

# DOMESTIC PORK DEMAND & PRICING UPDATE

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# Roadmap of Today's Discussion

1. Broadly Highlight Recent Domestic Pork Demand Patterns
2. Share Recent Research Findings w/ Dr. Jayson Lusk
  - Consumer Sensitivity to Pork Prices: A 2018-2023 Comparison of 50 U.S. Retail Markets and 6 Pork Products? (March 2024)
  - Modeling Impacts of Location- and Product-Targeted Demand Enhancement on Pork Producer Profitability (March 2024)
3. Highlight Financial Sentiment Impacts (MDM, Meat Demand Monitor)

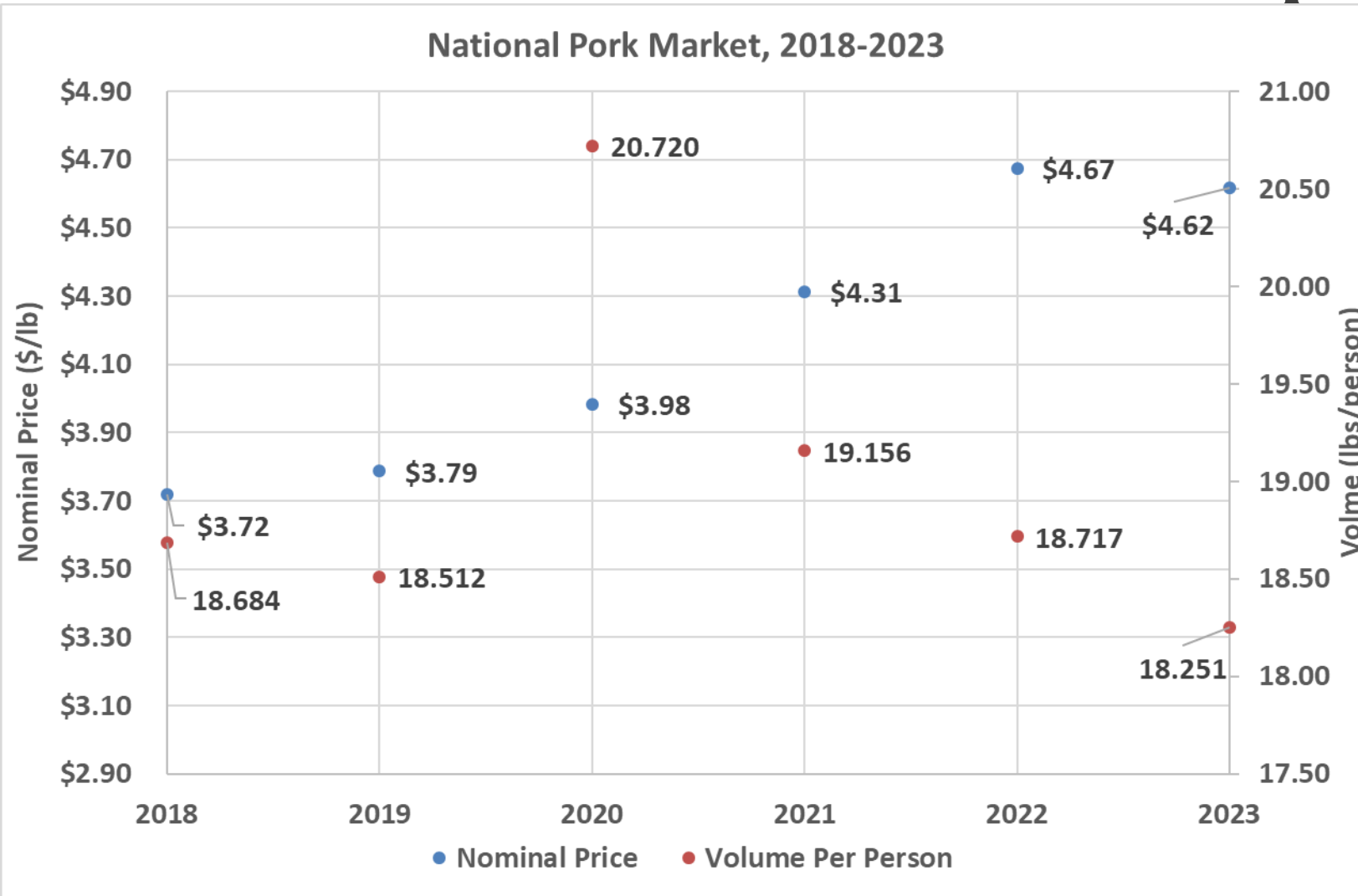
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# Simple Prices & Quantity Lessons

Jan. 2018 – Dec. 2023 Circana Price & Quantity data

- ❑ 50 U.S. Retail markets (Chicago, Miami, etc.)
- ❑ 6 Pork categories (Loin, Ribs, Shoulder, Breakfast Sausage, Dinner Sausage, Bacon)
- ❑ 3 Meat aggregates (Pork, Beef, Chicken)

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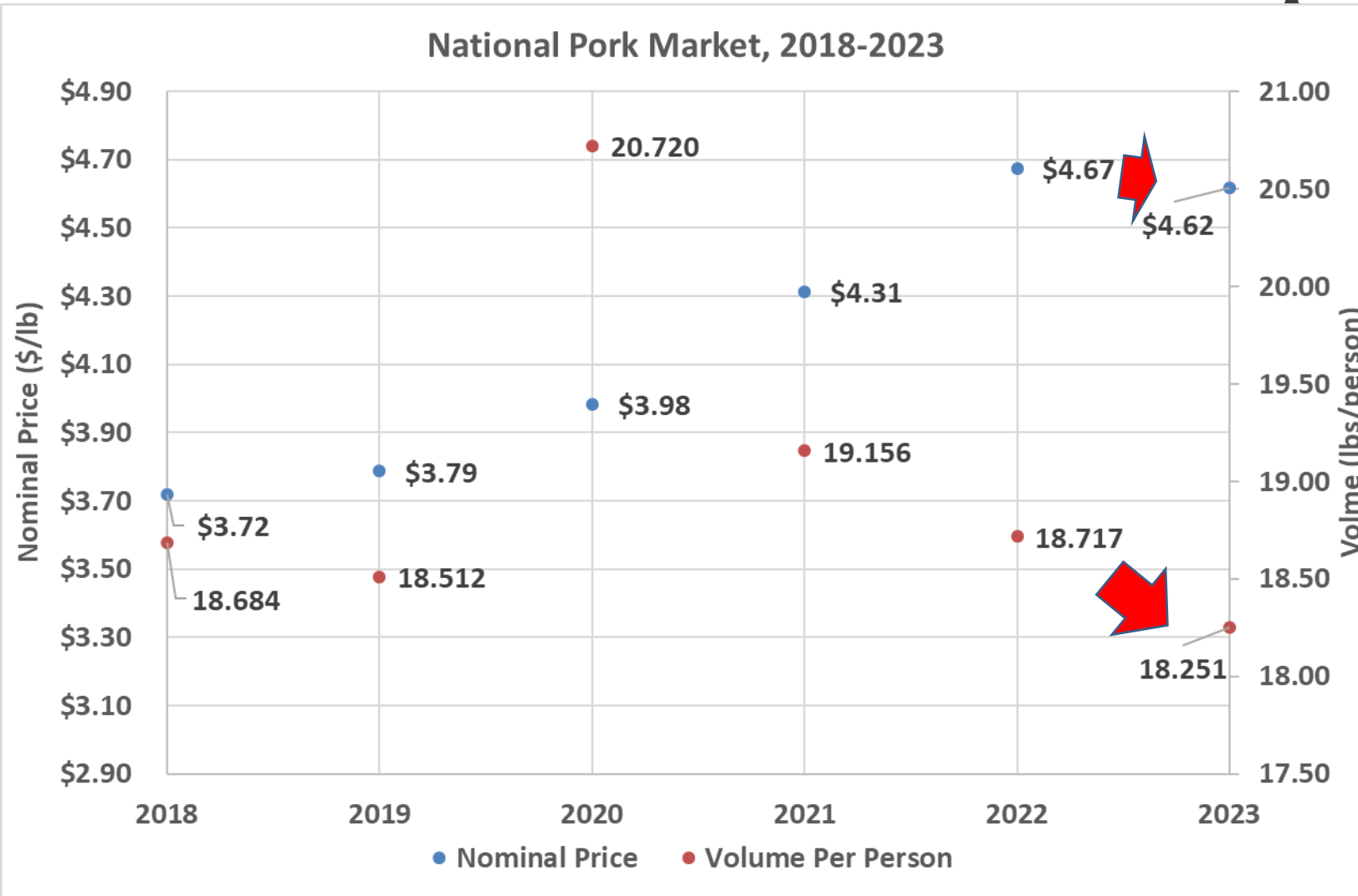
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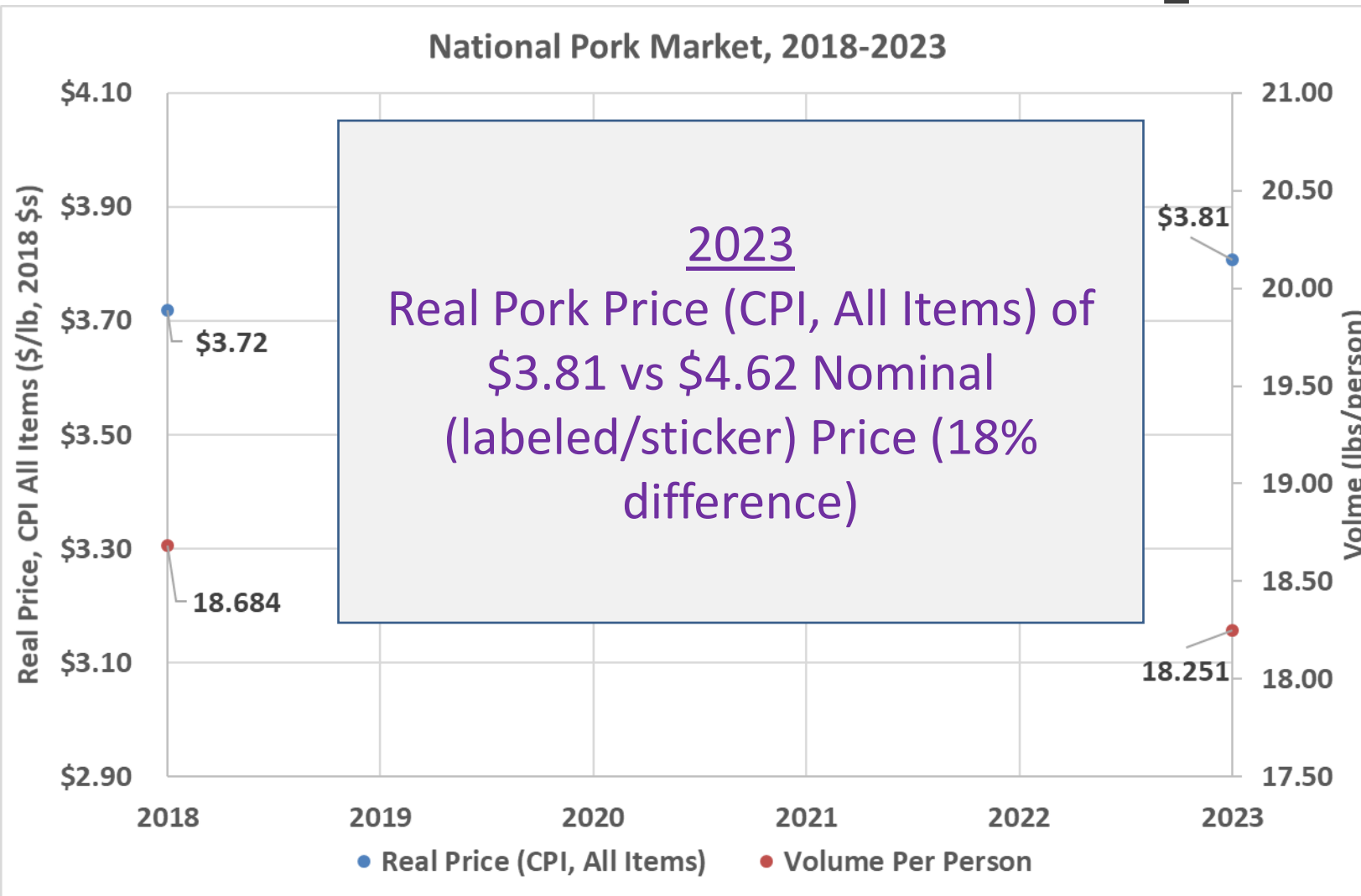
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# Does inflation matter?

## How high was (is) inflation?

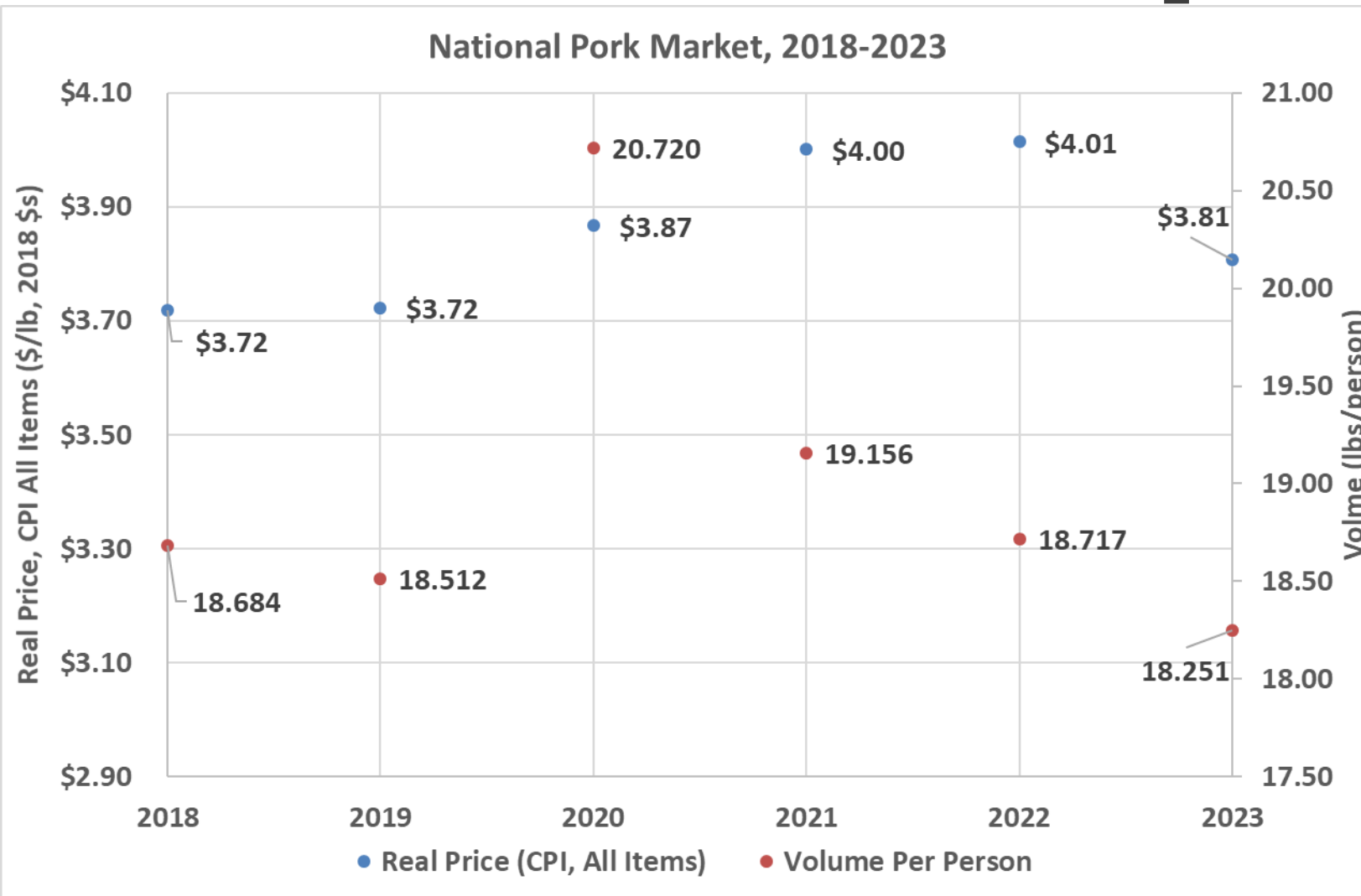
	CPI (All Items)	CPI (Food)
2018	% Change vs Prior Year	% Change vs Prior Year
2019	1.7%	1.9%
2020	1.2%	3.4%
2021	4.7%	3.9%
2022	8.0%	9.9%
2023	4.1%	5.8%

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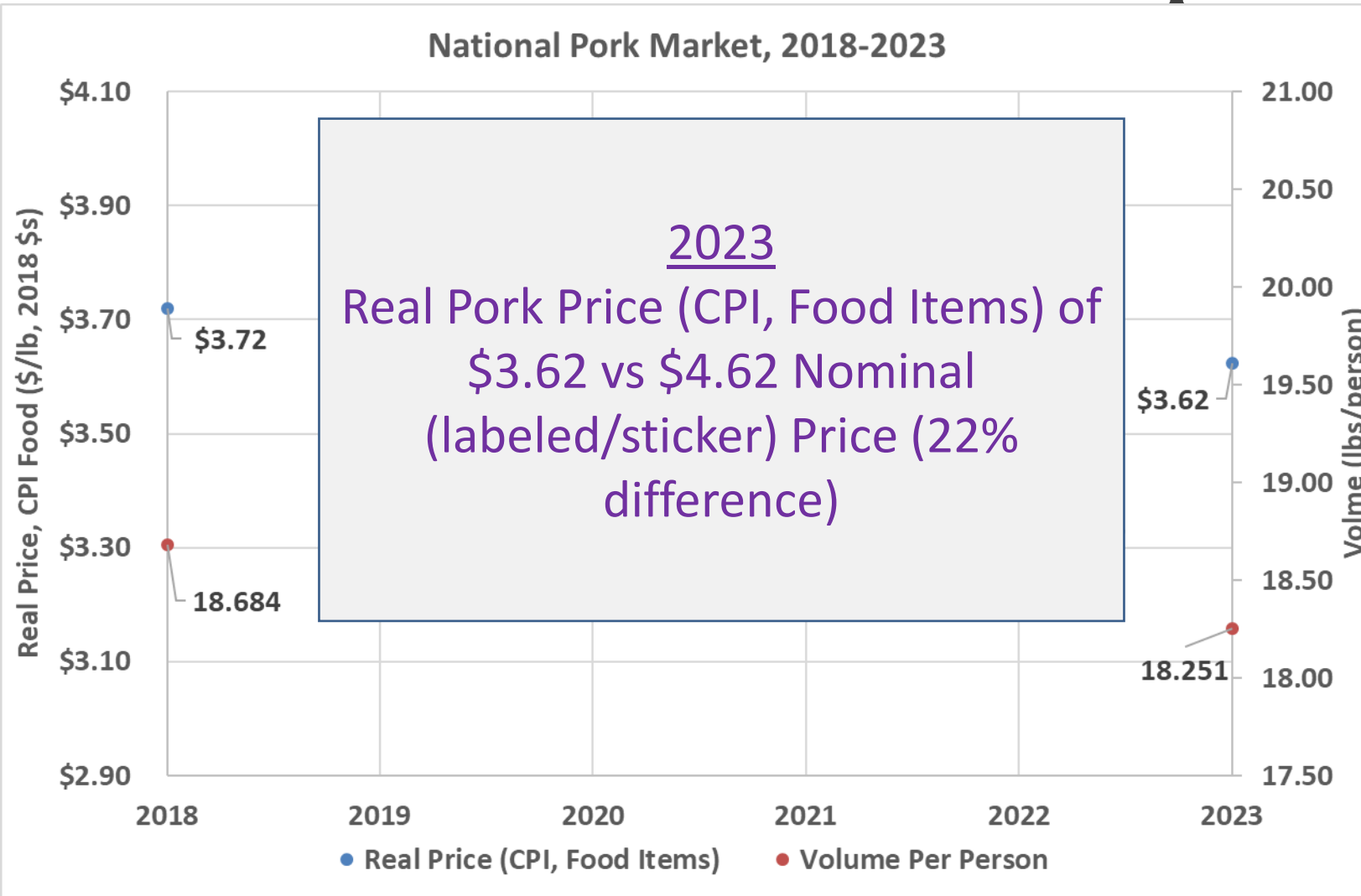


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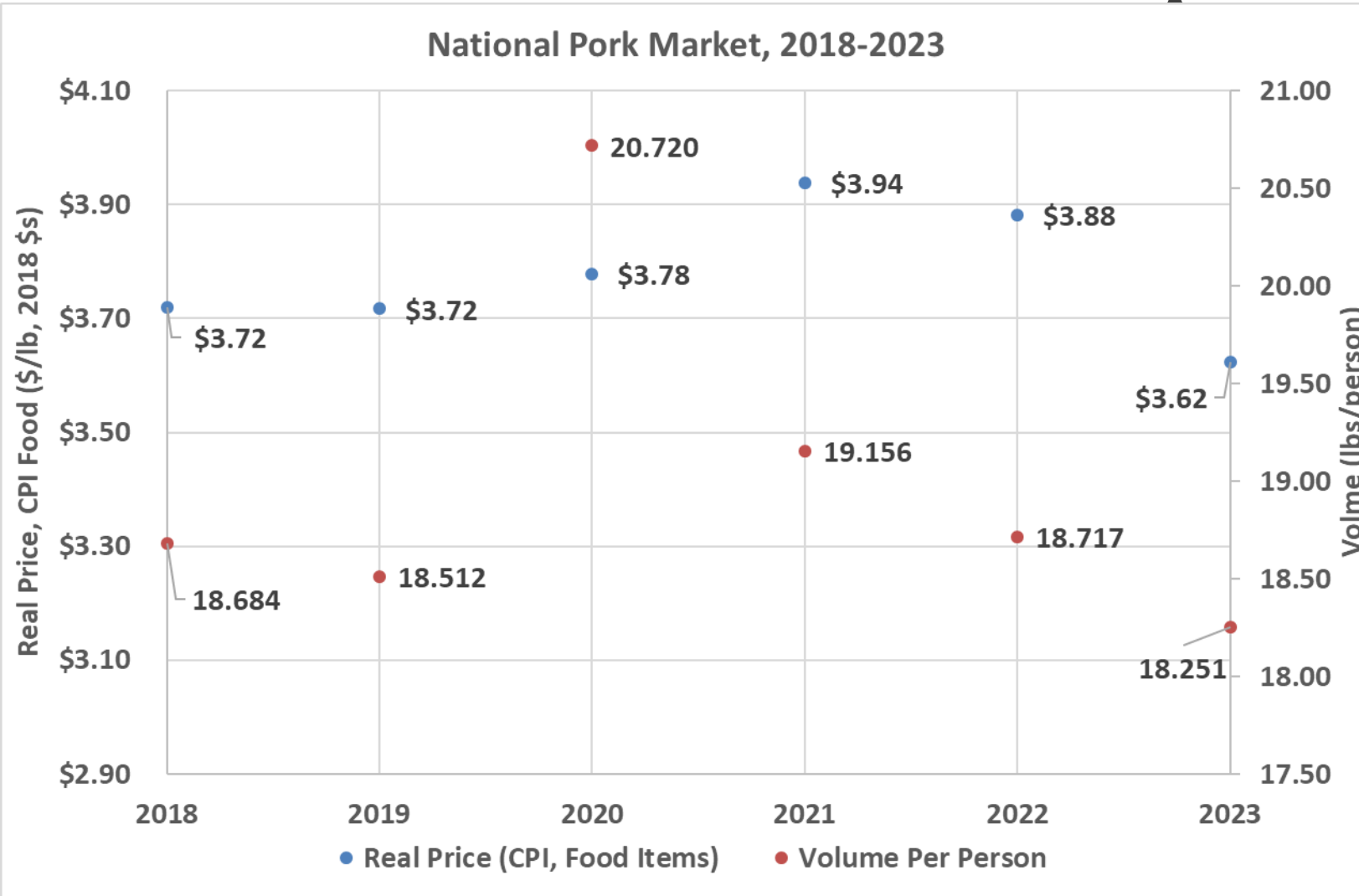
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✓ -- note real 2023 price  
was below 2018

# What about specific city-product markets (Using CPI, All Items deflator)?

Two Examples Similar to National Pork Scatterplots

## ☐ Atlanta

☐ Obvious demand increases: 2020 (PORK)

☐ Obvious demand declines: 2023 (PORK)

## ☐ Chicago

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- ☐ 2019 (D. Sausage, Bacon),
- ☐ 2020 (Loin, Ribs, B&D Sausage, Bacon, PORK),
- ☐ 2021 (None),
- ☐ 2022 (Ground Pork),
- ☐ 2023 (Ground Pork)

### ☐ Obvious demand declines:

- ☐ 2019 & 2020 (None),
- ☐ 2021 (Loin, D. Sausage),
- ☐ 2022 (Bacon),
- ☐ 2023 (Loin, Ribs, D. Sausage, Bacon, PORK)

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Lots of Variation Across City-Markets: consider **DALLAS**

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- ❑ 2019 (Ground Pork, B. Sausage, Bacon),
- ❑ 2020 (Loin, Ribs, Shoulder, Ground Pork, D. Sausage, Bacon, PORK),
- ❑ 2021 (None),
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# Deeper Use of Circana Data (w/ Dr. Jayson Lusk)

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Minimum (most price sensitive): -3.04 (St. Louis, MO)

Mean/Average: -2.22

Maximum (least price sensitive): -1.71 (Pittsburgh, PA)

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## Median Own-Price Elasticities, by Pork Product

- ❑ Bacon -0.83 (so volume % change > price % change)
  
- ❑ Loin -1.45 (so volume % change < price % change)
- ❑ Shoulder -1.82
- ❑ Ribs -1.83
- ❑ Dinner Sausage -1.95
- ❑ Breakfast Sausage -2.07

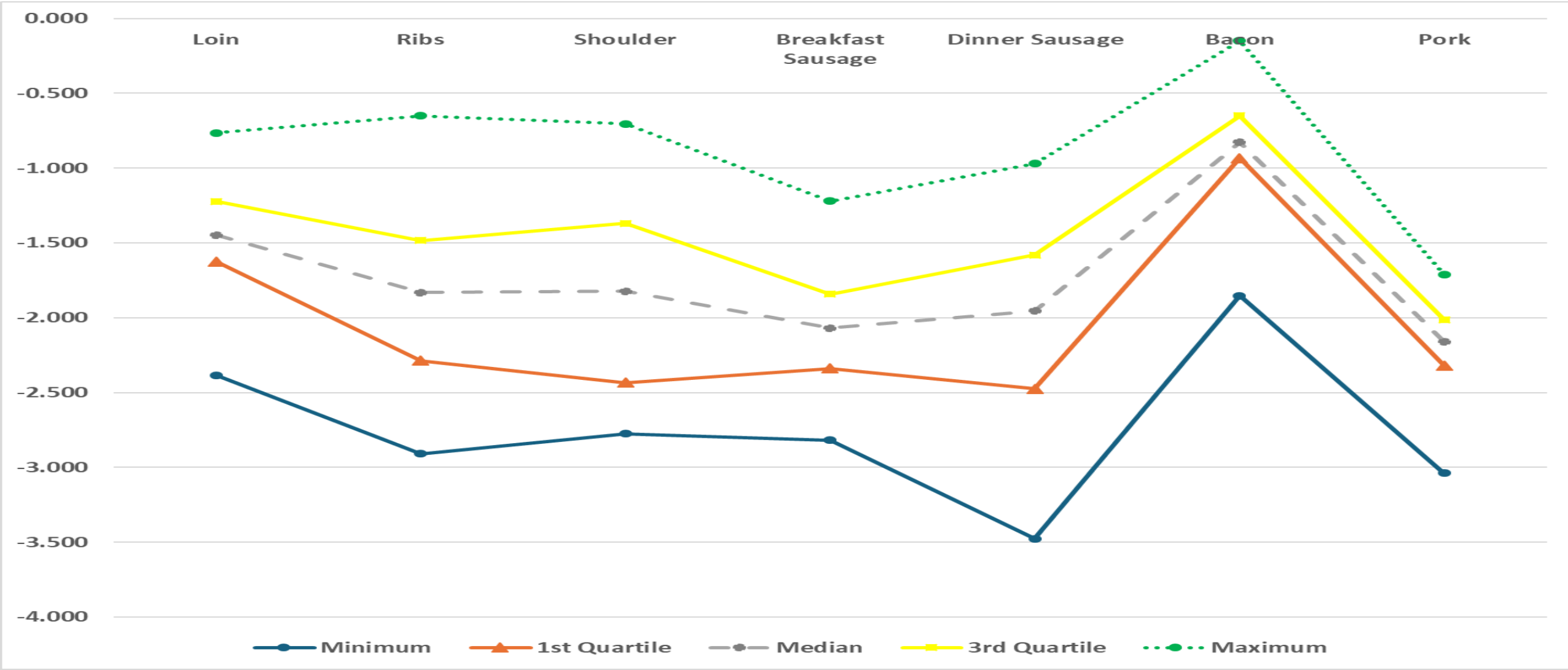
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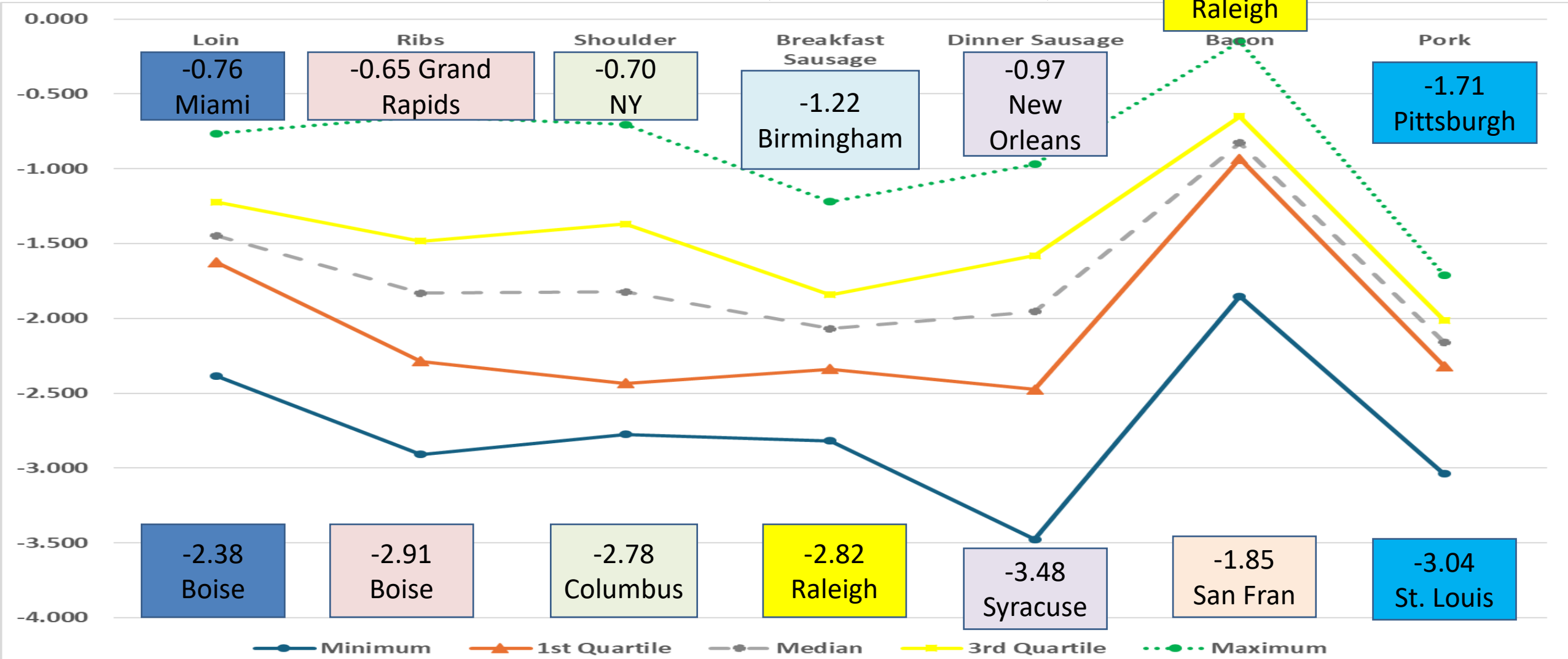
□ Bacon -0.83 / Loin -1.45 / Shoulder -1.82 / Ribs -1.83 / Dinner Sausage -1.95 / Breakfast Sausage -2.07

- Increasing bacon offer price leads to higher expected consumer bacon expenditures (& bacon seller revenues)
- Decreasing loin, shoulder, ribs, & b/d sausage offer prices leads to higher expected consumer expenditures

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- ❑ Median estimates suggest pork purchases are 4-6 times as sensitive to pork prices as beef or chicken
- ❑ Beef & Chicken retail prices have less impact than pork's own-price
- ✓ ***While cross-price effects matter, own-sector impacts remain more important***

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  - ❑ 2022-23 (~post-pandemic) / elevated price sensitivity identified



# Modeling Impacts of Location- and Product- Targeted Demand Enhancement on Pork Producer Profitability (March 2024)

*Can we enhance producer profitability by further targeting pork demand enhancement efforts given refined price sensitivity estimates?*

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**IF** 10% increase in consumer WTP for all pork products in one location, producer profits increase most if that occurs in NY, LA, Chicago, Phoenix, & Philadelphia markets

- Not surprising given size of market:
  - +\$8.3 million/yr if in Spokane vs
  - +\$184.2 million/yr if in New York

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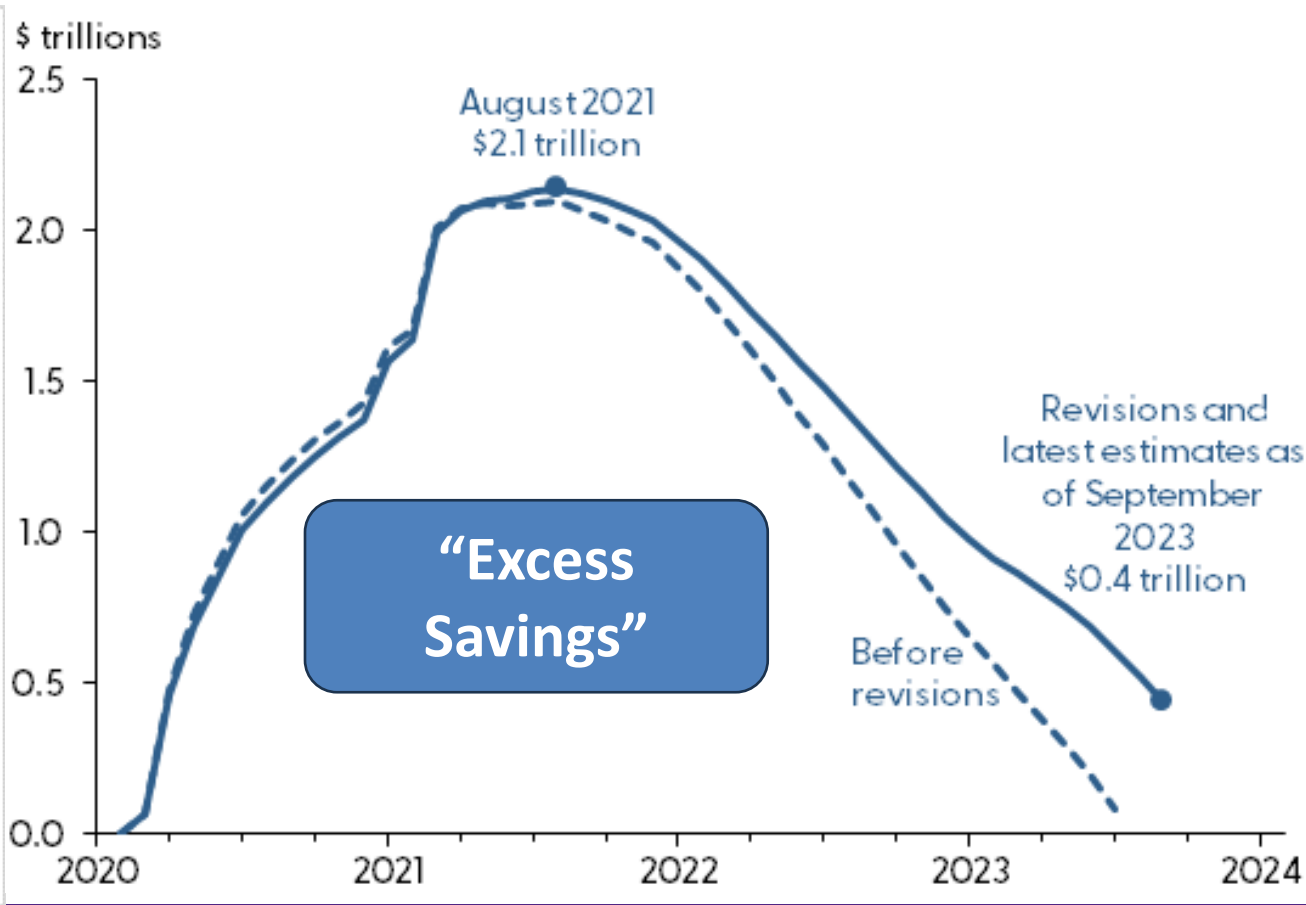
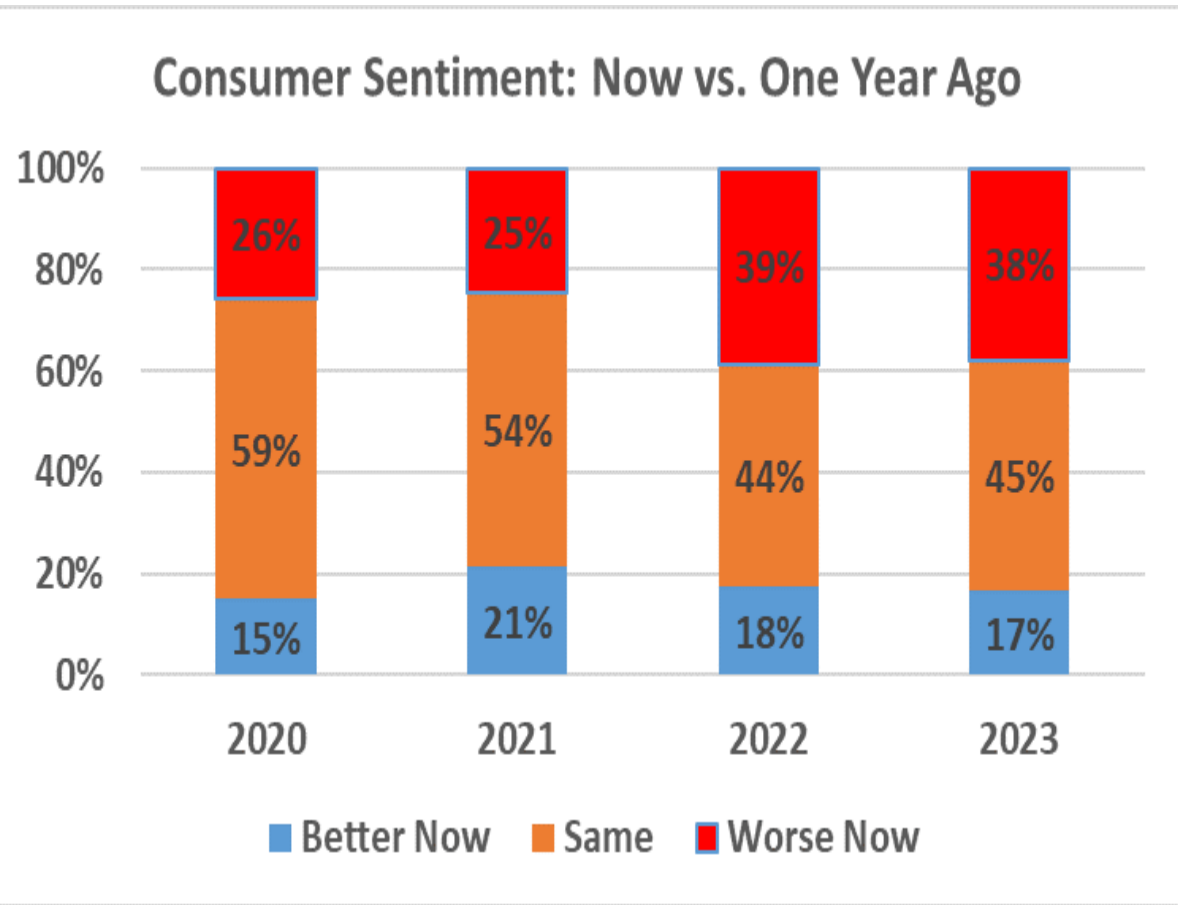
**IF** 10% increase in consumer WTP on a single pork product, producer profits increase most if that occurs in bacon followed by loin

- Reflects combination of own-price elasticities and starting point Prices & Quantities
- Note increasing WTP for Shoulder, but not other pork products, harms producers following shifts to comparatively cheaper items

# Modeling Impacts of Location- and Product-Targeted Demand Enhancement on Pork Producer Profitability (March 2024)

- ❑ Regional & demographic shifts, efficacy of promotional investments, & other factors need future assessment
- ✓ Currently appears:
  - Bacon & loin warrant prioritization for demand enhancement
  - Phoenix & Chicago appear attractive given combination of market size & price sensitivity

# Meat Demand Monitor: Financial Sentiment Matters



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Feb. 2024 Special Report

**MDM: Meat Demand Monitor**

The MDM tracks U.S. consumer preferences, views, and demand for meat with separate analysis for retail and food service channels. MDM is a monthly online survey with a sample of over 2,000 respondents reflecting the national population.

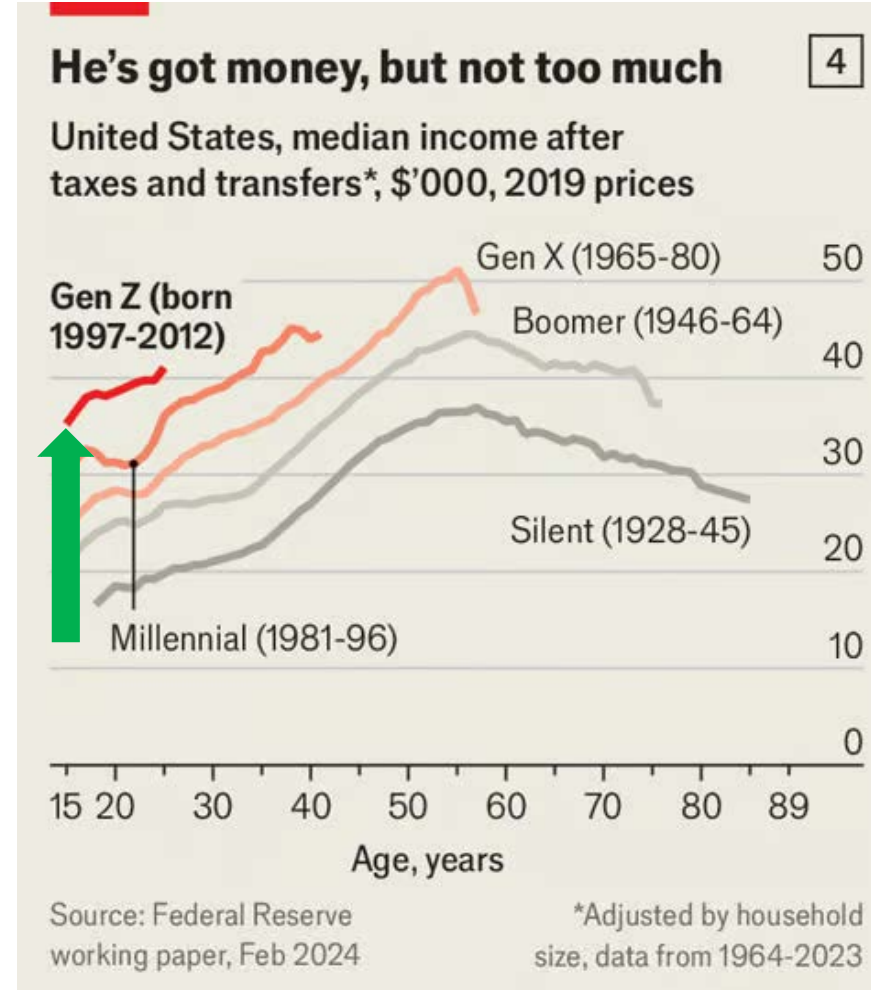
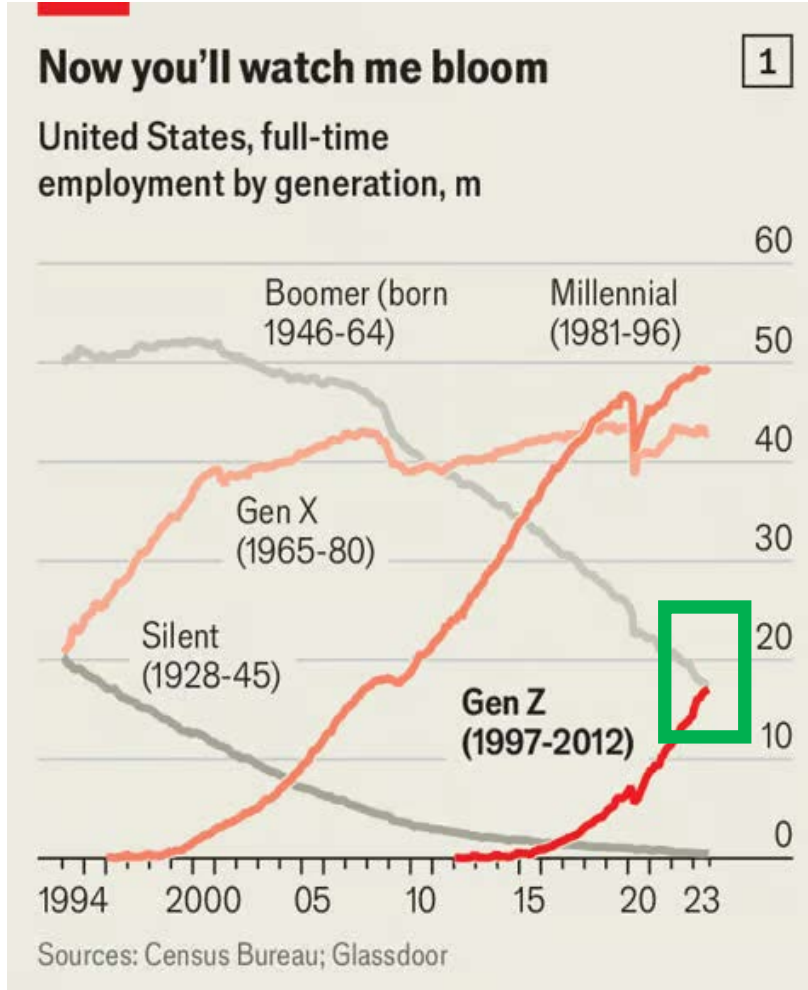
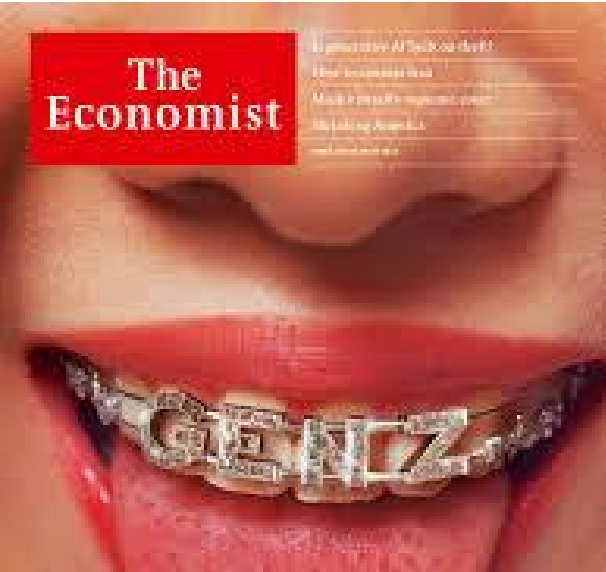
***U.S. Meat Demand Update & Role of Financial Sentiment: 2020-2023***

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

# Meat Demand Monitor: Financial Sentiment Matters

Percentage Change in Inflation-Adjusted Retail Willingness to Pay vs. Prior Year, by Year and Financial Sentiment Subset								
<i>Year</i>	<i>Diet Subset</i>		<i>Pork Chop</i>	<i>Bacon</i>		<i>Respondents</i>	<i>Share of Respondents</i>	
2021	B etter Now		36.05%	53.52%		3,148	21.60%	
2021	Same		6.86%	13.08%		7,857	53.90%	
2021	Worse Now		7.86%	18.22%		3,572	24.50%	
2022	B etter Now		33.48%	38.54%		3,075	17.68%	
2022	Same		0.84%	0.08%		7,614	43.78%	
2022	Worse Now		-8.06%	-11.82%		6,703	38.54%	
2023	B etter Now		-18.83%	-32.47%		2,815	17.17%	
2023	Same		-8.35%	-10.48%		7,356	44.87%	
2023	Worse Now		-8.51%	-6.30%		6,223	37.96%	

# Generational Perspective via *The Economist* last week





# Final Thoughts

- Inflation & macroeconomic forces matter
- Population dynamics, generational shifts, etc. matter
  - ❑ Yet we cannot individually influence these
- We CAN & SHOULD act strategically given latest price-sensitivity and demand pattern insights
  - ✓ **Targeted promotion, periodic evaluation & ongoing re-assessment have increasing merit**

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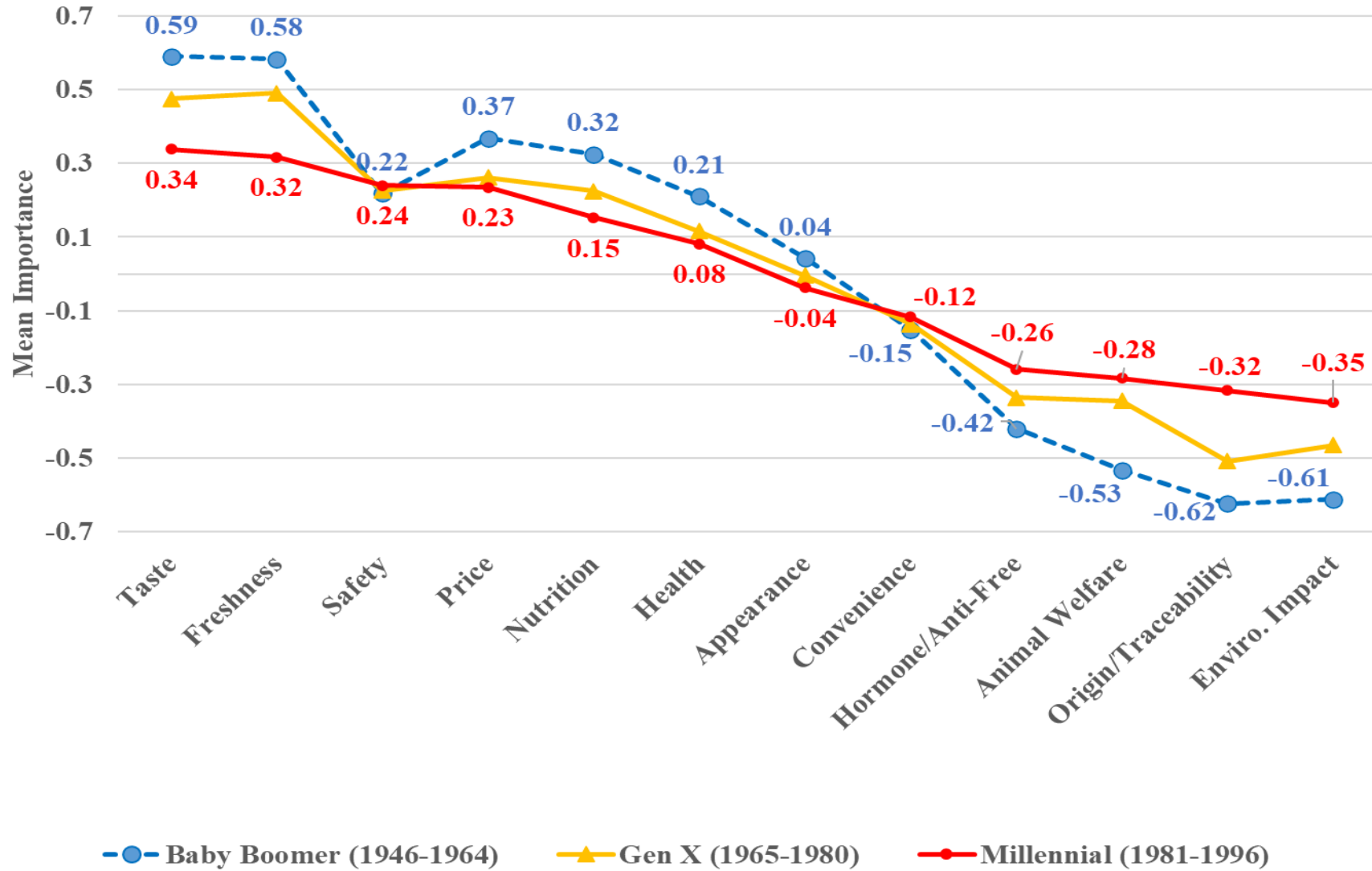
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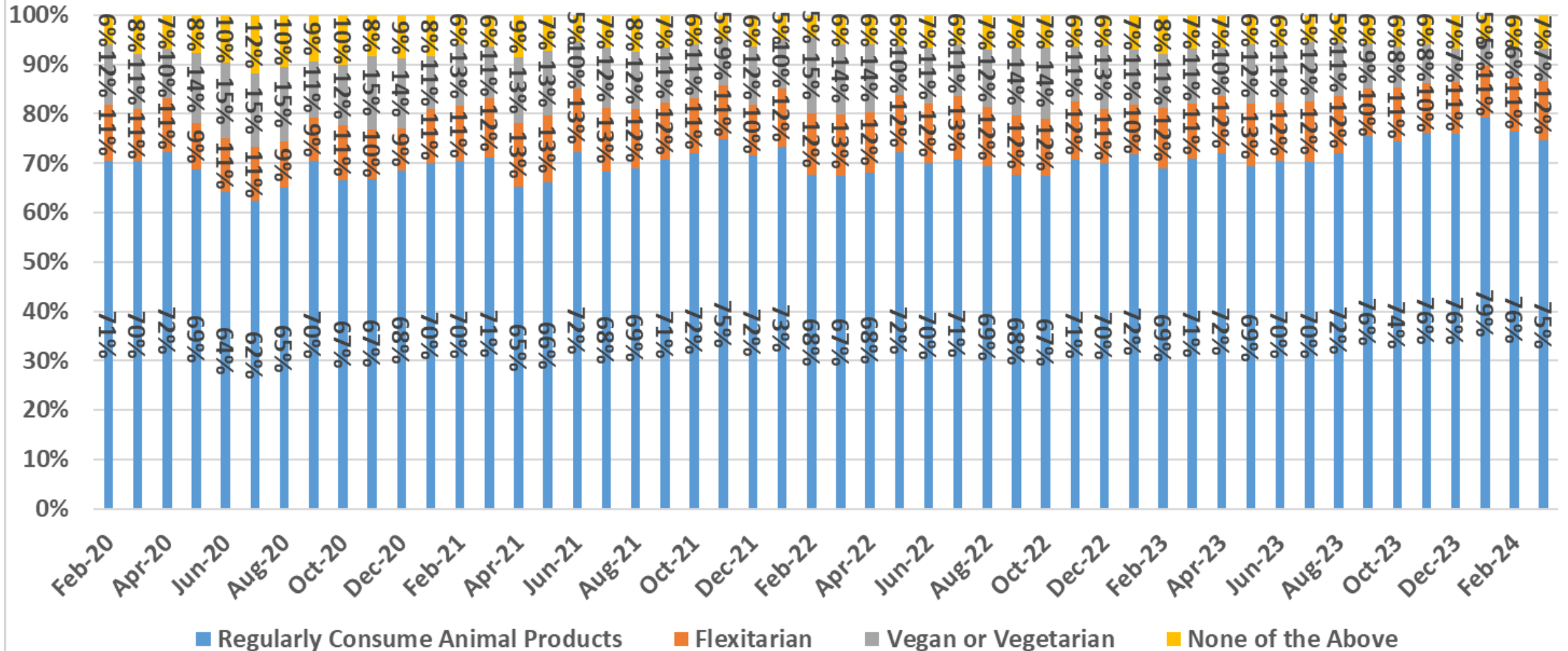
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Protein Values, by Generation (March 2024, Meat Demand Monitor)



### Self-Declared Diet, Feb. 2020 - Mar. 2024 (Source: MDM Project)



<b>RETAIL</b>		Ribeye Steak	Ground Beef	Pork Chop	Bacon	Chicken Breast	Plant-Based Patty	Shrimp	Beans and Rice	Something Else
Feb-24	<i>WTP (\$/lb)</i>	\$ 17.27	\$ 8.59	\$ 7.12	\$ 5.95	\$ 8.35	\$ 8.29	\$ 9.46	\$ 3.47	
	<i>Market Share</i>	7%	25%	13%	8%	27%	2%	4%	8%	7%
Mar-24	<i>WTP (\$/lb)</i>	\$ 17.27	\$ 8.67	\$ 6.98	\$ 5.80	\$ 8.52	\$ 8.76	\$ 9.81	\$ 3.54	
	<i>Market Share</i>	7%	25%	12%	7%	27%	2%	5%	8%	7%
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>		Ribeye Steak	Beef Hamburger	Pork Chop	Baby Back Ribs	Chicken Breast	Plant-Based Patty	Shrimp	Salmon	Something Else
Feb-24	<i>WTP (\$/lb)</i>	\$ 25.47	\$ 19.07	\$14.92	\$ 17.73	\$ 17.31	\$ 12.82	\$ 17.21	\$18.26	
	<i>Market Share</i>	14%	25%	4%	10%	15%	4%	13%	8%	6%
Mar-24	<i>WTP (\$/lb)</i>	\$ 26.29	\$ 19.59	\$15.57	\$ 18.16	\$ 17.86	\$ 13.39	\$ 17.74	\$19.57	
	<i>Market Share</i>	14%	25%	4%	10%	15%	4%	13%	9%	6%