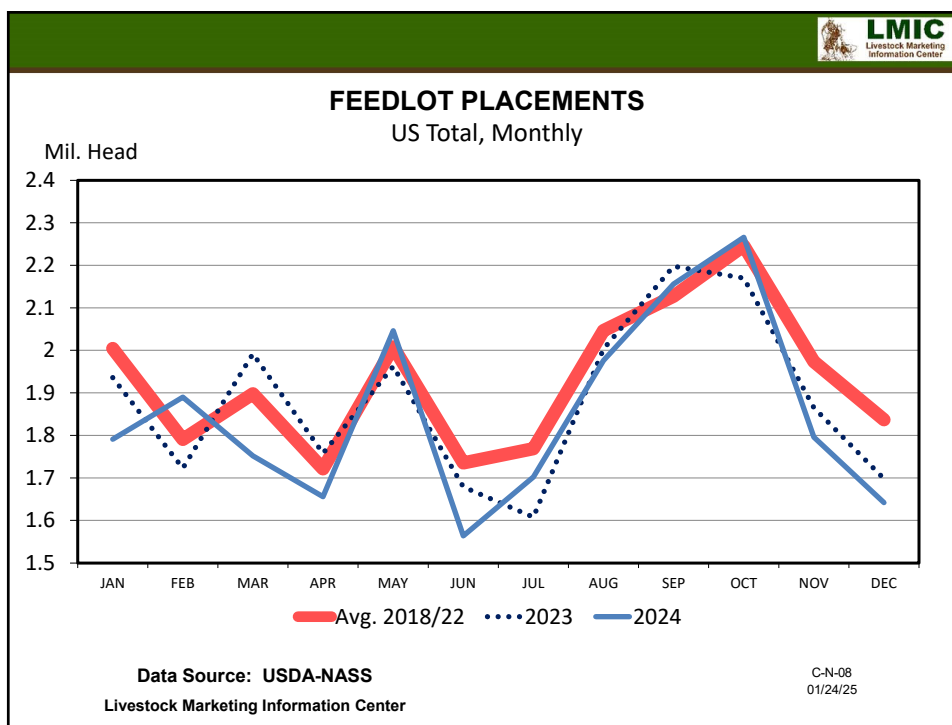
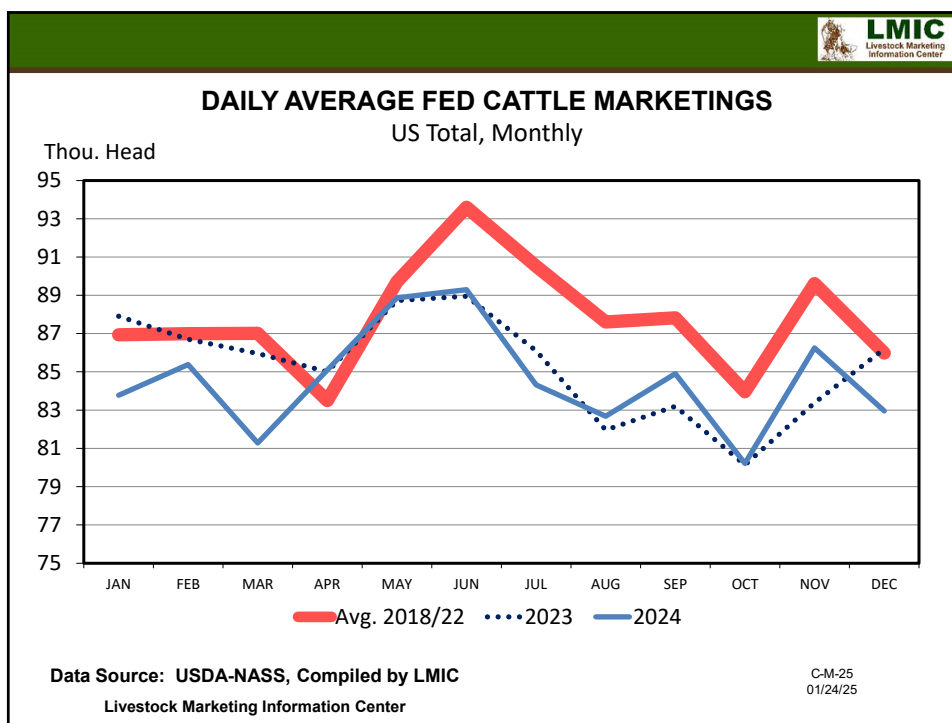


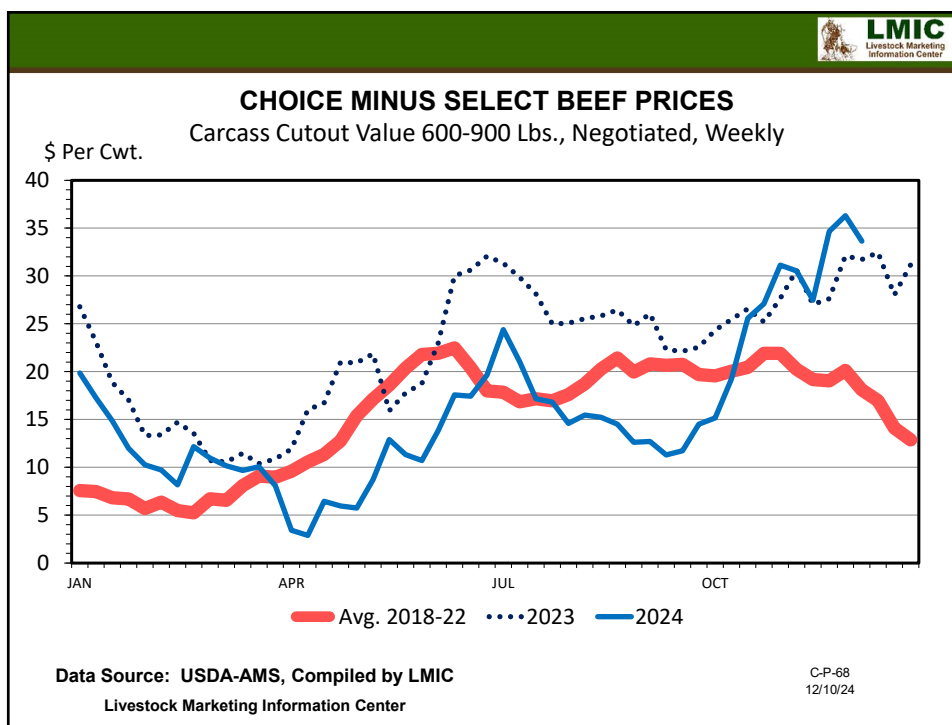
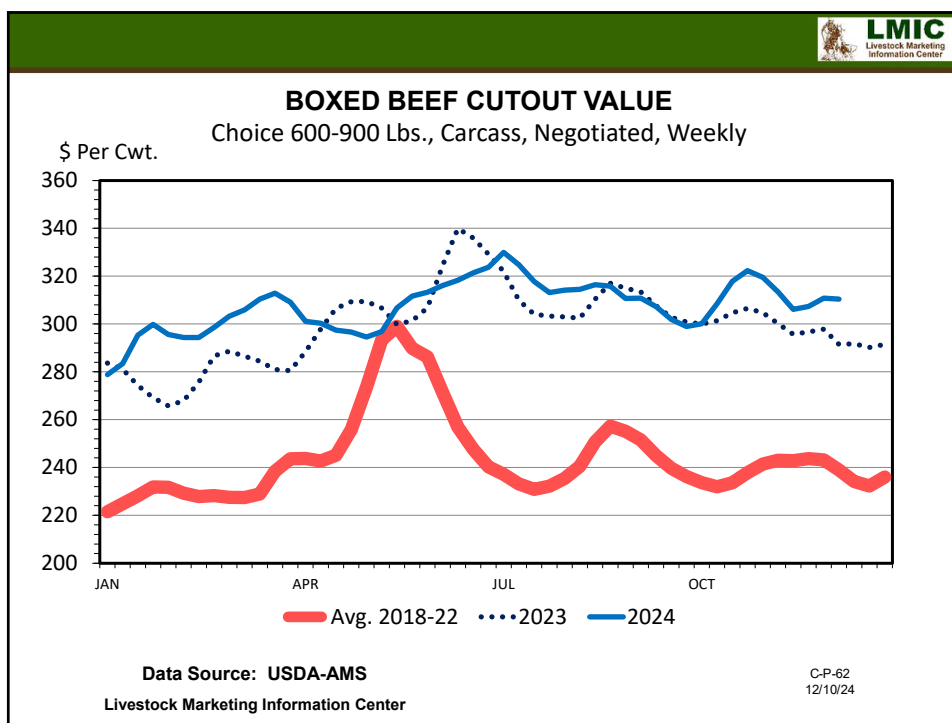


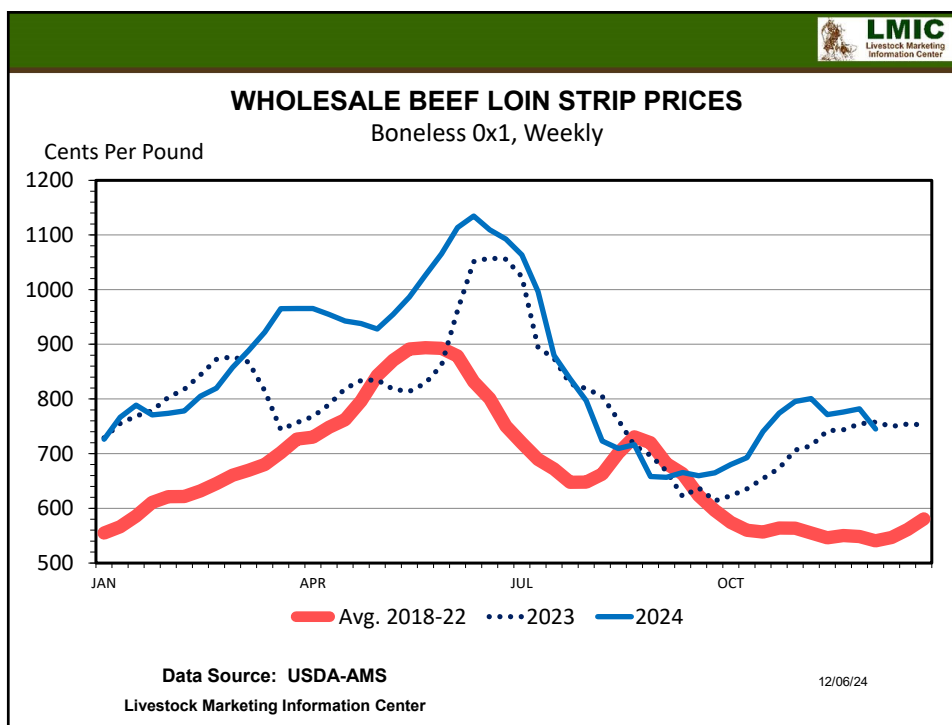
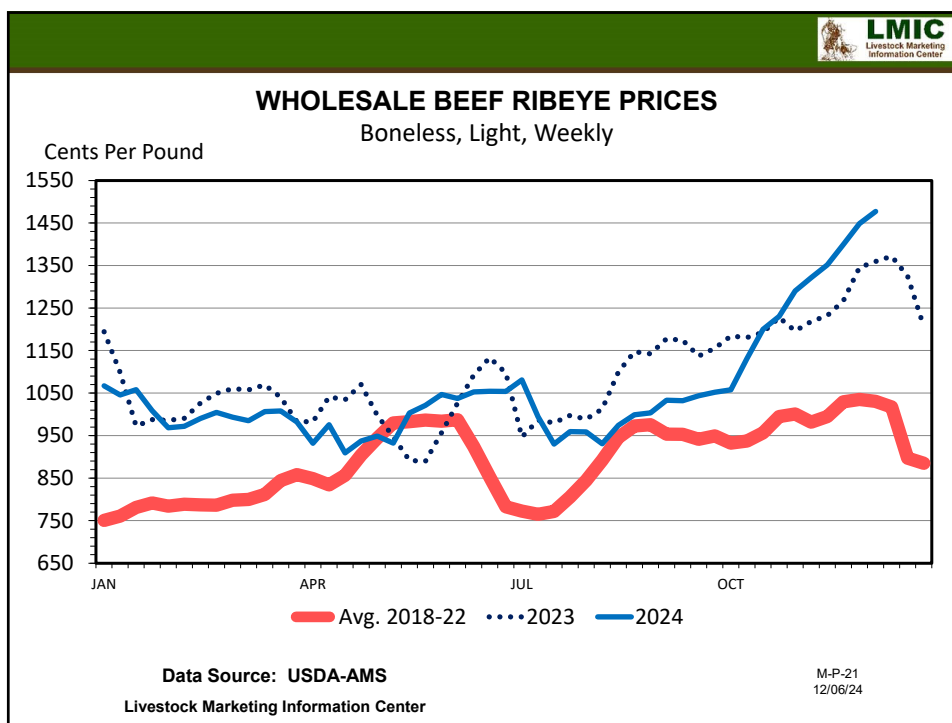


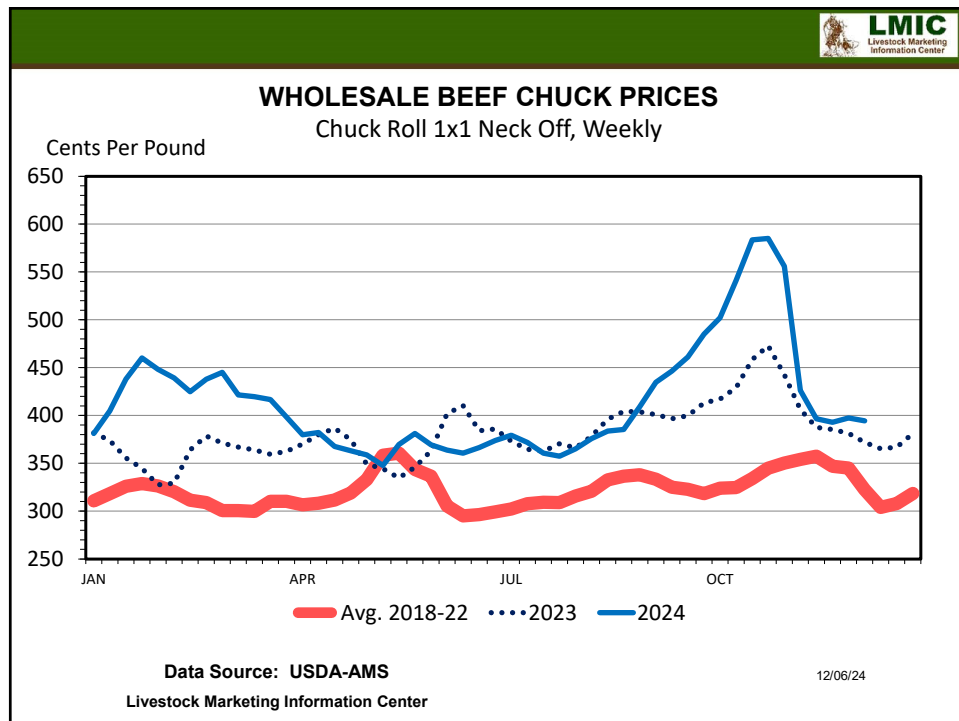
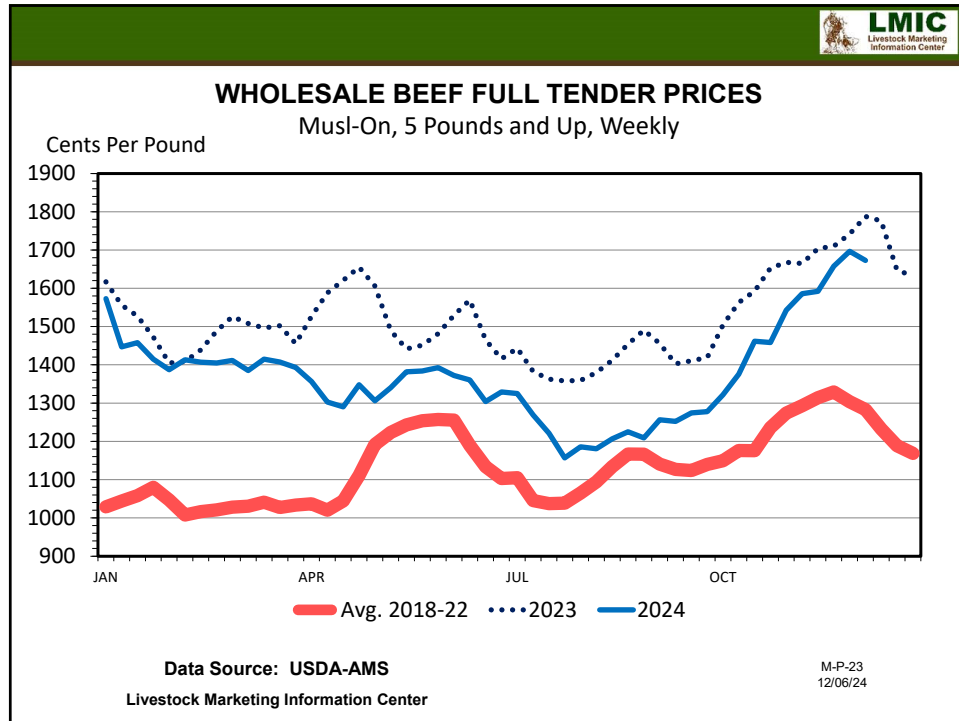


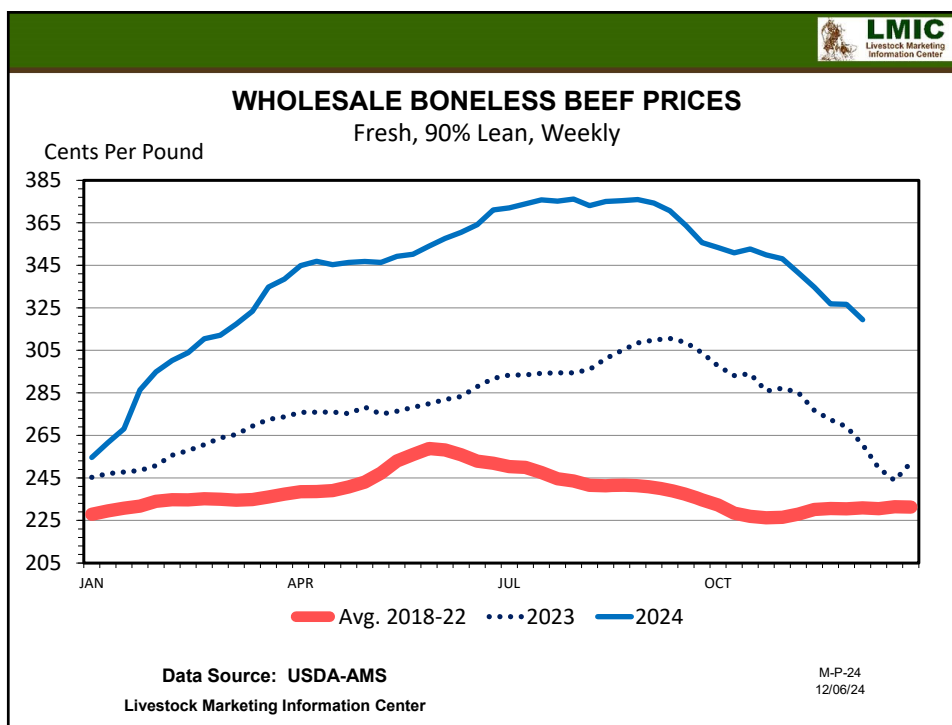
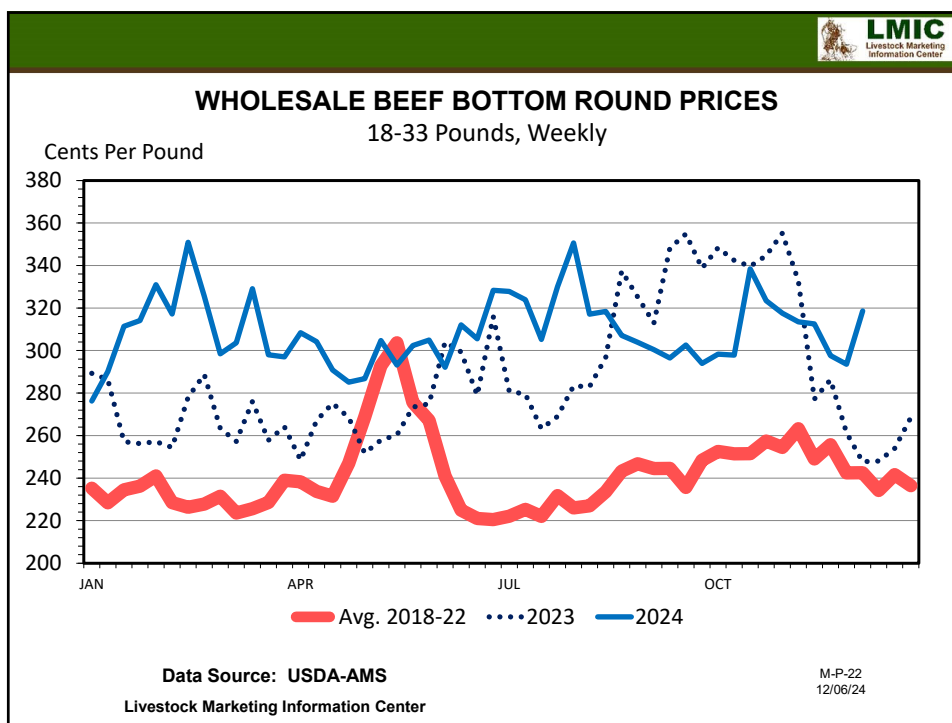


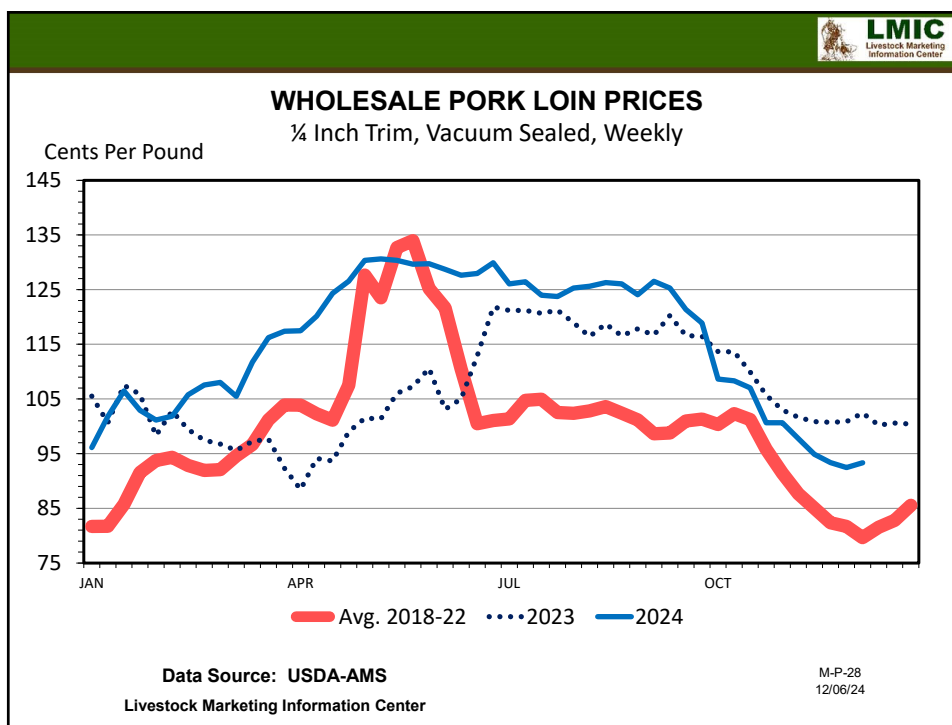
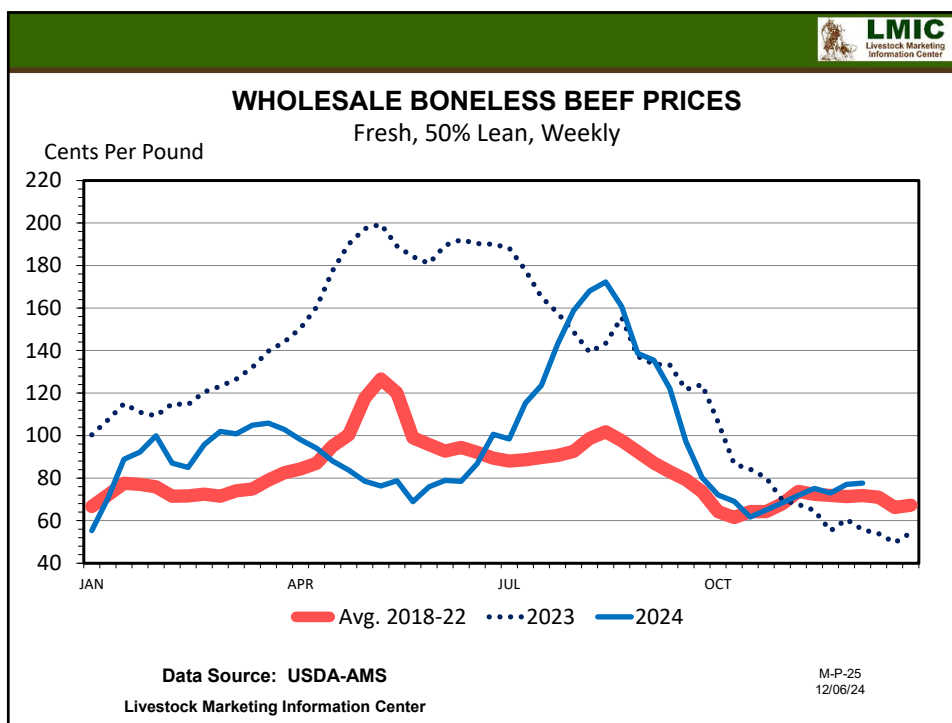


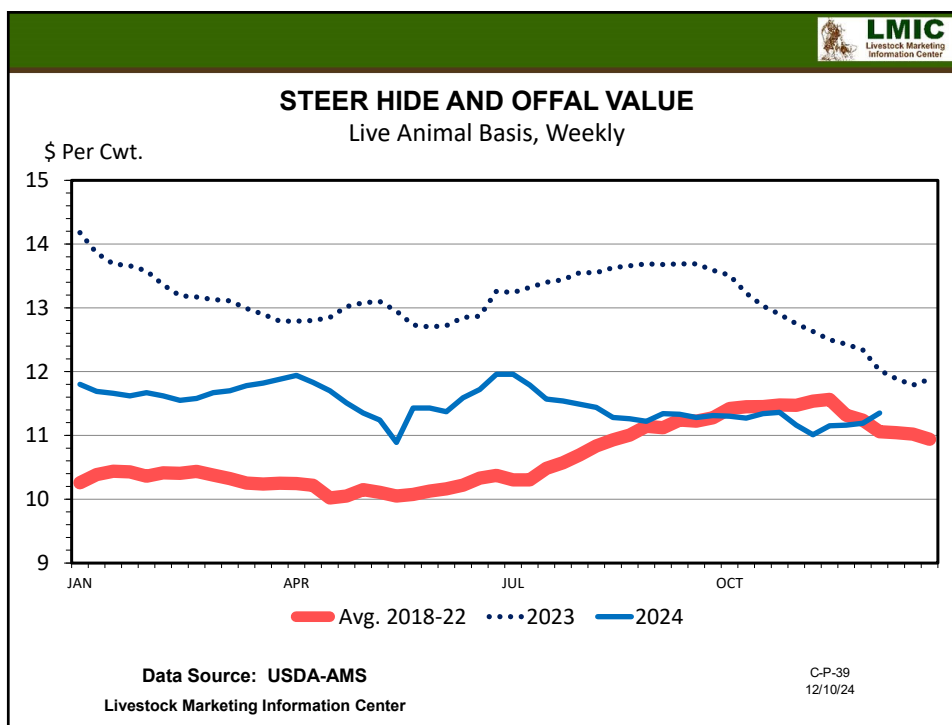
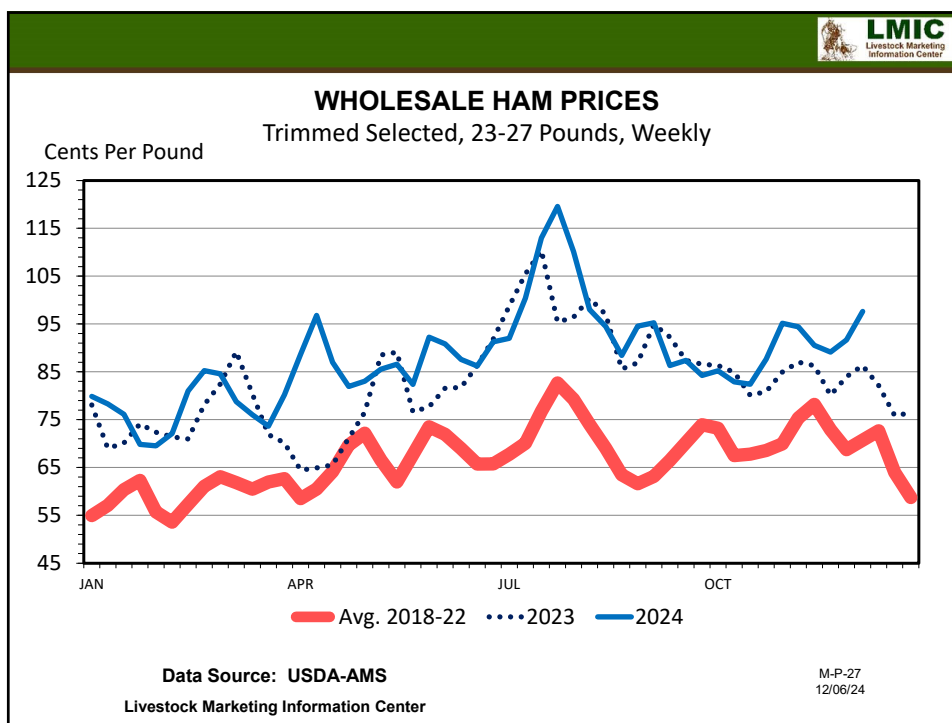


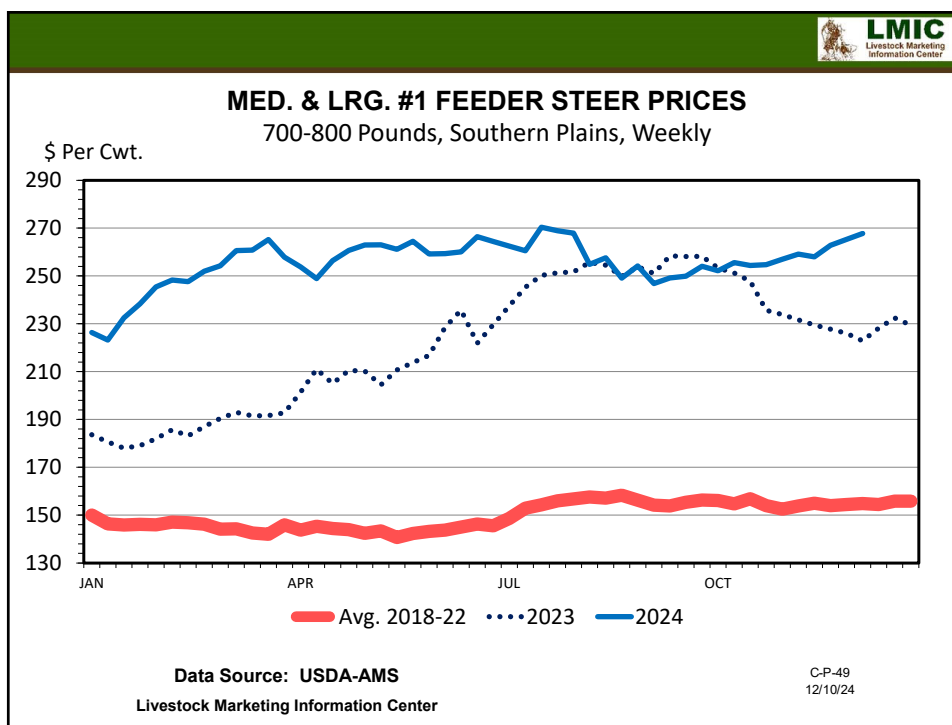
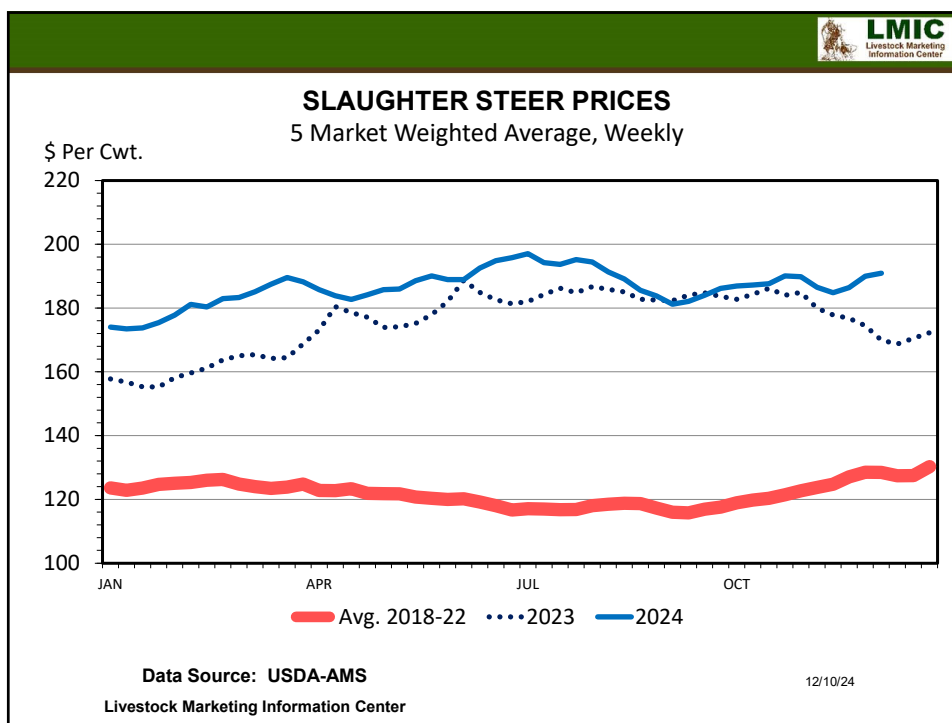


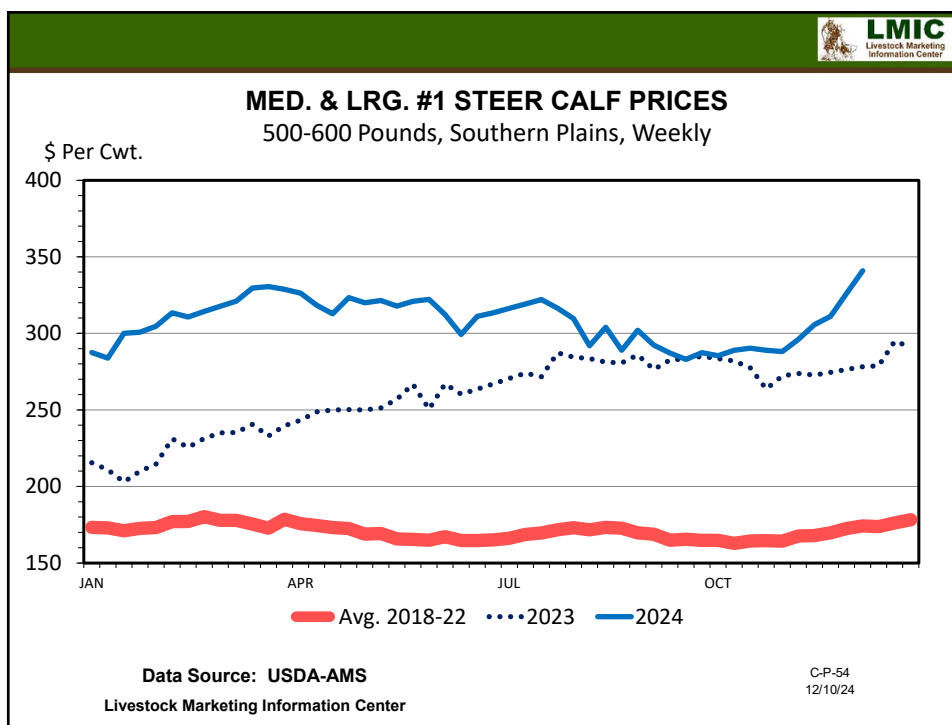
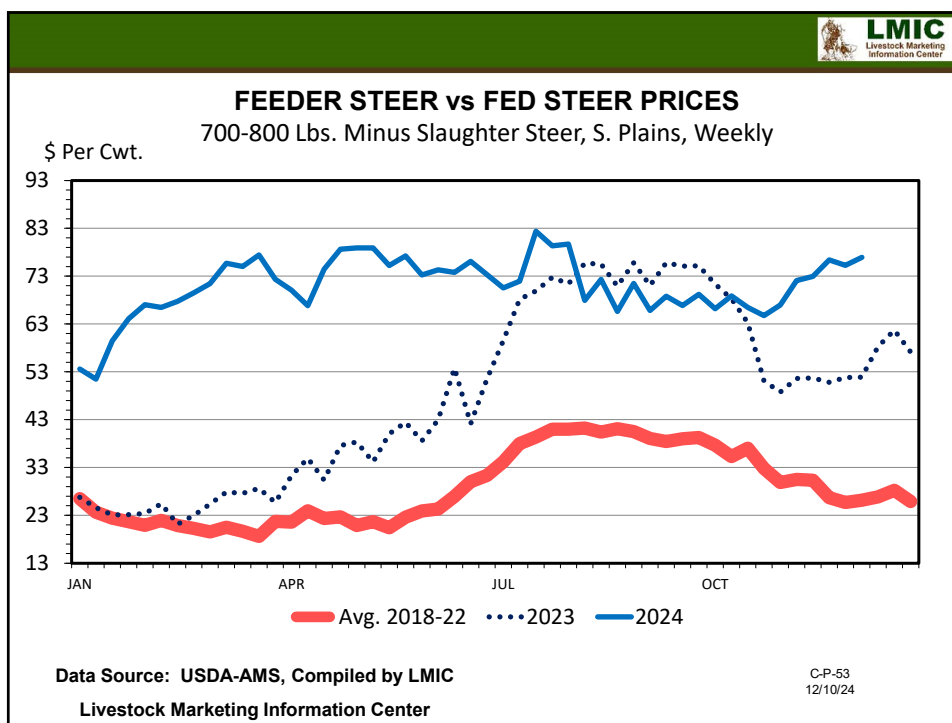


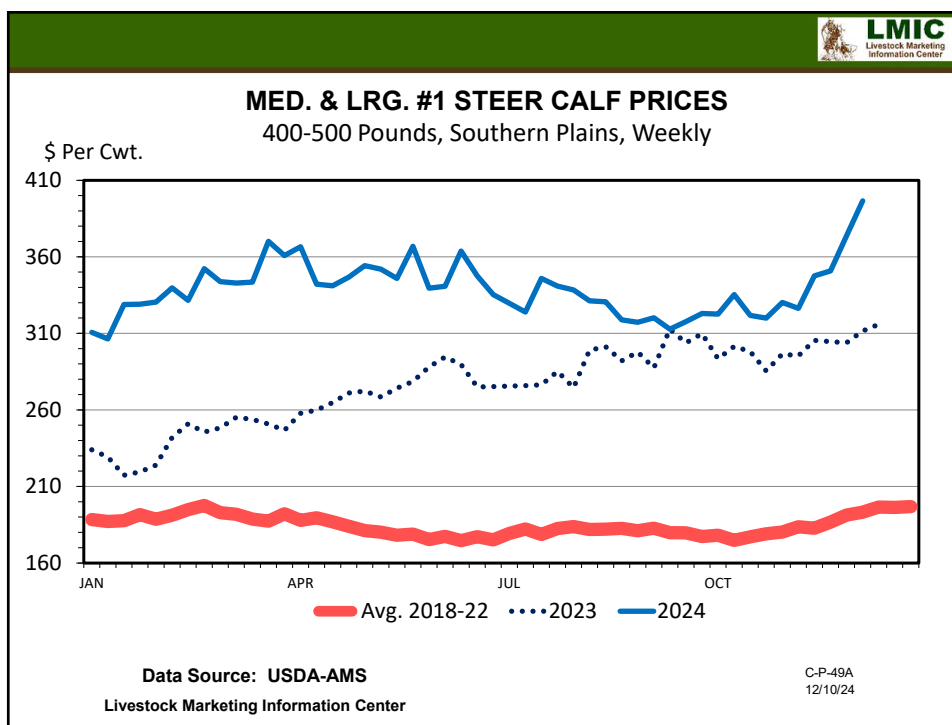
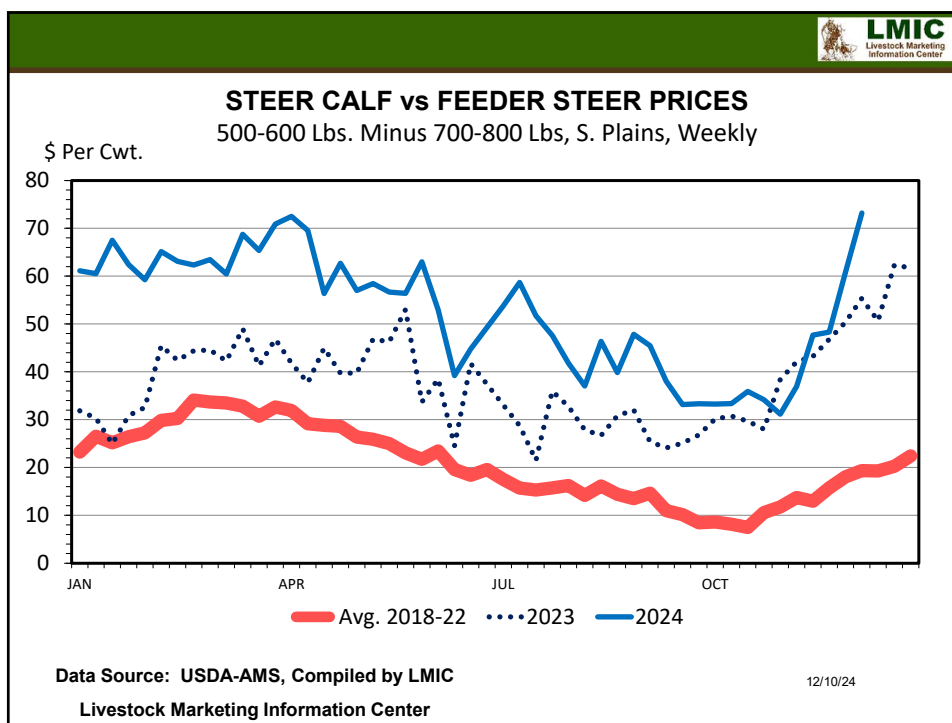


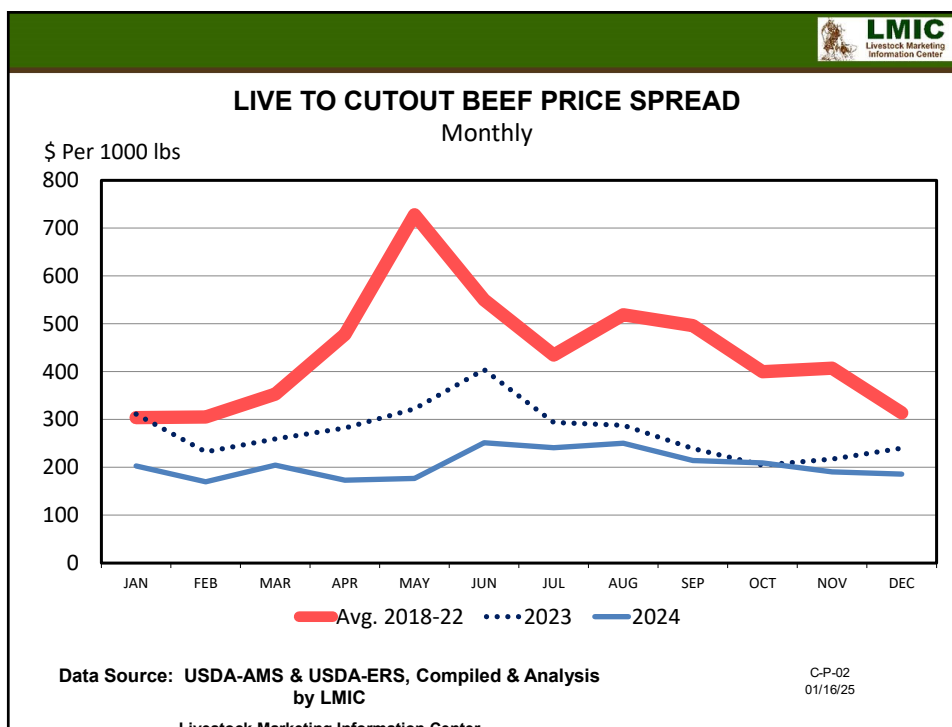
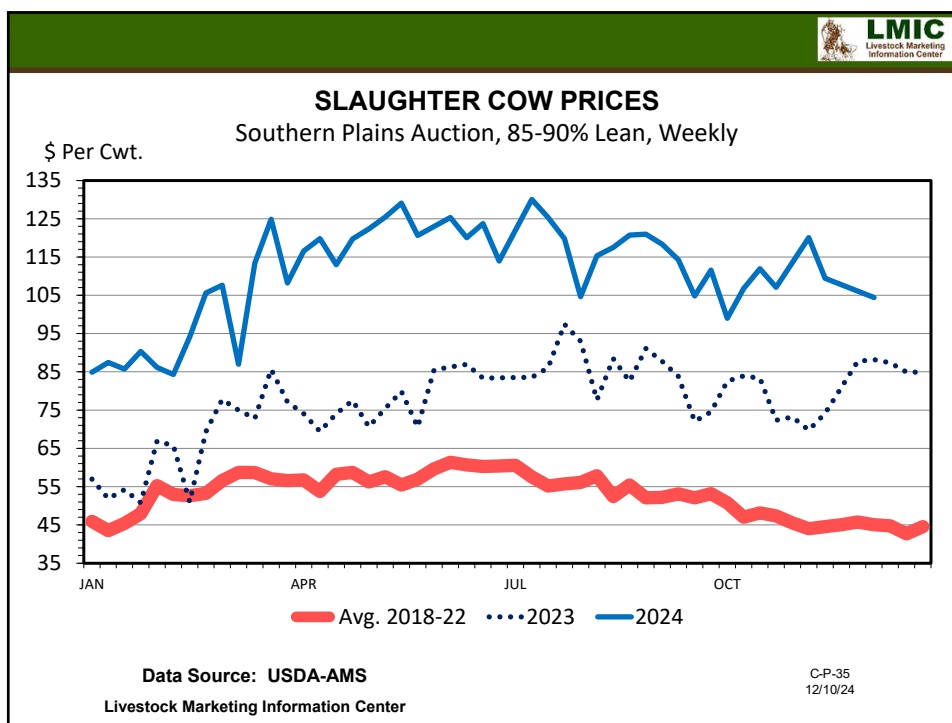


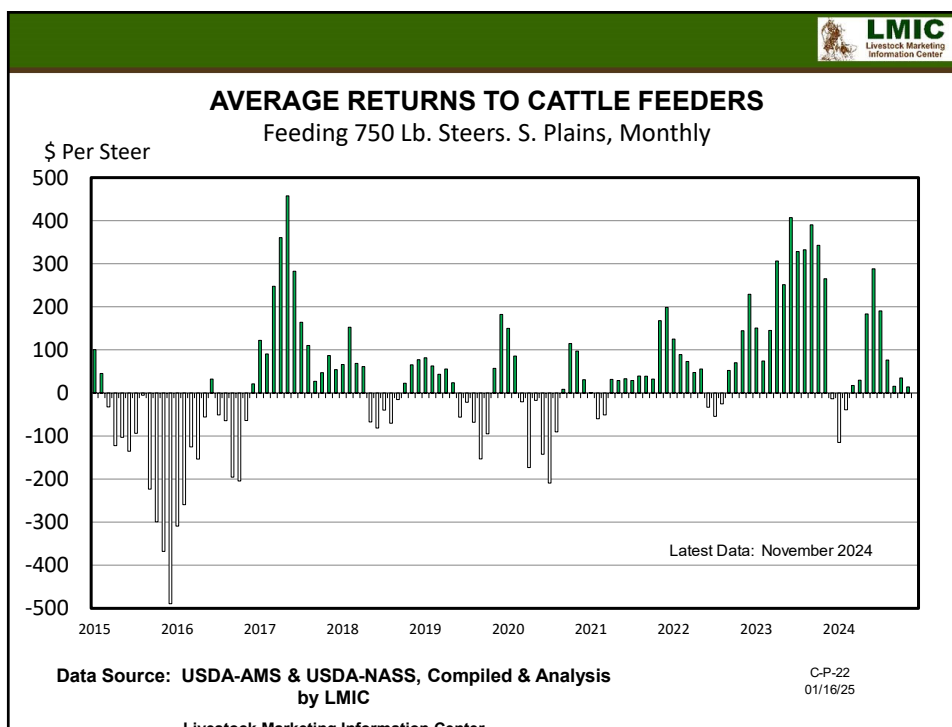
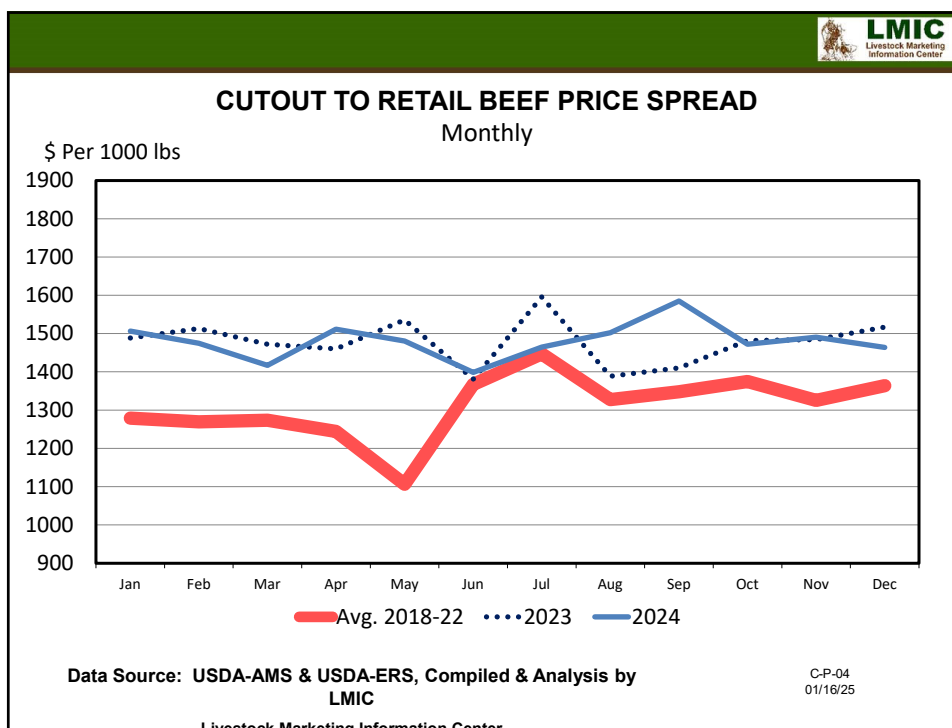


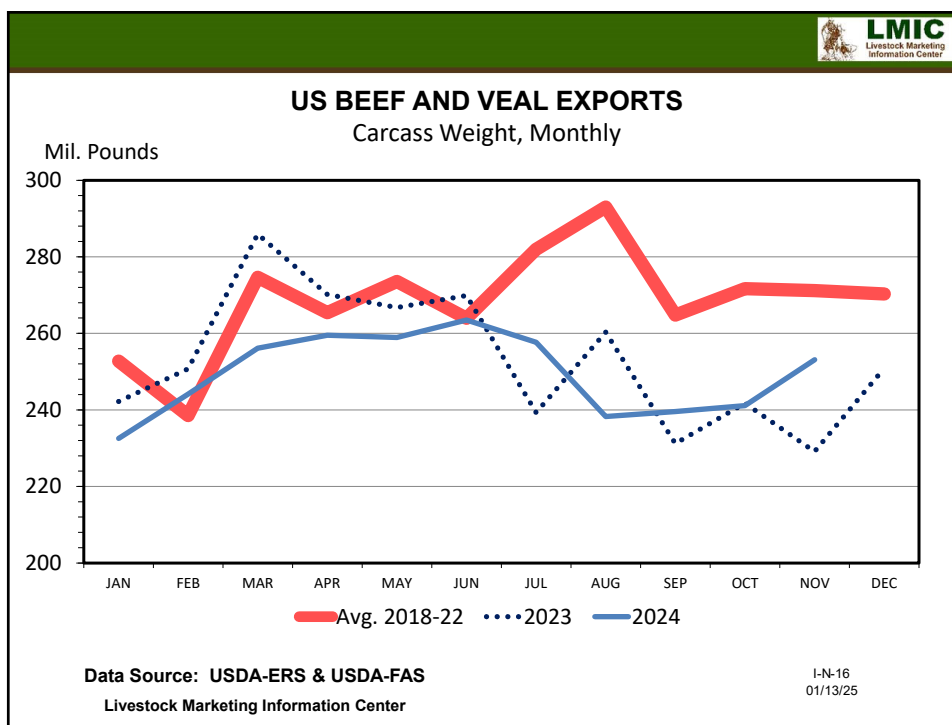
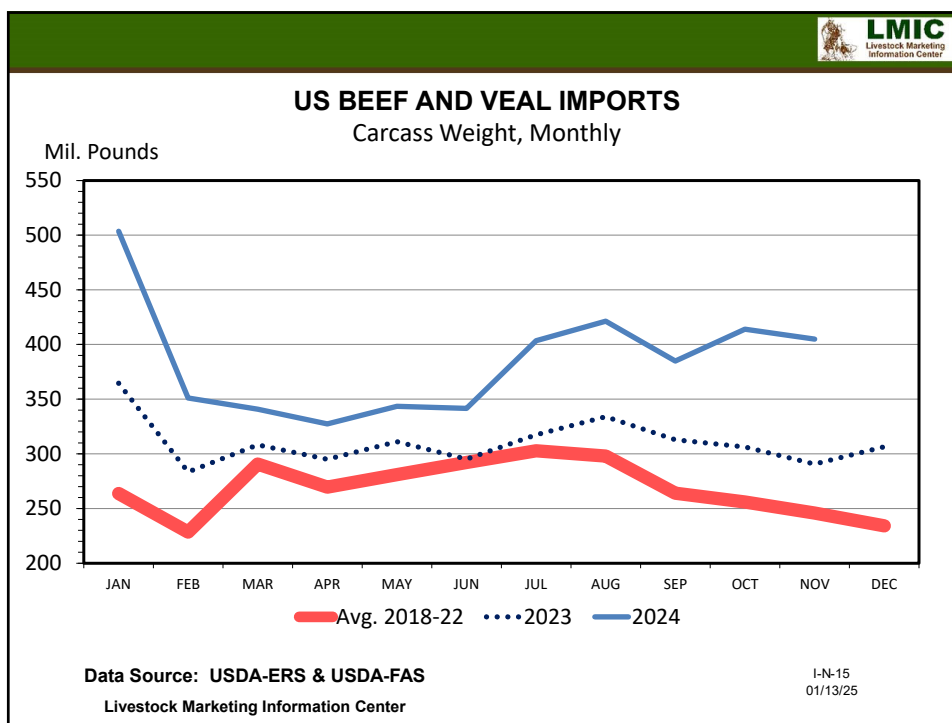


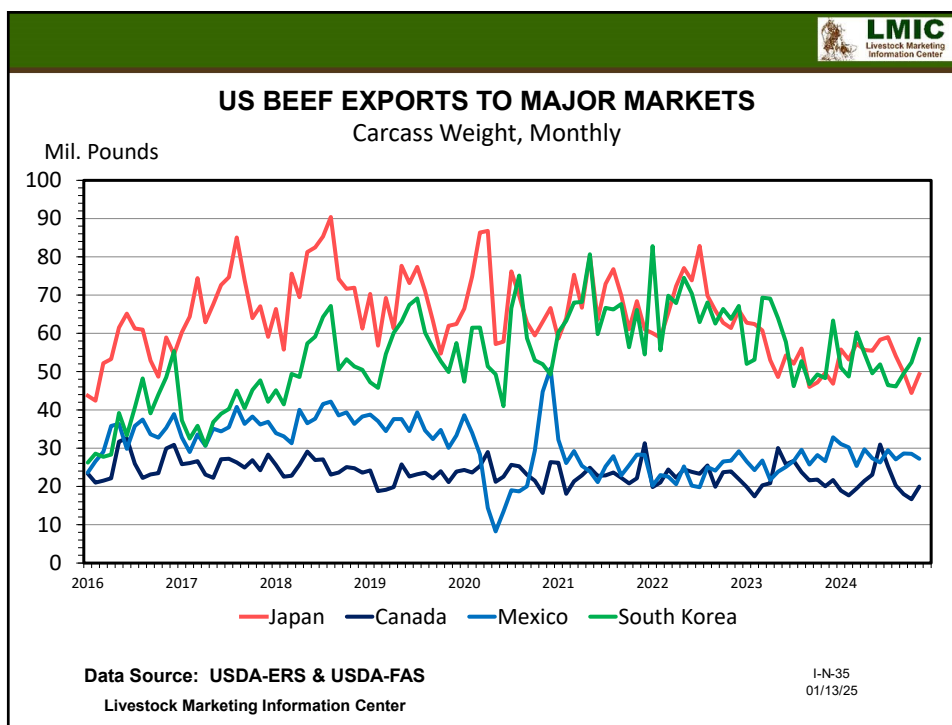
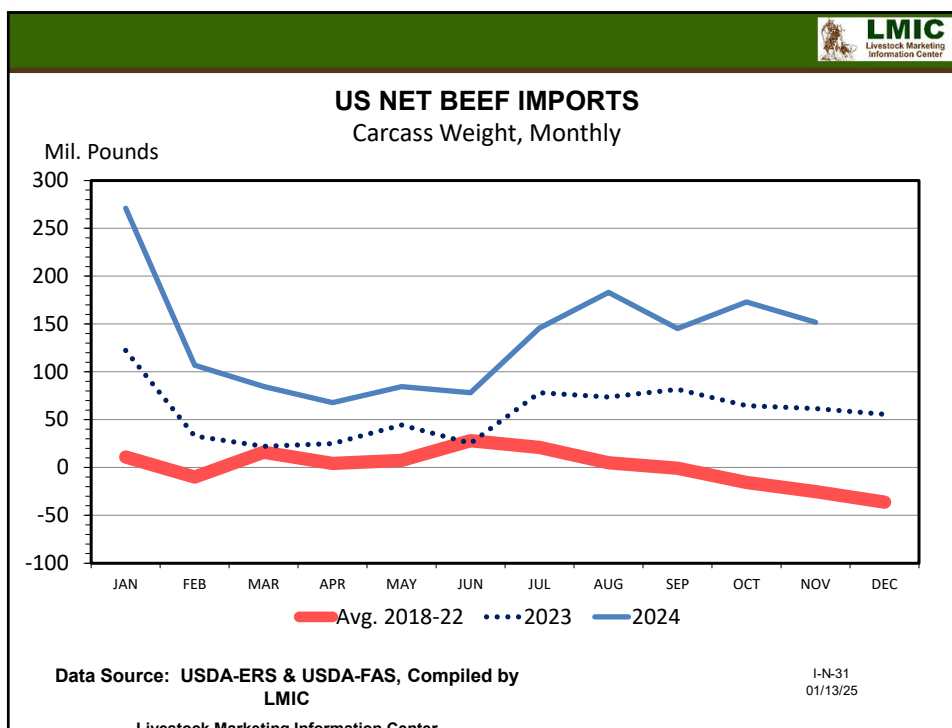


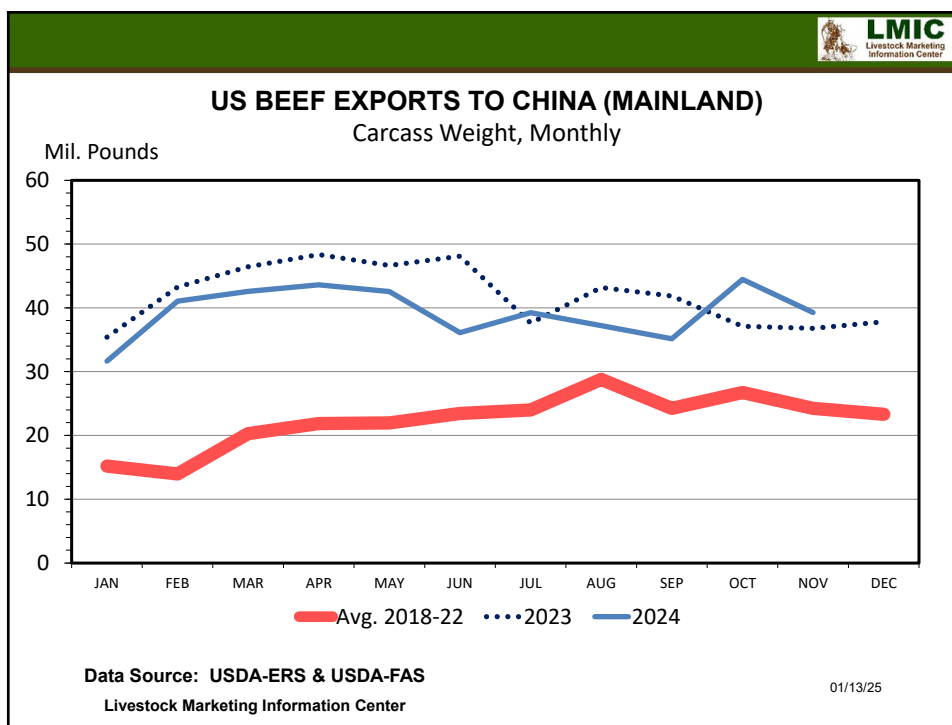
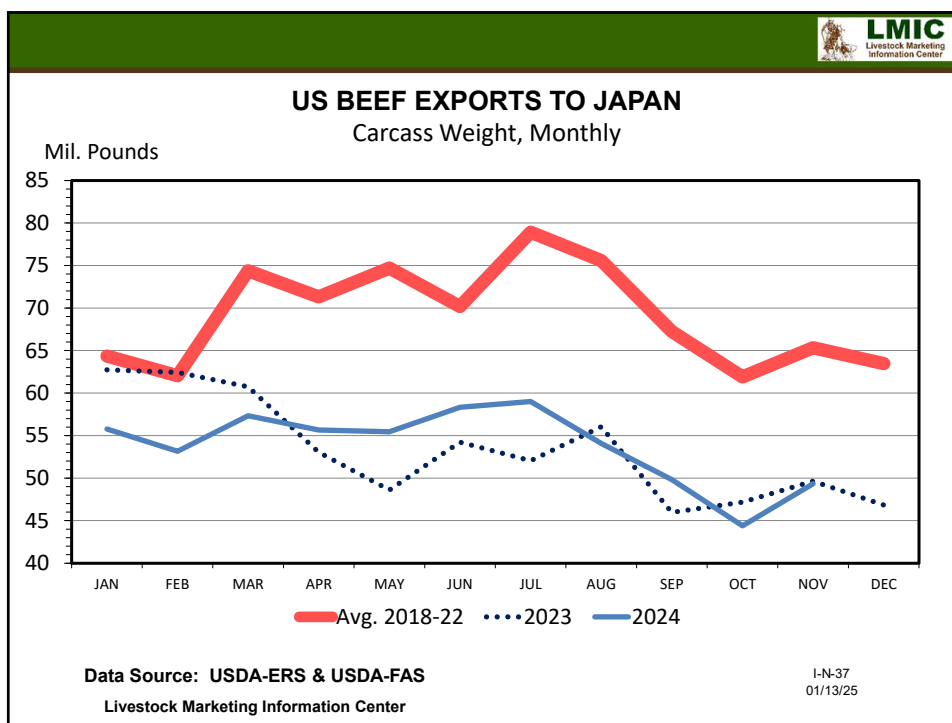


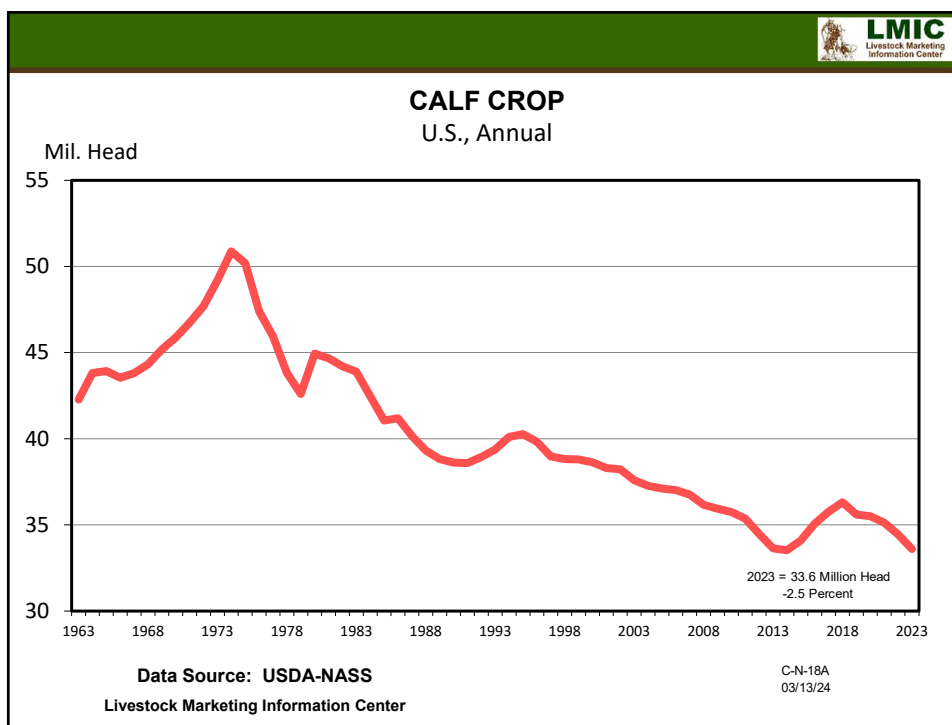
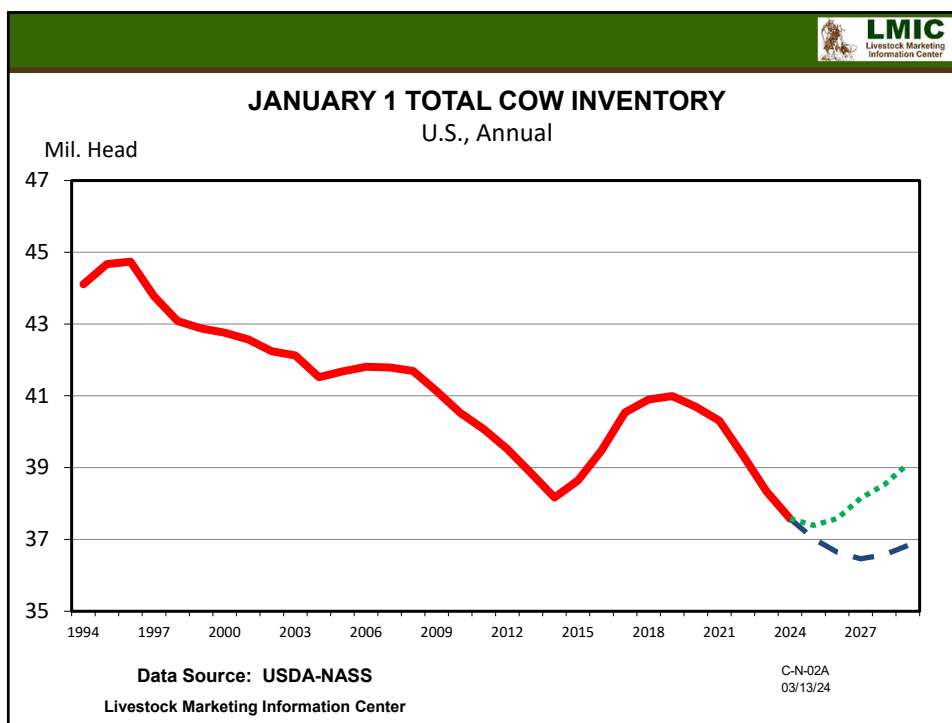


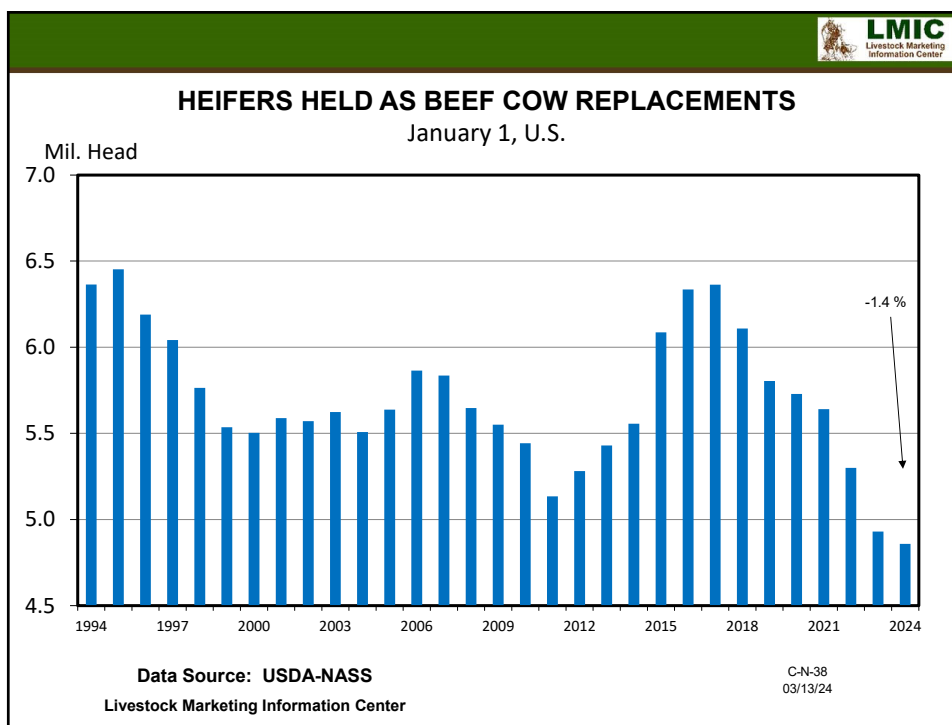
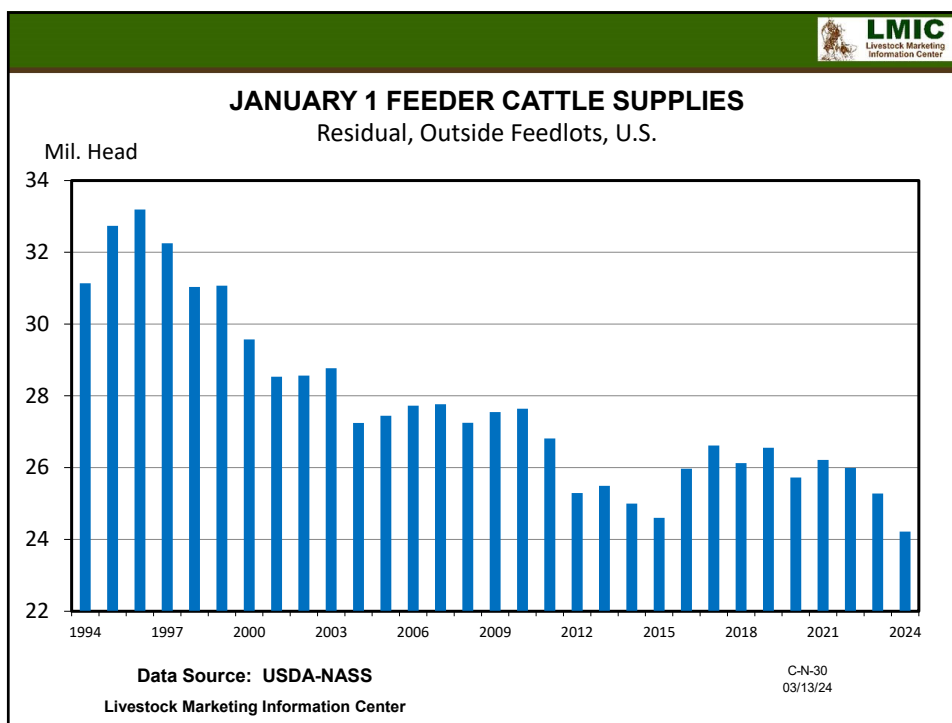


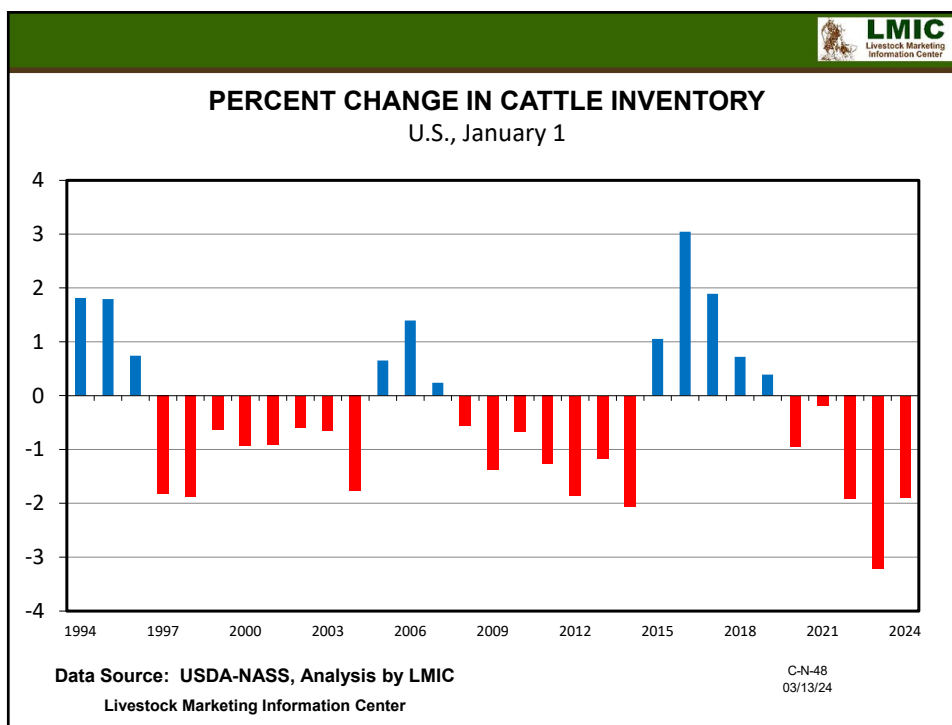
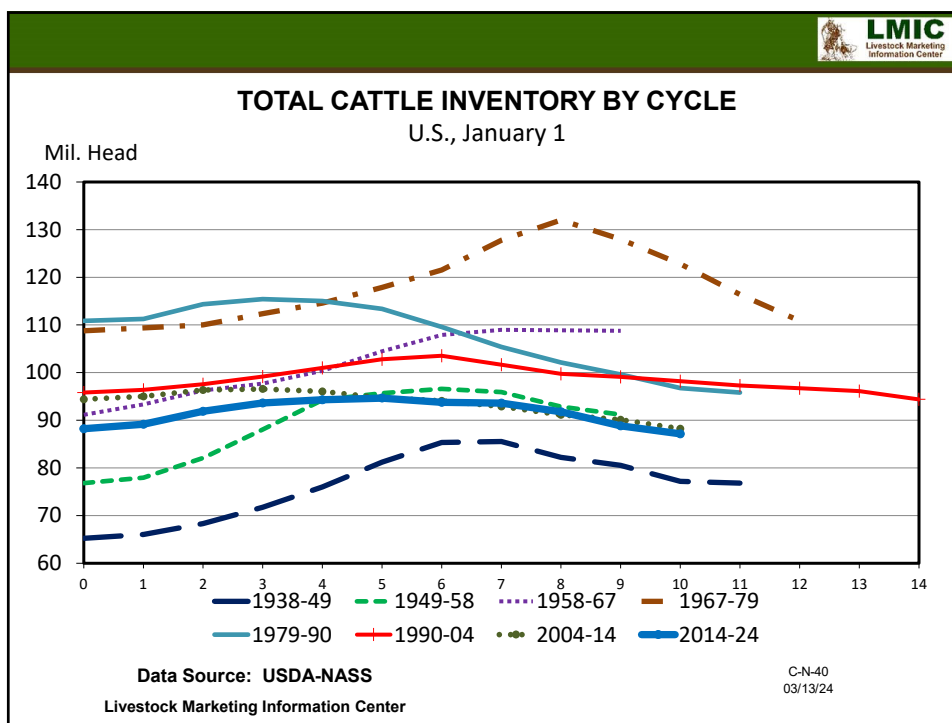


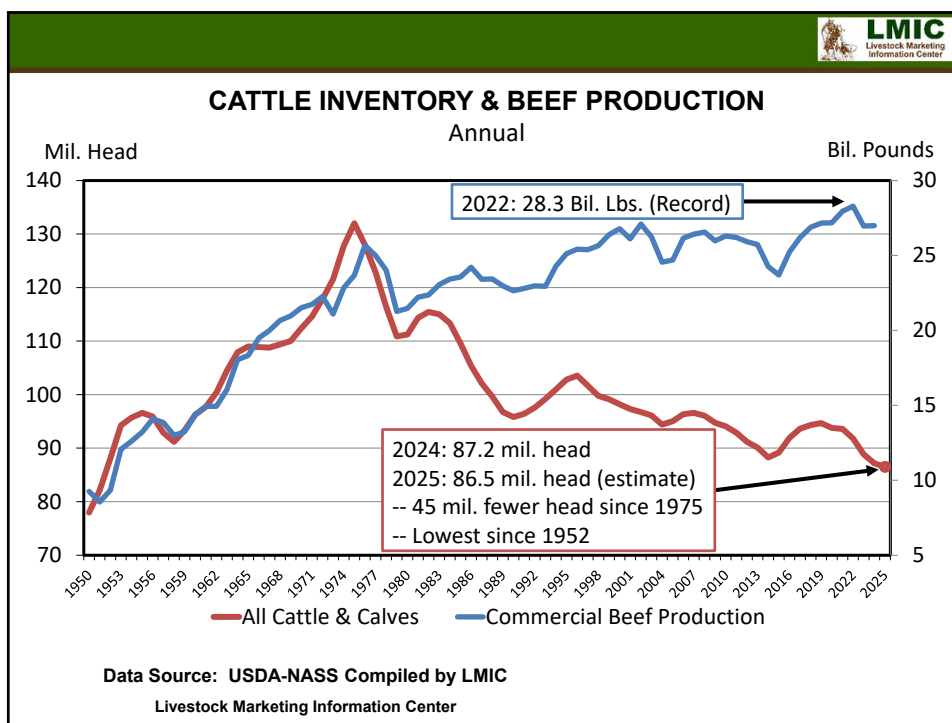










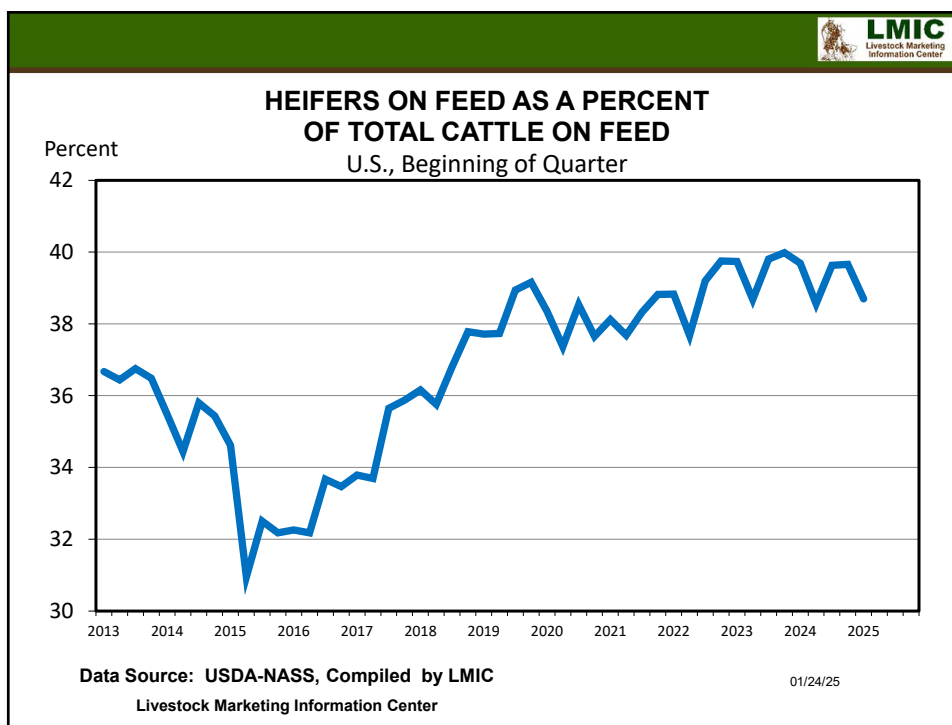
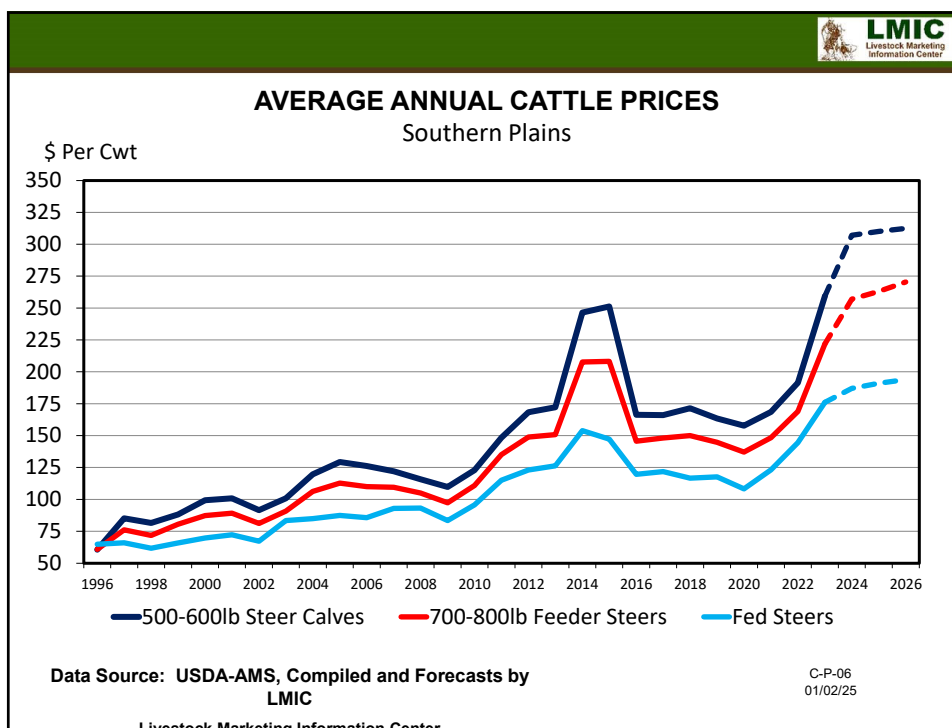


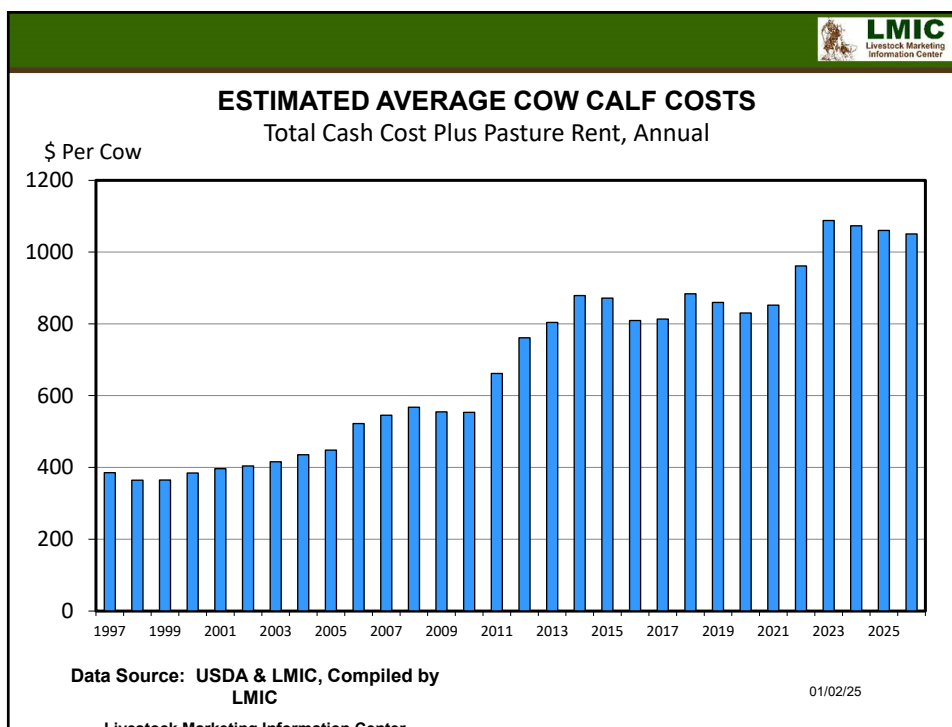
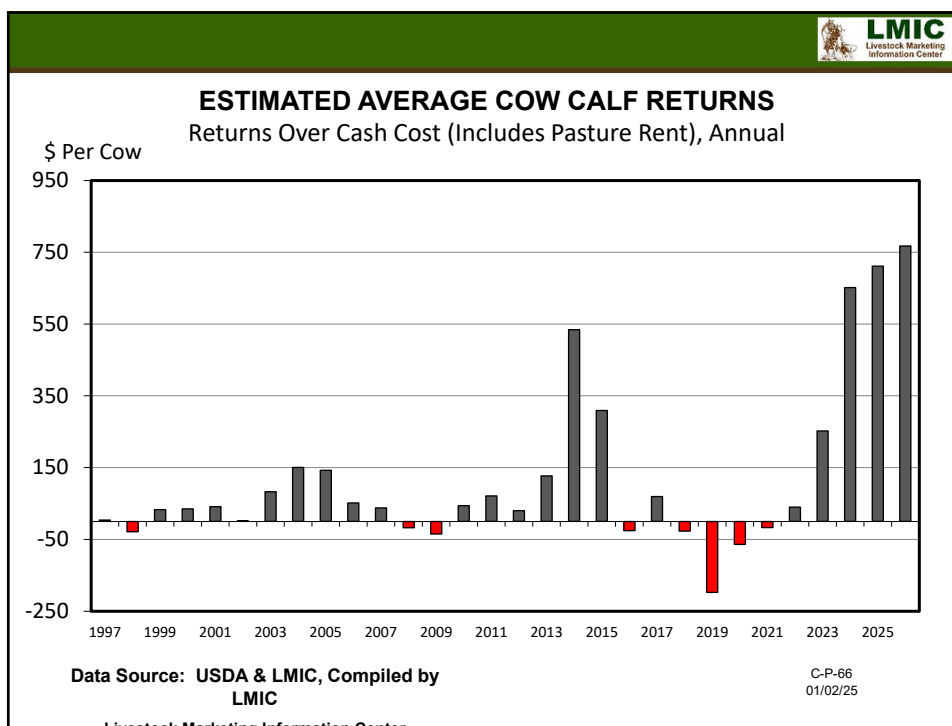
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Pre-Report Estimates

CATTLE INVENTORY	2023	2024	Est. 2025	Percent Change	
				2024/2023	2025/2024
All Cattle & Calves	88,841	87,157	86,375	-1.9%	-0.9%
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	38,337	37,580	37,425	-2.0%	-0.4%
➡ Beef Cows	28,939	28,223	28,025	-2.5%	-0.7%
Dairy Cows	9,398	9,357	9,380	-0.4%	0.2%
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	18,761	18,483	18,390	-1.5%	-0.5%
➡ Beef Cow Replacements	4,930	4,858	4,920	-1.4%	1.3%
Dairy Cow Replacements	4,074	4,059	4,085	-0.4%	0.6%
Other Heifers	9,758	9,566	9,390	-2.0%	-1.8%
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	16,057	15,789	15,570	-1.7%	-1.4%
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,029	2,021	2,015	-0.4%	-0.3%
Heifers, Steers & Bulls Under 500 Pounds	13,658	13,285	13,150	-2.7%	-1.0%
➡ Calf Crop (Prior Year)	34,440	33,593	33,100	-2.5%	-1.5%

*Note: USDA NASS Cattle report release date January 31st



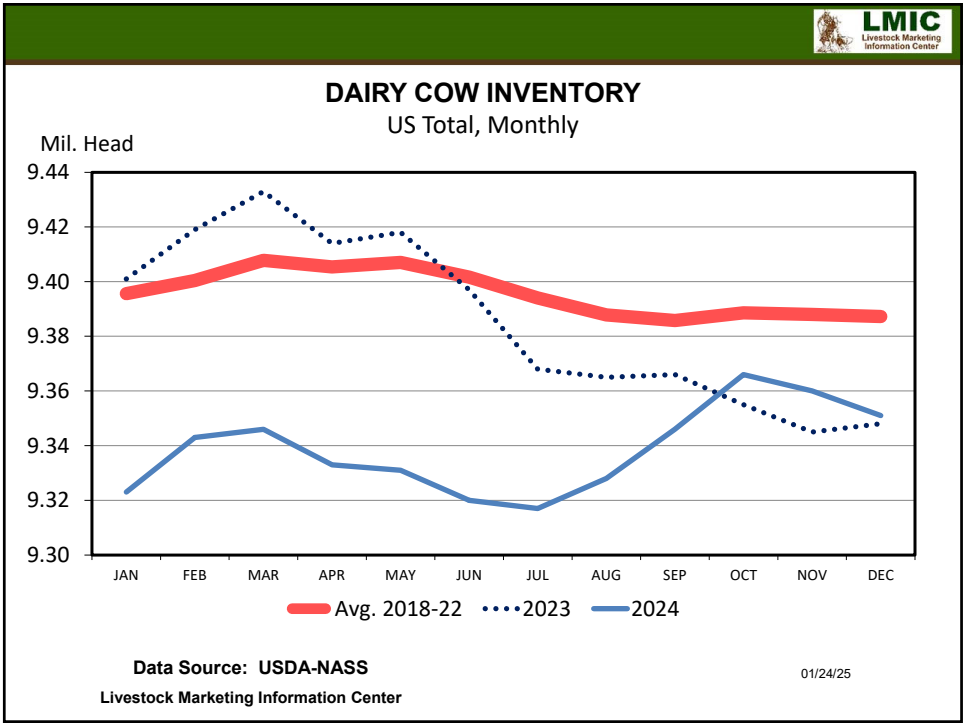
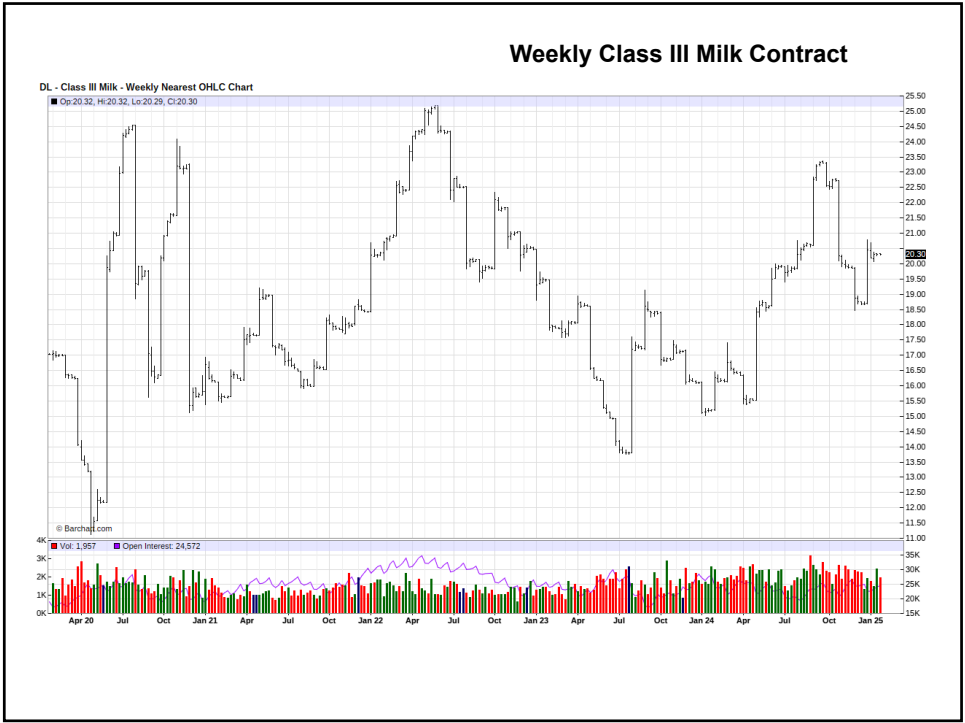


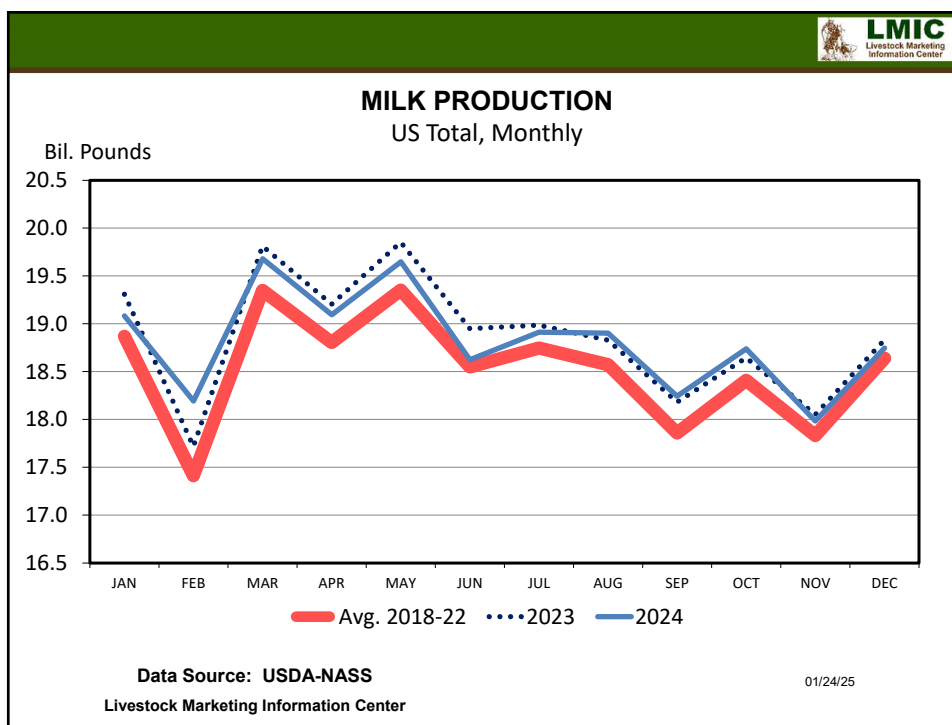
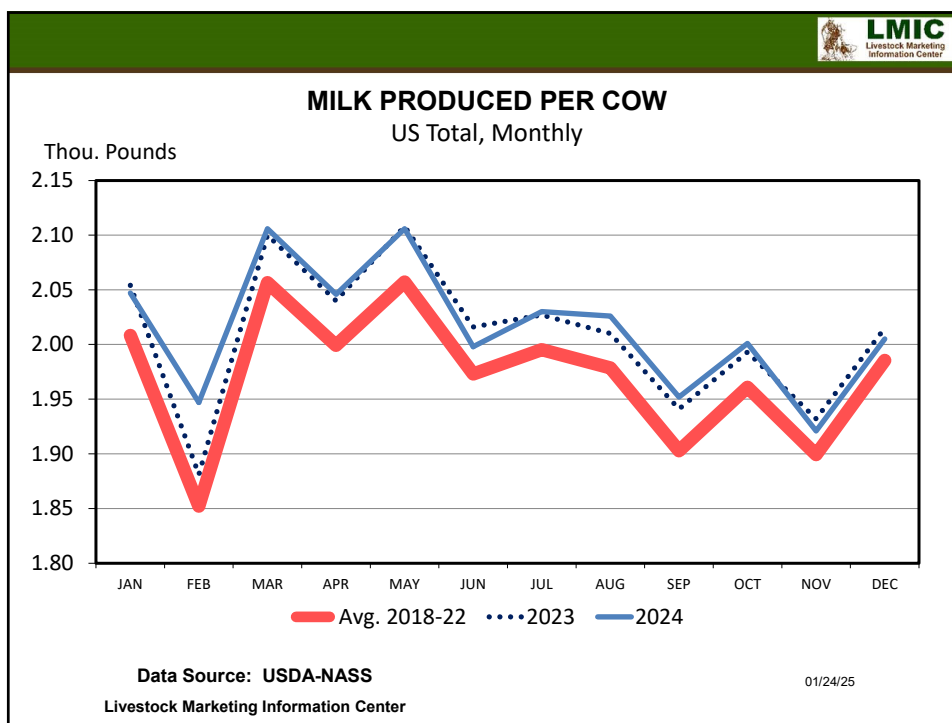
Cattle Outlook

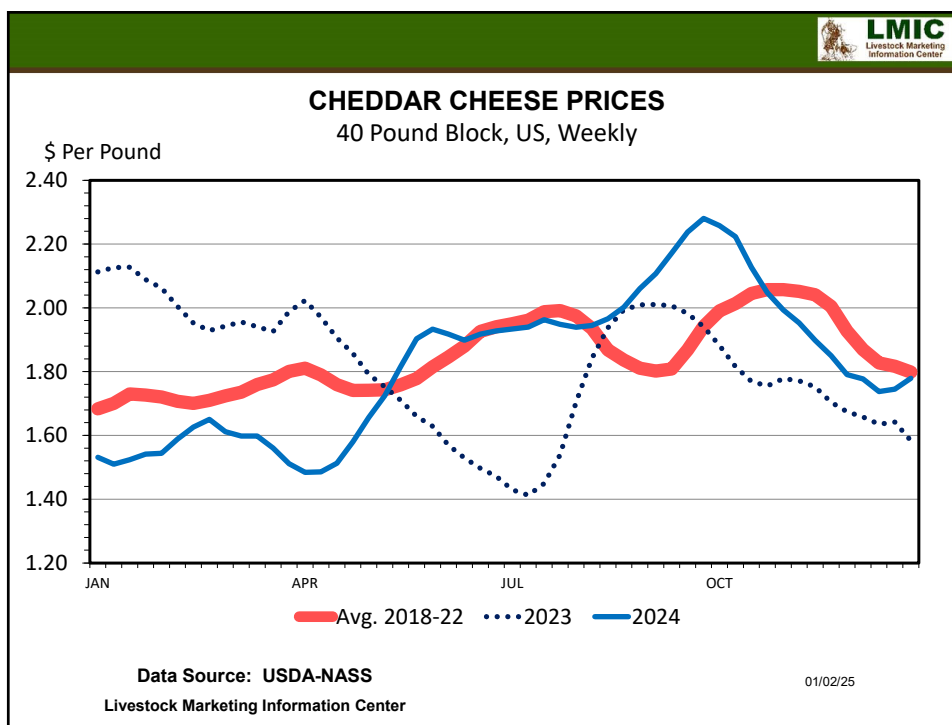
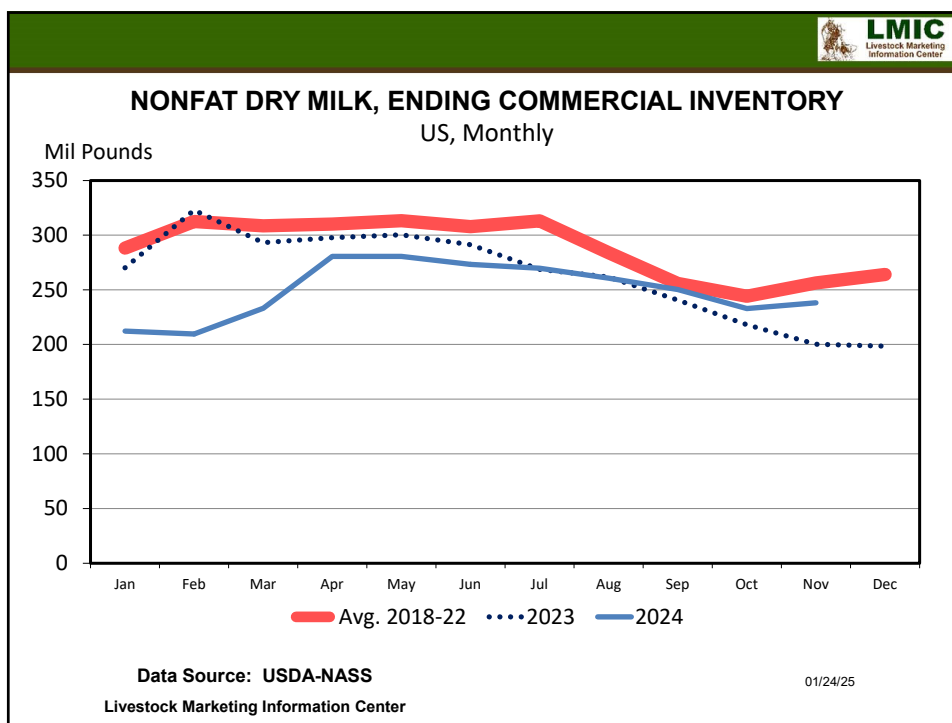
- Tighten numbers & no clear herd building. Bullish for the foreseeable future.
- Record high production & strong prices in 2022. The strong demand likely income determined.
- In the future there will be less income
 - Higher interest costs.
 - Persistent inflation.
 - Stimulus money...
- Market economics wasn't too relevant for the last 3 years. Simply strong demand. In for a change?
- Will competing meats finally matter?
- Economy-wise economic outlook..

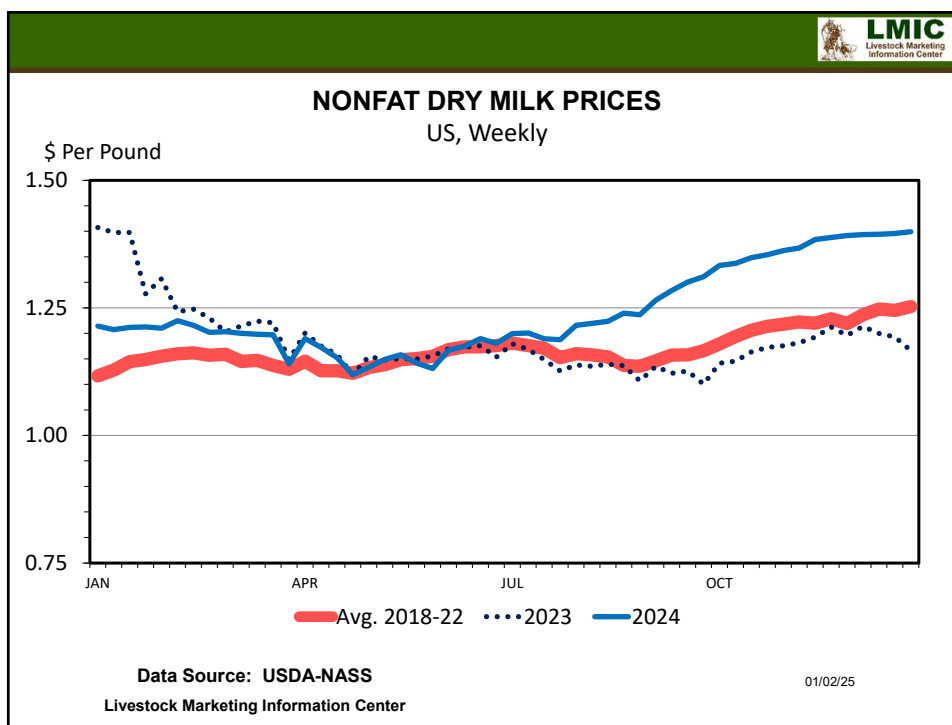
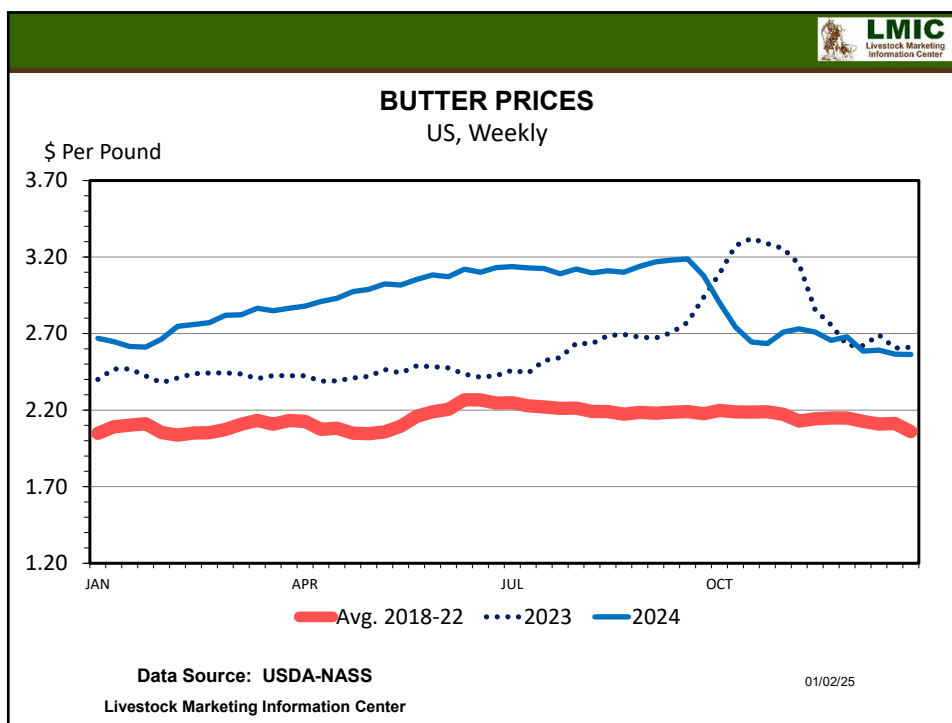
Quarterly Dairy Price Forecasts

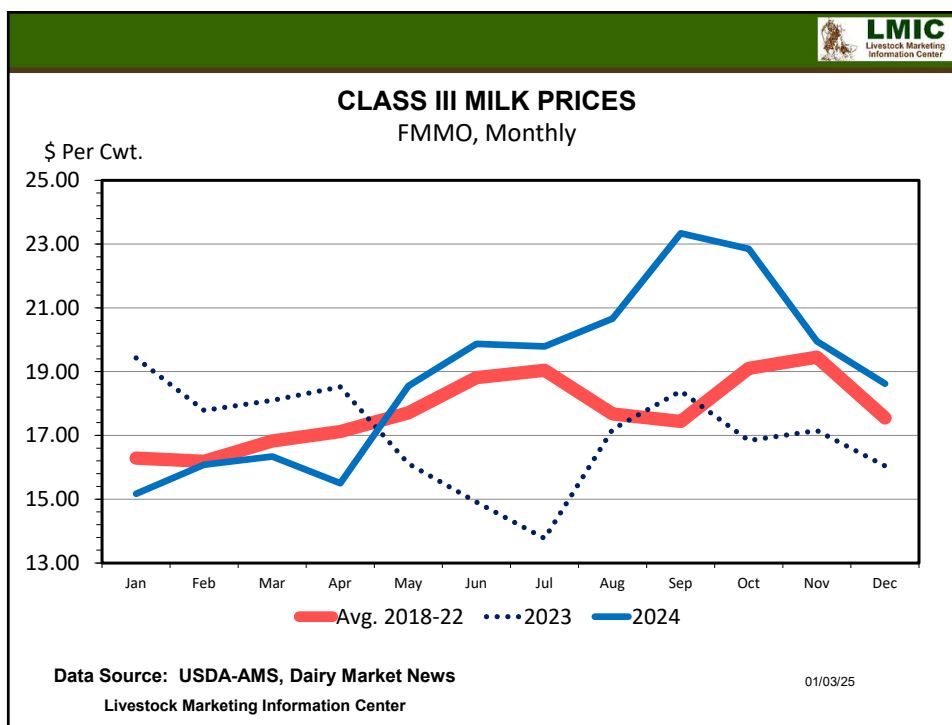
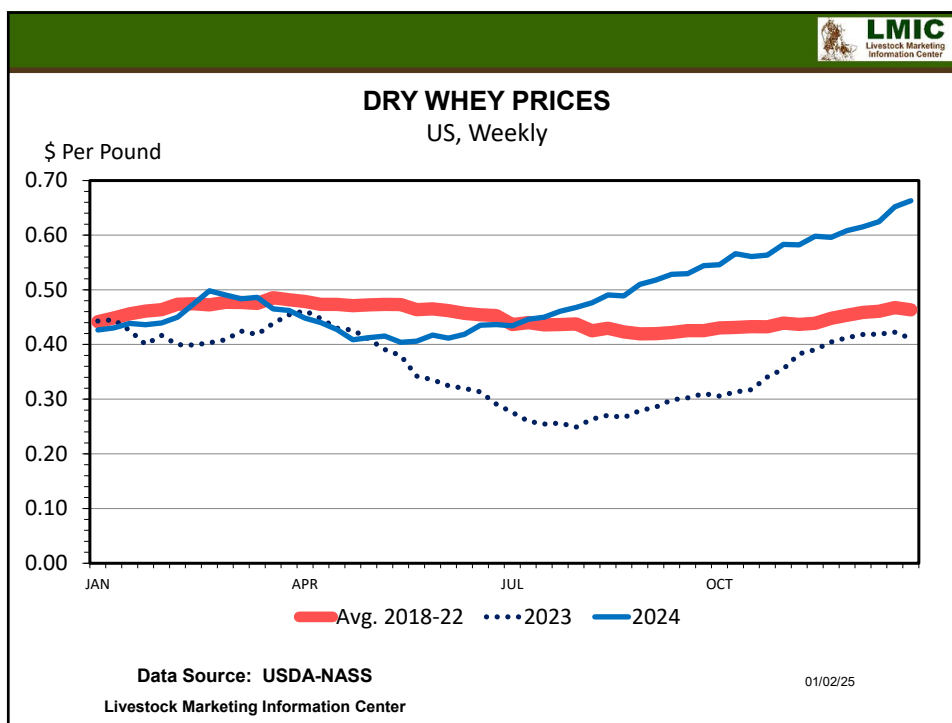
Date	Class III	All Milk
2024: IV	\$20.40-20.50	\$24.74-24.84
2025: I	\$18.15-18.35	\$23.90-24.10
2025: II	\$21.05-21.45	\$23.30-23.70
2025: III	\$22.75-23.25	\$23.75-24.25
2025: IV	\$22.75-23.25	\$24.00-24.50
2026: I	\$22.75-23.25	\$23.50-24.00
2026: II	\$22.50-23.50	\$22.50-23.50
2026: III	\$22.50-23.50	\$23.50-24.50
2026: IV	\$22.50-23.50	\$23.50-24.50

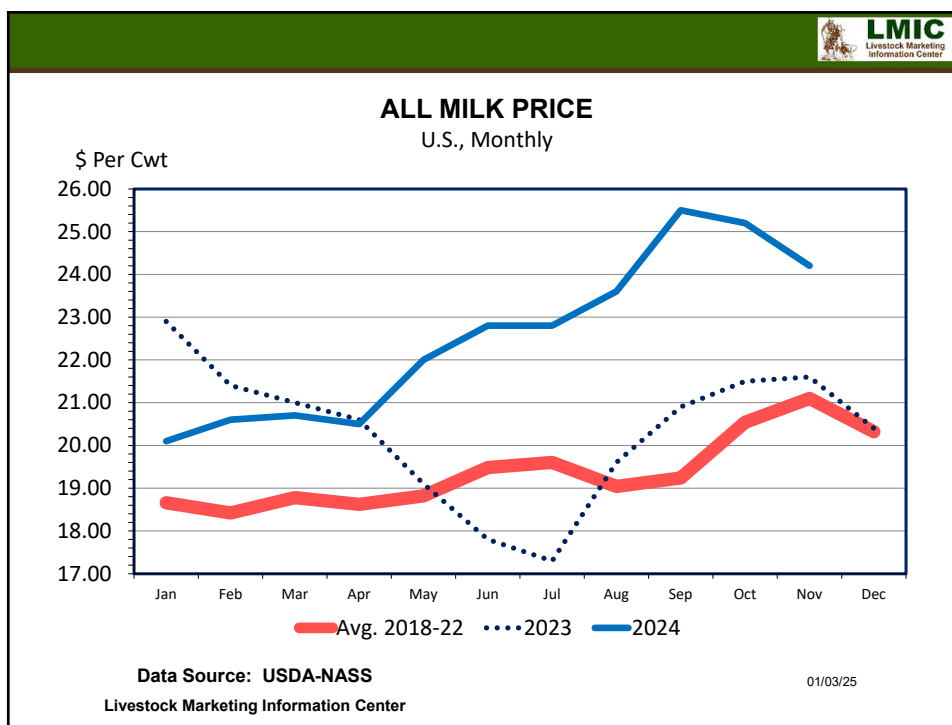
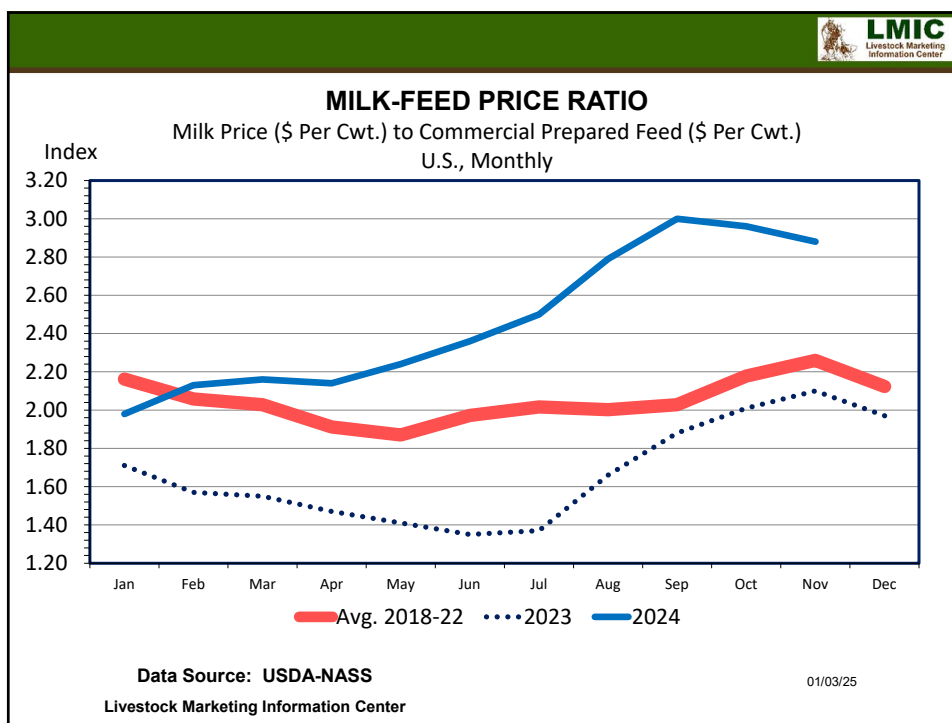


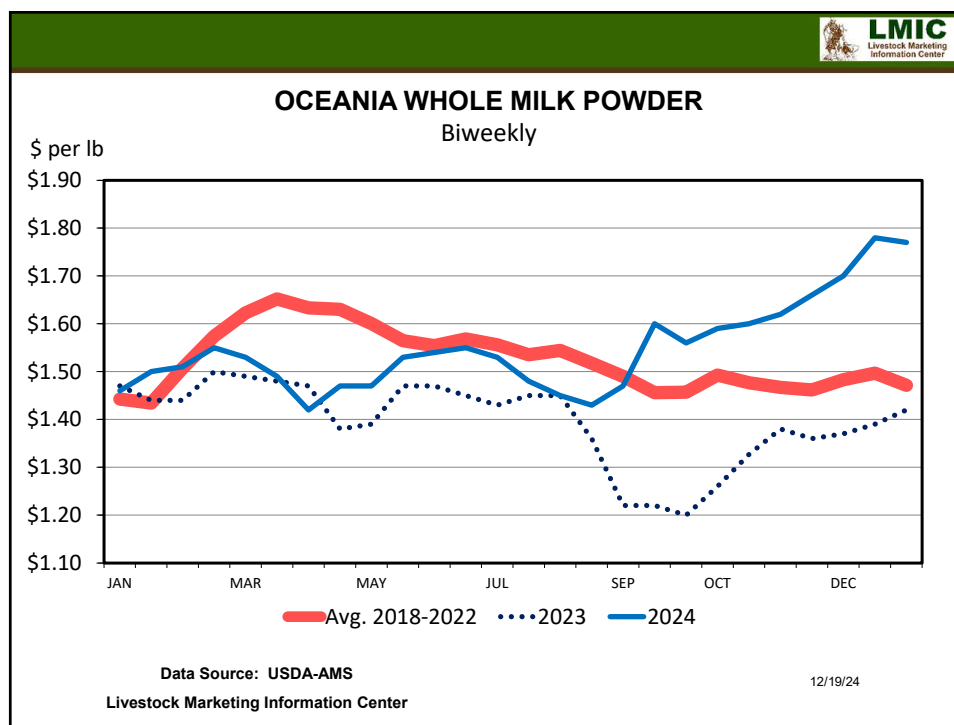
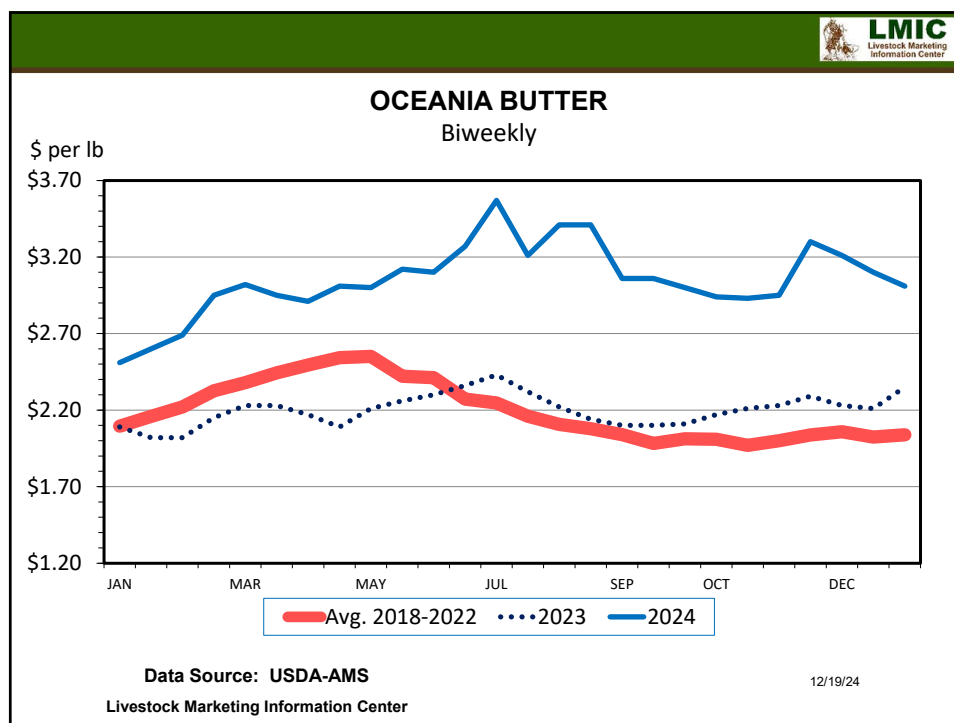


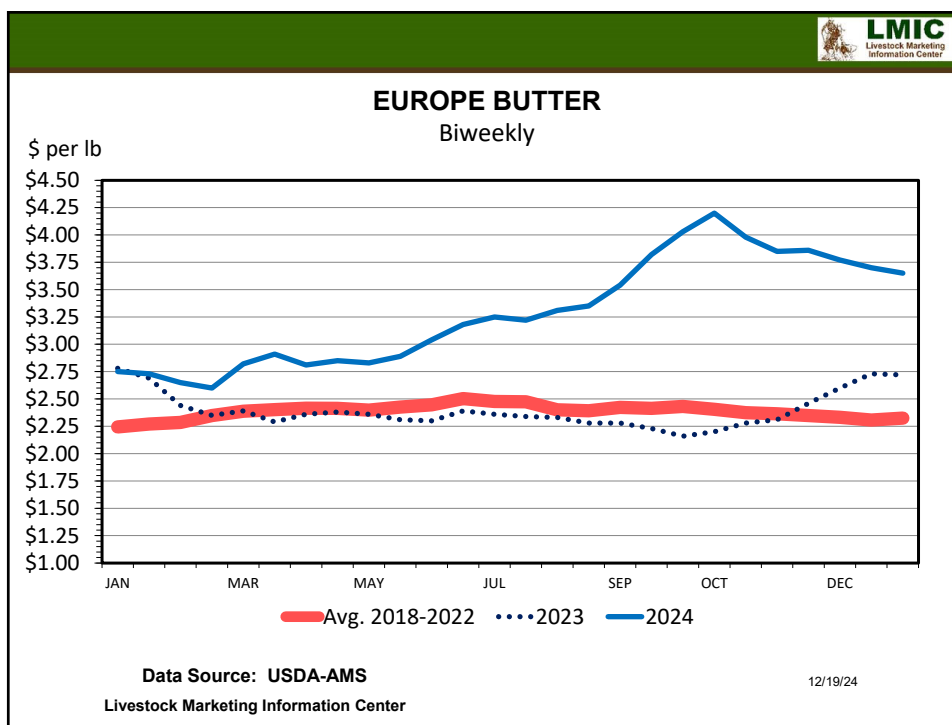
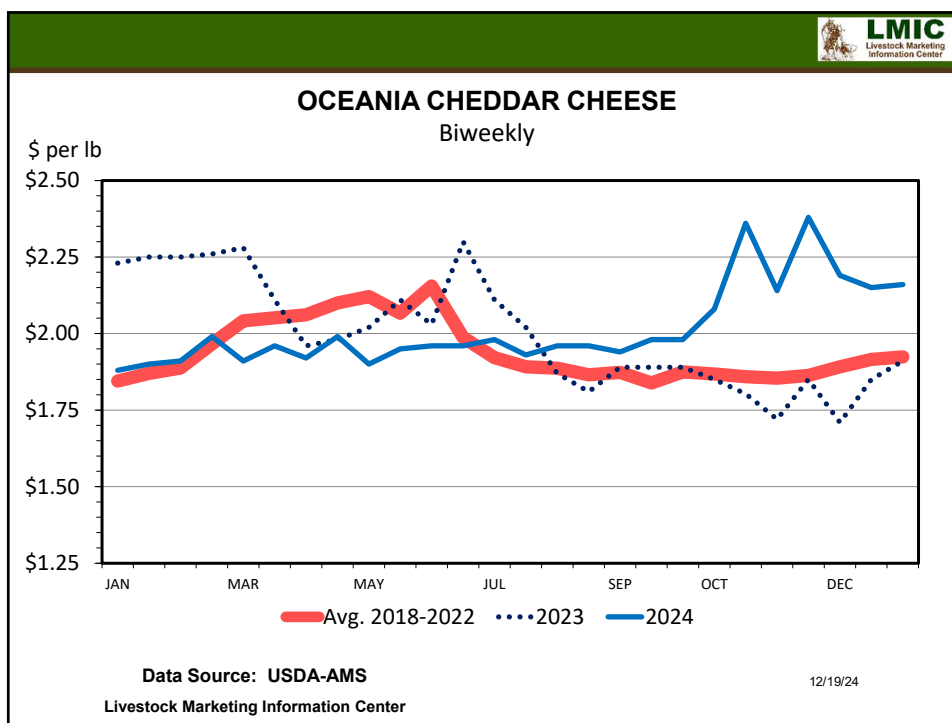


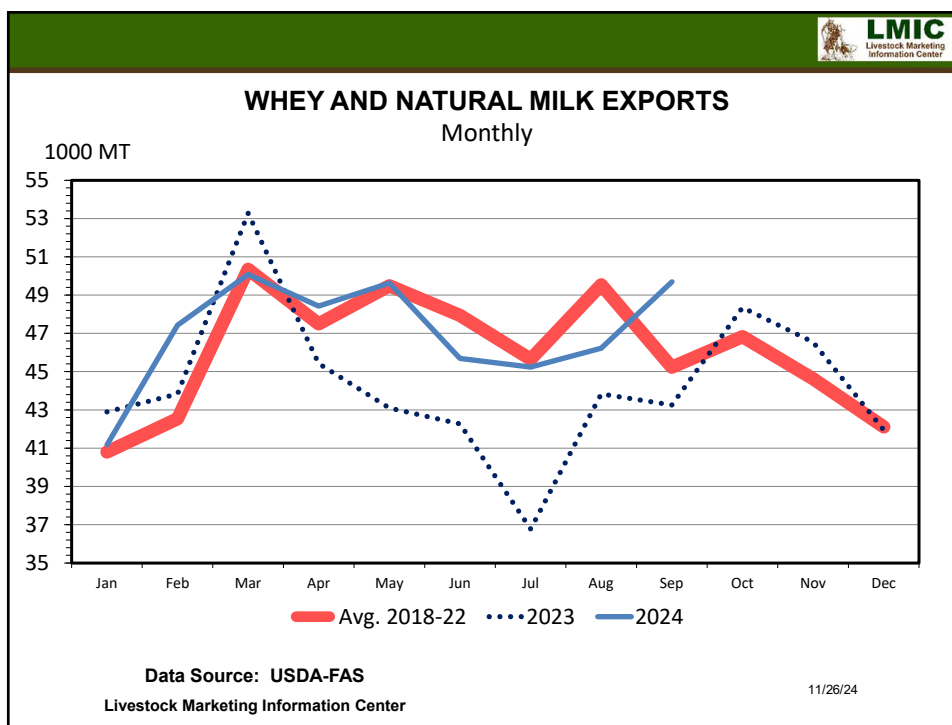
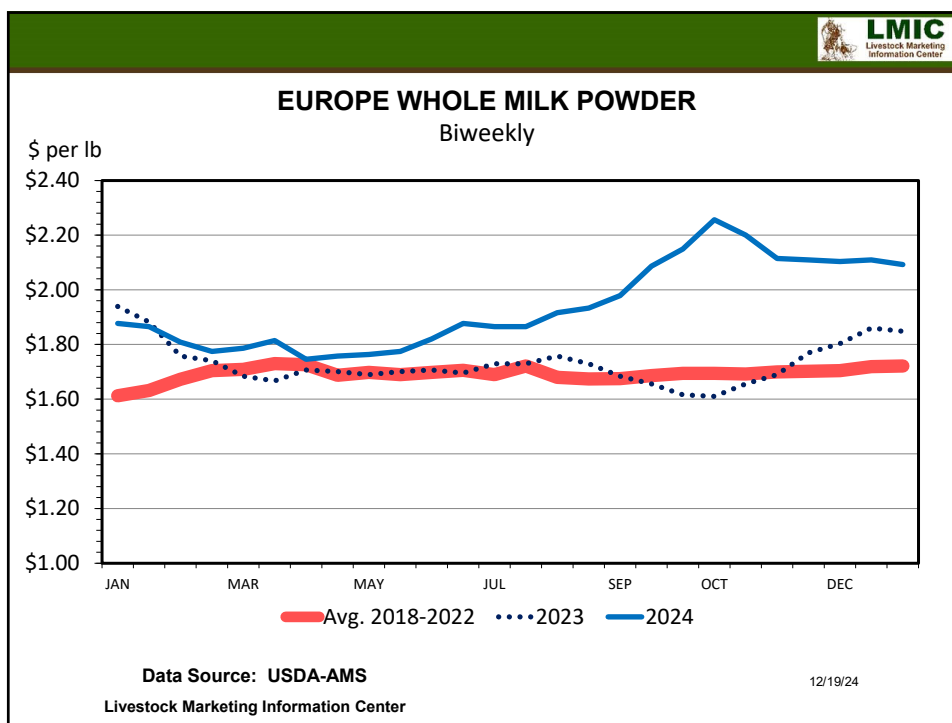


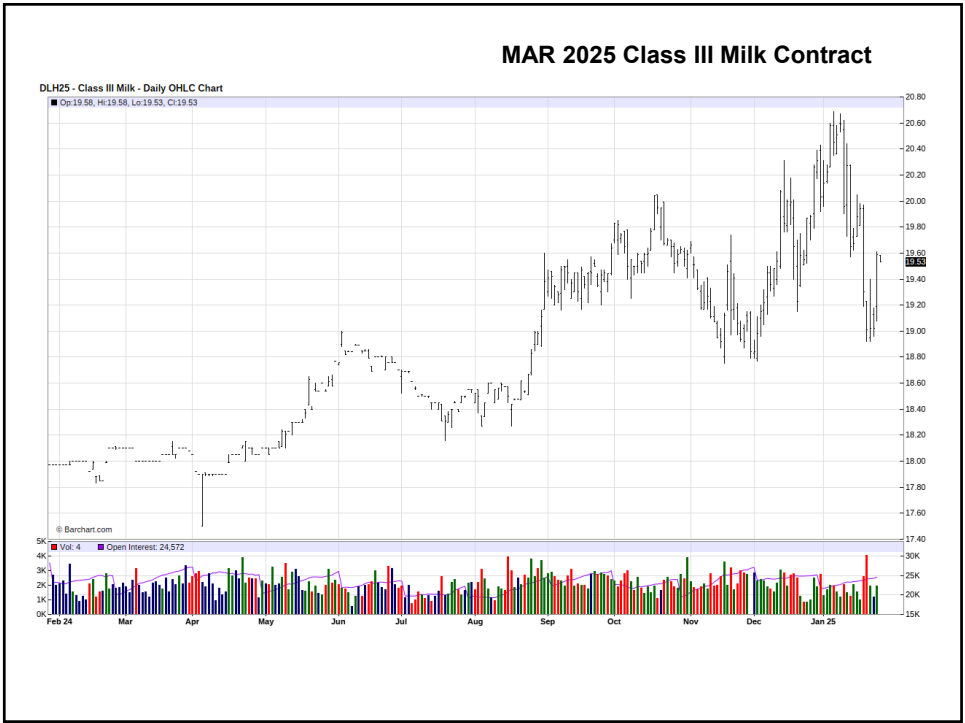
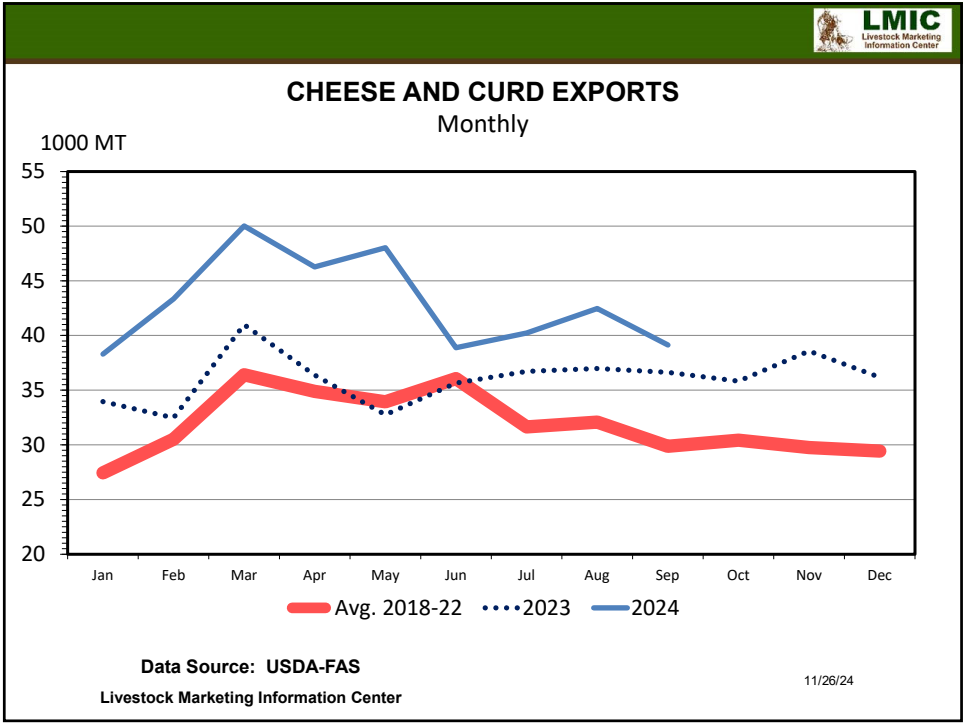






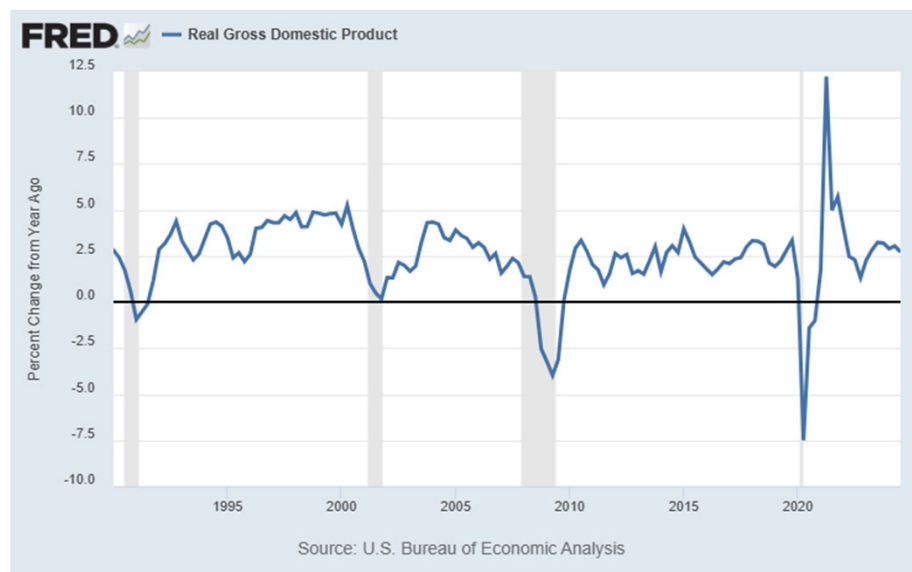


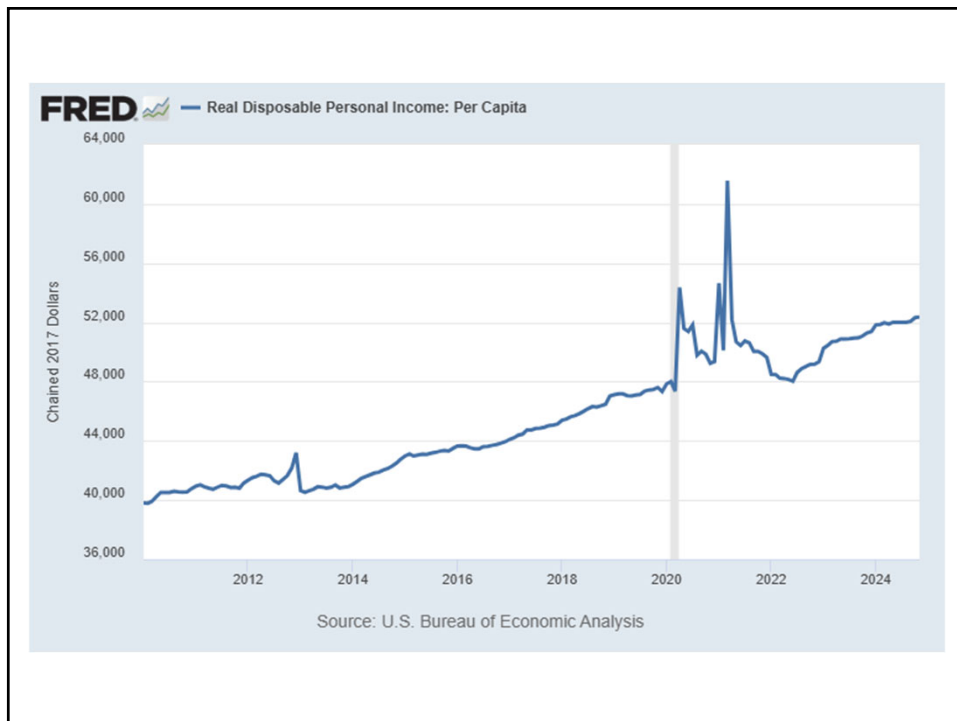


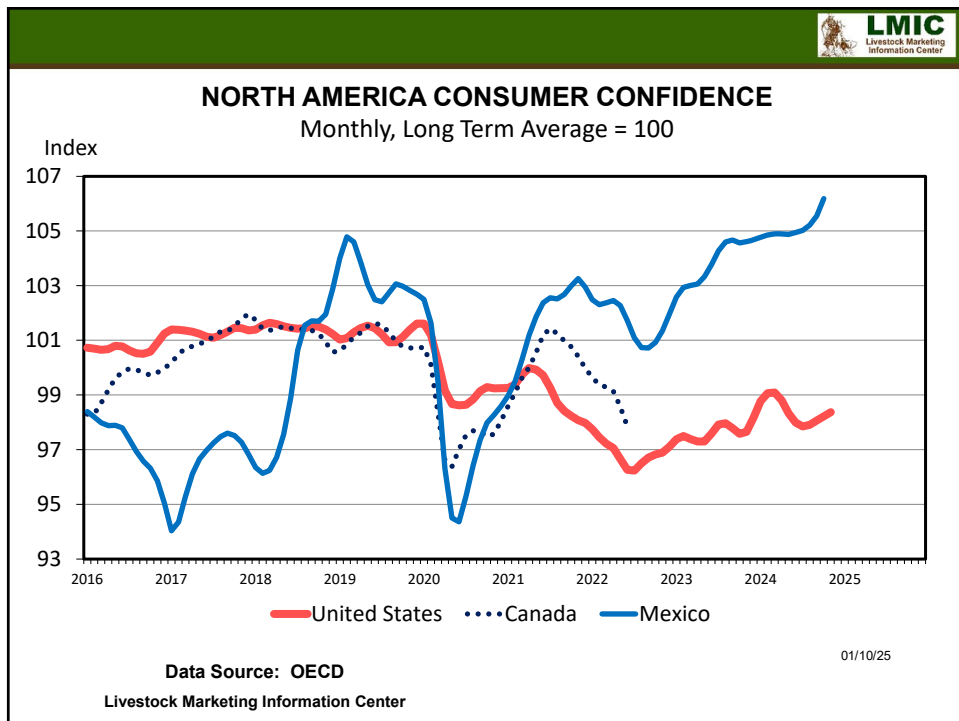
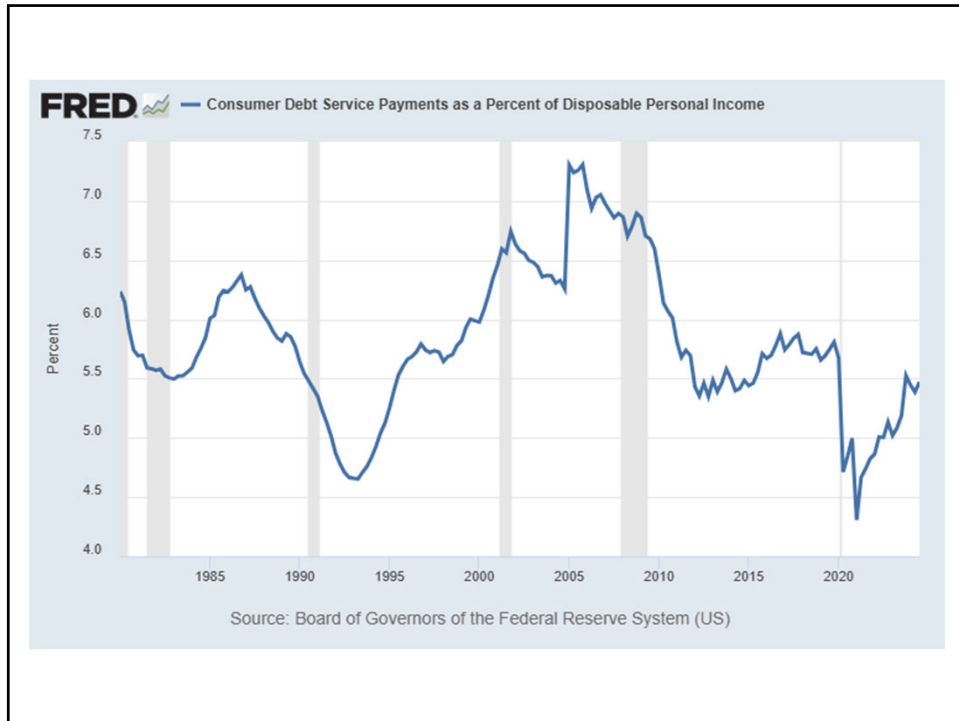


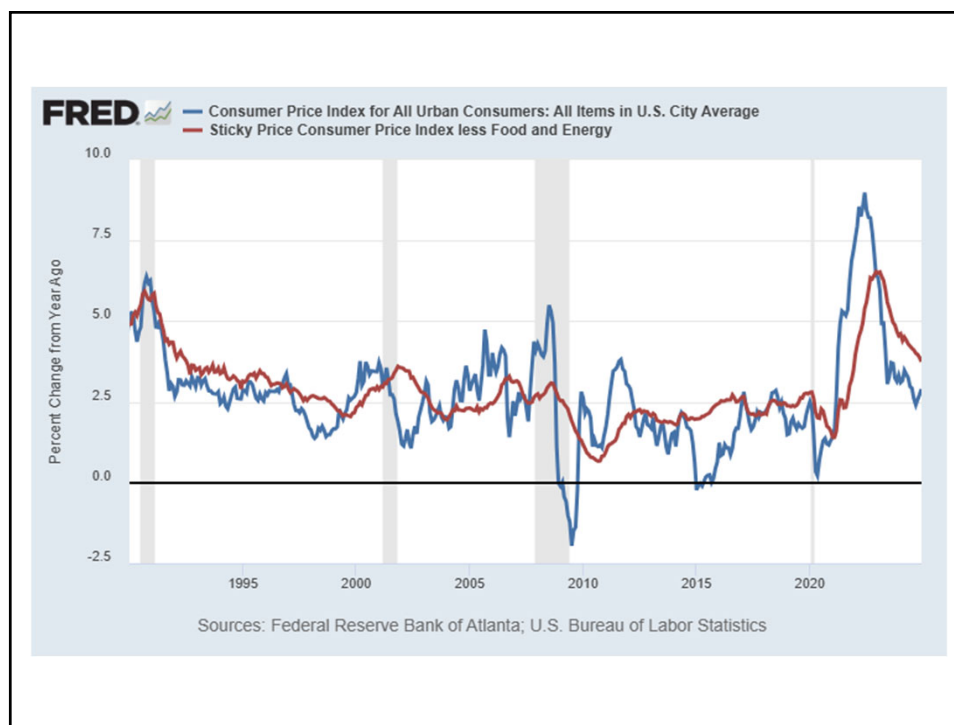
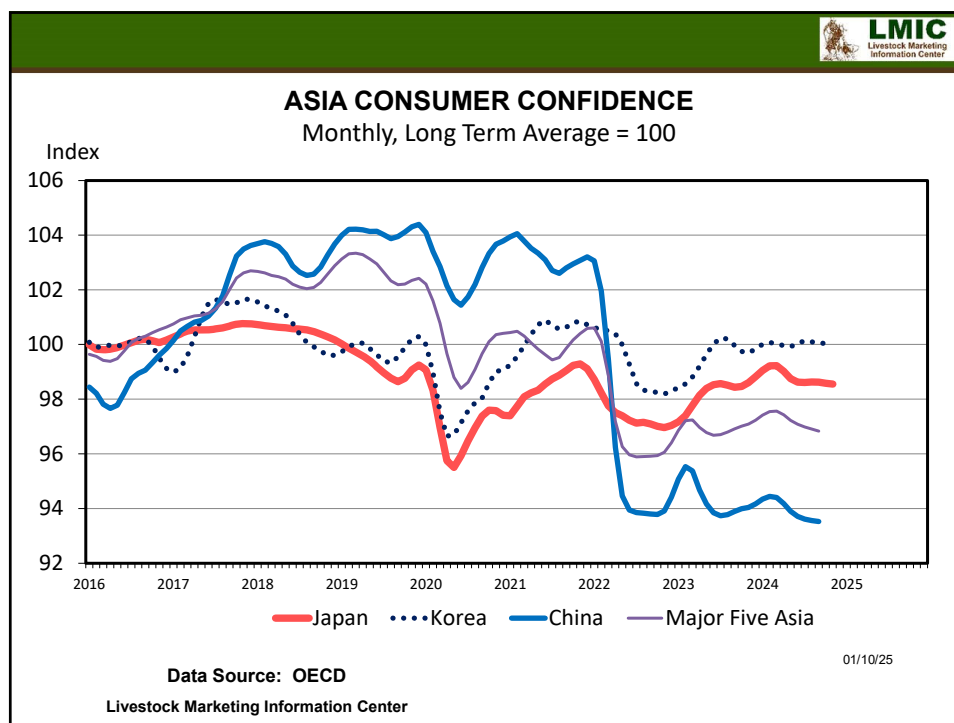
Dairy Outlook

- Dairy herd numbers starting to increase with lower feed costs & increased milk production.
- Improving world prices for dairy products.
- Beef-on-Dairy likely bigger than thought & impact is on dairy cow numbers.
- Dairy like other proteins..
 - Poor recent margins...
 - Increasing domestic & international demand.
- Strong milk prices less likely for summer.









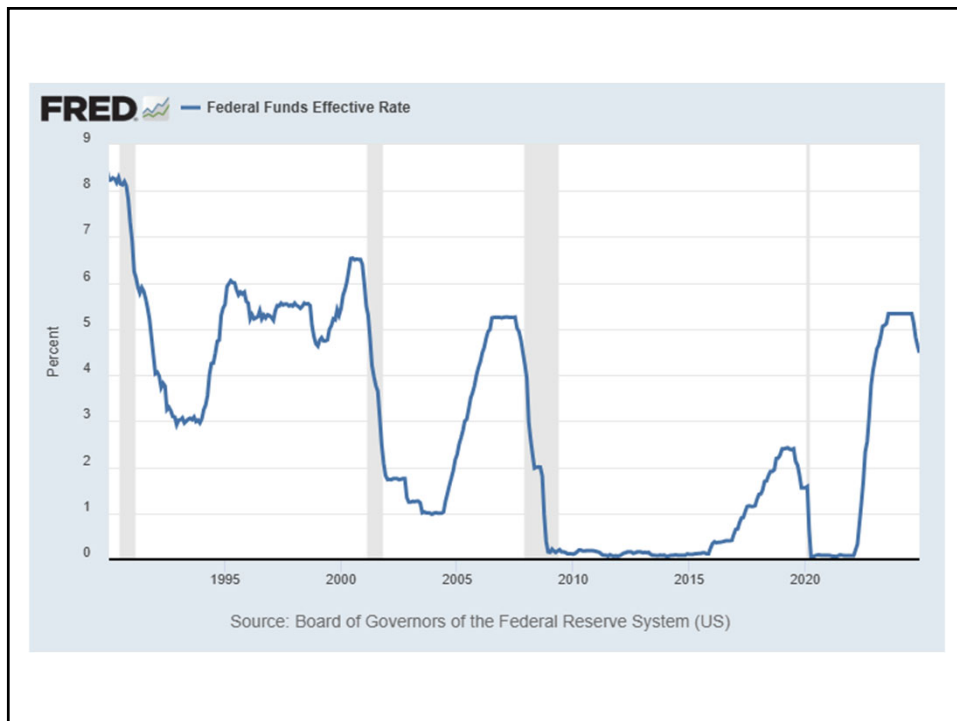
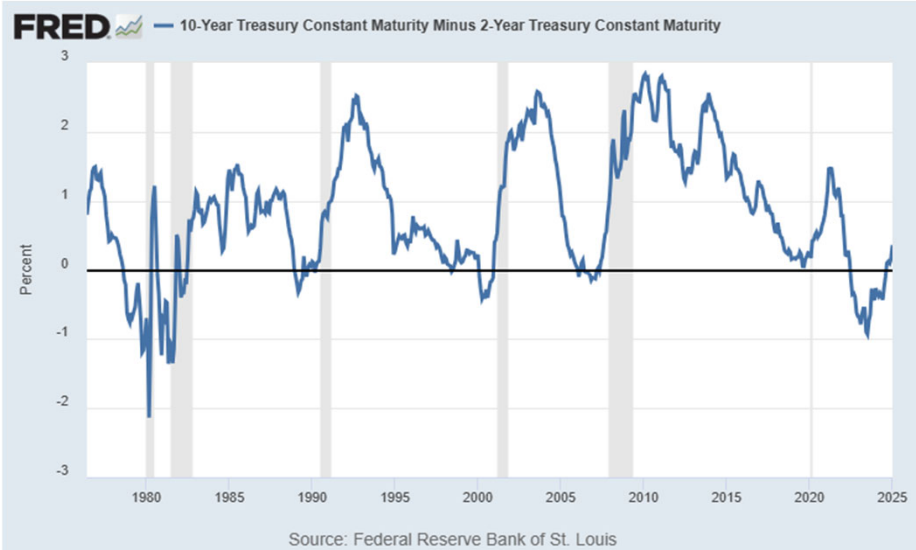
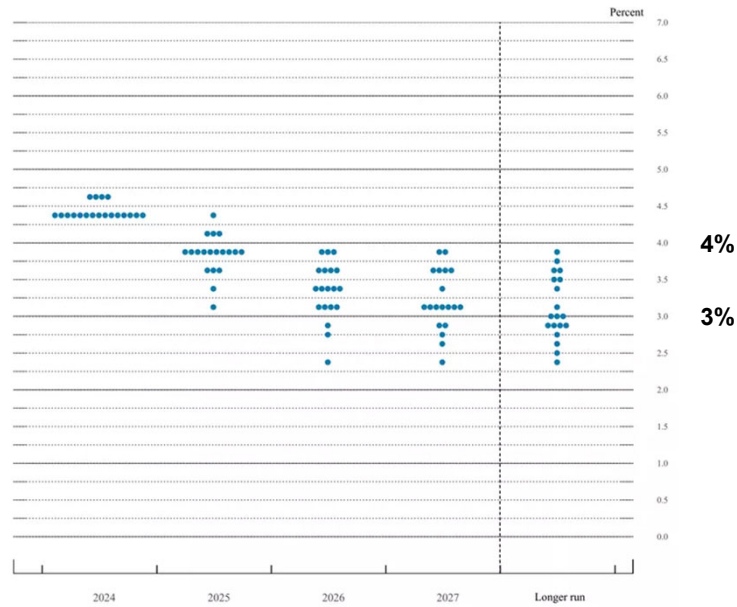


Figure 2. FOMC participants' assessments of appropriate monetary policy: Midpoint of target range or target level for the federal funds rate





Economic Outlook Summary

- Strong economic activity.
- Labor, labor, labor...
- Supply chains are recovering.
- More supply chain shocks & restructuring than textbook inflation.
- Manufacturing investment?
- Service sector?
- Real estate values...
- Interest rates...
- Currency valuation...

Long-Term Outlook

- Corn & oilseeds acres going forward.
- Wheat supplies & trade.
- Forage market soft but likely to improve.
- Protein market – roaring & changing?
- Competing meats & feed costs.
- Domestic economy v. international economies.
- Increasing interest rates & inflation.
- More or less a return to market conditions seen before the last 4-to-6 years.

Short-Term Outlook

- Grains – all weak compared to fundamentals.
- Corn – acres, trade & feed demand?
 - Drought risk premium?
- Oilseeds – acres, trade & meal/oil demand?
- Wheat – Dollar? Weather? Late-season drought?
- Forage – abundant & bottoming?
- Fed cattle – excellent but... Competing meats, demand, trade?
- Feeder cattle & calves – will lead fed cattle. But feed costs. Herd rebuilding?



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