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Alternative Proteins Situation

BROAD OVERVIEW &
FRAMING FOR ECONOMIC DISCUSSION

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Outline & Goals

1. Consumption is NOT Demand
2. U.S. Meat Situation
 - ☐ 3-Legged Stool Concept
 - ☐ Meat Demand Monitor – Introduction & Insights Summary
 - ☐ Inflation Impacts Abound
 - ☐ Where We MIGHT Be Going

Demand is **NOT** Per Capita Consumption

2013 Beef Demand Determinants Study



[http://www.beefboard.org/evaluation/
130612demanddeterminantstudy.asp](http://www.beefboard.org/evaluation/130612demanddeterminantstudy.asp)

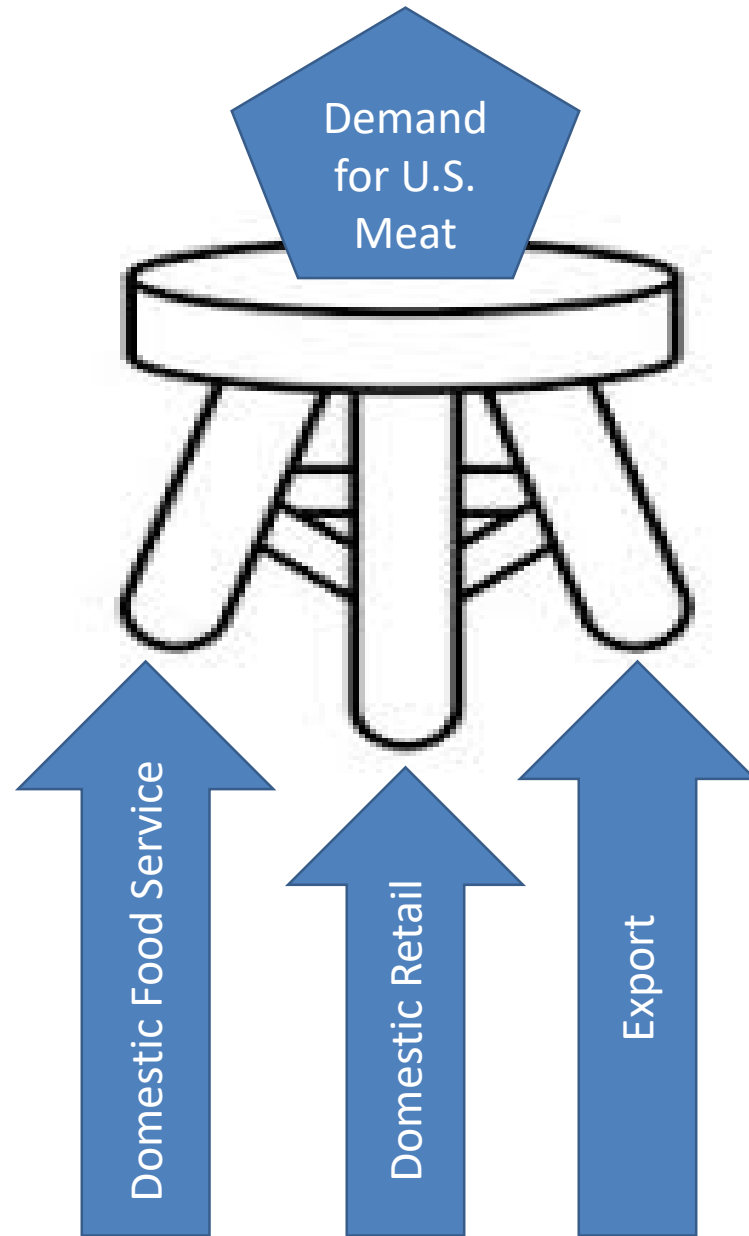


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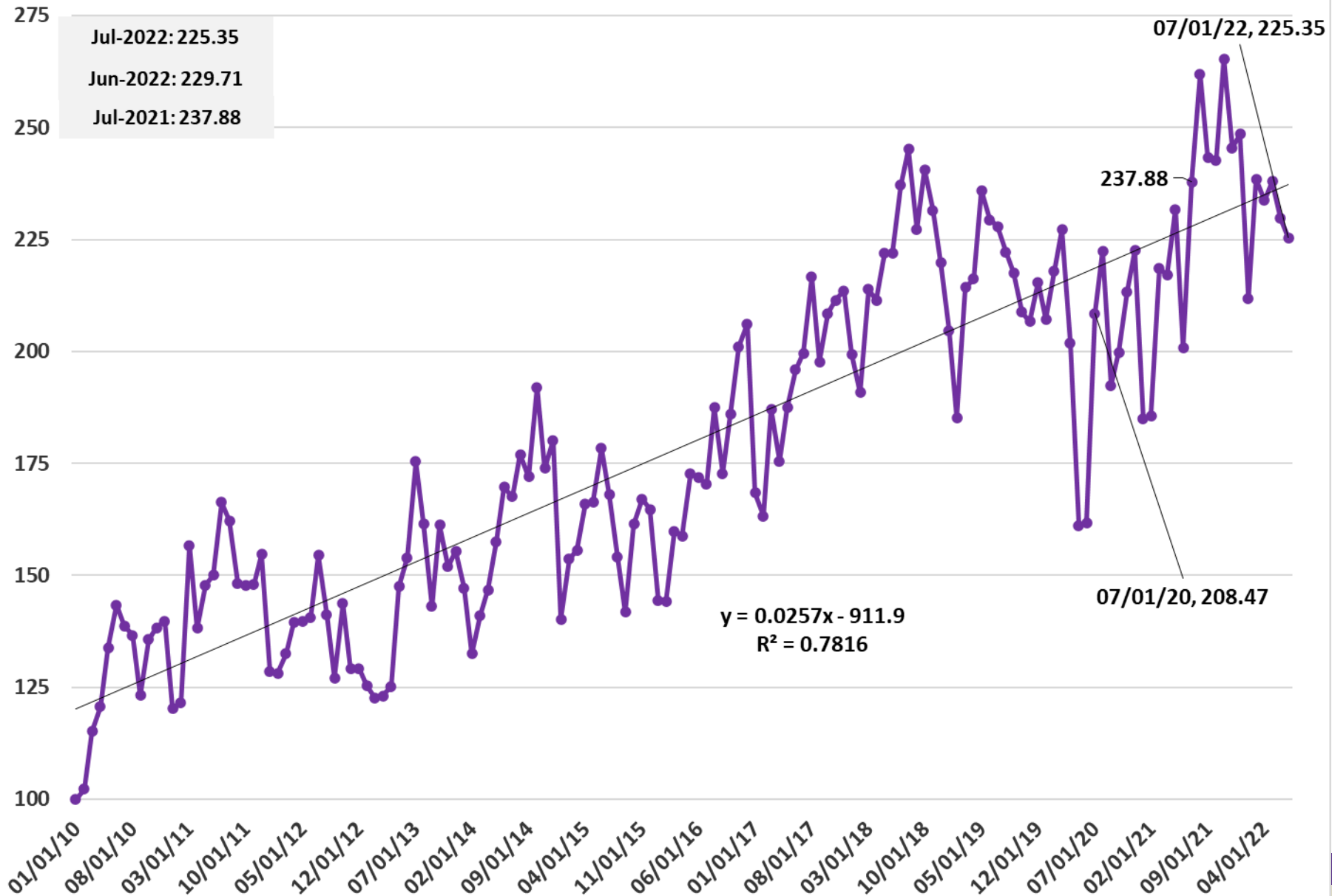
What's The Similarity Between Blue Jeans and Beef Demand?

Beef consumption and beef demand isn't the same thing. Here's an explanation.

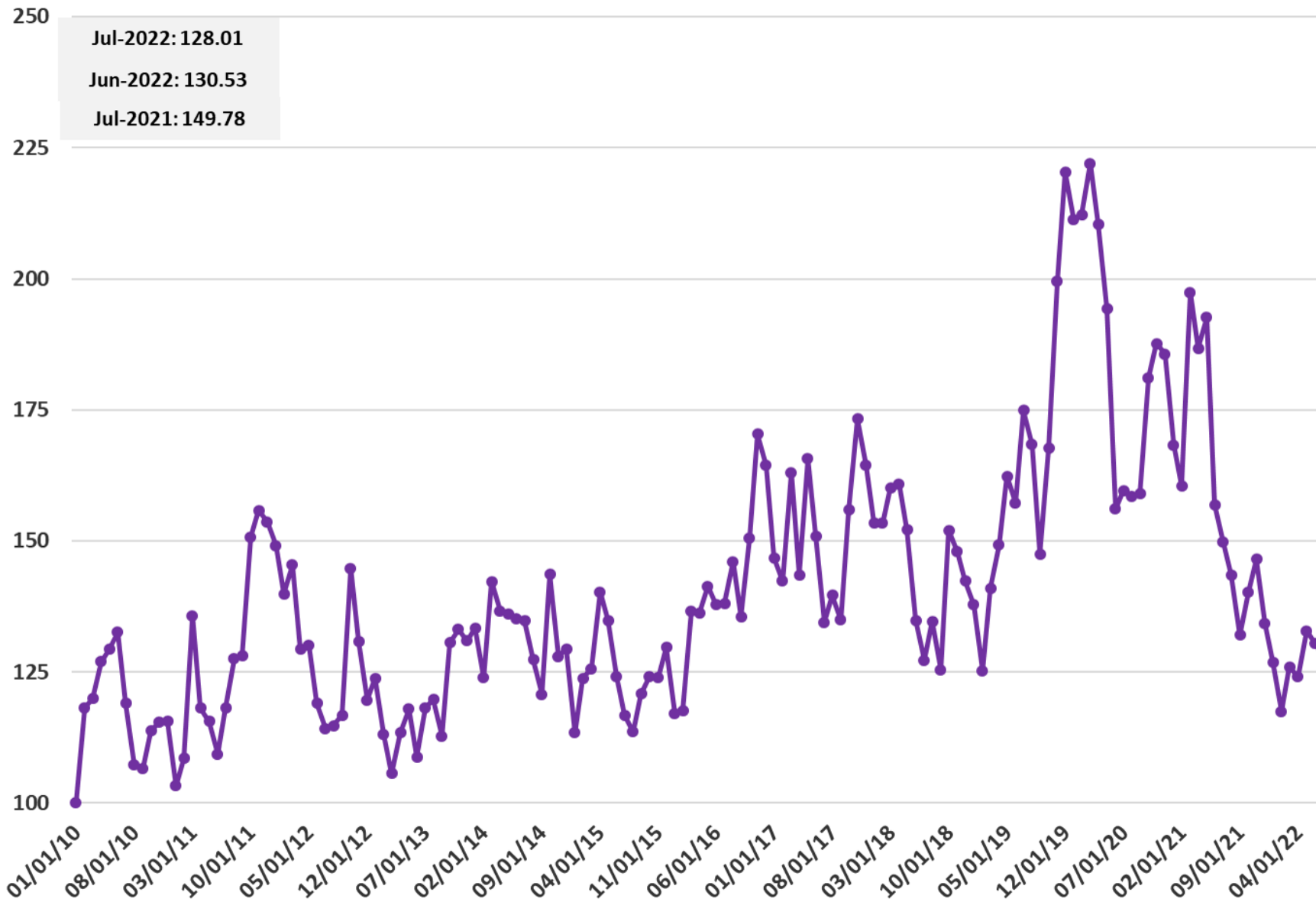
Burt Rutherford | Sep 19, 2013



Monthly U.S. Beef, Export Demand Index, Jan. 2010 (base) - present



Monthly U.S. Pork, Export Demand Index, Jan. 2010 (base) - present



Monthly Meat Demand Monitor, Methods, and Supporting Information

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The Meat Demand Monitor (MDM) project is funded in-part by the beef checkoff and the pork checkoff. Monthly reports and supporting documentation are available here.



[Meat Demand Monitor Dashboard \(National Maps & State-Level Summaries\)](#)

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Monthly Meat Demand Monitor

| Title | Author | Date | Downloads |
|---|--------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Meat Demand Monitor - August 2022 | Tonsor | September 1, 2022 | Downloads |
| Meat Demand Monitor - July 2022 | Tonsor | August 5, 2022 | Downloads |
| Meat Demand Monitor - June 2022 | Tonsor | July 1, 2022 | Downloads |

Meat Demand Outdoes Meat Avoidance

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U.S. perspective: Meat demand outdoes meat avoidance

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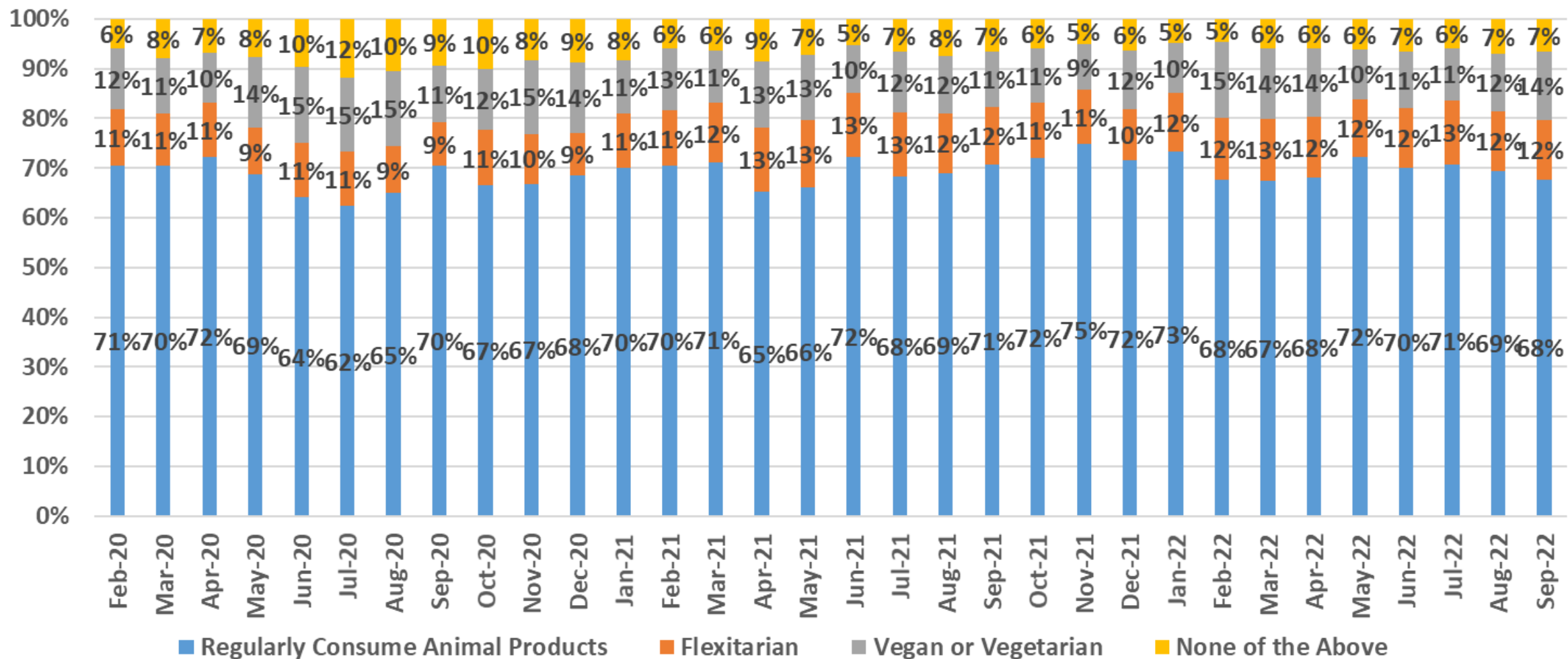


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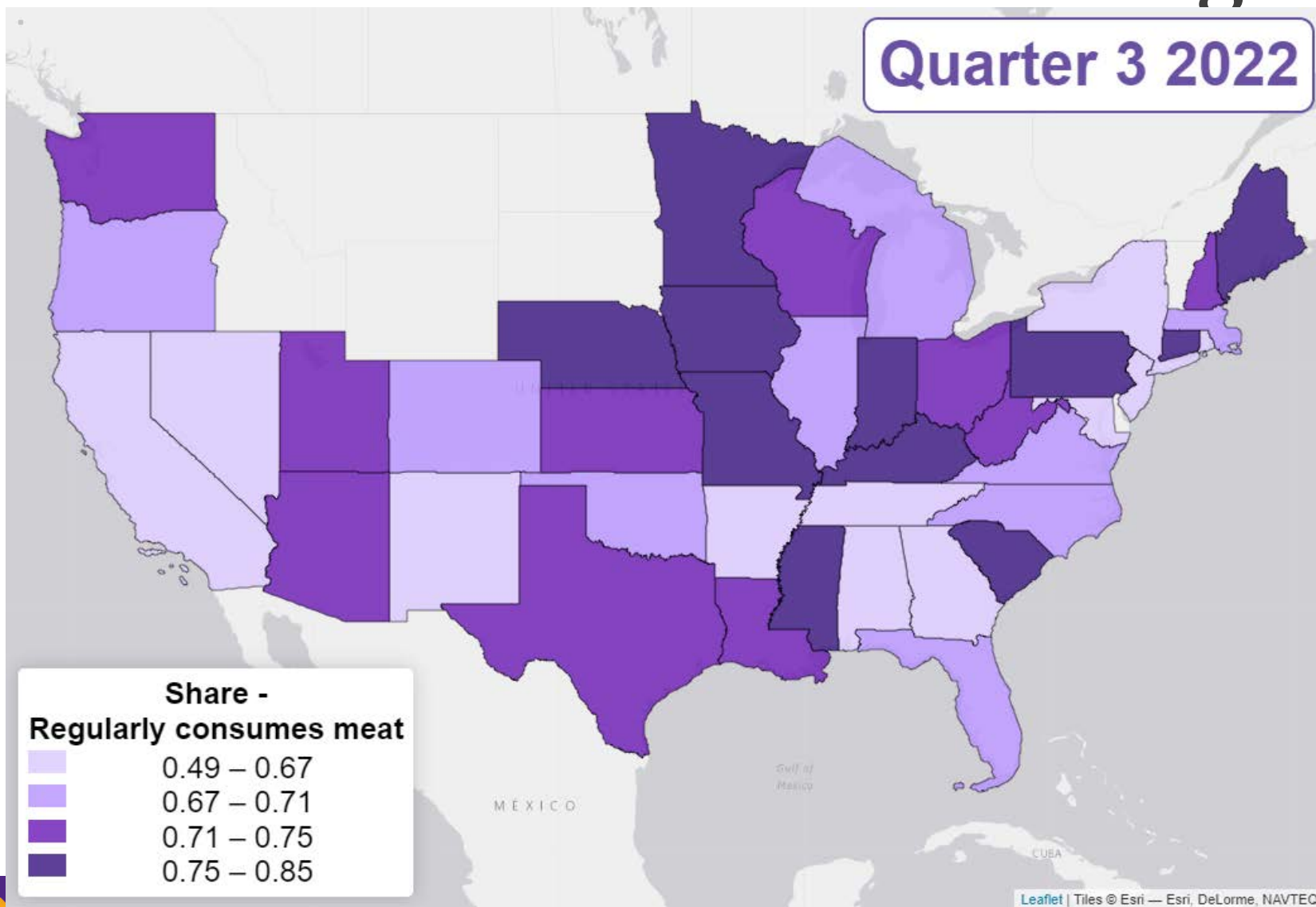
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Self-Declared Diet Tracking

Self-Declared Diet, Feb. 2020 - Sep. 2022 (Source: MDM Project)



Self-Declared Diet Tracking



Q3-2022

Nationally: 69%

SC: 85%

KY: 83%

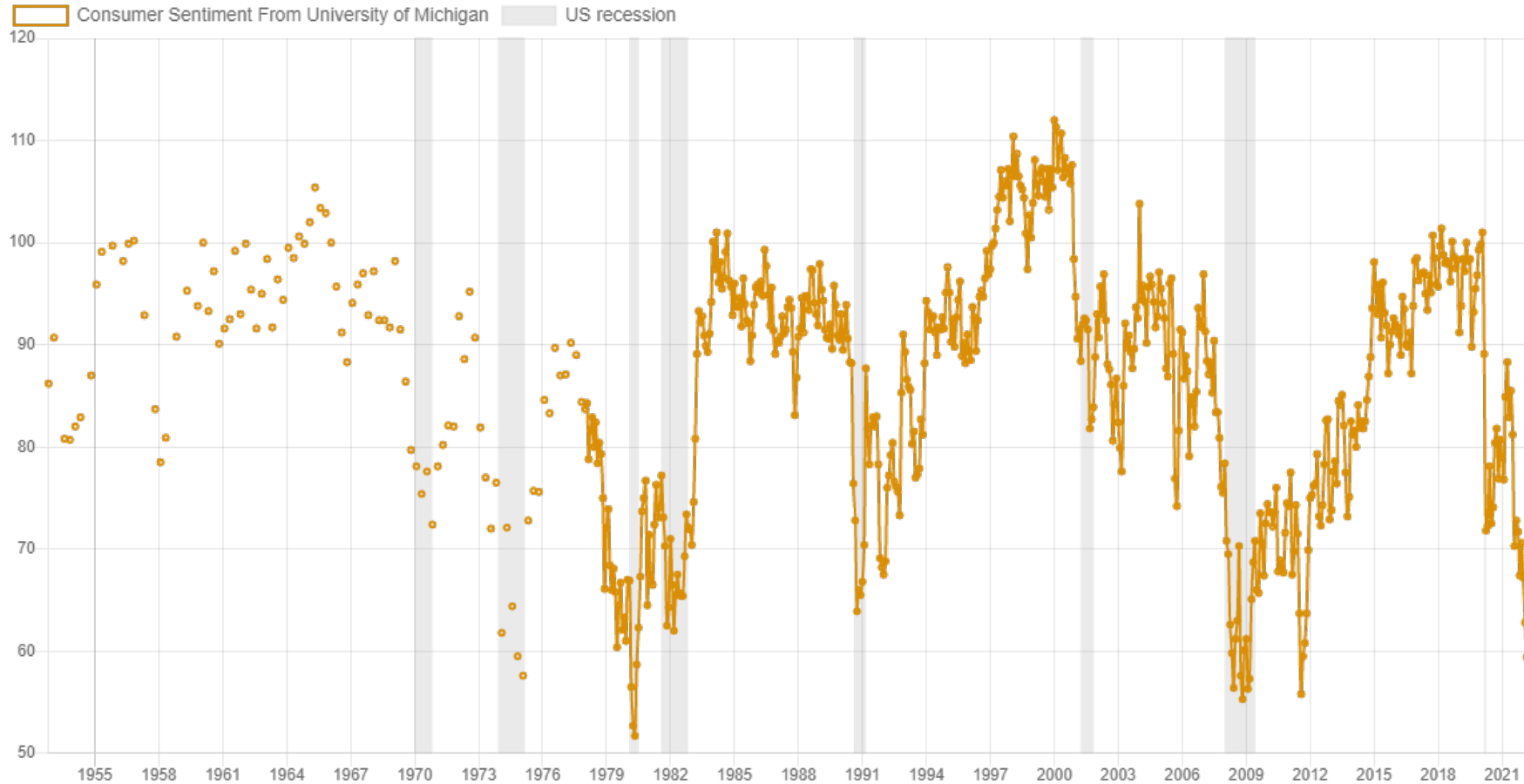
IA: 79%

NM: 49%

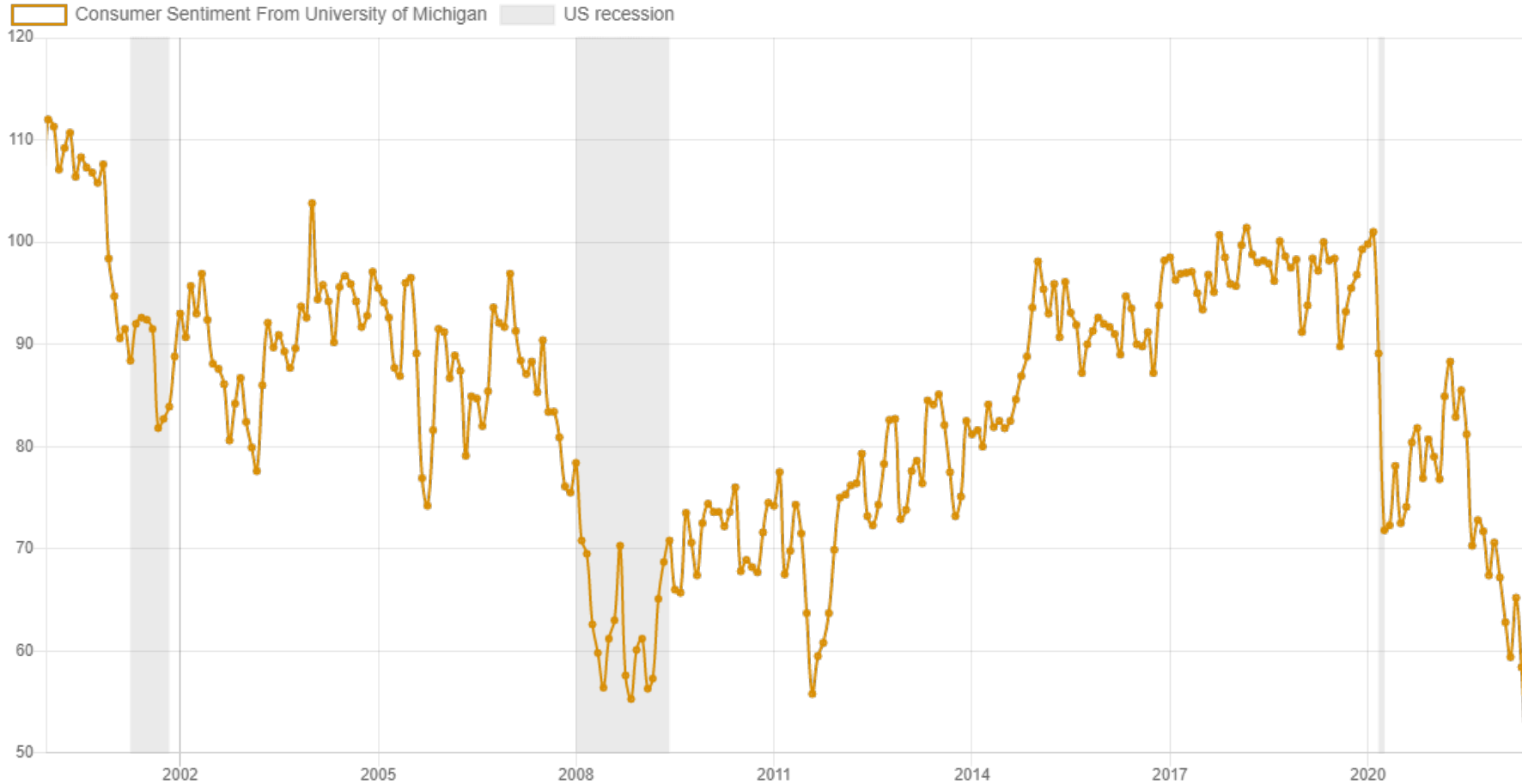
CA: 62%

NJ: 63%

Consumer Sentiment Evolves & Matters for Meat Demand



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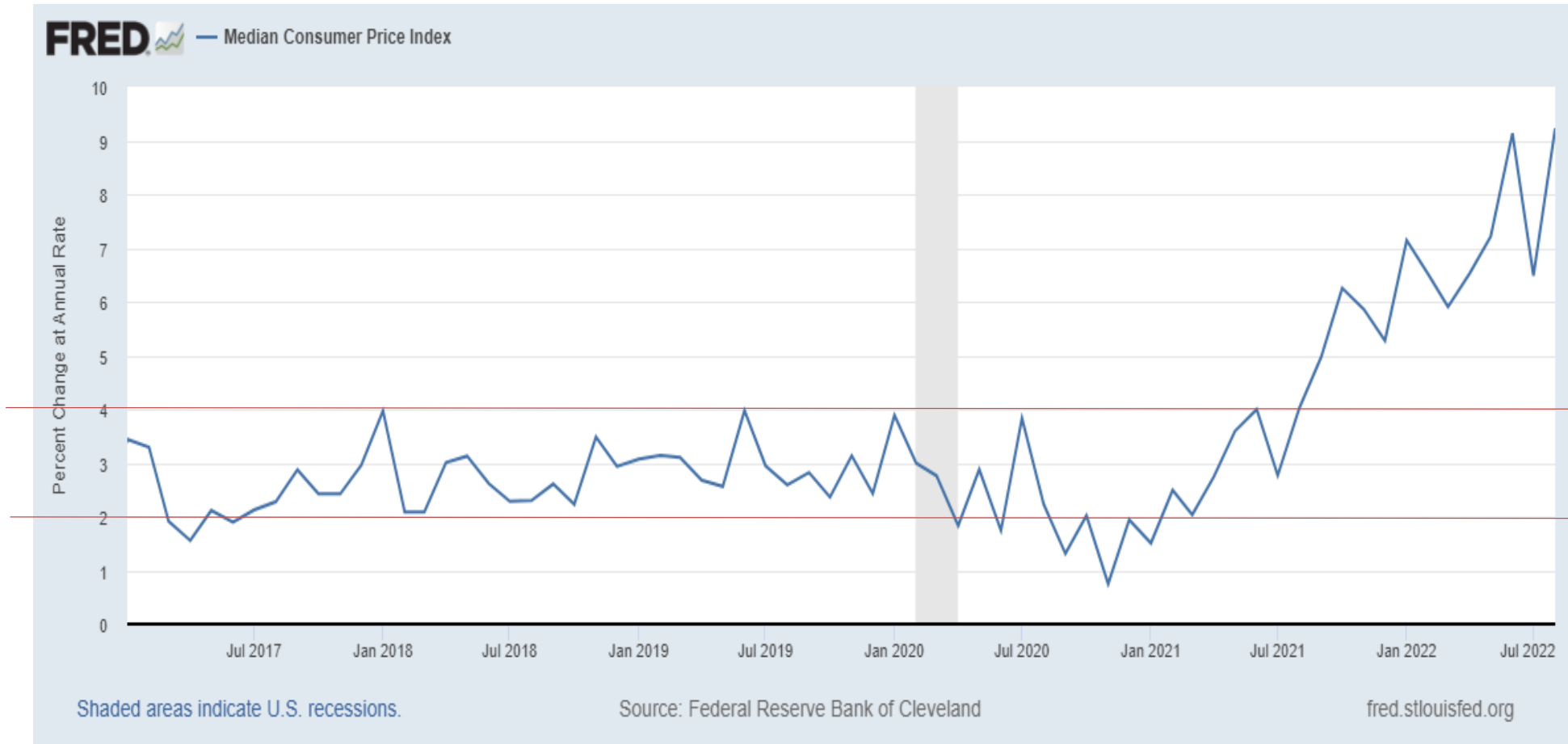
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Inflation in U.S. Highest in 4 Decades

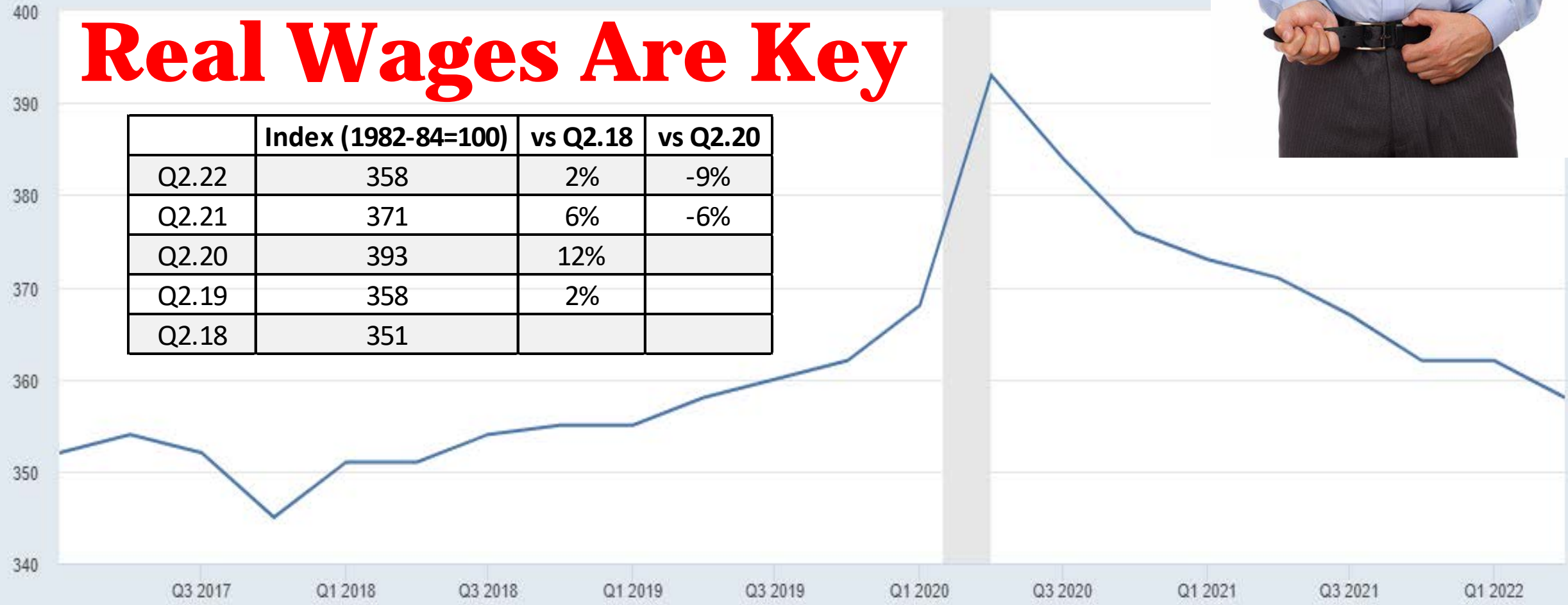




Real Wages Are Key

| | Index (1982-84=100) | vs Q2.18 | vs Q2.20 |
|-------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Q2.22 | 358 | 2% | -9% |
| Q2.21 | 371 | 6% | -6% |
| Q2.20 | 393 | 12% | |
| Q2.19 | 358 | 2% | |
| Q2.18 | 351 | | |

1982-84 CPI Adjusted Dollars



Shaded areas indicate U.S. recessions.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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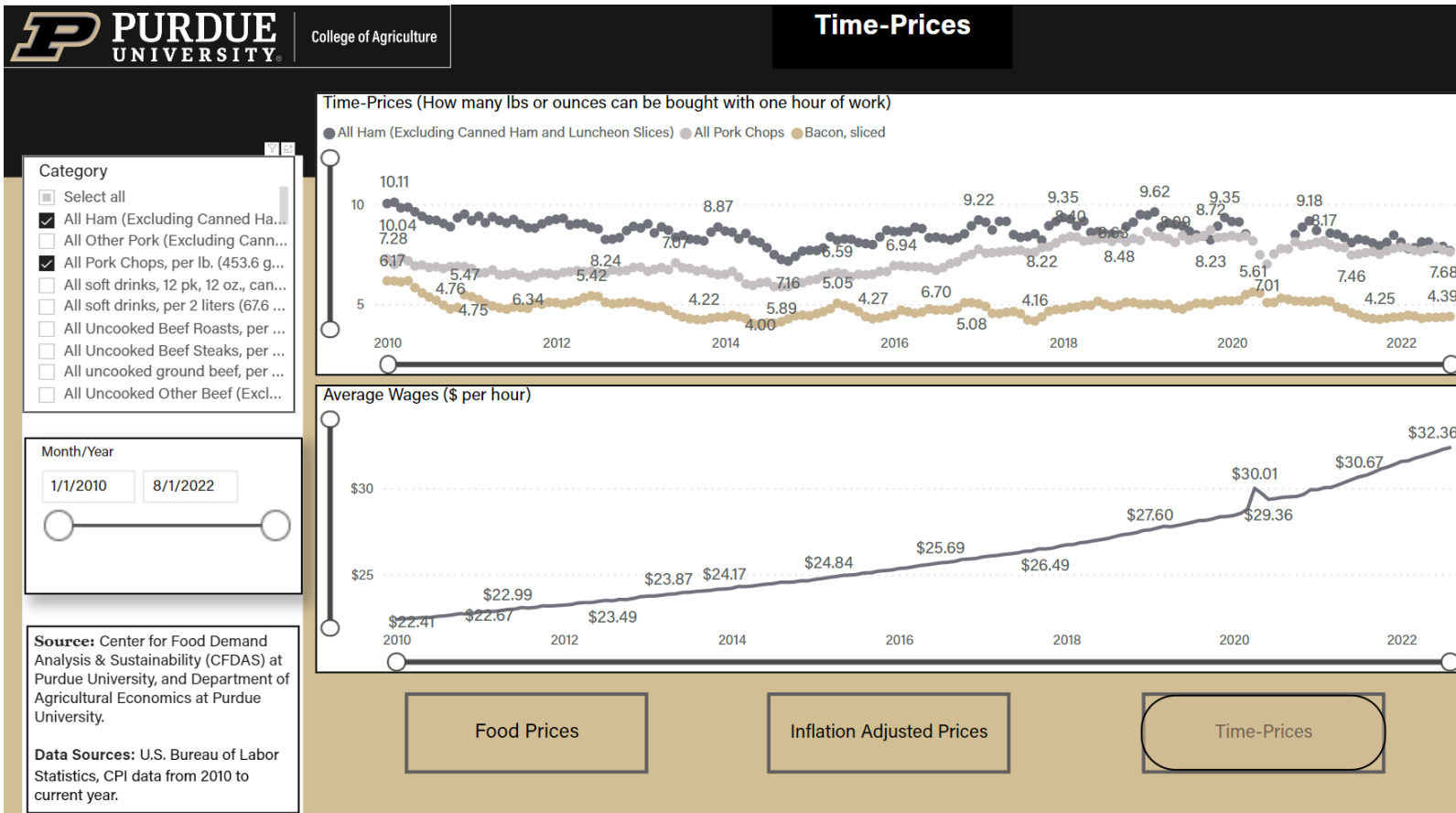
Purdue's Dashboard: Pork Prices (\$/lb) Relative to Average Wages (\$/hr)

Jan. 2020, 1 hr work =

9.1 lbs ham
8.4 lbs pork chop
5.1 lbs bacon

Aug. 2022, 1 hr work =

7.7 lbs ham
7.6 lbs pork chop
4.4 lbs bacon

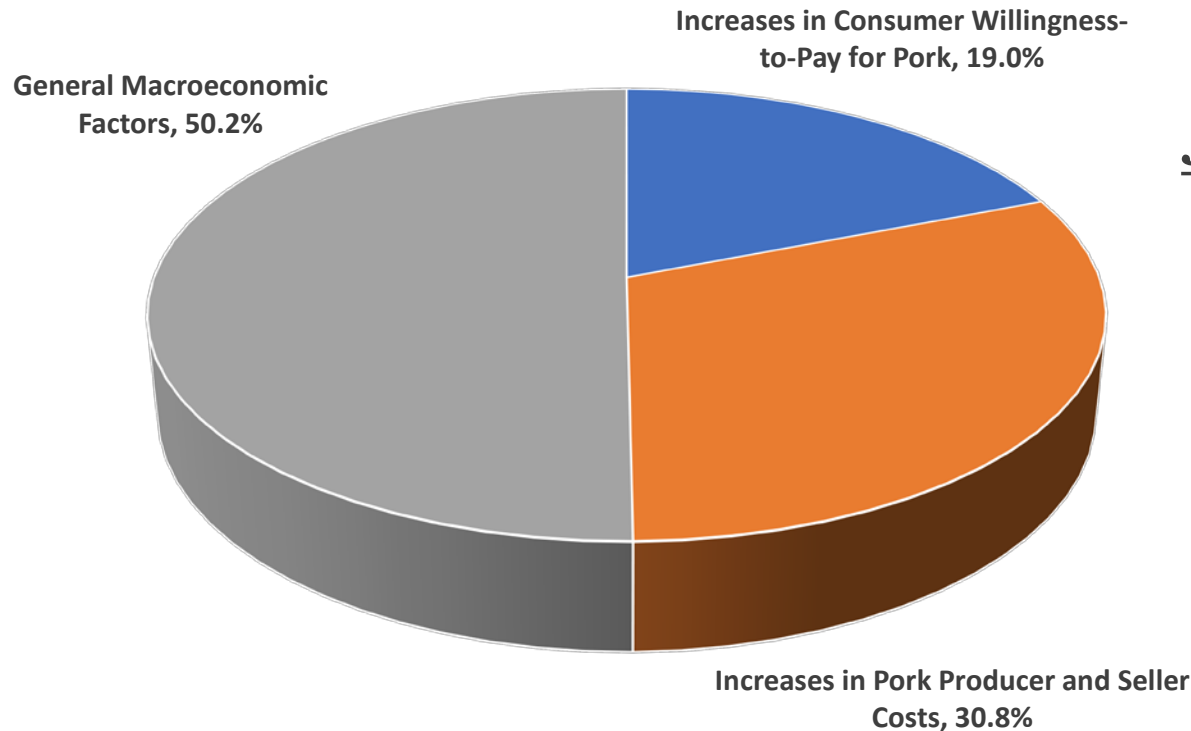


What Underlies Higher Retail Pork Prices?

- Supply-Drivers
 - “Pushing up” prices?
- Demand-Drivers
 - “Pulling up” prices?
- Broader Macroeconomic Drivers
 - Historic increase in money supply underpin general inflation?

What Underlies Higher Retail Pork Prices?

Relative Drivers of Change in Retail Pork Prices January 2020 to April 2022



Jan 2020 – Apr 2022, Nominal Retail Pork +27.3%

- +13.7% from macroeconomic pressures
- +8.4% from inner-industry supply-side factors
- +5.2% from pork demand factors

How is Elevated Inflation Impacting Pork Price Sensitivity?

Consider Econometric Evidence from IRI Data

- Jan 2017 – Aug 2022, 51 U.S. Retail Pork Markets (n=14,208)

Table 1. Own-Price Elasticity Estimates, Across CPI-Delineated Regimes (Mixed Model Approach)

| CPI Regime | Loin | Ribs | Shoulder | Breakfast Sausage | Dinner Sausage | Bacon | Pork (Aggregate) |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|-------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|
| CPI Regime 1 (Under 2.5%) | -0.488 | -1.286 | -1.746 | -3.972 | -1.122 | -1.773 | -0.676 |
| CPI Regime 2 (2.5%-3.0%) | -0.547 | -1.399 | -1.680 | -4.141 | -1.218 | -1.798 | -0.830 |
| CPI Regime 3 (3.0%-4.0%) | -0.466 | -1.596 | -1.646 | -4.068 | -1.256 | -1.783 | -0.677 |
| CPI Regime 4 (Over 4.0%) | -1.003 | -1.467 | -1.961 | -4.299 | -1.088 | -1.789 | -1.246 |

Additional Trends from the Meat Demand Monitor (MDM)

<https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/monthly-meat-demand-monitor-survey-data>

How is Elevated Inflation Impacting Consumers?

Trends in Meat Demand Monitor (MDM)

- Q3.2021 to Q3. 2022
 - Reported household income: down 0.3%
 - Spending on food for at-home consumption: up 4.0%
 - Spending on food for away-from-home consumption: up 3.0%

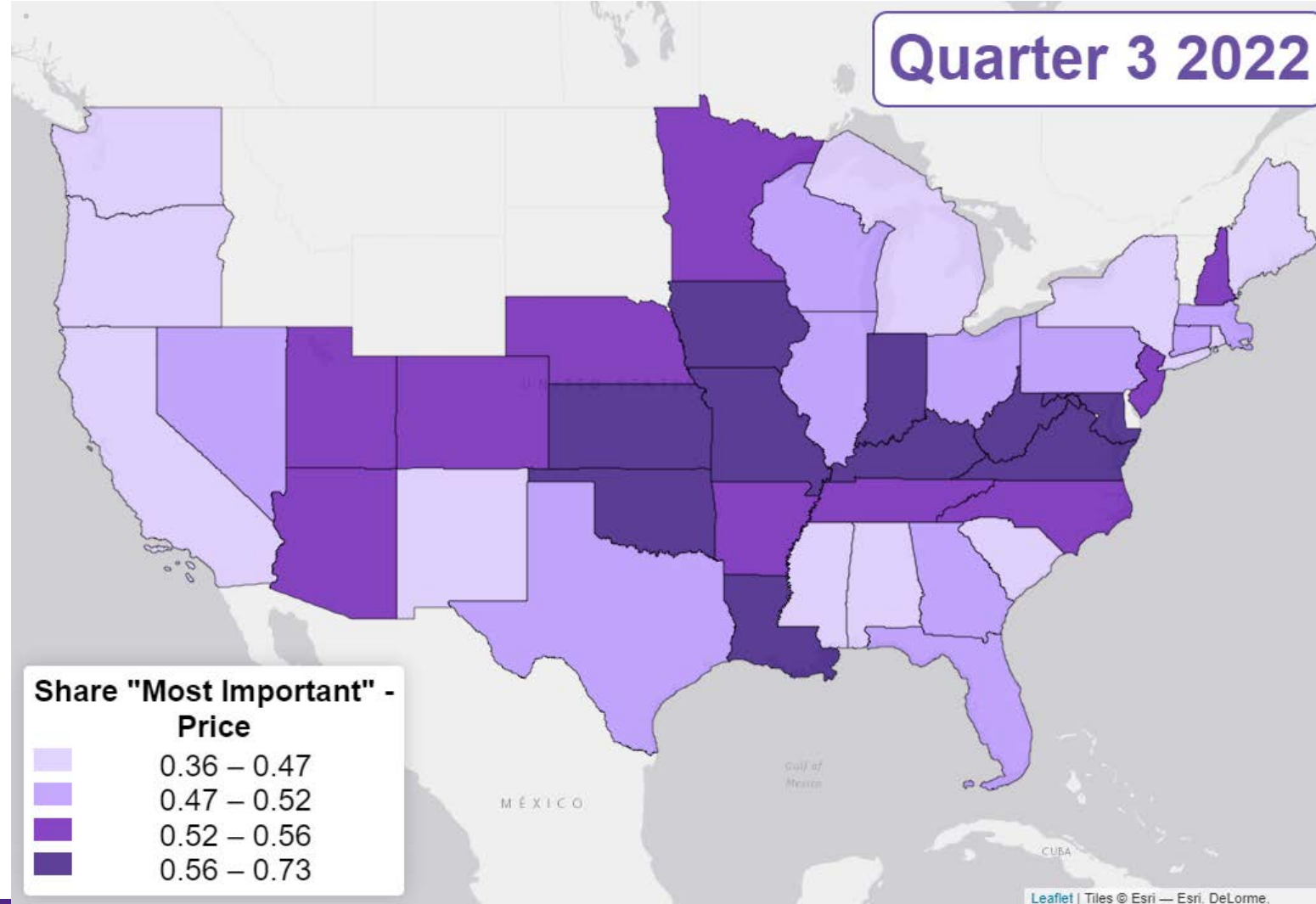


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Trends in Meat Demand Monitor (MDM)

- Protein Values & Relative Role of Price
 - Q3.2021 45.7% indicated Price was a top 4 consideration
 - Q3.2022 49.5% indicated Price was a top 4 consideration

Where is Price Most Important in Protein Purchasing Decisions?



Q3-2022

Nationally: 50%

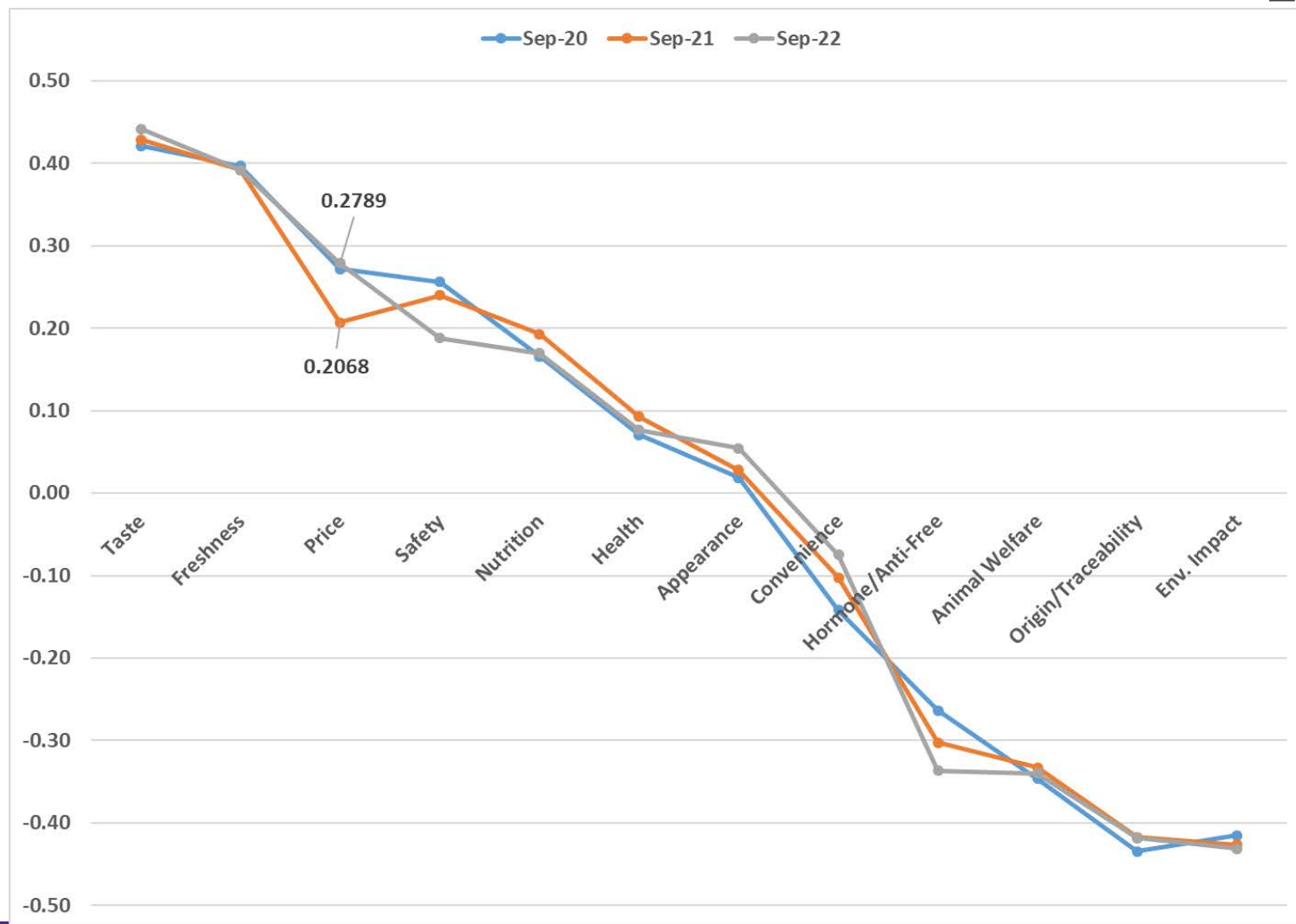
IA: 73%

WV: 73%

RI: 36%

WA: 40%

Protein Values (MDM): Sept 20, 21, & 22



Sept 20

- Taste 1.6 x Price
- Convenience 2.9 x Env. Impact

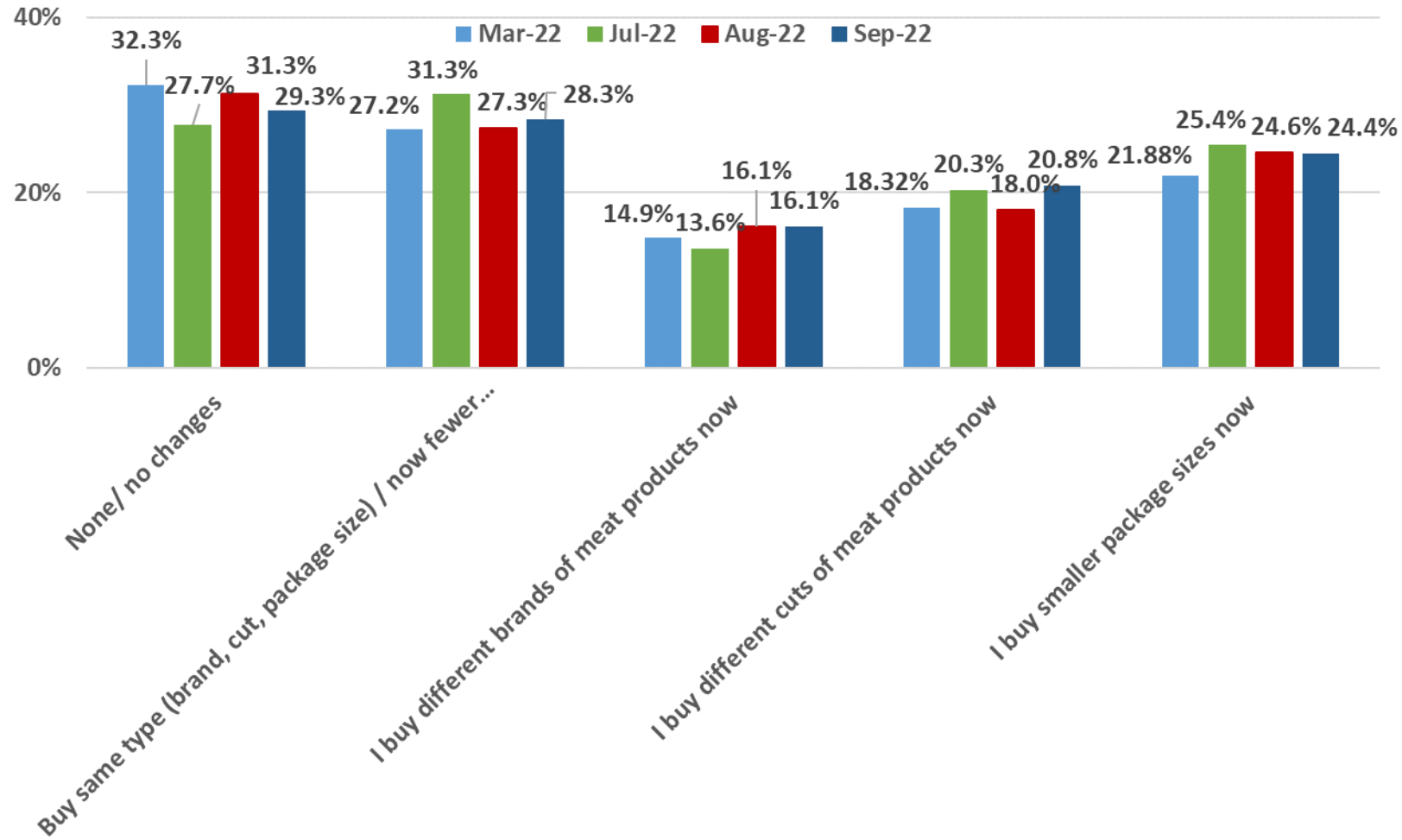
Sept 21

- Taste 2.1 x Price
- Convenience 4.2 x Env. Impact

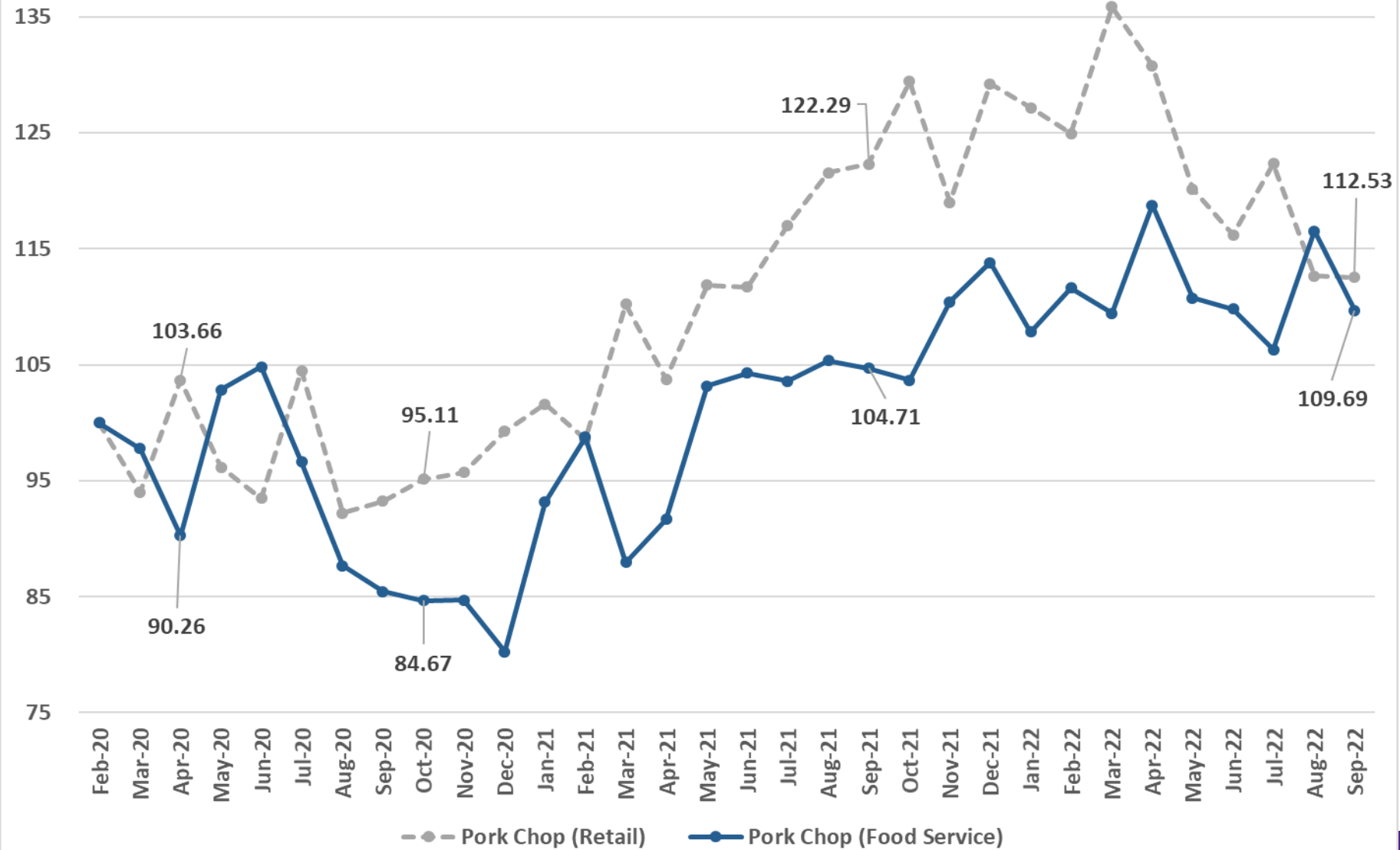
Sept 22

- Taste 1.6 x Price
- Convenience 5.8 x Env. Impact

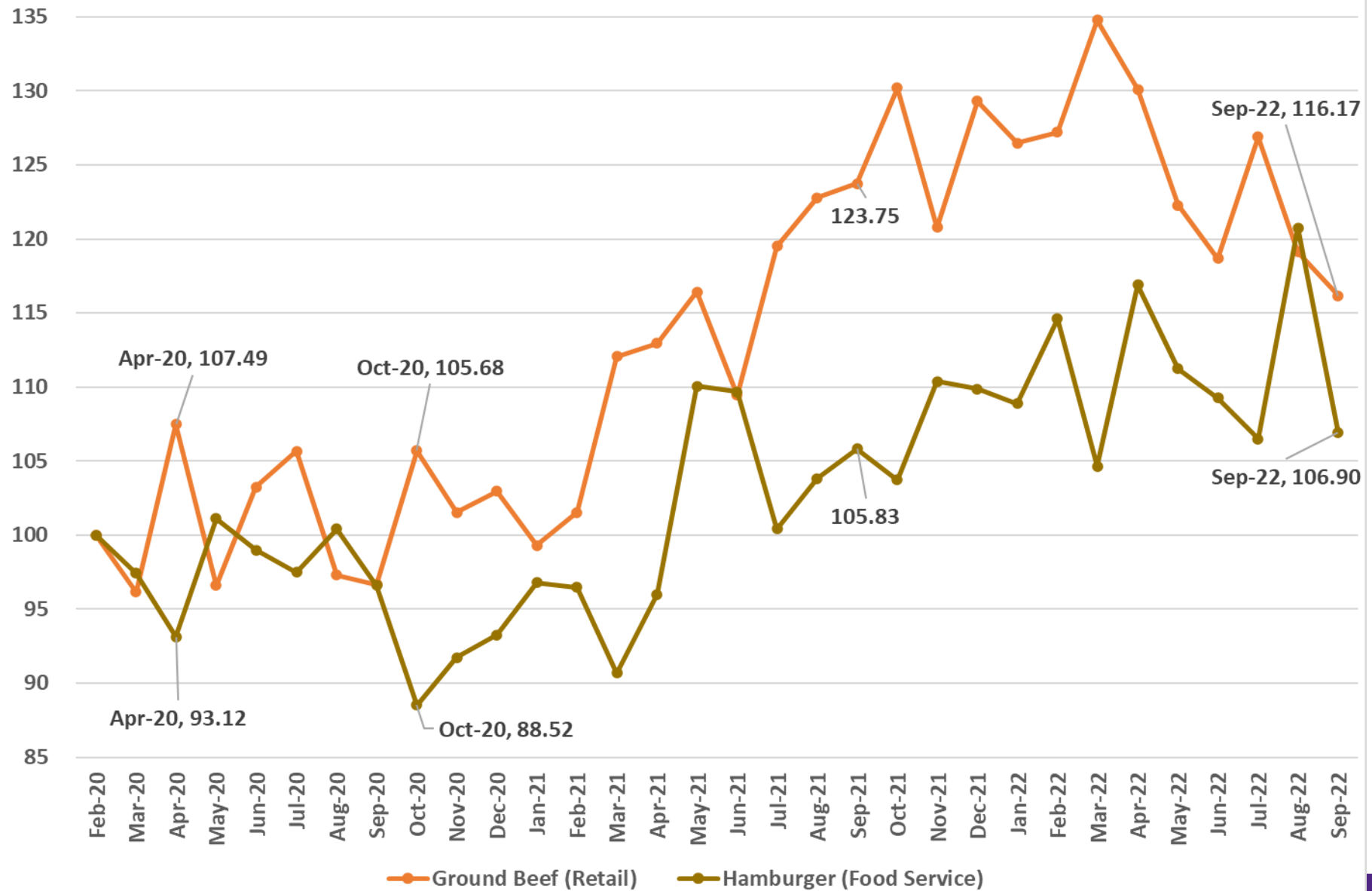
Which of the following best describes changes you have made in response to higher retail meat prices in 2022 (please check all that apply)?



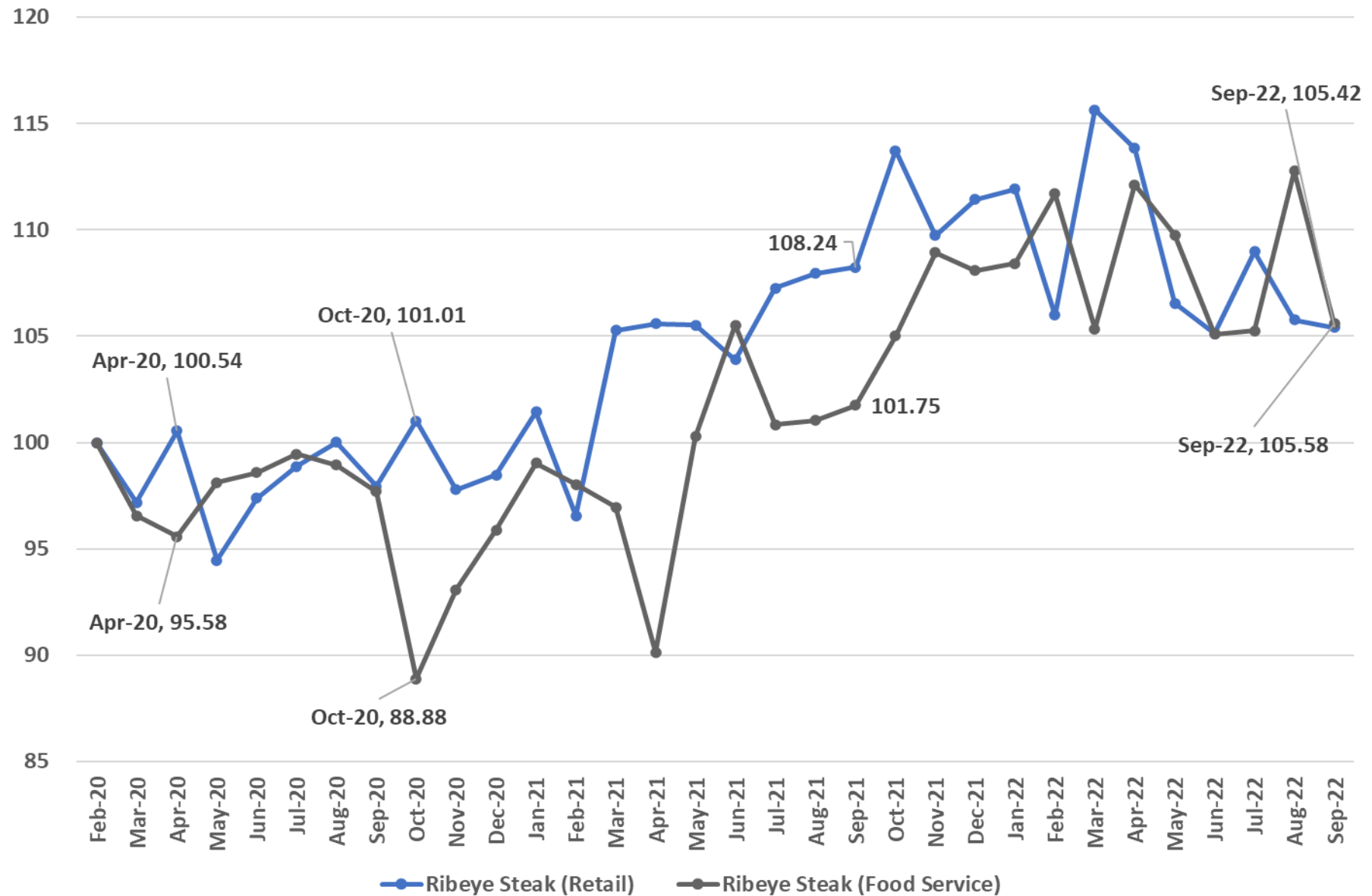
WTP Indices (Feb 20' = 100), Pork Chop Offerings



Master WTP Indices (Feb 20' = 100), Ground Beef/Hamburger Offerings



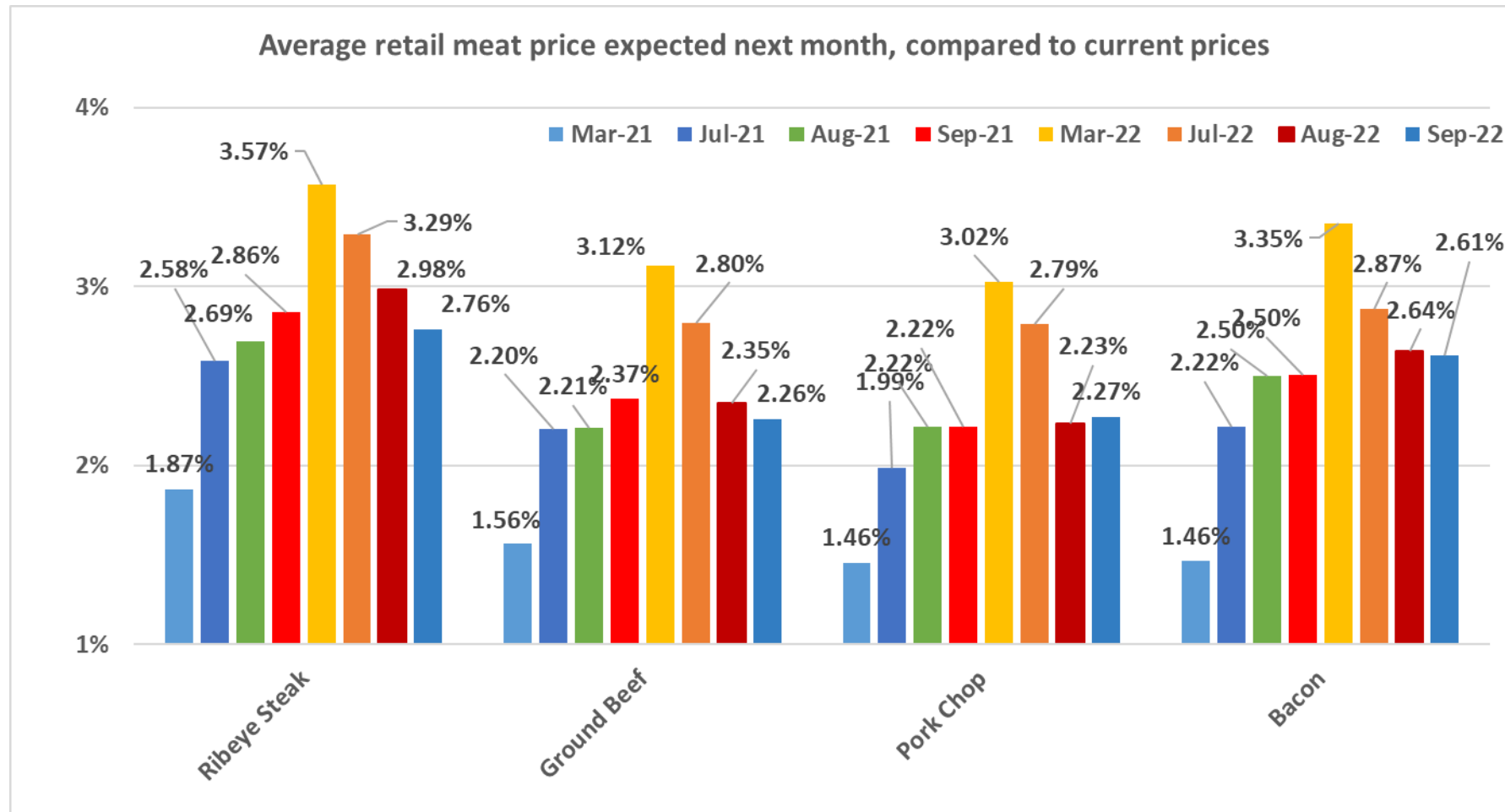
Master WTP Indices (Feb 20' = 100), Ribeye Offerings



Where Are We Going?

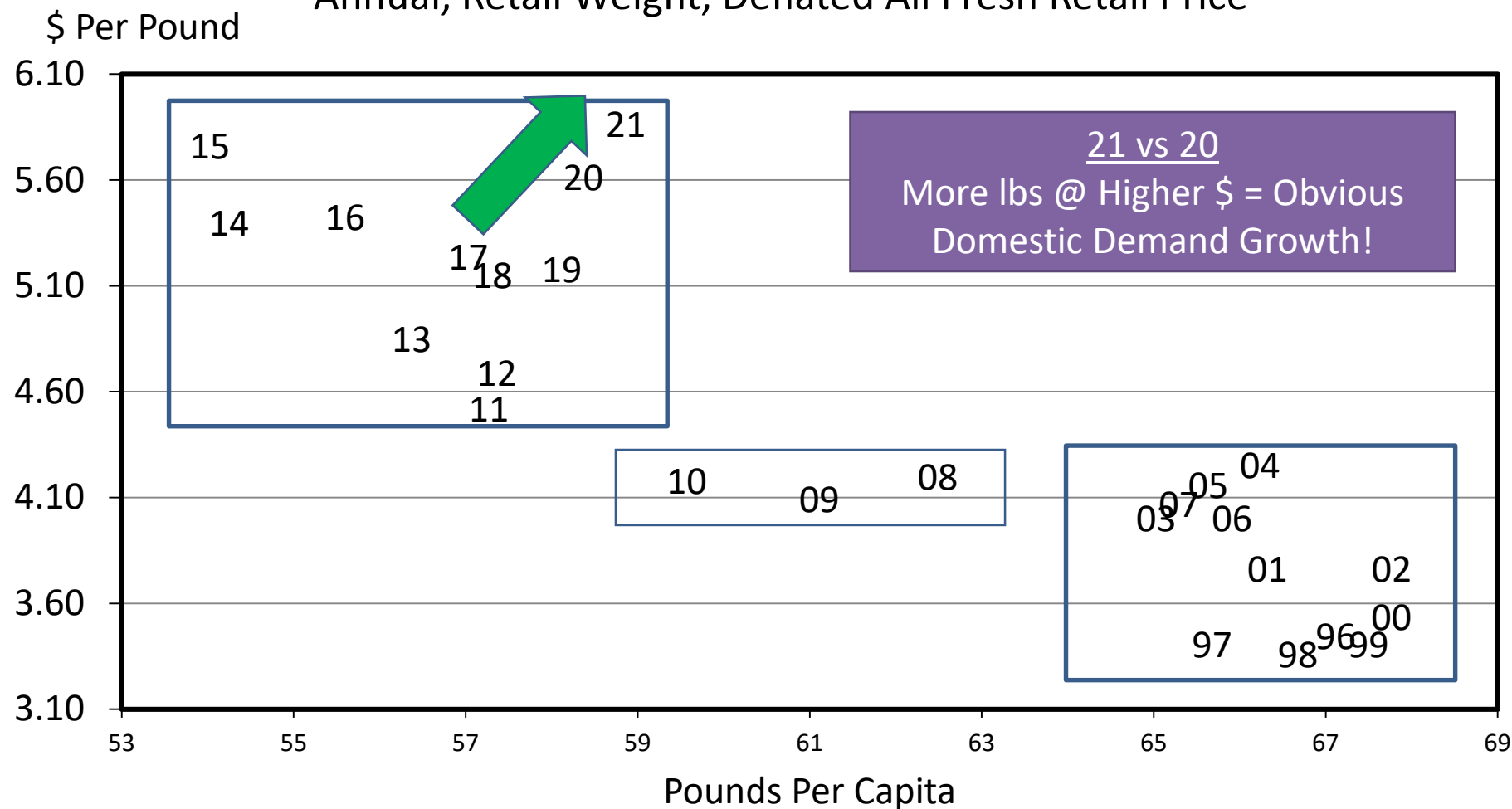


Have Consumer Meat Price Expectations Begun to Peak?



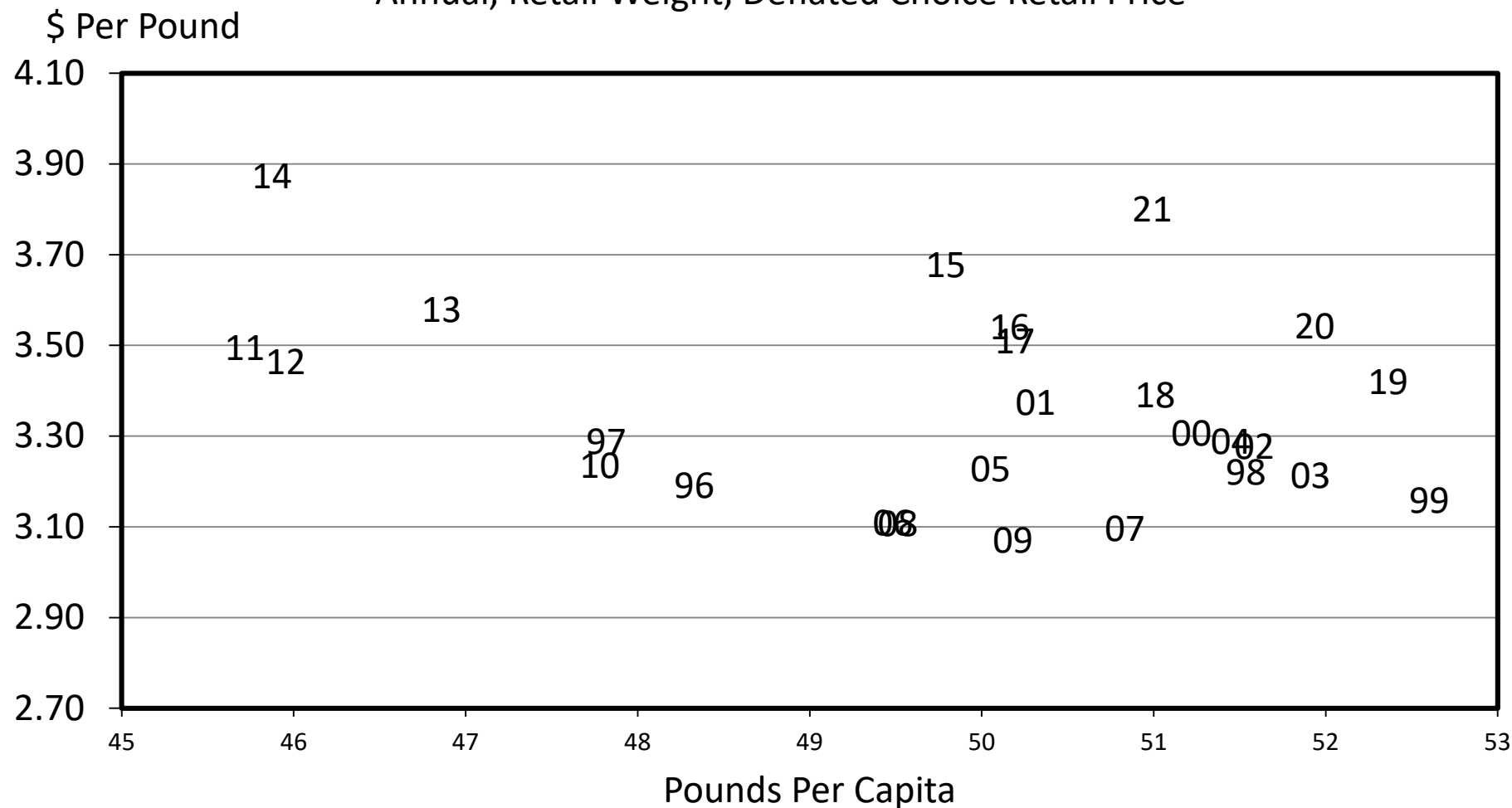
BEEF PRICE-QUANTITY RELATIONSHIP

Annual, Retail Weight, Deflated All Fresh Retail Price



PORK PRICE-QUANTITY RELATIONSHIP

Annual, Retail Weight, Deflated Choice Retail Price



USDA Baseline Projections

➤ Projections out to 2031

➤ *Report released annually, latest in Feb. 2022 (pre-Ukraine conflict)*

➤ Report, tables, etc. available here:

<https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity-markets/baseline>

Long-Term Trajectory Projections: Perspective Framing

U.S. Meat-Livestock Projections

Table 19: Beef long-term projections

| Item | Units | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 31' vs 21' |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Total supply | Million lbs. | 31,227 | 31,804 | 30,870 | 30,592 | 30,704 | 30,837 | 31,041 | 31,297 | 31,567 | 31,830 | 32,087 | 32,333 | 2% |
| Exports | Million lbs. | 2,951 | 3,414 | 3,270 | 3,201 | 3,213 | 3,249 | 3,290 | 3,330 | 3,373 | 3,415 | 3,456 | 3,497 | 2% |
| Total disappearance | Million lbs. | 27,561 | 27,750 | 26,960 | 26,757 | 26,851 | 26,923 | 27,071 | 27,276 | 27,494 | 27,706 | 27,916 | 28,121 | 1% |
| Per capita, retail weight | Pounds | 58.4 | 58.6 | 56.8 | 55.8 | 55.6 | 55.4 | 55.3 | 55.3 | 55.4 | 55.4 | 55.4 | 55.5 | -5% |
| Prices: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers, 5-area 2/ | \$/cwt | 108.51 | 121.06 | 128.75 | 134.94 | 135.48 | 137.24 | 137.73 | 138.08 | 138.66 | 139.63 | 140.86 | 142.55 | 18% |
| Feeder steers, Oklahoma City | \$/cwt | 135.45 | 144.80 | 155.50 | 171.19 | 171.80 | 174.39 | 174.91 | 175.14 | 175.76 | 177.06 | 178.83 | 181.41 | 25% |
| Beef cow inventory | 1,000 head | 31,339 | 31,158 | 30,555 | 30,534 | 30,596 | 30,663 | 30,797 | 30,946 | 31,091 | 31,227 | 31,350 | 31,460 | 1% |
| Total cow inventory | 1,000 head | 40,681 | 40,598 | 40,000 | 39,974 | 40,041 | 40,113 | 40,257 | 40,416 | 40,581 | 40,732 | 40,875 | 41,010 | 1% |

Long-Term Trajectory Projections: Perspective Framing

U.S. Meat-Livestock Projections

Table 20: Pork long-term projections

31' vs 21'

| Item | Units | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 31' vs 21' |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Total production | Million lbs. | 28,318 | 27,689 | 27,600 | 28,382 | 28,408 | 28,523 | 28,919 | 29,283 | 29,671 | 29,990 | 30,300 | 30,617 | 11% |
| Imports | Million lbs. | 904 | 1,107 | 1,145 | 954 | 959 | 964 | 969 | 974 | 979 | 983 | 988 | 993 | -10% |
| Total supply | Million lbs. | 29,869 | 29,264 | 29,205 | 29,842 | 29,987 | 30,117 | 30,528 | 30,907 | 31,310 | 31,644 | 31,969 | 32,290 | 10% |
| Exports | Million lbs. | 7,280 | 7,199 | 7,405 | 7,400 | 7,425 | 7,498 | 7,554 | 7,611 | 7,668 | 7,726 | 7,784 | 7,840 | 9% |
| Total disappearance | Million lbs. | 22,121 | 21,605 | 21,295 | 21,822 | 21,932 | 21,979 | 22,323 | 22,636 | 22,972 | 23,238 | 23,505 | 23,770 | 10% |
| Per capita, retail weight | Pounds | 50.6 | 49.7 | 49.6 | 50.5 | 50.4 | 50.1 | 50.5 | 50.9 | 51.3 | 51.5 | 51.7 | 52.0 | 5% |
| Prices: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| National base, live equivalent | \$/cwt | 43.18 | 69.45 | 60.50 | 58.64 | 55.31 | 52.97 | 49.57 | 46.80 | 45.54 | 45.45 | 46.06 | 47.37 | -32% |
| Hog inventory, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December 1, previous year | 1,000 head | 78,228 | 76,822 | 74,750 | 77,500 | 77,484 | 77,554 | 78,383 | 79,122 | 79,922 | 80,531 | 81,111 | 81,705 | 6% |

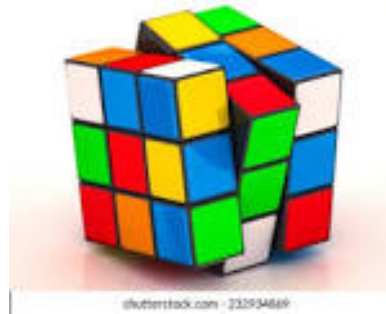
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U.S. Meat-Livestock Projections

Table 21: Young chicken long-term projections

| Item | Units | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 31' vs 21' |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Total supply | Million lbs. | 45,188 | 45,224 | 45,661 | 46,970 | 47,721 | 48,427 | 48,850 | 49,494 | 49,934 | 50,381 | 51,063 | 51,707 | 14% |
| Change from previous year | Percent | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.3 | |
| Exports | Million lbs. | 7,367 | 7,491 | 7,410 | 7,599 | 7,730 | 7,858 | 7,987 | 8,116 | 8,245 | 8,374 | 8,503 | 8,653 | 16% |
| Disappearance | Million lbs. | 36,991 | 36,974 | 37,476 | 38,498 | 39,014 | 39,579 | 39,860 | 40,362 | 40,659 | 40,964 | 41,503 | 41,991 | 14% |
| Per capita, retail weight | Pounds | 96.2 | 95.8 | 96.8 | 98.6 | 99.2 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.5 | 101.1 | 101.6 | 6% |
| Change from previous year | Percent | 1.2 | -0.4 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | |
| Prices: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broilers, National composite | Cents/lb. | 73.2 | 98.4 | 98.3 | 98.8 | 101.3 | 102.4 | 103.5 | 103.4 | 103.9 | 104.6 | 105.1 | 106.5 | 8% |

GT's Thought Framing Suggestions





<http://library.meetingplace.com/publication/frame.php?i=727245&p=72&pn=&ver=html5>

“Any good business plan or policy needs a clearly stated goal...”

➤ Think global

➤ Manage local & focus on things you can influence

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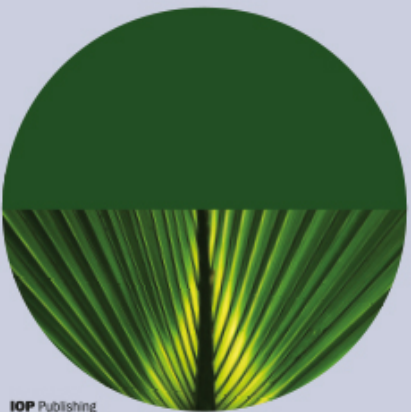
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“.. For every 10% reduction in price or increase in demand for PBM, we estimate U.S. cattle production falls approximately 0.15%, U.S. cattle producers' economic welfare falls by \$300 million per year, and U.S. consumer welfare rises by \$513 million per year. ”

<https://www.agmanager.info/livestock-meat/meat-demand/meat-demand-research-studies/impact-new-plant-based-protein-1>

<http://library.alt-meat.net/publication/frame.php?i=727246&p=&pn=&ver=html5>

- “K-State’s Glynn Tonsor for one, believes a meat tax is not the only path to a more sustainable protein industry”



Market potential of new plant-based protein alternatives: Insights from four US consumer experiments

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Example findings:

Regular meat consumers are much less likely than those declaring an alternative diet (vegan, vegetarian, flexitarian, or other) to select a plant-based item when a beef item is available.

- Characteristics of consumers most likely to select plant-based proteins include younger, those with children under the age of 12 years, having higher household income, residing in a Western state, and affiliating with the Democratic party.

Changes in the price of beef and chicken have a much larger impact on consumer decisions to buy beef than the impact of changes in the price of plant-based offerings. This means plant-based burgers are relatively weak substitutes for beef.

- **...growth in the market share of plant-based alternatives is not entirely coming at the cost of reduced beef demand and indeed if a plant-based alternative simply replaces a substitute competitor (like a chicken sandwich) or reflects overall growth in protein demand, the impacts on beef demand are likely to be negligible.**



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Regional and plant-size impacts of COVID-19 on beef processing

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Example findings:

- Timing and magnitude of slaughter declines varied by region.
- ***Limited evidence of plant-size impacts on COVID-19-related slaughter declines.***

“If additional physical capacity is added to the industry, it may not provide the widely-stated benefit of increased “resiliency.” **It is often presumed there is a trade-off between efficiency and resiliency when considering industry structure.** However, limited evidence of plant-size COVID-19 impacts for most of 2020 suggests caution in presuming this tradeoff. If this trade-off exists, our work suggests it is short-lived.”

Featured Article

Beef and Pork Marketing Margins and Price Spreads during COVID-19

Jayson L. Lusk*, Glynn T. Tonsor, and Lee L. Schulz

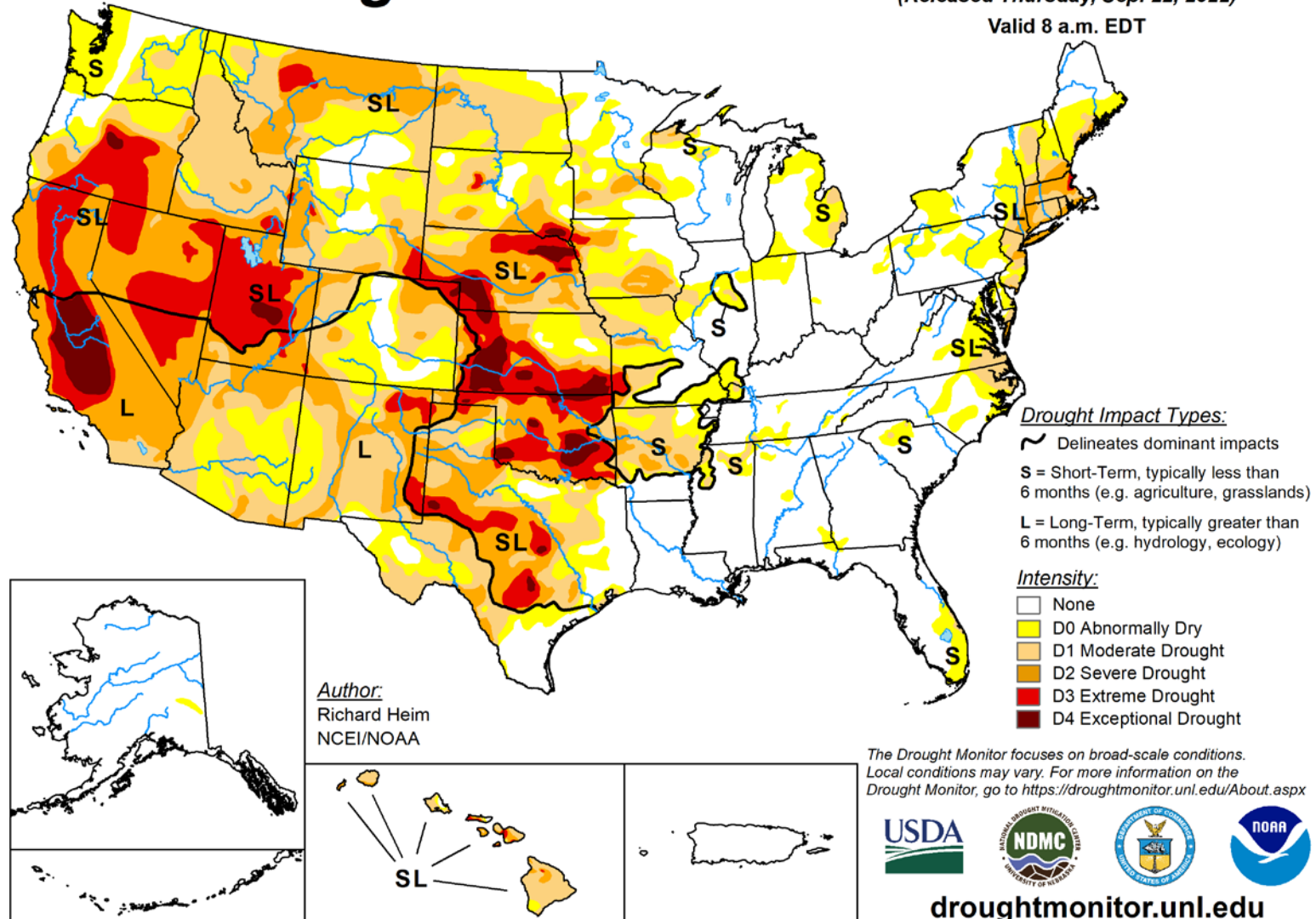
Example findings:

- “We explore how such a massive supply shock would be expected to affect marketing margins even in the absence of anti-competitive behavior.
- Moreover, we document how margin measurements are critically sensitive to the selection of data and information utilized.
- Finally, **we conclude with some discussion around policy proposals that would pit industry concentration against industry coordination and economies of scale.”**

Context on Beef Cow Herd Dynamics

U.S. Drought Monitor

September 20, 2022
(Released Thursday, Sep. 22, 2022)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT



| Beef Cows in states with 40% Good to Excellent | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| Last year | Cows | % of Total |
| 09/05/21 | 16181 | 51.56% |
| 09/12/21 | 11933 | 38.02% |
| 09/19/21 | 13111 | 41.77% |
| This Year | | |
| 09/04/22 | 9507 | 30.08% |
| 09/11/22 | 10246 | 32.42% |
| 09/18/22 | 9774 | 30.92% |

| Beef Cows in states with 40% Poor to Very Poor | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| Last year | Cows | % of Total |
| 09/05/21 | 8225 | 26.21% |
| 09/12/21 | 7640 | 24.34% |
| 09/19/21 | 7640 | 24.34% |
| This Year | | |
| 09/04/22 | 16339 | 51.69% |
| 09/11/22 | 14411 | 45.59% |
| 09/18/22 | 14840 | 46.95% |

Context on Beef Cow Herd Dynamics

| 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

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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 $100 \times \text{range} / \text{average}$.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COW CALF COSTS

Total Cash Cost Plus Pasture Rent, Annual

