### **WEBINAR:**

# What's Center of Plate This Holiday Season?

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### An Early Thanksgiving Look

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### Perception is U.S. consumers' reality

Agree food costs too much; differ on what to do about it

94%

of all households are concerned about food cost inflation as of June 2024- similar across income levels; highest among Rural, Large HHs and Millennials



**87%** 

Say they've seen prices increase in recent months, despite the actual ARP down- +10 pts from Dec 2023





82%

Making one or more changes due to increased grocery prices, -3 pts in one month

of shoppers age 33 and younger



49%

Millennials (under age 42) made cutbacks due to food cost vs. only 34% of Boomers (59-77)



### 86% of meals are sourced from home

However, shifting needs throughout the day causes this to fluctuate

% Meal Occasions Sourced from Home/Retail

87% 76%

Breakfast occasion

Lunch

81%

Dinner





### In Q2, dollar trends improving for retail, softening for foodservice

### Complete F&B Market Growth Trends 2019 - Current/ \$ Sales, % Change vs. YA

Total U.S. Food & Beverage | L52 Sales: \$1,681 B Retail / At-Home | L52 Sales: \$1,018 B 8.0 4.7 3.5 2.2 1.7 5.9 5.3 01 24 19-23 2023 Q3 23 04 23 4.4 CAGR 60.6% 60.2% 61.2% 60.2% \$ share +4.5 -0.4-0.5-0.7-0.22.9 (ppt. chq.) 2.5 2.2 Foodservice / Away-From-Home | L52 Sales: \$663 B 6.4 5.7 4.8 Q3 23 Q4 23 Q2 24 19-23 2023 Q1 24 3.1 3.0 CAGR



\$ share (ppt. cha.) 19-23

CAGR

-4.5

2023

39.4%

+0.4

Q3 23

39.8%

-0.5

Q4 23

38.8%

-0.7

01 24

39.8%

+0.2

2.4

Q2 24

60.8%

+0.1

2.0

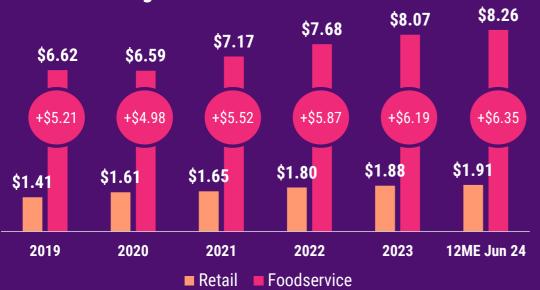
Q2 24

39.2%

-0.1

# Foodservice cost gap is growing vs. Retail

#### **Cost Per Eating Occasion**





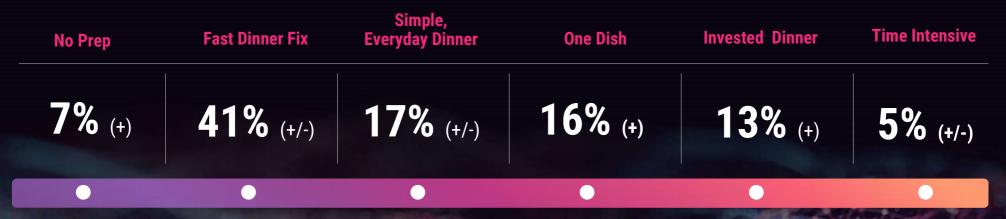


Note: Estimates based on sales and eating occasions. Averages for 12ME December.

Source: Circana® POS and consumer data.

### Dinner has also changed — shifting low-prep

In-home prepared dinner continuum (with forecast):



**Shorter** time involvement

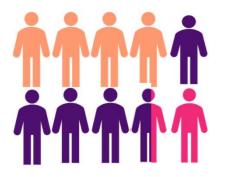
**Longer** time involvement

Each of these in-home dinner formats **reflects a combination of trade-offs** consumers make to get dinner on the table.



Consumers are recreating Restaurant Meals at home for everyday & special occasions

Recreating restaurant meals at home:



41% Frequently
46% Every once in a while
13% Never

### **Best opportunities:**

High-income households Millennials



Foodservice operators have increased their purchases of pre-cooked proteins by

O/O over the past year

Circana.



### Operators are leaning into cost-saving solutions

### **Pre-Sliced**



Sliced/Cut/Wedge Fruit	+7%
Diced/Cubed Vegetables	+26%
Shredded Chicken	<mark>+48%</mark>

### Pre-Cooked



Chicken	+4%
Chicken	<mark>+8%</mark>
Bacon	+25%
Pork Ribs	+16%
Breakfast Sausage	+6%

#### **Reduced-Portion Sizes**

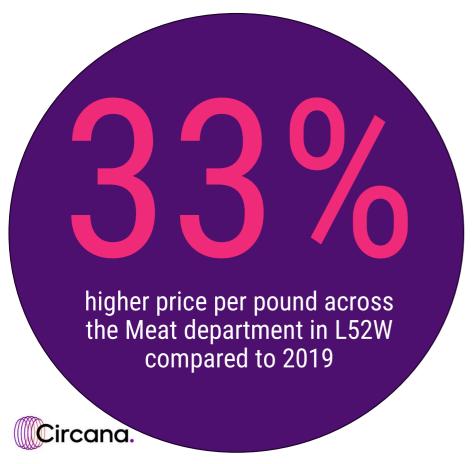


Chicken Tenders (<2.12 oz.)	<mark>+10%</mark>		
Chicken(2.5 oz.)	+455%		
Ground ChickenPatties (4 oz.)	+12%		





## Meat department inflation moderating but consumers are still feeling pressure







L52W 2024 Fresh Meat

\$71.3B

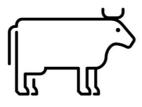
+5.3% vs YA

16.2B

+1.9% vs YA

### Meat Department acceleration continues

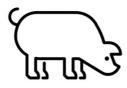
Beef key growth driver while Chicken maintains positive momentum



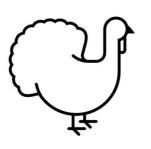
\$38.8B \$ +8.3% LBS +2.2%



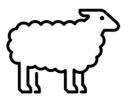
\$19.1B \$ +2.0% LBS +2.8%



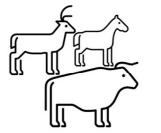
\$8.4B \$ +2.1% LBS -0.9%



\$3.3B \$ +2.9% LBS +1.6%



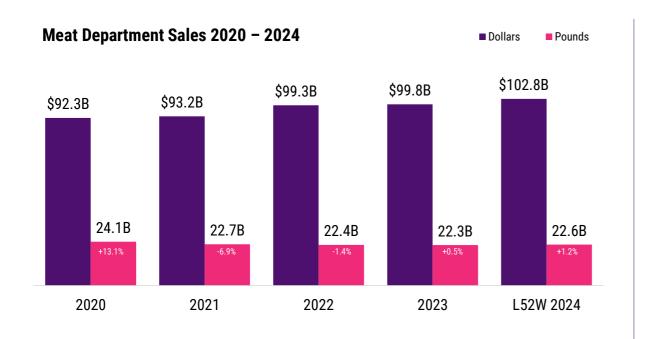
\$881M \$ +3.7% LBS +15.3%



\$815M \$ -5.7% LBS -1.8%

### Revitalized performance for the Meat Department

Boosted by a combination of mild price increases and strong everyday and holiday demand for meat and poultry as the world has turned home-centric once more







Total food & beverages \$4.21| +1.8% vs. '23

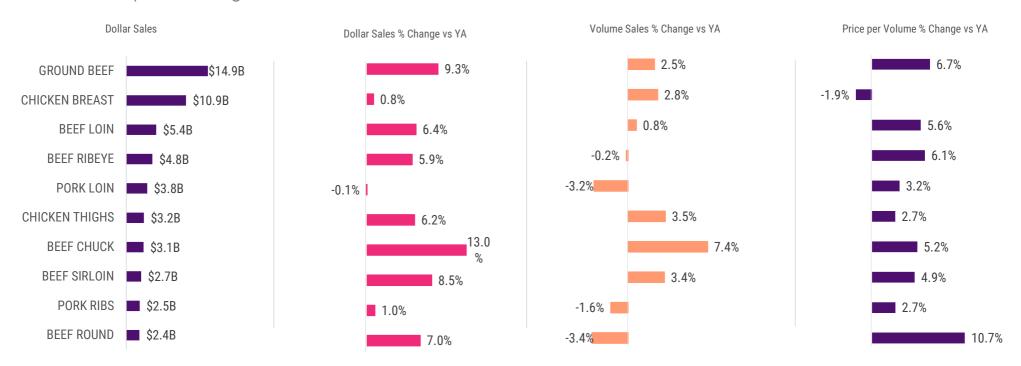


**Meat department** \$7.10| +3.4% vs. '23



### Ground Beef continues to dominate Meat Dept sales and Chicken Breast deflation propelled volume gains

Fresh Meat Top 10 Subcategories Performance



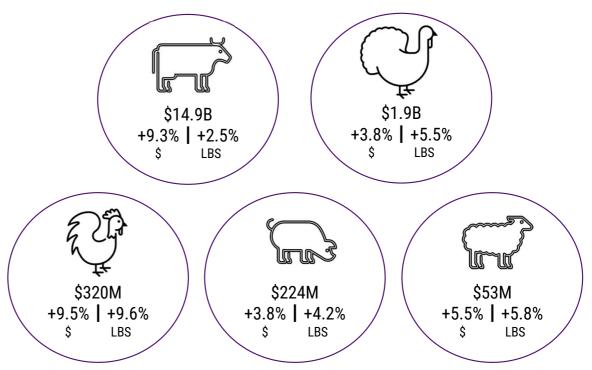


### Grinds provide consumers Value & Conveience

Secondary grinds sets are driving protein variety with cooking confidence



Ground beef, turkey, chicken, pork and lamb performance:





L52W 2024 Processed Meat

\$31.5B

-0.8% vs YA

**6.4B** lbs

-0.6% vs YA

### Mixed performance for Processed Meat

Bacon top contributor to dollar growth while dinner & breakfast sausage deliver volume gains



\$7.0B \$ -2.9% LBS -0.6%



\$3.2B -0.1% LBS -2.2%



Packaged Lunchmeat





\$2.4B				
\$	+1	.5%		
LBS	+1.	5%		



Dinner Sausage

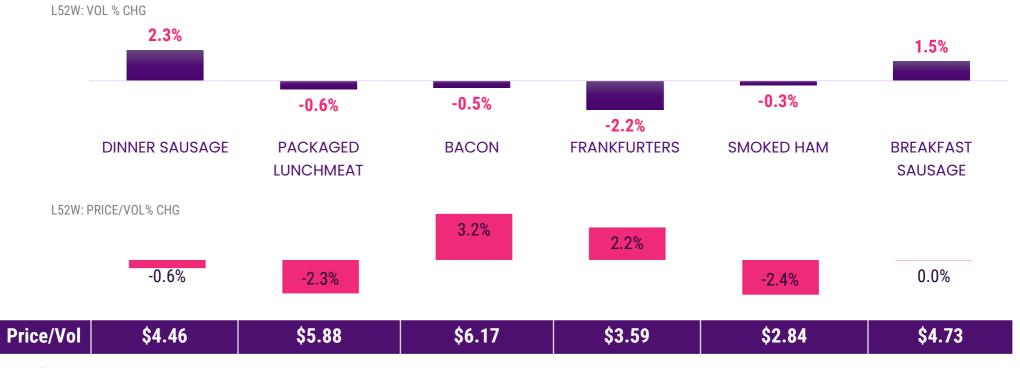
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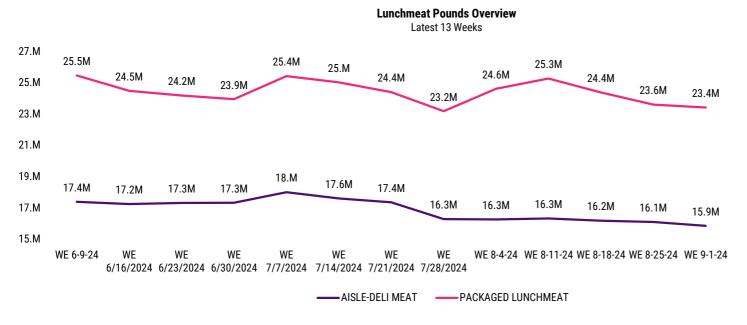


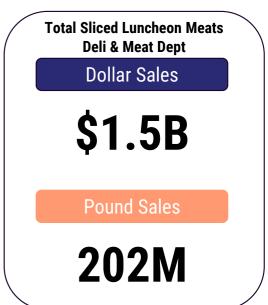
# Price adjustments had varying impact on subcategory performance within processed meat





### Even though only Deli Lunchmeat was recalled, Packaged Lunchmeat was impacted as well and overall pounds took a hit in August



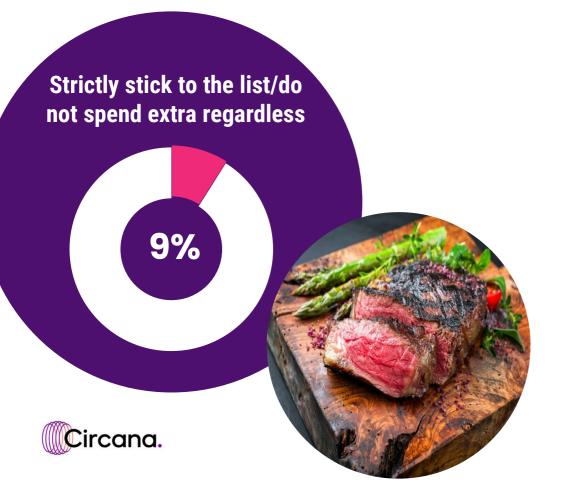






### Plenty of Reason to splurge a little

Holidays, special occasions, and entertaining lead the list



#### Reasons to spend a little more on meat/poultry than you normally would

- 45% For holidays, like Thanksgiving or New Year's
- 37% For special occasions
- 35% When cooking for others
- 31% If it's a little healthier
- 30% Portion or pack size I wanted
- 30% To do something nice for myself/my family
- 26% If it's a brand I like
- 24% For convenience/saving time
- 21% Replacing a restaurant meal that would have cost more
- 18% If it's produced sustainably, ethically, or humanely

### Thanksgiving is the second-largest holiday of the year, behind only Christmas

\$ Sales Uplift in Total F&B Sales for Holiday vs. Average Weekly Sales During the Year (in \$ billions)



	Christmas	Thanksgiving	July 4th	Easter
2018	\$2.57	\$1.82	\$1.29	\$0.91
2019	\$2.78	\$1.78	\$1.38	\$1.08
2020	\$2.11	\$1.29	\$1.52	\$1.14
2021	\$4.32	\$2.01	\$1.27	\$0.88
2022	\$6.21	\$2.84	\$1.28	\$1.02
2023	TBD	\$2.10	\$1.70	\$1.75

\$2.0B

2023 Thanksgiving retail sales uplift vs. average weekly sales; Christmas had a \$6.2B uplift in 2022

 $\sim 1.3x$ 

2023 Thanksgiving dollar sales uplift vs. July 4th and Easter

Note: End-of-year holidays, including Christmas and Thanksgiving saw increased uplift in 2021 and 2022 due to ongoing inflation causing higher prices end of year vs. average for the year used to calculate sales uplift. An uplift in 2022 and 2023 vs. 2019-2021 is also due to higher prices from inflation. Dollar sales uplift is defined as dollar sales for holiday weeks in total vs. average weekly dollar sales for the calendar year. Christmas and Thanksgiving uplift spans two key weeks, while Easter and July 4th is one key week. Source: Circana POS data



The 2023 Thanksgiving basket drove all the holiday sales uplift

\$2.0B in retailer F&B sales

was driven by the two key Thanksgiving weeks compared to last 52 weeks ending Nov. 26, 2023.

**\$2.1B** (105%) sales uplift

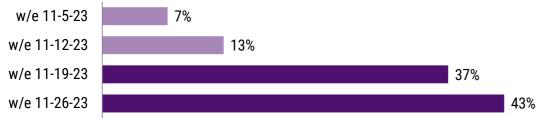
is driven by the Thanksgiving basket of 30 categories, despite being only 10% of the sales for the last 52 weeks ending Nov. 26, 2023.





80% of the total four-week 2023 Thanksgiving sales uplift occurred the prior week and week of Thanksgiving

% of Total Thanksgiving Basket Volume Sales Uplift by Week



But consumers are selective about when they buy Thanksgiving items...

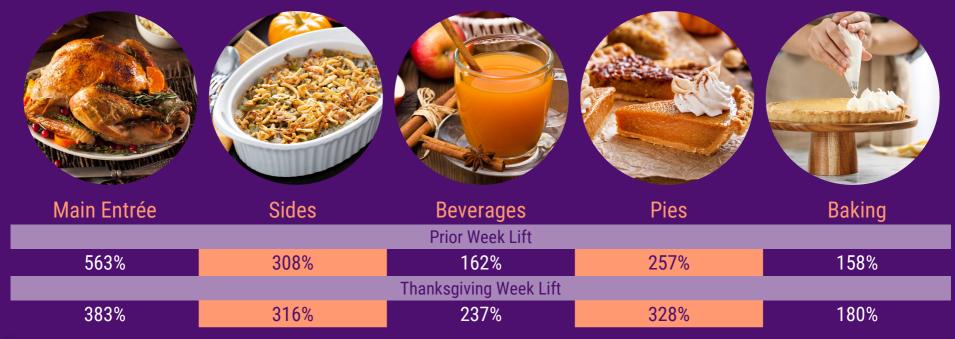
In 2023, main dish purchases, including turkey and ham, were more prominent the week prior to Thanksgiving. Consumers were more likely to buy beverages, baking products and pies the week of Thanksgiving.





### Consumers take advantage of promos for Thanksgiving items

The largest percentage sales lift of Thanksgiving basket items sold on promotion includes entrées and sides.





# Main entrée and side sales peaked in the two weeks leading to Thanksgiving

Consumers were confident of ample supplies and purchased most of the Thanksgiving basket during the holiday week.

#### % Change vs. YA

	w/e November 5, 2023		w/e November 12, 2023		w/e November 19, 2023		w/e November 26, 2023	
	dollar sales	volume sales	dollar sales	volume sales	dollar sales	volume sales	dollar sales	volume sales
Turkey	-21.2%	-31.6%	-10.9%	-15.5%	5.5%	4.5%	3.3%	2.3%
Ham	-12.4%	-16.3%	-10.1%	-8.6%	-3.7%	-2.8%	0.3%	0.9%
Fresh Sweet Potatoes/Yams	5.6%	2.7%	1.8%	1.6%	4.4%	0.3%	7.4%	3.2%
Perimeter Pies	-3.0%	-4.2%	-1.8%	-3.0%	-5.0%	-4.8%	-2.8%	-3.8%
Canned/Bottled Green Beans	-3.3%	-7.8%	-0.5%	-2.1%	-0.1%	-2.2%	4.9%	3.8%
Dairy Whipped Toppings	6.0%	10.1%	2.2%	5.9%	0.6%	3.7%	4.9%	3.8%



Source: Circana OmniMarket™ Integrated Fresh



### A recap – inflation was all the talk last year

 Meal not hitting the pocketbook as hard as 2022, down 4.5% YoY

• Turkey: \$27.35/\$1.71/lb. -5.6%

Whipping cream: \$1.73/.5 pt. -22.8%

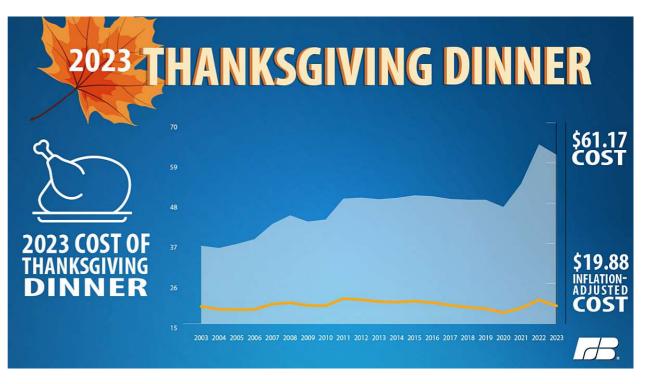
• 1 gallon of whole milk: \$3.74 -2.6%

• Sweet potatoes: \$3.97/3lb. + .3%

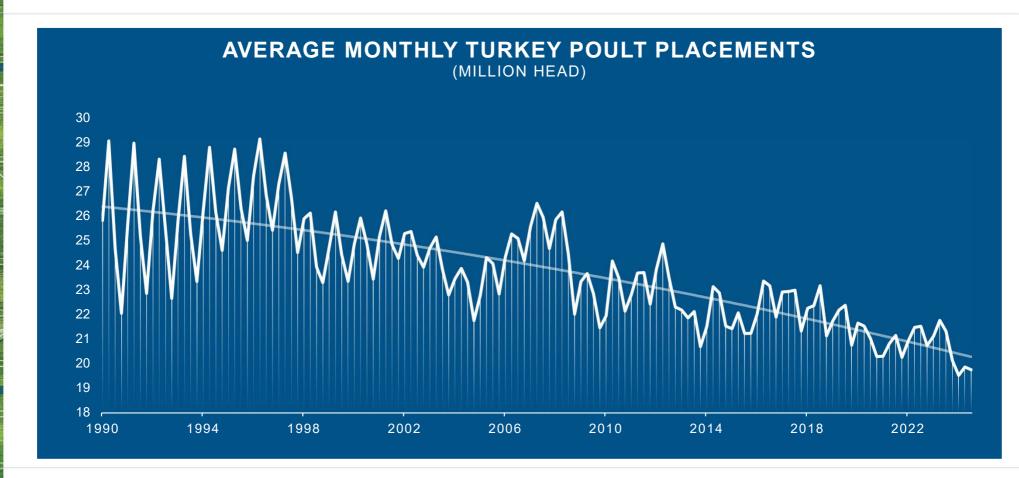


### Walmart CEO Says Shoppers Could See Falling Prices in Coming Months

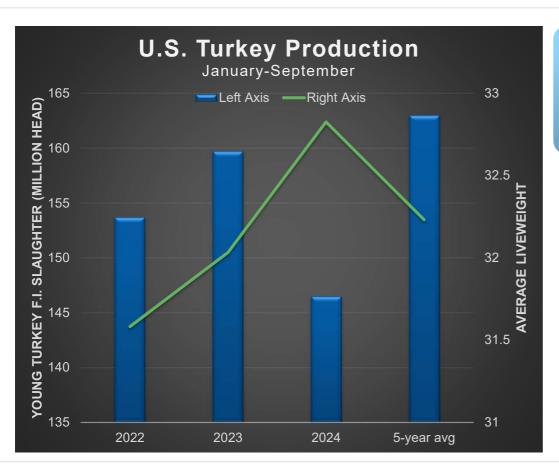
- McMillon says prices could fall in dry groceries, consumables
- Comments are latest sign the Fed's rate hikes are paying off



### Turkey poults trending lower – putting in new lows in 2024



### Turkey harvest down 13 million head YoY



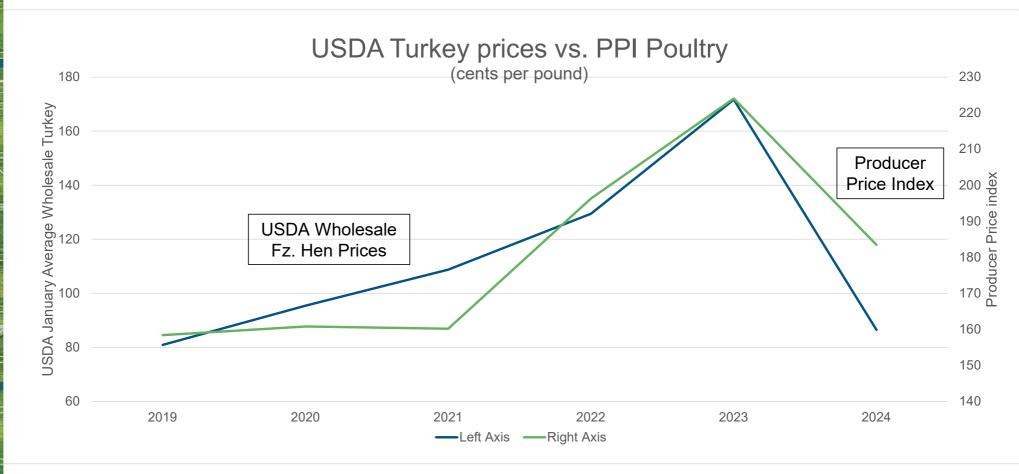
YTD Slaughter -8% YOY

- Hens were down 12%
- Toms about even

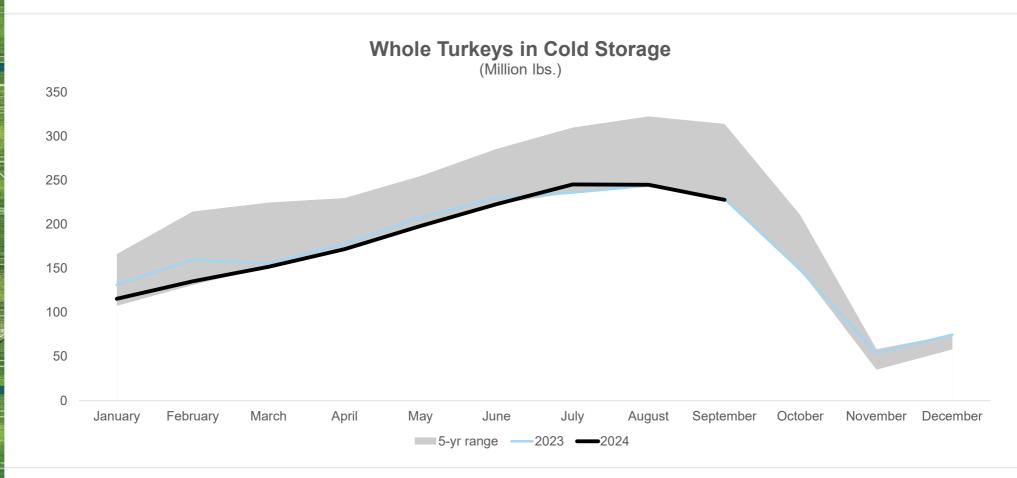
Liveweights record high (on average)

Production: -6% YoY, YTD

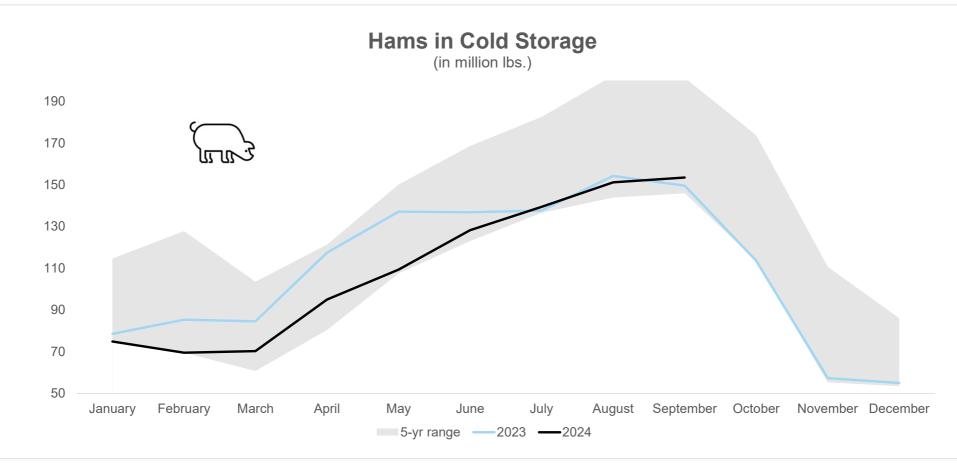
### Wholesale turkey values back to pre-COVID levels



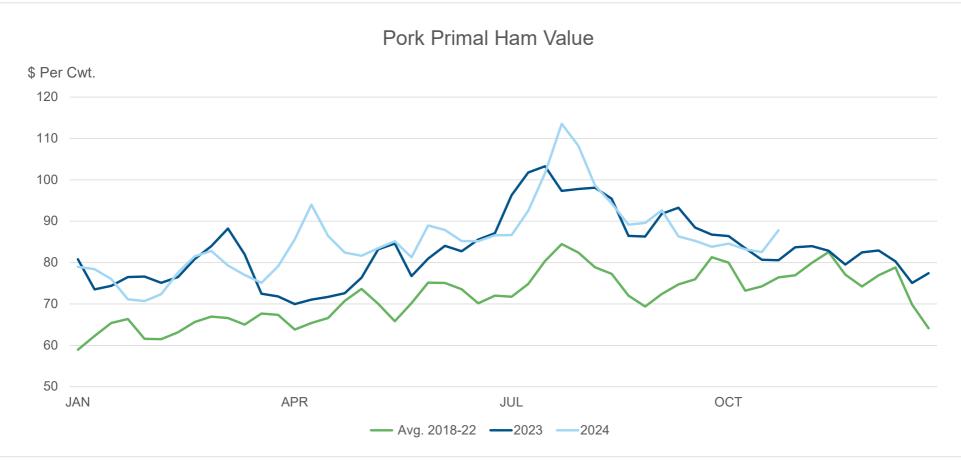
### Whole turkey inventory down 86M lbs. from 5-yr max



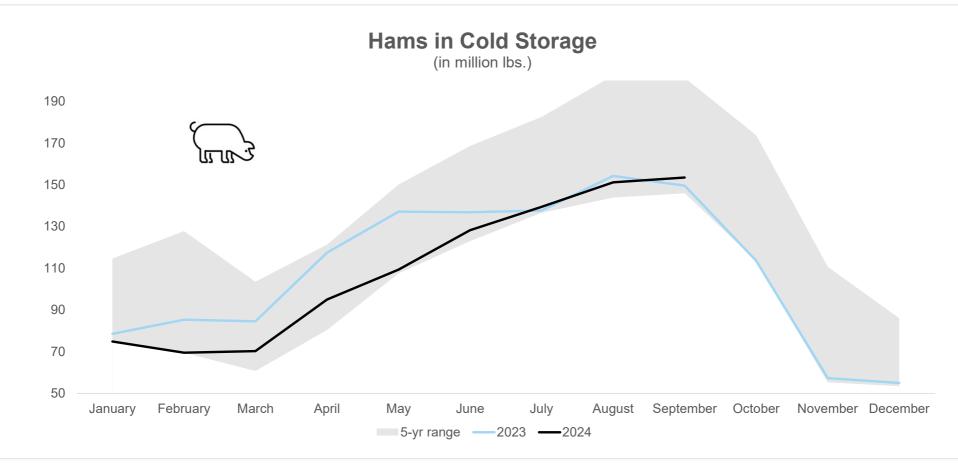
### Ham inventories flat YoY, but down 50M lbs. from 2019



### Low inventories kept premium in market for hams



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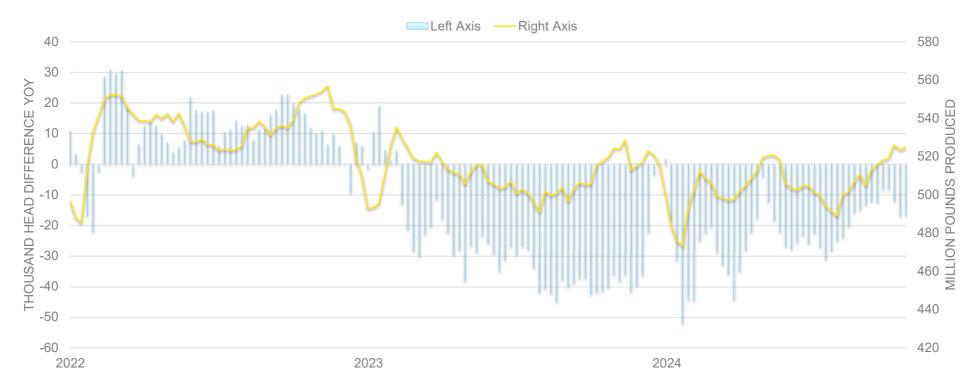
### Hams fetched a premium as purchases stalled



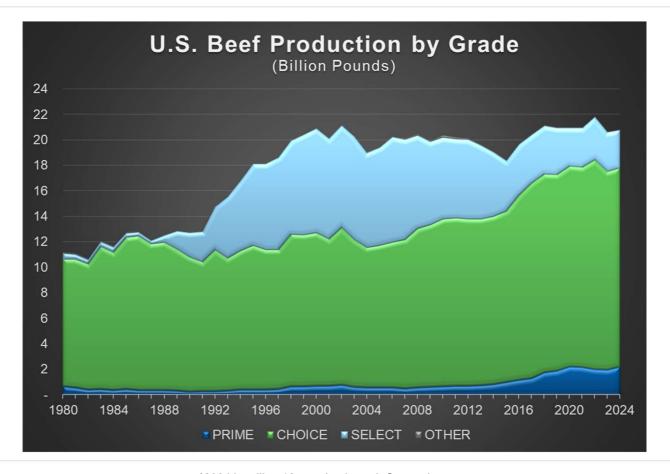
### Live cattle weights remain elevated, offsetting declining cattle harvest

### Change in Cattle Slaughter Vs. F.I. Beef Production

(5-week moving average)

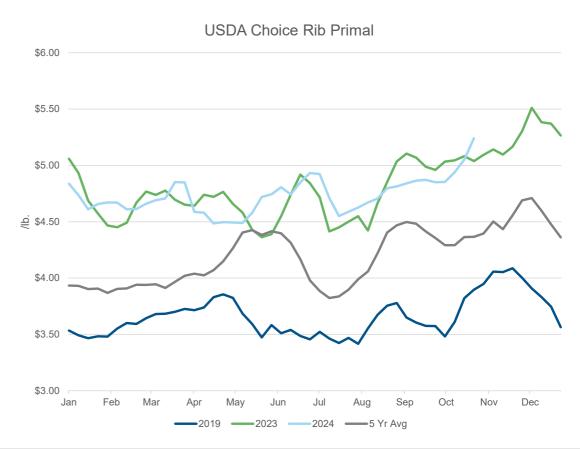


### The current cycle is different – haven't sacrificed quality

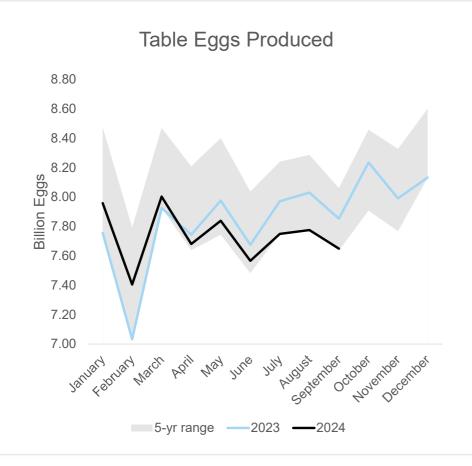


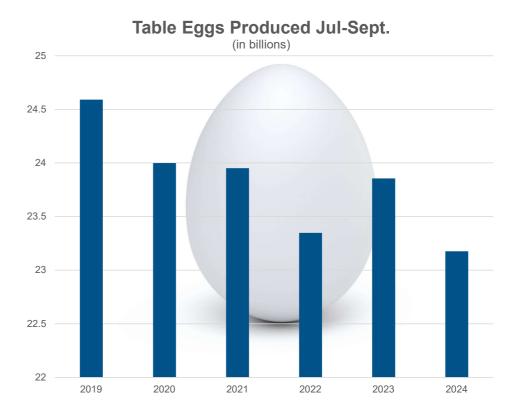
### Retail will struggle to be competitive on beef rib roasts



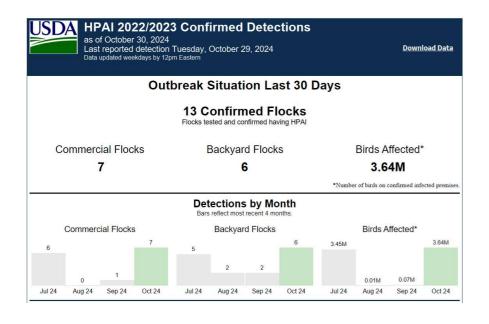


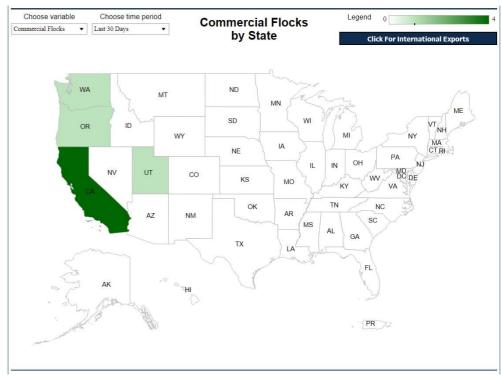
### Table egg production falling short of consumption



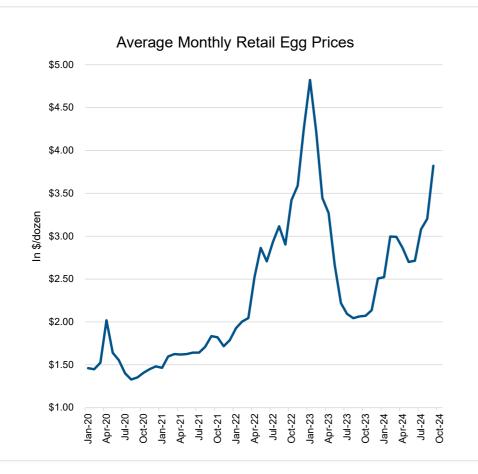


### HPAI still limiting shell egg industry ability to grow





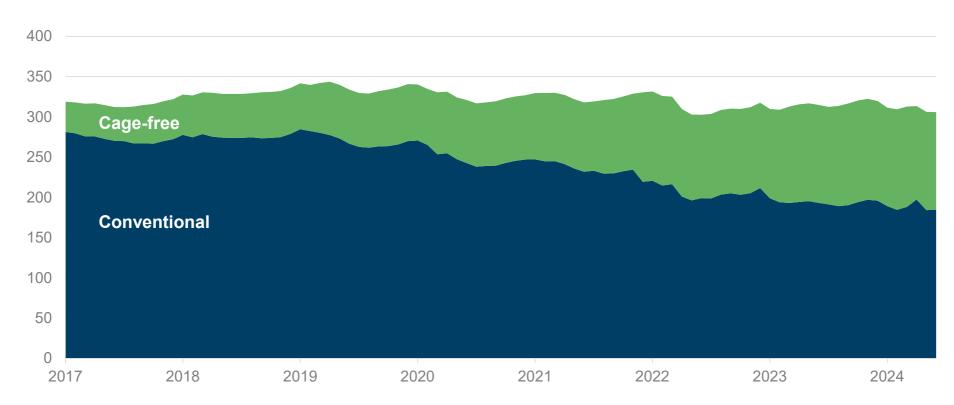
### Egg prices remain elevated, tempering demand



# **USDA Weekly Egg Feature Prices** (Dz Grade A Lg.) —2019 —2023 —2024 —5 Yr Avg

### Market participants managing through cage-free expansion

### Table egg layers (million)



### Questions?

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