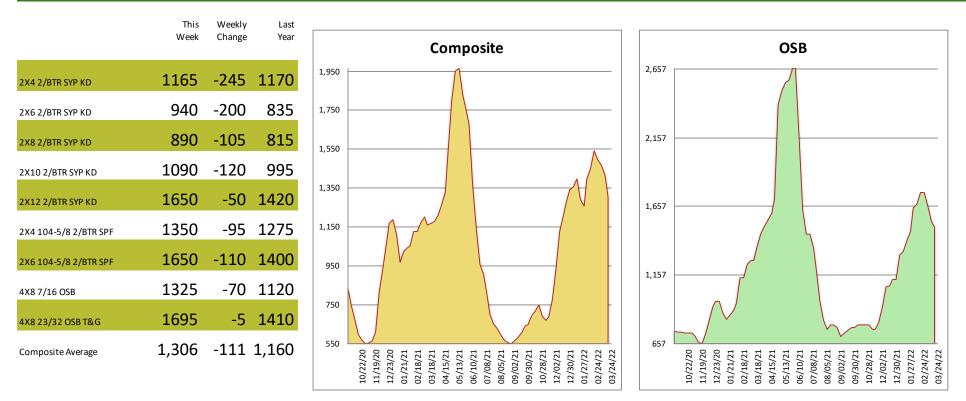


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This was a definitive week for commodity markets. The enthusiasm that the market felt a week ago on the February housing starts report dissipated quickly. Rising interest rates, weak new home sales, and low builder confidence saw the futures market in the red most of the week. Cracks in the cash market widened from just the SYP markets to other species. Offerings were more plentiful. There are still some bullish sellers out there, but there are more bears this week to be sure. There is little doubt that the market is adjusting. The questions are about the depth and duration in a market that is seeing solid demand with light field inventories. Box store takeaway has been puny by most accounts, and history tells us this can create instant prompt availability. Spring is upon us, an unusual time for a dip, but nothing is normal of late.