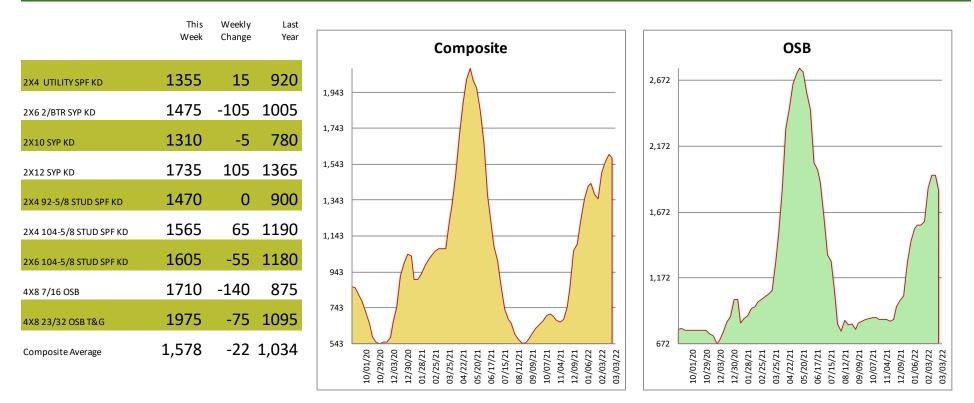


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Commodity markets marched on this week in spite of world problems that one would think might create pause. Lumber futures continued on a tear, marching ever upward and driving the cash market up with it. The cash market seemed to take on a more cautious tone, and even panels seemed to slow from the torrid pace of the last month or so. Most buyers believe that we have to be nearing a top on lumber, but these are strange days indeed. Trucking and rail continue to hamper the flow of wood, with no improvements to report this week. It's a struggle out there, but nothing compared to what the people of Ukraine are dealing with. Imagine a world where lumber is reasonable and Putin is toast. I'd be okay if the latter happened first.