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#### **Supply Chain Issues in Agriculture**





#### What's happening?

- Grain prices at historic levels
- Record high fertilizer/energy costs
- Limited supplies of crop input products

#### How did we get here?



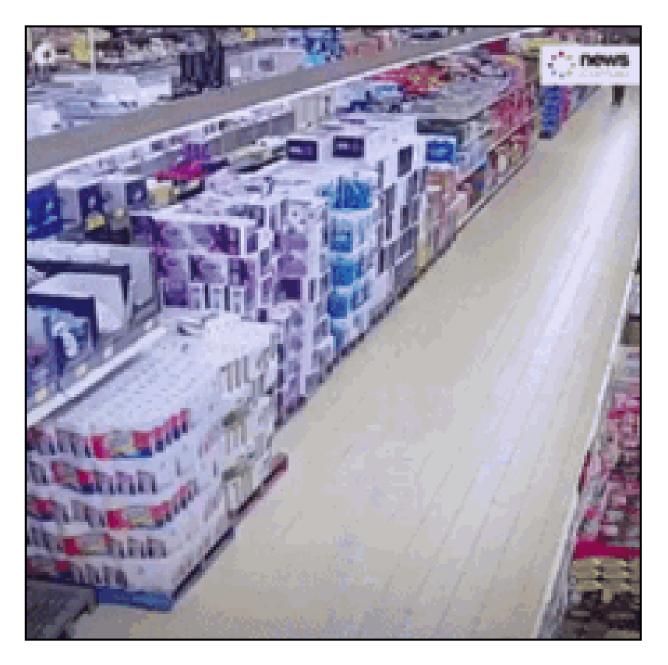


#### **Consumer Response to Product Shortages**



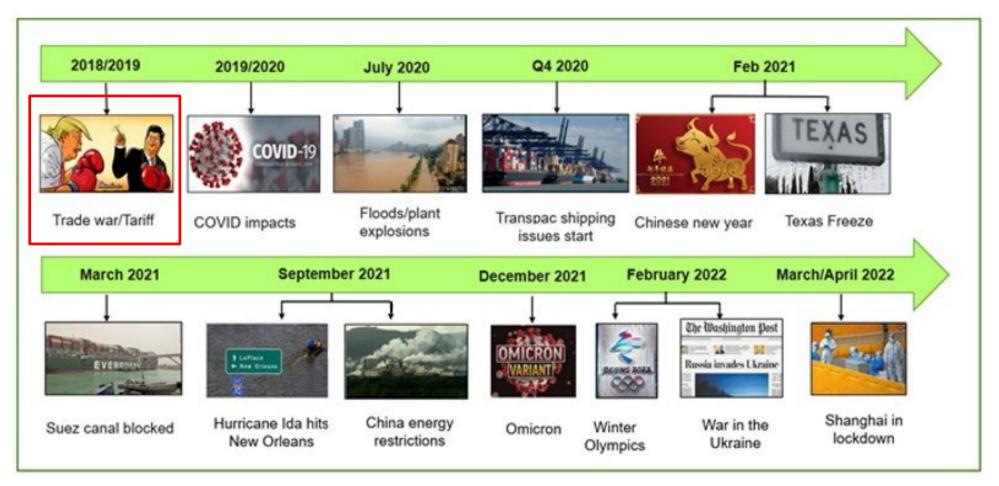














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#### 2018-19 U.S. – China Trade War

- 75% of all technical material to produce crop protection products is manufactured in China
- Tariffs created inefficient short-term trade workarounds

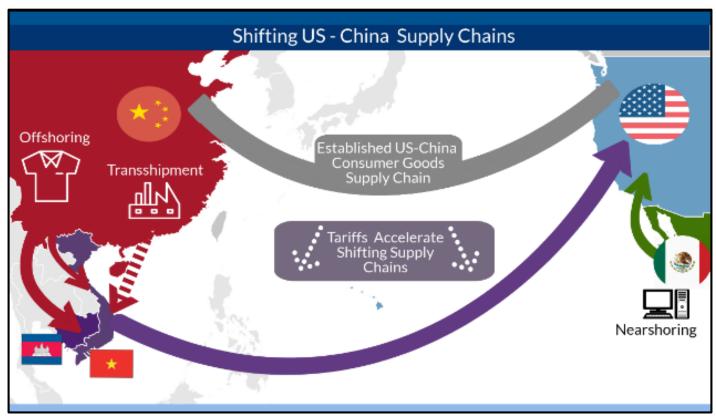




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#### **COVID-19 Impacts on Supply Chain**

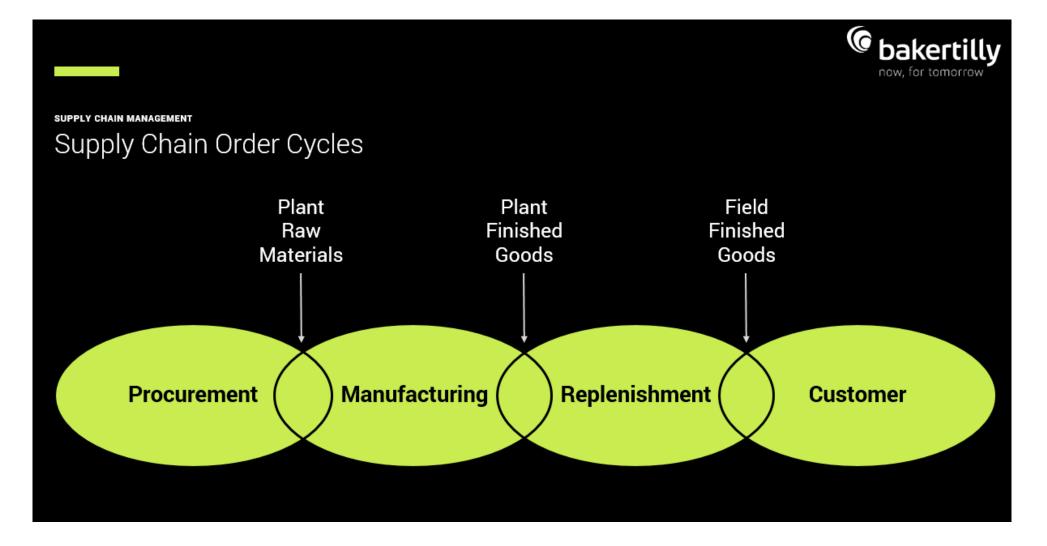
City lockdowns/"Work From Home"

- Demand Crisis!!

- Worker shortages
- Transportation complication
- Eventual shortages of component products
- Supply chain disruptions have a long tail







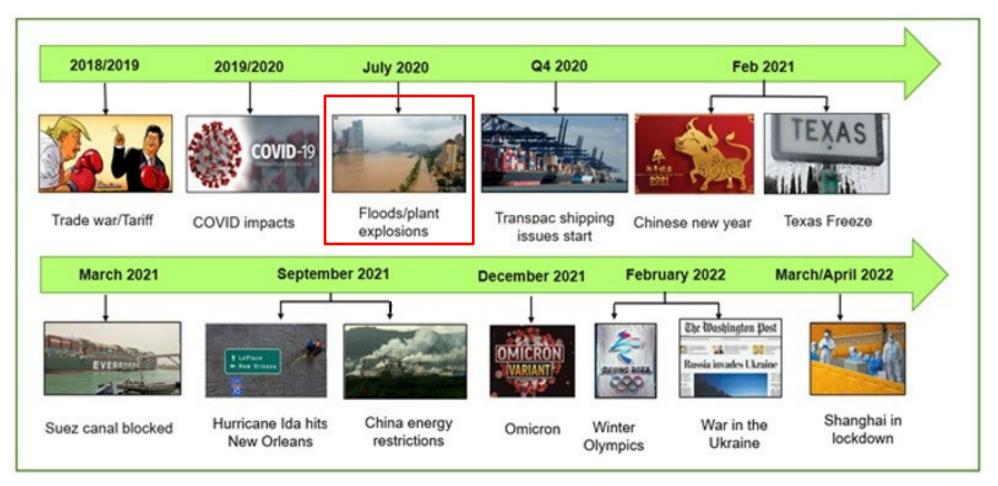




#### Impact of China's "Zero-COVID" Policies









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#### Historic Flooding in China – July 2020





Image Source: CNN
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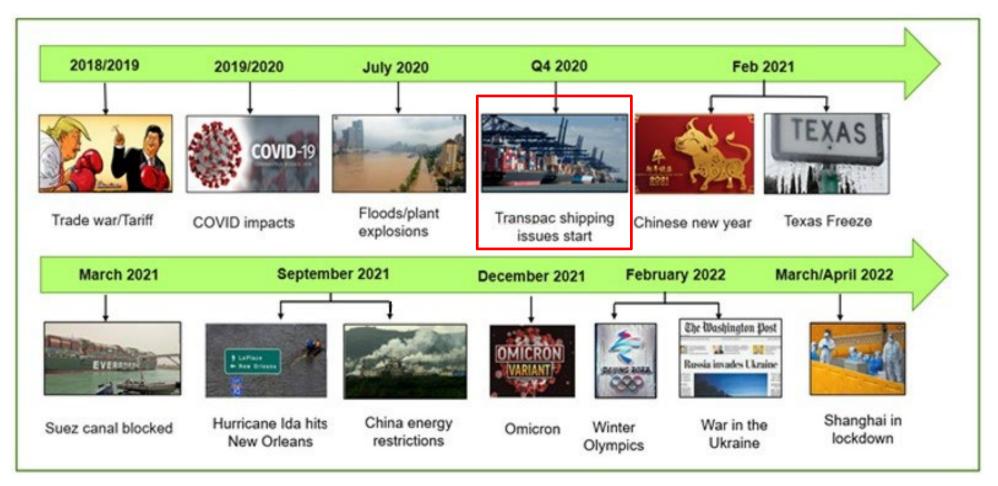
#### **Chemical Factory Explosions in China**





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#### CONTAINER SHIPPING SEES AN 'UNUSUAL' FOURTH QUARTER BECAUSE OF COVID-19

Ocean freight demand and rates remain high in Q4 2020 as countries enter different phases of the pandemic.



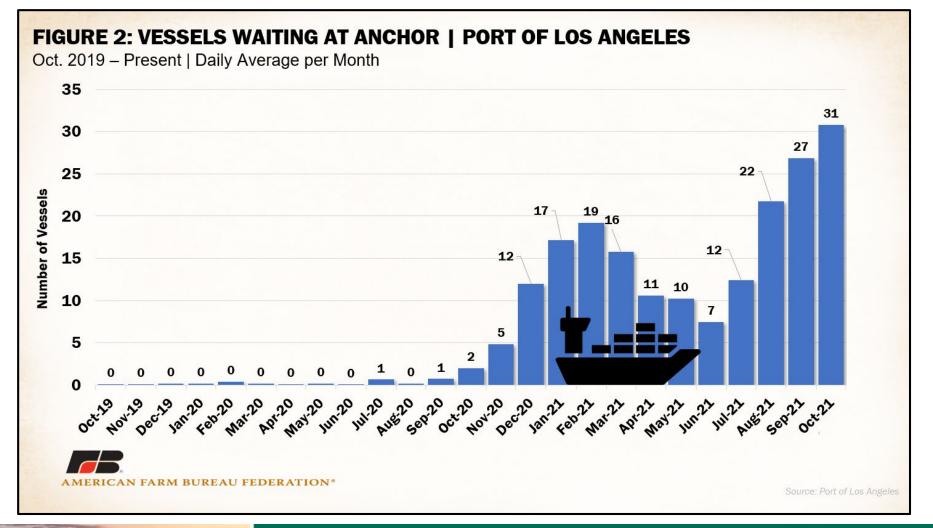
- Lower consumption in early 2020 prompted "catch-up effect"
- Oct. 2020: Only 1.6% of the world's shipping fleet was inactive
- Record volume at ports
- Ships sailed below full capacity due to container shortages



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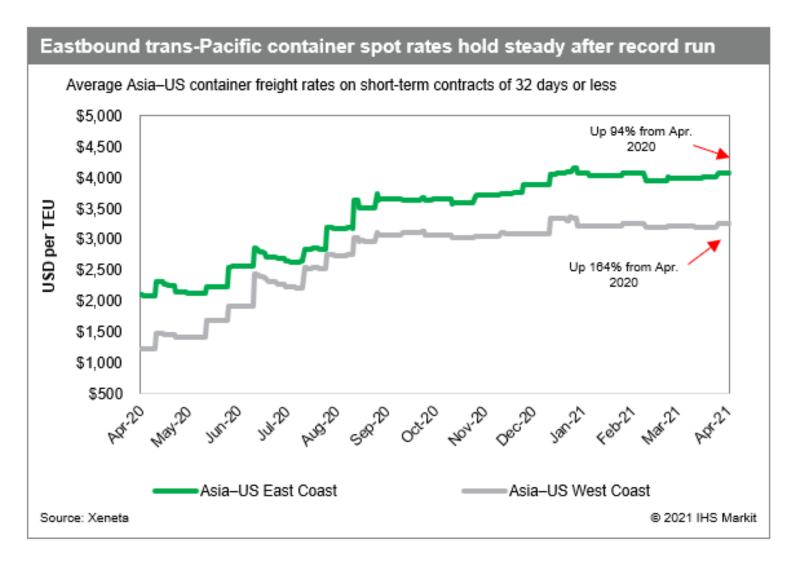
## **Port Congestion Issues**



Source: American Farm Bureau Federation



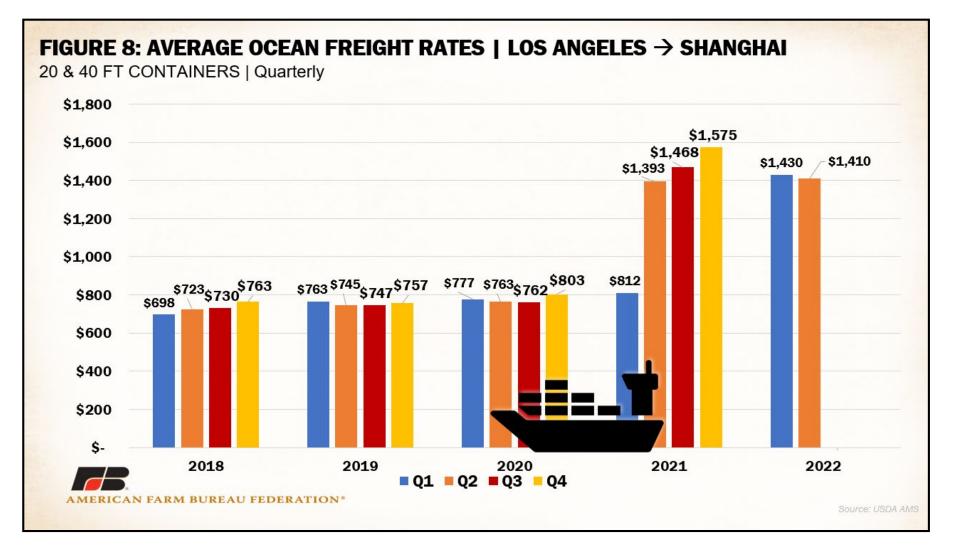
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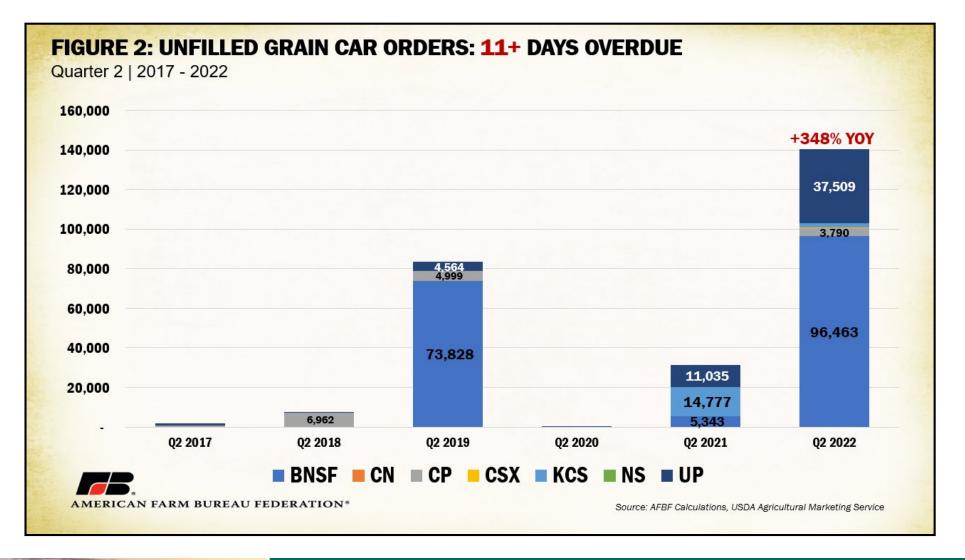
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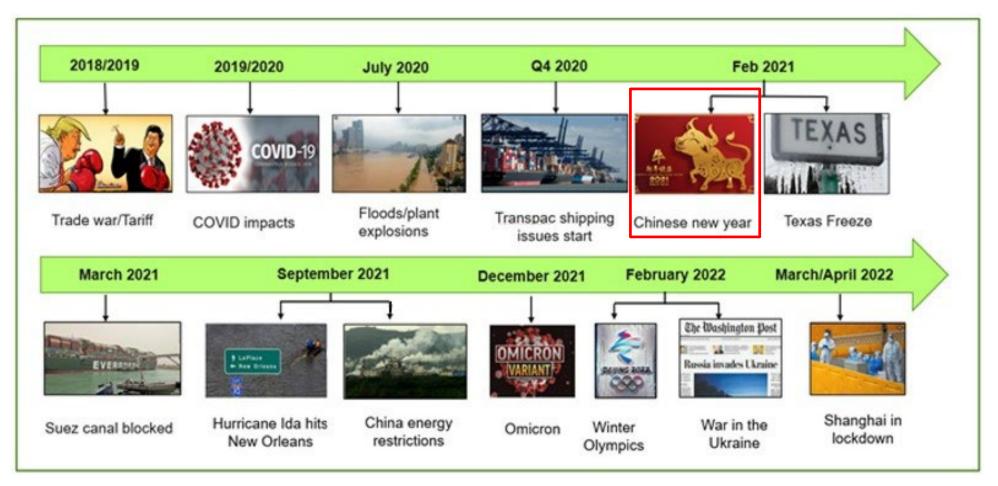


### **U.S. Grain Railcar Delays**



Source: American Farm Bureau Federation







Source: Nutrien Ag Solutions



### Chinese New Year - 2021

- Thousands of factories shut down for several weeks
- Production slows as demand spikes
- Increased shipping congestion









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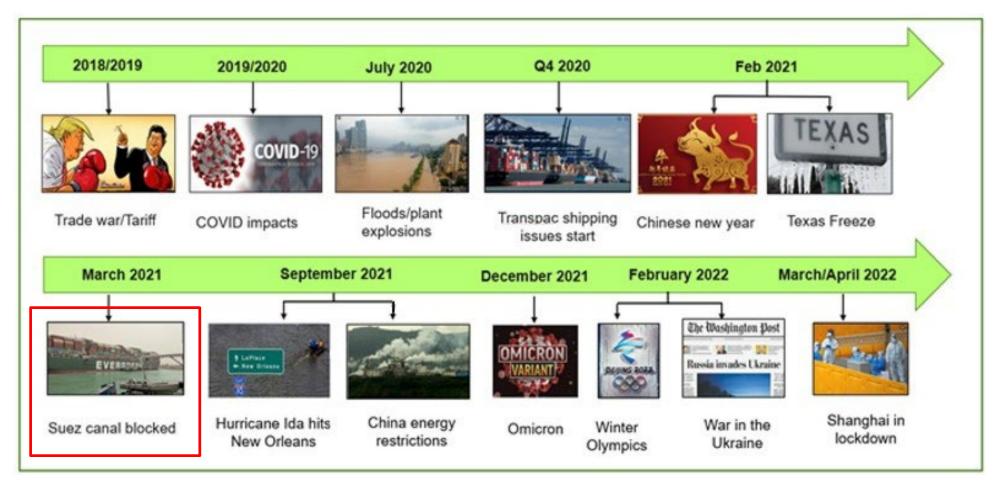


### Texas Freeze – Feb. 2021

- Mass blackouts led to factory shutdowns
- Supply chain impact like a hurricane
- Diversion of natural gas production for fertilizer use
- Petrochemicals/plastic shortages
- Trucking disruptions









Source: Nutrien Ag Solutions



#### Suez Canal Blocked – Mar. 2021

- Ever Given stuck in canal for six days
- 30% of global container traffic uses canal annually
- Smaller ports unable to take on large ships
- Delayed returns of empty containers to Asia





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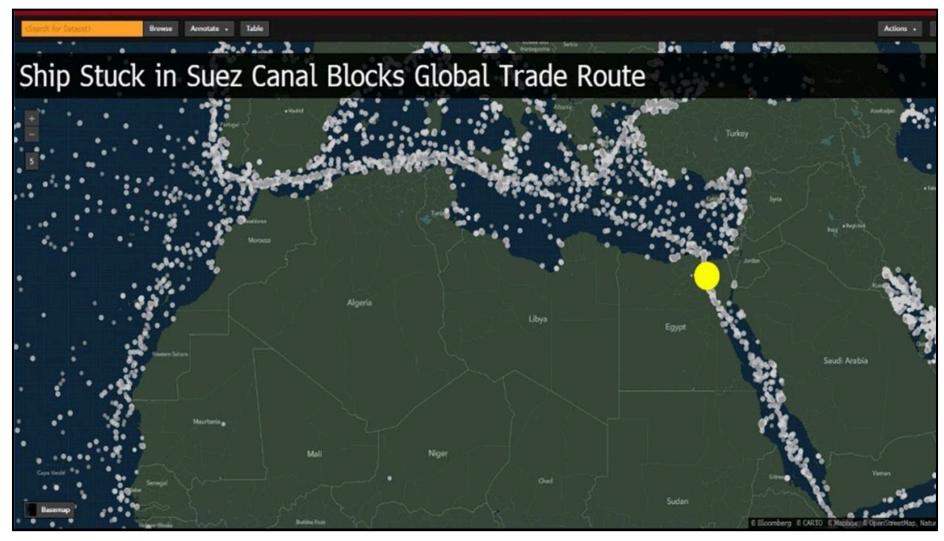




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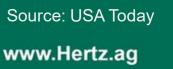


## Hurricane Ida – Sept. 2021

- Increased Pressure on Input Costs
  - Damage shuts down largest U.S. glyphosate production facility
  - Fertilizer production plants idled
  - Grain & fertilizer shipping logistics strained

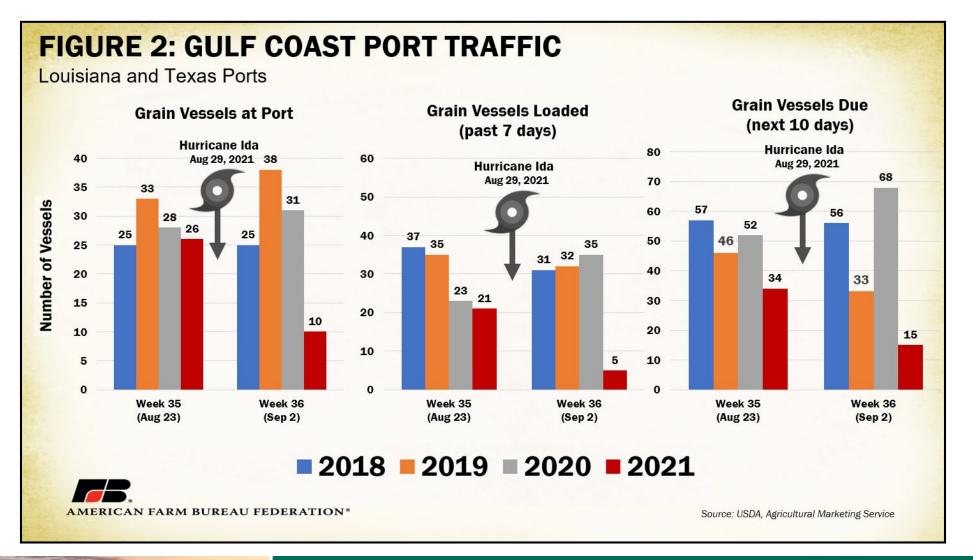








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# **Chinese Energy Restrictions**

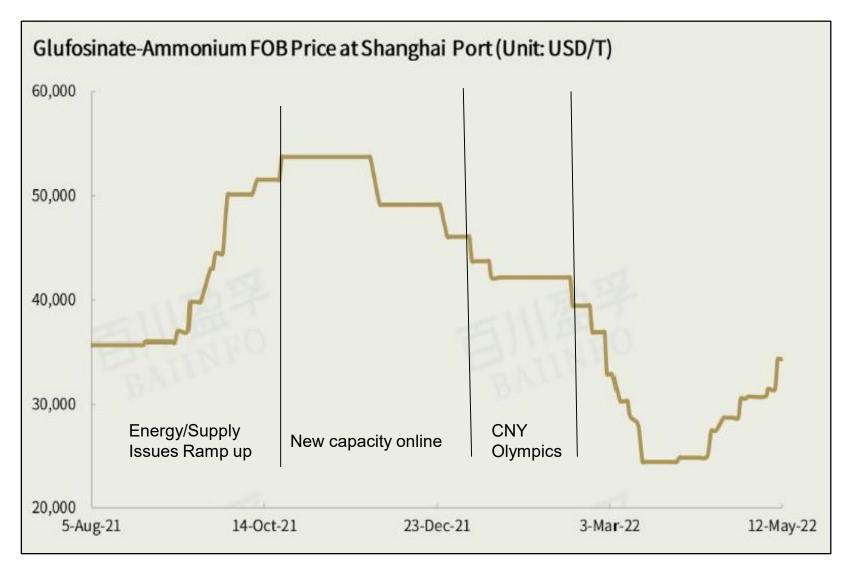
- China's power supply becomes limited late 2021
  - Summer flooding in key coal producing areas
  - Sharp increase in production as demand spiked
  - CCP goal for a carbon neutral China by 2060
- Skyrocketing energy costs
- Rolling blackouts
- Limited factory operations





Image Source: The Lantau Group

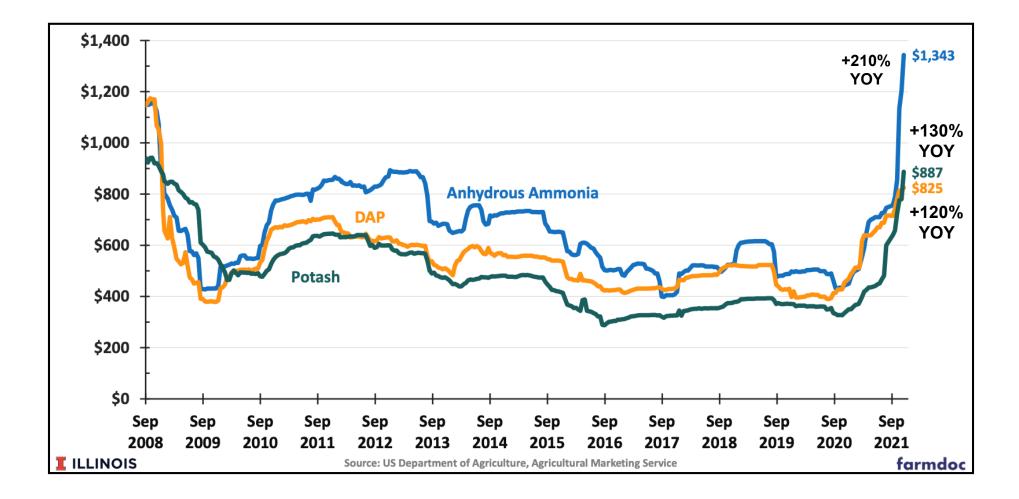
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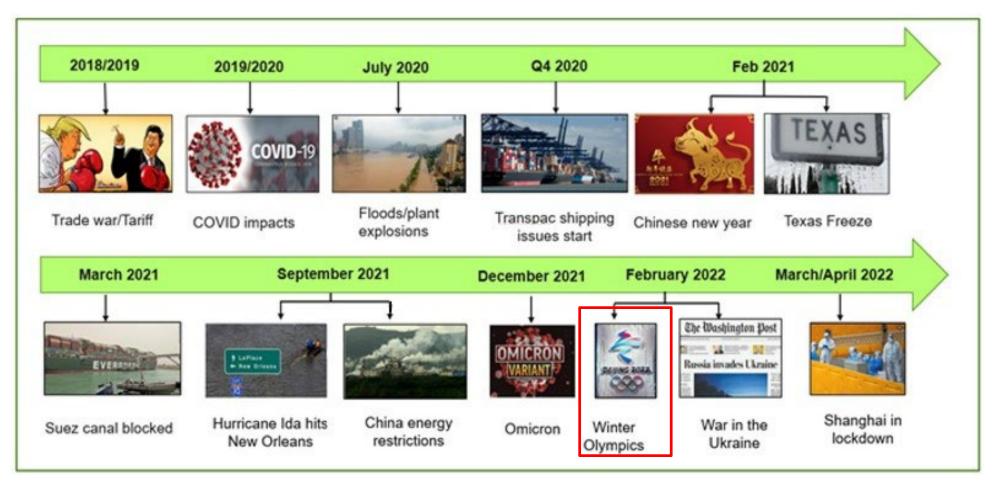
Source: University of Illinois



# 2022 Input Costs Skyrocket

- Crop protection product costs spike
  - Production limitations in China
  - Hurricane Ida
- Fertilizer prices increase 2x+ from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021
  - Increase in natural gas prices worldwide
  - International anti-dumping trade disputes
  - Texas Freeze/Hurricane Ida
  - COVID disruptions to production plants
  - Narrow demand in 2020 followed by rapid expansion as commodity prices increased
  - China restricts exports to ensure domestic supplies
- Back to the toilet paper theory...
  - Appearance of extreme limited supply = consumer crisis







Source: Nutrien Ag Solutions



#### **2022 Beijing Olympics**

- China adds further energy restrictions prior to 2022
   Winter Olympics to reduce smog
- Enhanced lockdowns for "zero-COVID" games
  - Quarantine impacts on container shipping & air travel
- Chinese New Year compounds effects

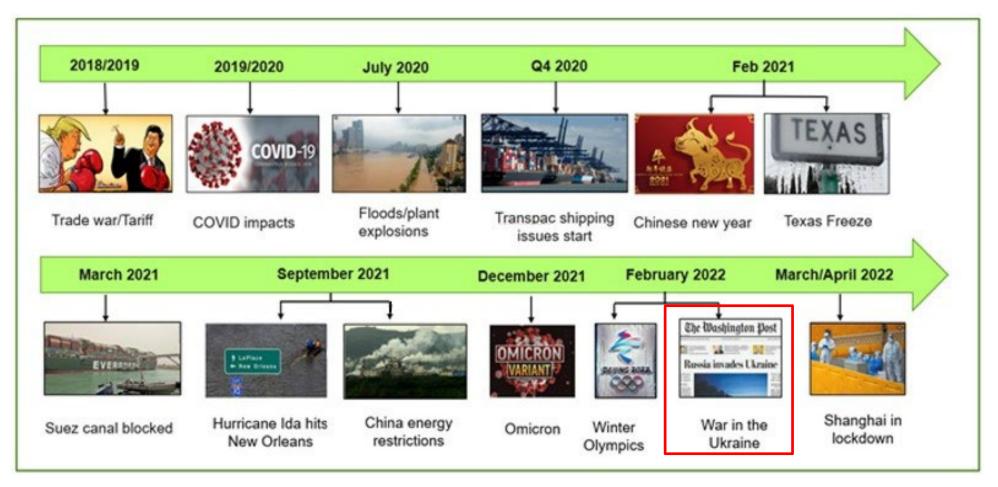






Image Source: NBC Sports

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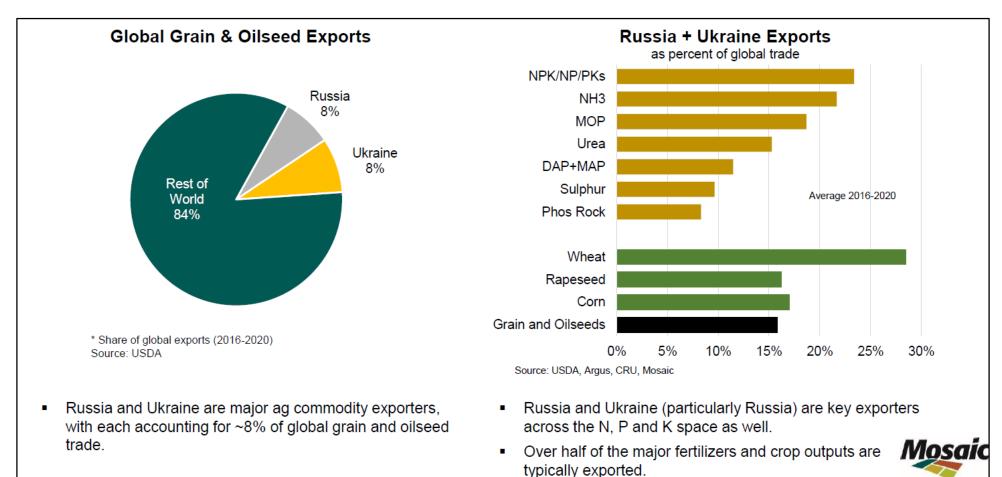




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### War in Ukraine

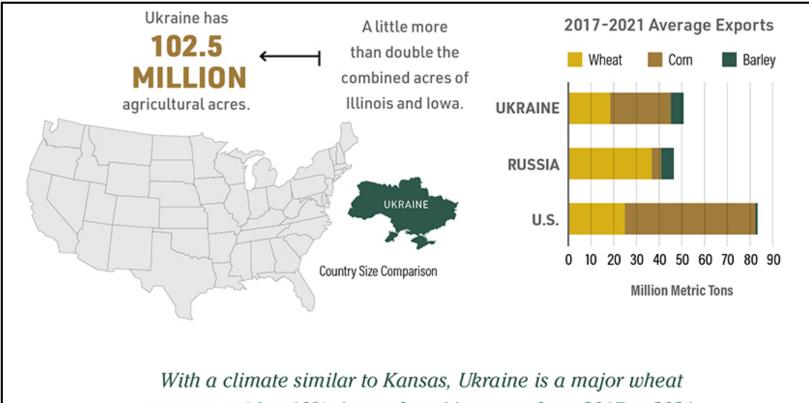




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## **Ukrainian Crop Production**



exporter, with a 10% share of world exports from 2017 to 2021, as well as corn (15%), barley (15%) and sunflower oil (50%).

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, FEB. 2022 USDA DATA, MYLIFEELSEWHERE.COM

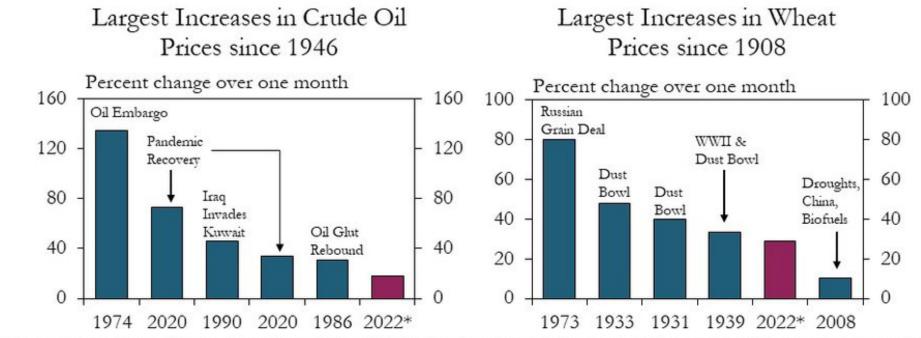


Source: AgWeb



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# Chart 1: Historical Monthly Price Movements for Oil and Wheat



\* The change in oil prices from February 2022 to March 2022 was the 16th largest on record, and the change in wheat prices in March 2022 was the seventh largest on record, after the Russian Grain Deal and Dust Bowl/WWII period (three months in 1933 were in the top six, and two of those months are excluded for brevity). Note: Historical crude oil prices are available back to 1946 via the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides data on wheat prices back to 1908. Source: The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and USDA.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City



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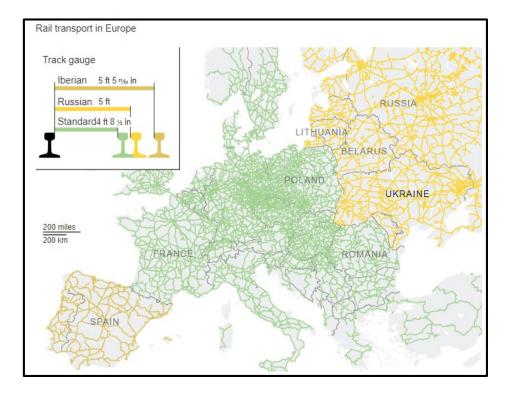
#### WORLD Ukraine Is Struggling to Export Its Grain, and Here's Why

After Russia's blockade of Black Sea routes, Ukraine looks for alternative shipping options to help stave off global food shortages

#### Alternate Grain/Vegoil Export Routes



#### Differences in Railway Track Gauge

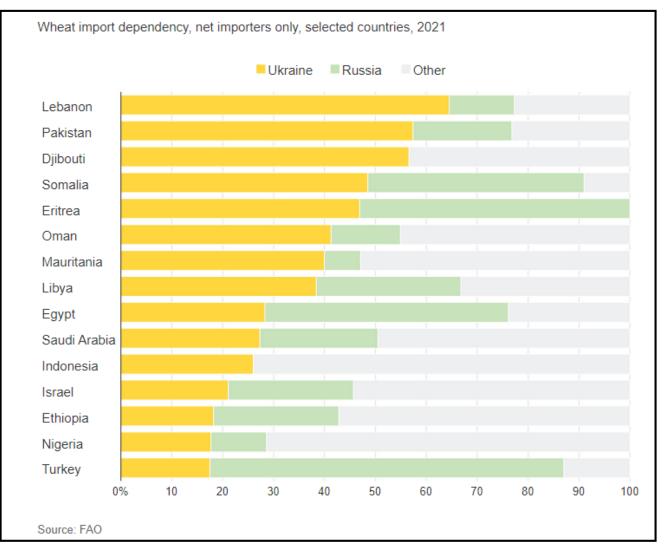




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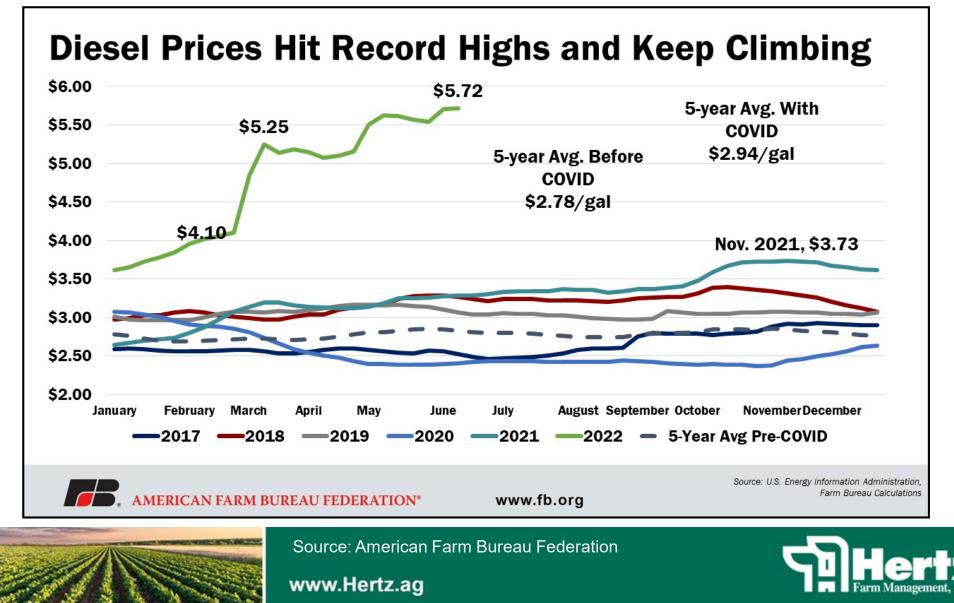
### **Food Insecurity Impact**







## Russia/Ukraine Conflict Impact on Fuel Prices



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## Shanghai in Lockdown

- March 2022: Shanghai, China placed in strict lockdown due to COVID outbreaks
- Impacts:
  - Increased shipping congestion in the Port of Shanghai
  - Trucking services limited
  - Factory shutdowns
- Lockdowns eased in June
  - Some restrictions remain



- Emergency testing resumed July 5





## **Shanghai Port Congestion**



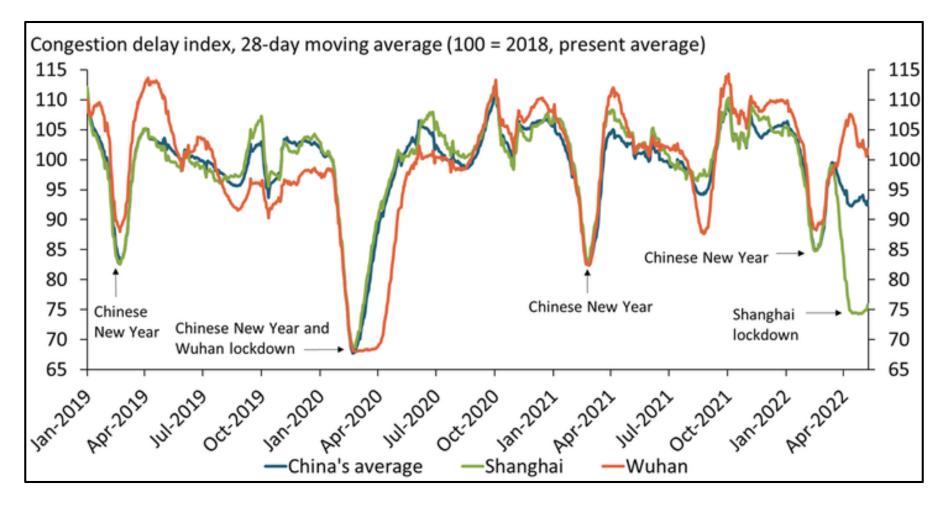
Ships waiting outside Shanghai and Ningo ports in mid-April 2022 amid delays caused by COVID lockdowns



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#### **Travel Density in Major Chinese Cities**

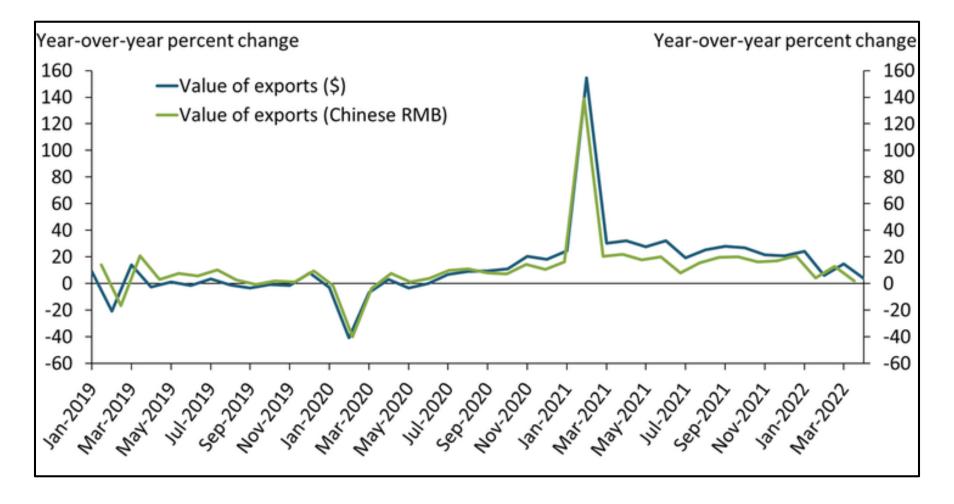


2022 Shanghai lockdown was severe, but not as severe as 2020

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City



#### **Export Growth Declines in China**



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City



### What's Ahead?

- Continued "long-tail" consequences of severe disruptions to supply chain
- Fallout of Russia/Ukraine War
  - Lasting impact on grain & energy supplies
- Domestic trucking shortages
- 2023 U.S. Crop Input Availability
  - Pricing expected to remain elevated

- Seed, chem, fertilizer all expected to be in supply
- Increased investment in domestic fertilizer production
- Hopefully, a supply chain that can adapt quickly to future "black swans"











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