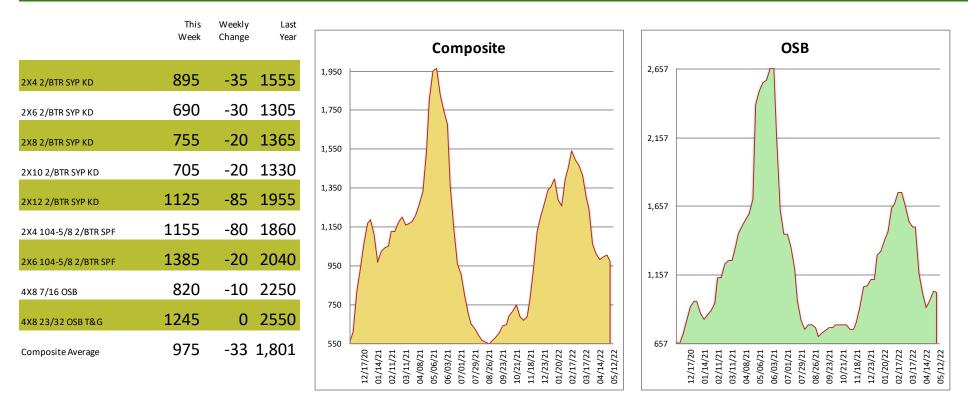


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An extremely cautious tone to the market might be an understatement. All speices/ lumber/ panels were on loose footing by Thursday afternoon as the economic news continues to be negative. Mills and wholesalers are reluctant to lower prices, but are searching for a level with secondaries often undercutting the mills as they try to lean on order files. Prompt local loads are still pulling a premium as transportation issues still plague the market at all levels. "Everything is late", including prompt loads from the mills. On the economic front, the Dow continues to get clobbered, and the funds are pulling money out of the commodity markets including lumber, driving lumber futures lower. As interest rates on the 30yr push closer to 6%, the "affordability factor" for most Americans is gone.