



# Q2 2024 Earnings Presentation

July 25, 2024



# Today's Agenda

- **Q2 2024 Results**
- **Current Market Dynamics and Long-term Megatrends**
- **Strategic Priorities**
- **Updated 2024 Outlook and Guidance**
- **Q&A**

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# CEO Opening Comments

Avner Applbaum, President & CEO

# Q2 2024 Financials and Key Messages

**\$1.04B**

Net Sales

**(0.6%)**

Y/Y Net Sales

**14.2%**

Operating Margin

**\$4.91**

Diluted EPS

**\$131M**

Operating Cash Flow

**\$27M**

Cash Returned to Shareholders



The global Valmont team achieved strong results, **expanding operating margins 140 bps and increasing diluted EPS to \$4.91**, on comparable sales

**Commercial and operational execution, pricing strategies and an improved cost structure** contributed to the improved profitability, guided by the Valmont Business Model

Infrastructure sales were \$763 million, down 1% year-over-year, as **strong utility market demand and favorable pricing across the portfolio** were more than offset by product mix shift, lower telecom and solar volumes, and the effect of lower steel index on price

Agriculture sales were \$282 million, up slightly year-over-year, with **North America volumes higher on replacement sales due to severe storm events**; international markets mixed with continued softness in Brazil and good momentum in Middle East project business

# Infrastructure Market Drivers

Steady-to-improving near-term demand across our markets, with positive long-term drivers

## Near Term Demand

- Elevated utility capex spending due to the energy transition, replacement of aging infrastructure, and power load growth
- Strong Department of Transportation demand supported by road construction investment with future benefits expected from IIJA<sup>1</sup>; commercial lighting markets remain muted
- Telecom remains soft as wireless carriers are likely to maintain a more normalized level of capex spending following record investment years
- Solar market remains attractive with strong demand tailwinds
- Coatings continues to align with GDP trends while supporting internal production



## Global Megatrends



### Multi-Year Energy Transition

Enabling the optimization to support the growing need for diverse energy consumption including renewables to address connectivity demands for a growing population and urbanization.



### Aging Infrastructure & Resilience

Grid hardening and building climate resilience with intensifying weather, supported through reliable infrastructure.



### Technology & Data Consumption

Exponential growth in the volume, velocity, and variety of data being generated, transmitted, and consumed across various digital platforms and devices.



# Agriculture Market Drivers

Outlook for sustained long-term growth remains strong, despite short-term demand headwinds

## Near Term Demand

- North America order rates were higher due to storm events; grower sentiment remains muted due to expected NFI<sup>1</sup> decline this year and the downward trend in grain prices
- Brazil expected farm income remains pressured by lower grain prices; FINAME was renewed; the country remains a key part of our long-term strategy
- International project pipeline is strong; current Egypt project and additional \$50 million in Middle East projects remain on track



## Global Megatrends



### Food Security

Giving the means for the world to produce their own food and enabling less reliability on others.



### Sustainability & Productivity

Water conservation and being good stewards of the land that is available will continue to be important and addressing labor shortages. It is about doing more with less and using technology to our advantage in meeting those demands.

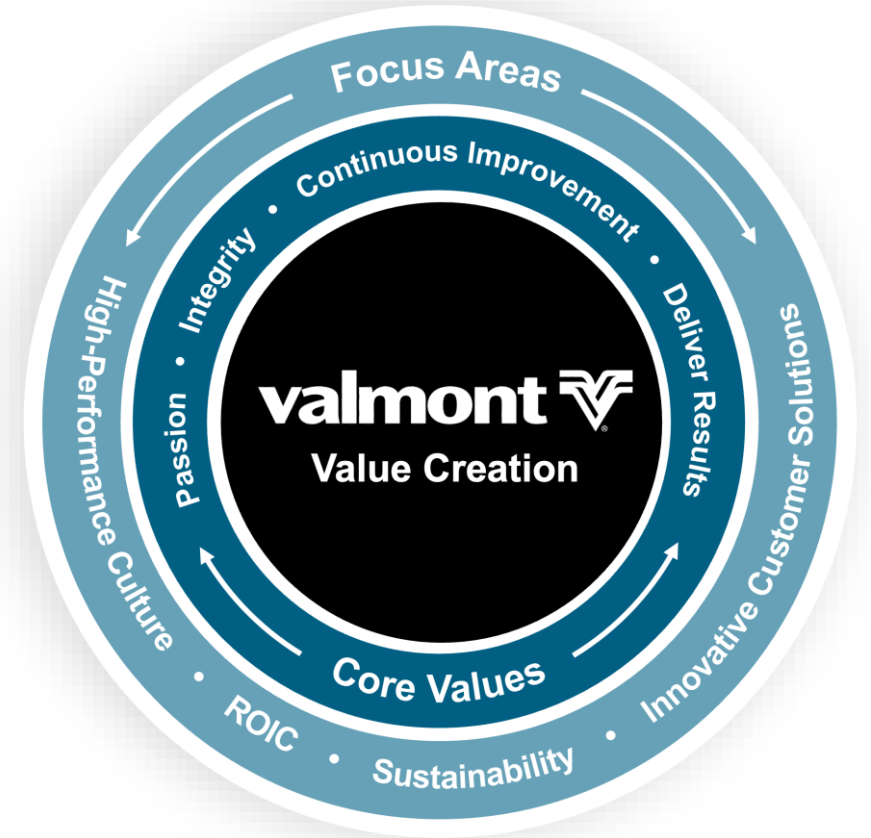


### Population Growth

Pressure to produce more food leads to an intensified focus on improving yields (crops and livestock) to meet the dietary needs of a growing population.

# Maximizing Value Creation

- Leveraging focus areas and core values of Valmont Business Model to produce desired outcomes
- We've refined our strategy and are **concentrating growth on high-return areas** that align our core competencies with customer needs
- Initial focus on realigning the organization to streamline decision-making and create agility to respond to evolving market demands, while reducing cost structure
- Now refocusing commercial (commercial execution) and operating teams (operational excellence) on opportunities that deliver the greatest value and drive the highest return
  - Utility produced a greater mix of distribution and substation structures – enhancing margins while accommodating customers
  - Solar is exiting certain low-margin projects as we focus on enhancing profitability and ROIC



**Taking Action to Enhance our Competitive Position and Drive Profitable Growth**



# Conserving Resources. Improving Life.®

ESG is a core focus area: It creates efficiencies and cost savings, improves safety, manages risks, and fosters innovation, enhancing our resilience and competitive edge

## Recommitted to our 2025 environmental goals<sup>1</sup>:

**10%**

Reduction in  
Scope I/II  
Carbon Intensity

**12%**

Additional Reduction in  
Normalized Global  
Electrical Usage

**19%**

Reduction in Scope I  
Mobile Source  
Combustion Fuel  
Carbon Emissions

**100%**

of global manufacturing  
facilities to adopt low-  
flow water fixtures for  
nonproduction areas



## 2024 Sustainability Report Highlights:

- Notable improvements in 2023 safety metrics, including a 13.5% TRIR reduction
- A record global response rate of 87% on our most recent employee engagement survey
- Indapur Taluka Galvanizing facility in India was awarded The Valmont Sustainability Award
- Earned multiple honors and awards for ESG initiatives

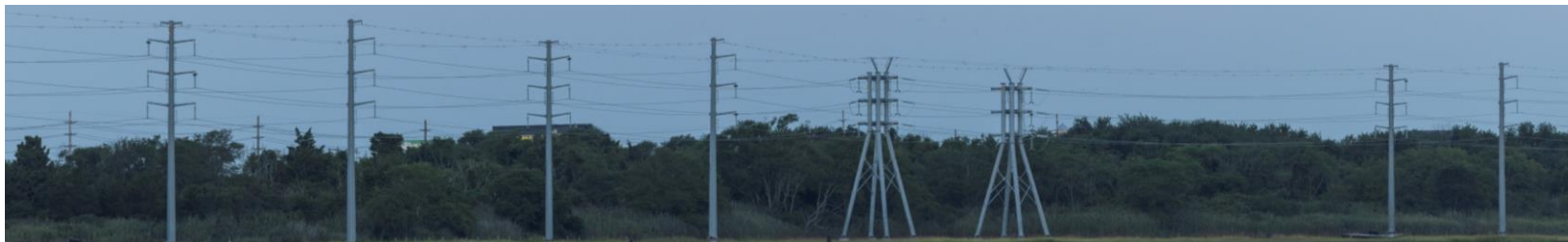
Released 9<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Report, Demonstrating Dedication to Sustainable Practices and Solutions



# Financial Results and Outlook

Tim Francis, Interim CFO

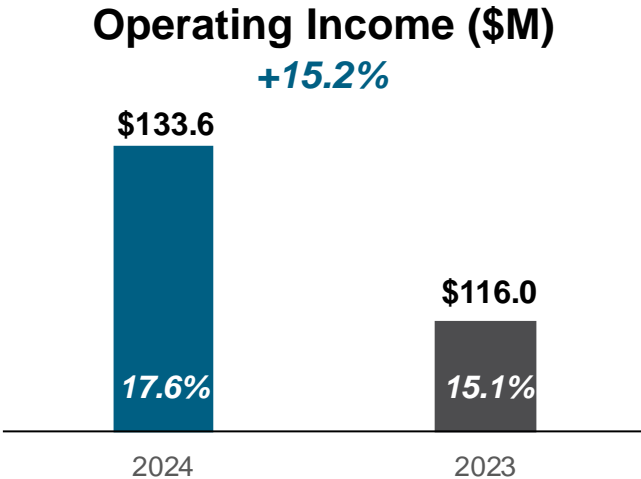
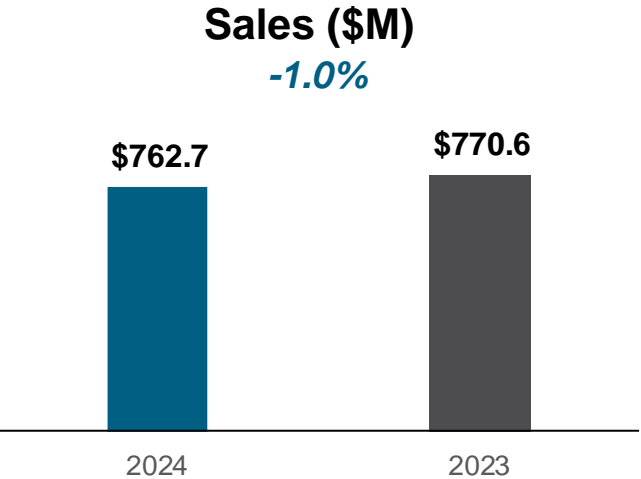
# Q2 2024 Financial Summary



<b>\$M, except EPS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Net Sales</b>	<b>1,039.7</b>	1,046.3	-0.6%
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>147.3</b>	133.7	+10.2%
<b>Operating Margin</b>	<b>14.2%</b>	12.8%	+140 bps
<b>Net Earnings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>99.7</b>	89.4	+11.6%
<b>Diluted EPS</b>	<b>4.91</b>	4.21	+16.6%

- Sales were similar to prior year
- Operating margin expanded 140 bps on commercial and operational execution, pricing strategies and an improved cost structure
- Diluted EPS improved on higher operating income, lower share count and a tax benefit of ~\$0.15 per share

# Q2 2024 Results | Infrastructure

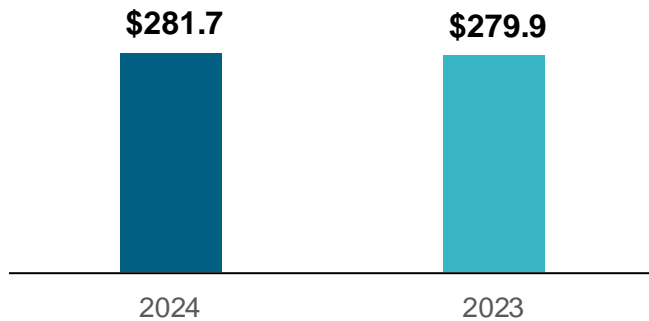


Sales (\$M)	2024	2023	%
<b>Transmission, Distribution, and Substation (Utility)</b>	\$323.0	\$314.4	+3%
<b>Lighting and Transportation</b>	\$243.6	\$246.1	-1%
<b>Coatings</b>	\$91.6	\$91.1	0%
<b>Telecommunications</b>	\$58.4	\$67.7	-14%
<b>Solar</b>	\$46.1	\$51.3	-10%

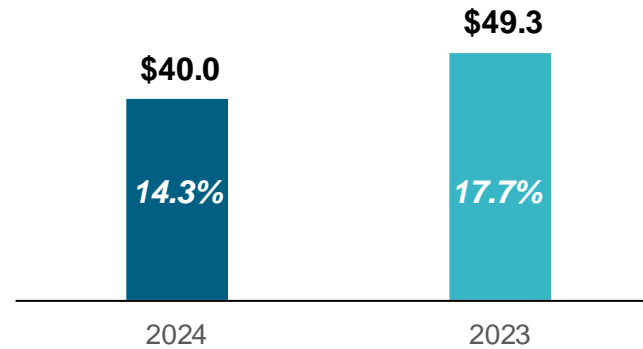
- Utility volumes were slightly higher; a greater mix of distribution and substation structures, and the unfavorable contractual price impact of steel index deflation, limited sales growth this quarter
- Telecom sales were lower due to a softer market environment compared to last year and Solar volumes were lower due to project timing
- Pricing was favorable for the segment as steel price deflation was offset by favorable product mix
- Operating margin improved due to commercial execution, pricing strategies, lower COGS due to declining steel costs and reduced SG&A expenses

# Q2 2024 Results | Agriculture

**Sales (\$M)**  
+0.6%



**Operating Income (\$M)**  
-18.8%



Sales (\$M)	2024	2023	%
<b>North America</b>	\$161.3	\$140.9	+14%
<b>International</b>	\$120.4	\$139.0	-13%
<b>Irrigation Equipment and Parts</b>	\$254.3	\$252.5	+1%
<b>Technology Products and Services</b>	\$27.4	\$27.4	0%

- North America volumes were significantly higher driven by replacement sales due to severe weather; average irrigation selling prices were lower compared to last year due to targeted regional pricing actions
- International sales decreased due to significantly lower sales in Brazil due to normalized backlog levels and lower grain prices impacting growers' buying behavior; these lower sales were partially offset by higher Middle East projects and the contribution from the HR Products acquisition
- Operating income decreased as the benefit of reduced SG&A expenses was more than offset by the impact of lower volumes and pricing in Brazil

# Building Solid Financial Foundation



Free Cash Flows (\$M)	YTD 6/29/2024	Liquidity (\$M)	6/29/2024
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ 154	Cash	\$ 163
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(37)	Total Long-Term Debt	1,018
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(151)	Shareholders' Equity	1,471
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	\$ 154	Total Debt to Adj. EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.66x
Purchase of Property, Plant, & Equipment	(33)	Available Credit under Revolving Credit Facility <sup>2</sup>	\$ 512
<b>Free Cash Flows</b>	<b>\$ 121</b>	Cash	163
		<b>Total Available Liquidity</b>	<b>\$ 675</b>

- Q2 2024 Operating Cash Flows were nearly 50% higher than Q2 2023
- Expect to generate strong cash flow in 2024 through earnings growth and diligent working capital management
- During the quarter we reduced borrowings on our revolving line of credit by \$90M, and Total Debt to Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> remains within our desired range of 1.5 to 2.5 times
- Long-term debt mostly fixed-rate, with long-dated maturities in 2044 and 2054
- Strong and flexible balance sheet to support balanced capital allocation strategy

<sup>1</sup> Please see Adjusted EBITDA and Leverage Ratio at end of document.

<sup>2</sup> \$800M Total Revolver less borrowings and Standby LCs of \$288M.



# Balanced Approach to Capital Allocation

2024 Year-to-Date Capital Deployment: \$72M

## Growing Our Business

**\$33M**

Capital Expenditures

**N/A**

Acquisitions

- We continue to invest in strategic capacity expansions to increase output and enhance manufacturing flexibility
- Prioritize projects that deliver high ROIC
- Targeting adjacent opportunities in end markets with favorable and global long-term demand trends
- Returns exceeding cost of capital within 3 years

## Returning Cash to Shareholders

**\$15M**

Share Repurchases

**\$24M**

Dividends

- ~\$121M remains on the current share repurchase authorization
- Opportunistic approach, supported by free cash flow
- Q2 Dividends Paid \$12.1M
- Payout ratio target: 15% of earnings; current payout ~13%

Over the past year, we have returned ~\$275M to shareholders through dividends and repurchases.

# Updating 2024 Outlook and Key Assumptions

**(3.5%) – (1.5%)**  
Change In Net Sales Y/Y

Previous outlook: (2.0%) – 0.5%

**\$16.50 – \$17.30**  
GAAP Diluted EPS

Previous outlook: \$15.40 – \$16.40

## Segment Assumptions

- Infrastructure sales are now expected to be Flat to up 1.5% vs. PY; due to lower expected solar sales and steel deflationary impact on Utility sales
- No change from prior Agriculture sales outlook; expected to be down 10.0% to 15.0% vs. PY

## Key Assumptions

- Steel cost assumptions aligned with HRC futures market
- Effective tax rate of ~26.0%
- Minimal expected foreign currency translation impact on net sales
- For cash flow purposes, capital expenditures now expected to be in the range of \$95.0 to \$110.0 million

## Other Modeling Considerations

- Expect Infrastructure full-year gross profit margin improvement compared to 2023, although may not reach 1H 2024 results
- Expect 2H 2024 Agriculture operating margins to be similar to Q4 2023 (10.3% on adjusted<sup>1</sup> basis)
- Expect full-year consolidated SG&A as a % of net sales to be lower than 2023

# Valmont Team Is Executing Our Strategy and Performing Well in Dynamic Market

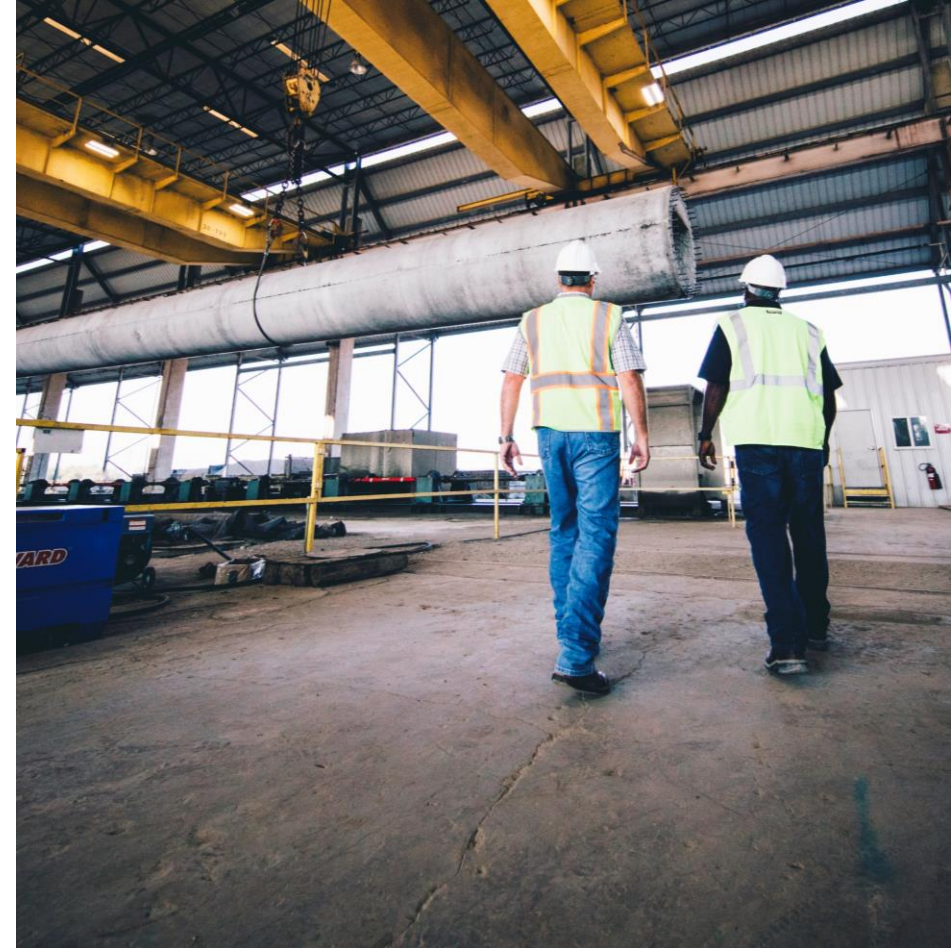
## Actively managing our business to maximize returns

- Driving commercial execution and operational excellence
- Leveraging competitive advantages and core competencies
- Streamlining administrative functions and enhancing productivity

## Building resiliency as we make progress on our strategic initiatives

- Structurally reducing cost structure, improving margins and cash flows to generate sustainable shareholder value
- Achieving strong financial results in dynamic markets
- Delivering innovative solutions to customers in attractive growing markets that address vital megatrends
- Creating a high-performance culture that is positioned for sustained financial success

## Well-positioned to achieve long-term financial targets



# Q&A

# Appendix

# Long-Term Financial Targets

**Net Sales  
Growth<sup>1</sup>**

**MSD+**

Serving markets with positive growth outlook aligned with megatrends  
Innovation and market expansion to grow above markets

**Operating  
Margin**

Approaching  
**Mid-Teens**

Strategic pricing to align with value we deliver  
Streamlined organization aligned with strategy  
Operational efficiencies & focus on the outliers

**Return on Invested  
Capital**

**High-Teens**

A disciplined and efficient capital allocation strategy  
Internal investments and acquisitions are evaluated based on financial and strategic criteria

**Net Earnings  
FCF Conversion**

**100%**

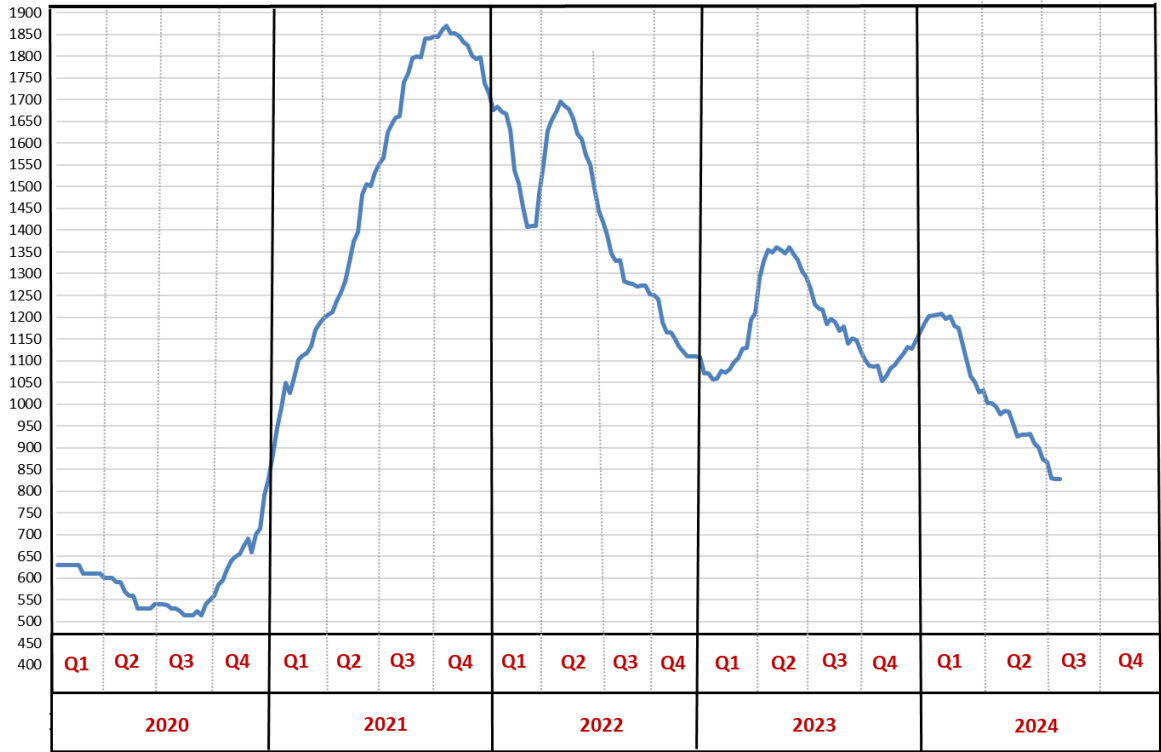
Managing net working capital to maximize cash flow  
Supply chain and inventory optimization

**Delivering reliable growth while expanding operating margins and ROIC to consistently create shareholder value**



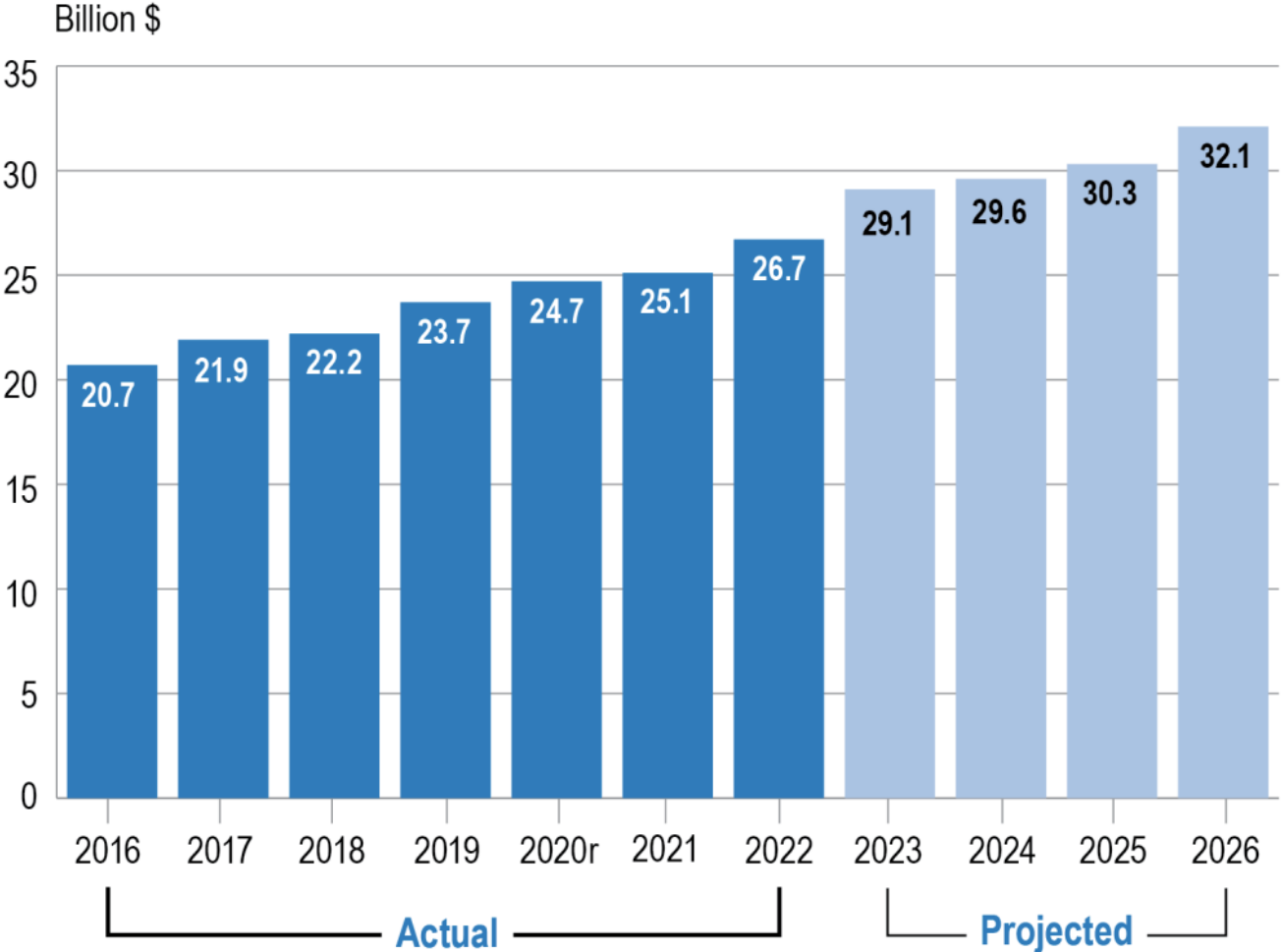
# Steel Material Index Trends

AMM Steel Material Index  
 National Mills Carbon Grade  
 Cut to Length and Coiled / Hot Rolled Plate Average  
 2020 through 2024 YTD



- The contractual price impact from steel index deflation is leading us to adjust our expected increase in Utility sales downward
- Steel cost changes impact Utility the most because of the contractual pricing mechanisms and strong backlog

# Actual and Projected Transmission Investment



Investment of investor-owned electric companies and stand-alone transmission companies. Actual Investment figures were obtained from the EEI Property & Plant Capital Investment Survey supplemented with FERC Form 1 data. Projected investment figures were obtained from the EEI Transmission Capital Investment Forecast Survey supplemented with data obtained from company 10-k reports and investor presentations.

# Utility Industry Capital Expenditures

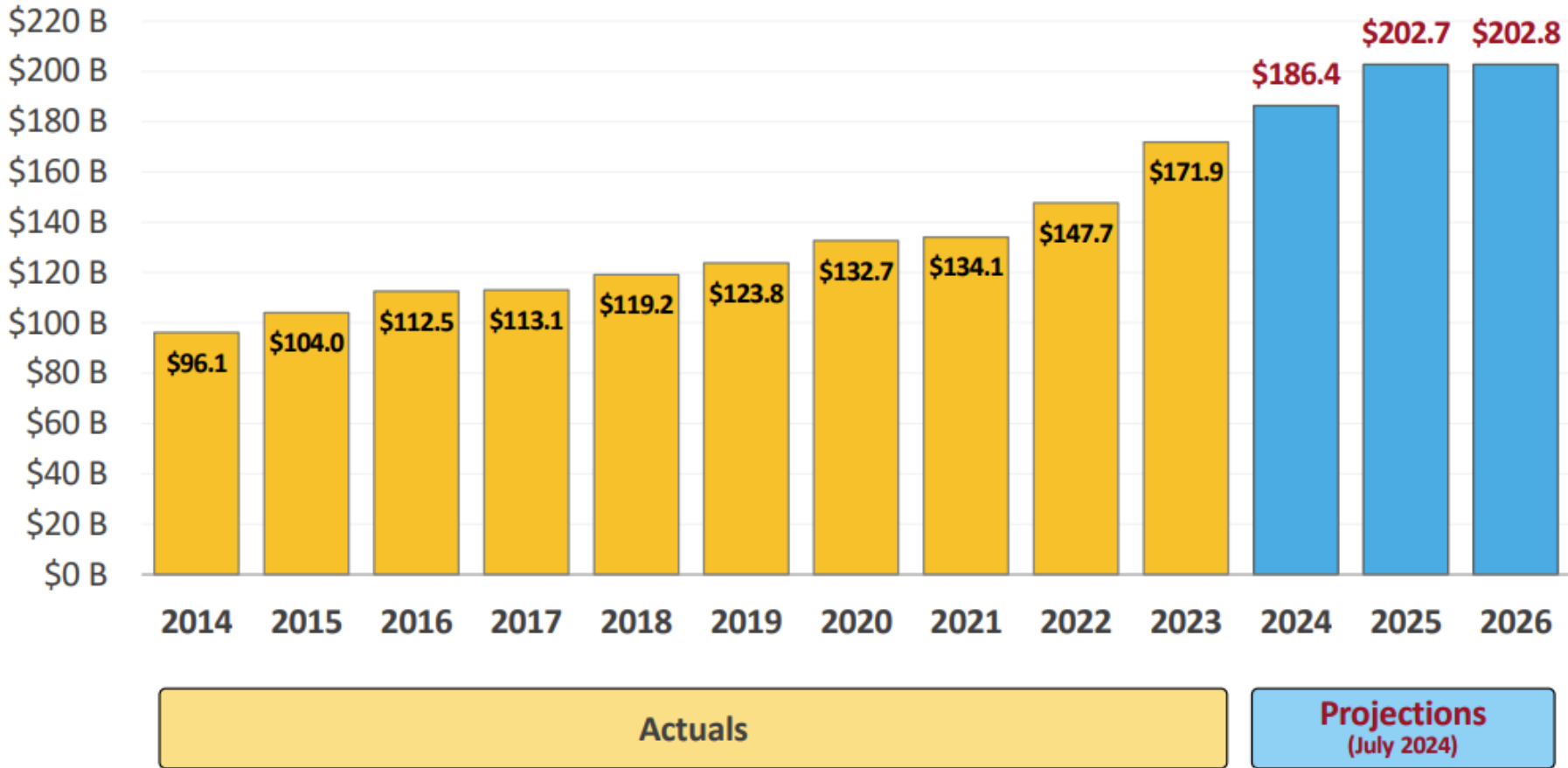
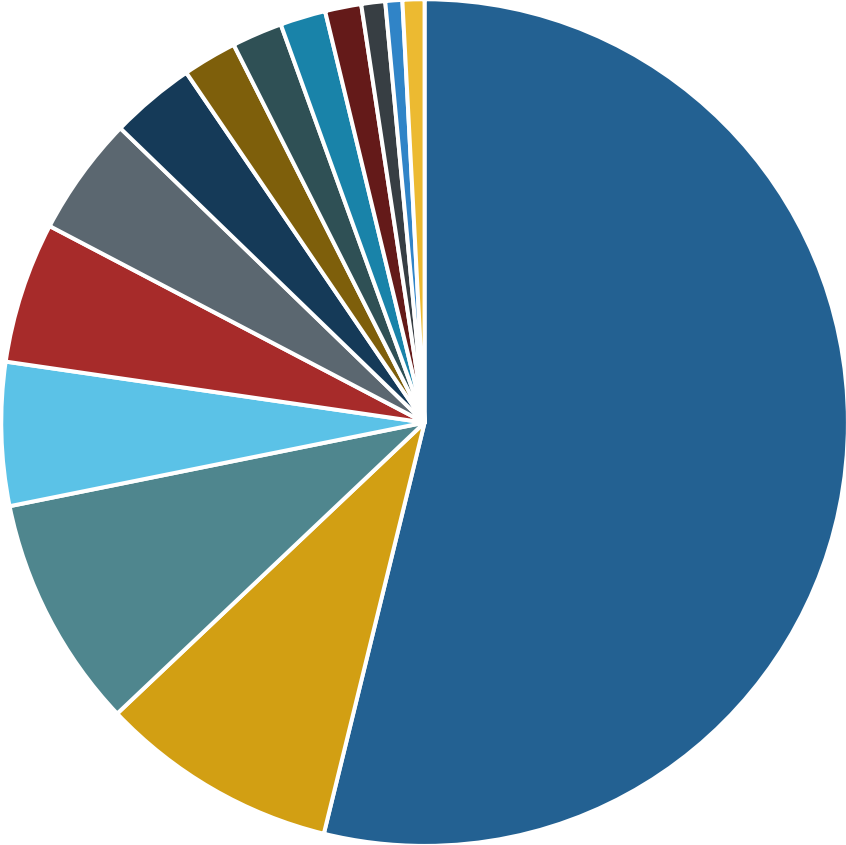


Chart represents total company spending of U.S. Investor-Owned Electric Utilities, consolidated at the parent or appropriate holding company.

At the industry level, CapEx tends to be overestimated for the current, or first, year's projection and underestimated for the two following years. We expect a continued level of elevated spending after accounting for the historical trend of over- and underestimation.

# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

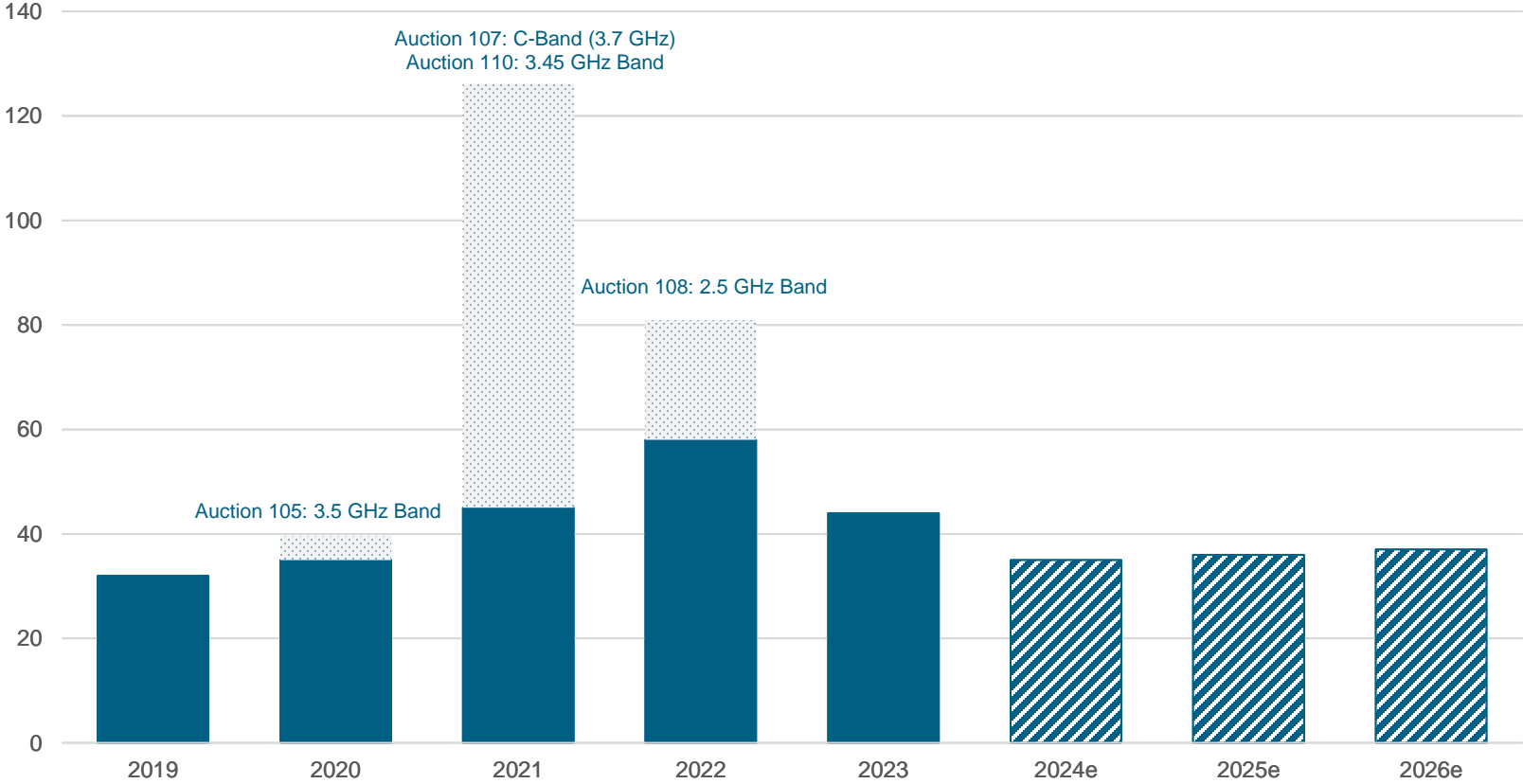
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Spending Breakdown (In Order - Most to Least)



- Previously-Passed Transportation Funding | \$650B
- Roads, Bridges and Related Programs | \$111B
- Energy, Power and Electric Grid Reliability | \$107.5B
- Freight and Passenger Rail | \$66B
- Broadband | \$65B
- Water and Wastewater Infrastructure | \$55B
- Public Transportation | \$39.2B
- Airports | \$25B
- Natural Disaster Prevention and Mitigation | \$23.3B
- Cleaning-Up Abandoned Sites | \$21B
- Army Corps of Engineers | \$16.7B
- Highway and Pedestrian Safety | \$11B
- Ports and Coast Guard | \$7.8B
- Cybersecurity and other Infrastructure Programs | \$10.11B

# Wireless Carrier Spending

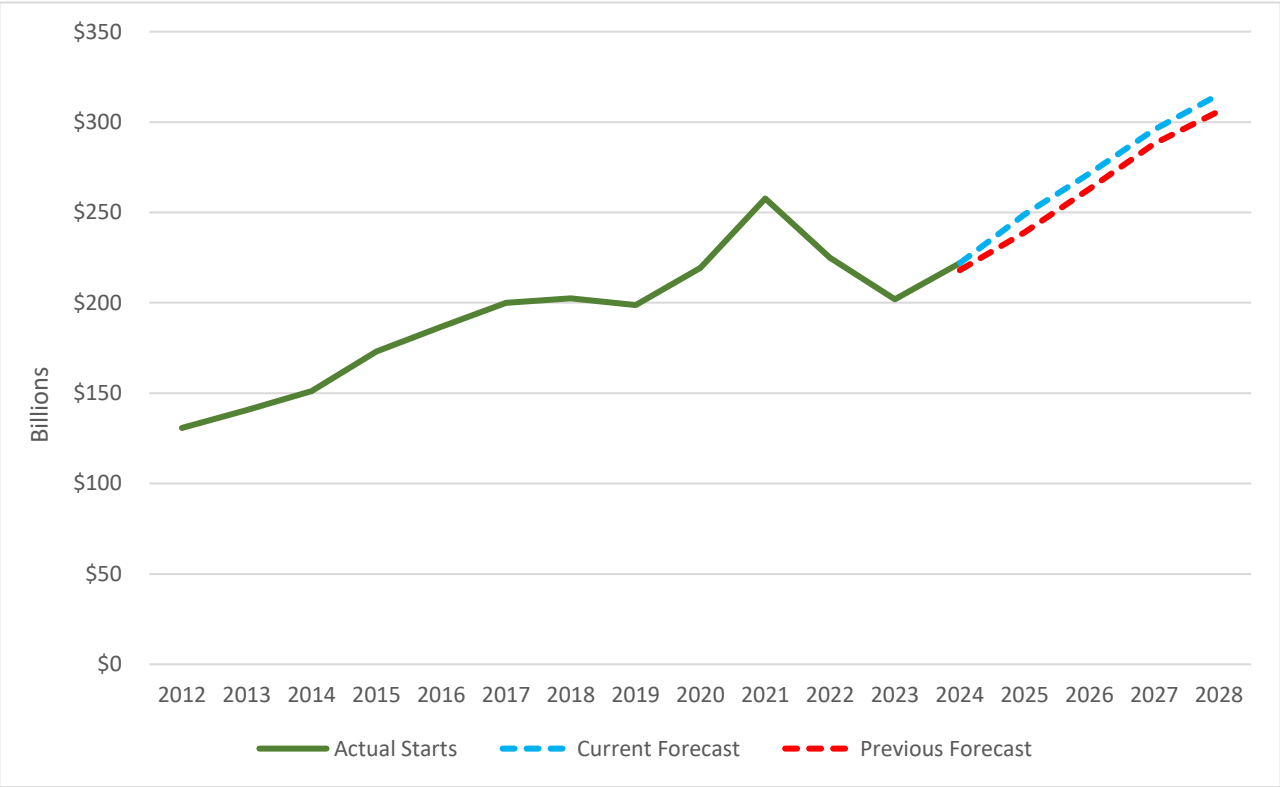
US Wireless CapEx & 5G Auction Spend (US\$ billions, 2019-2026E)



The data does not include investments in fiber or other digital infrastructure, or expenditures for private networks. Also not included is the tower companies' capex to acquire, build, or augment existing sites. Funding from BEAD or other government programs is not included in the projections. All of this activity is additive to planned network investments and construction

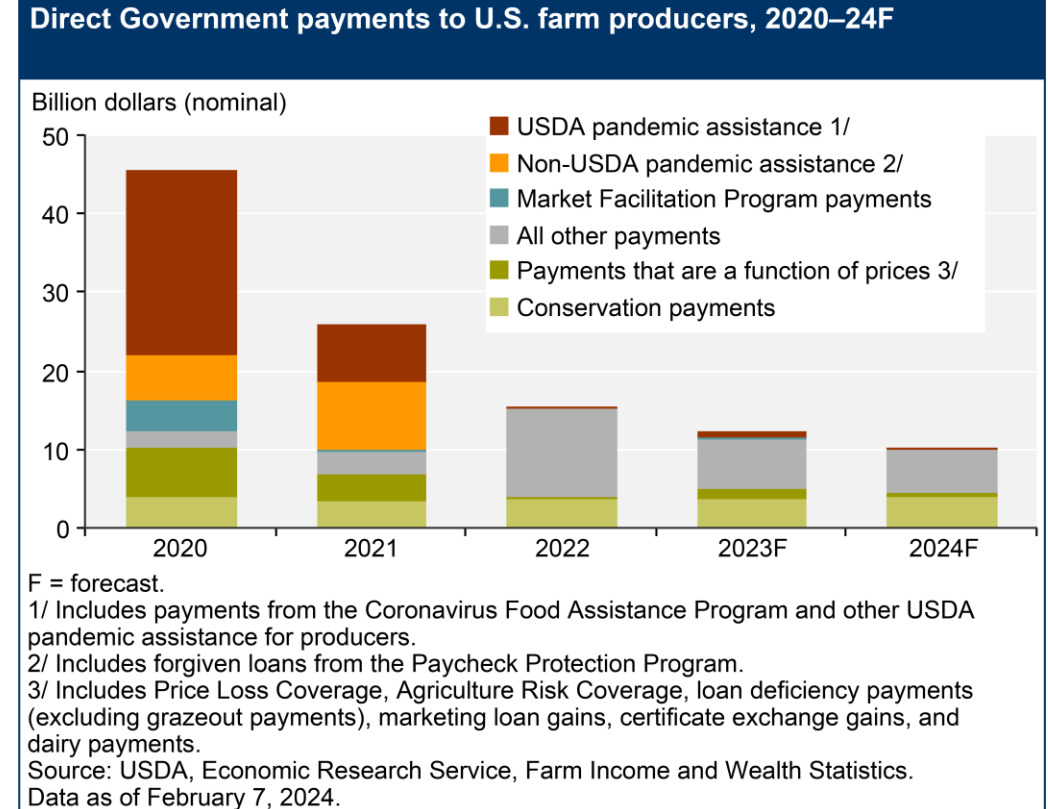
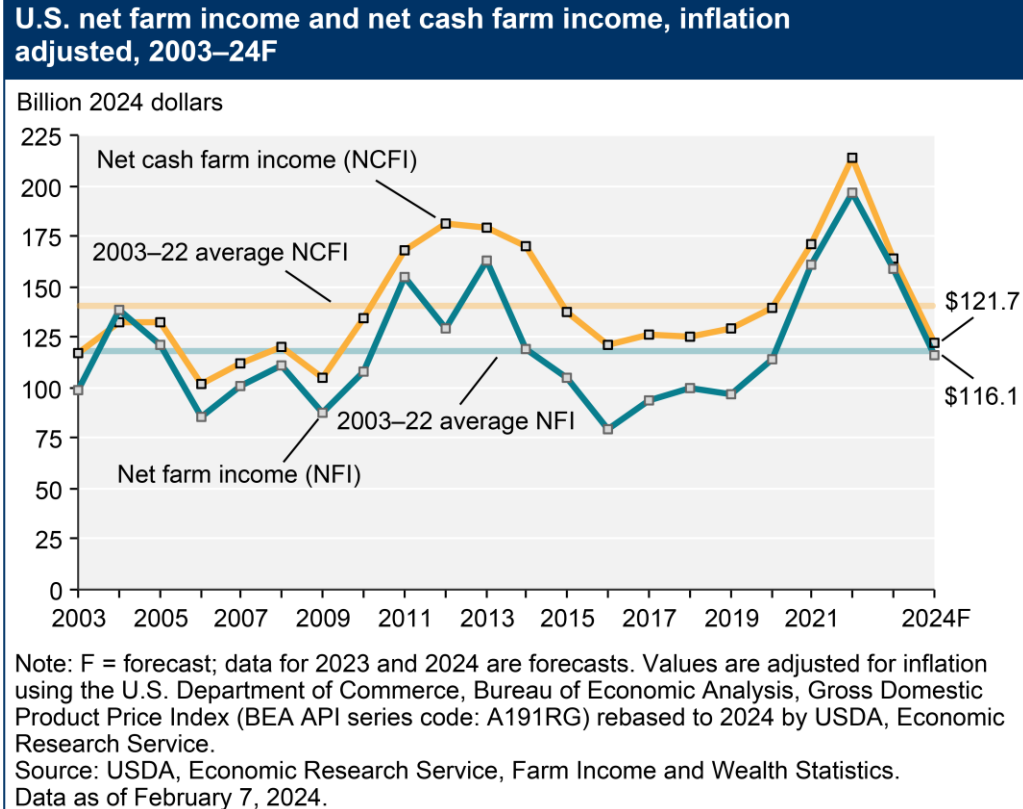
Source: Inside Towers  
Updated: March 2024

# Single Family Housing Starts Market Forecast

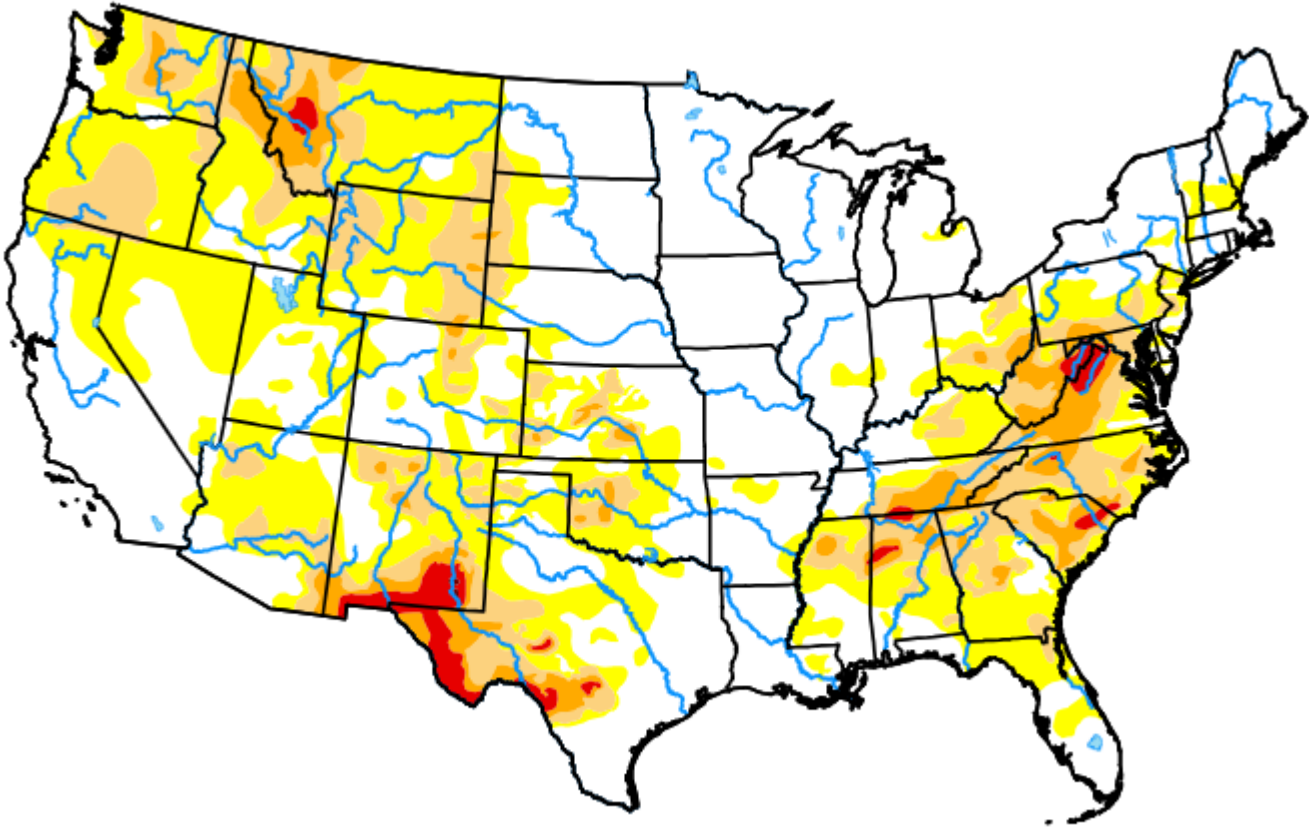




# U.S. Net Cash Farm Income by Year



# U.S. Drought Condition



### Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to Reported Financial Measures

*Dollars in thousands*

The non-GAAP table below discloses the impacts of the realignment charges and non-recurring charges associated with major scope changes for two strategic projects initiated by departed senior leadership on the fourth quarter of fiscal 2023 results. Amounts may be impacted by rounding. We believe it is useful when considering company performance for the non-GAAP adjusted operating income (loss) to be taken into consideration by management and investors with the related reported GAAP measures.

<b>Operating Income (Loss) Reconciliation</b>	<b>Thirteen weeks ended December 30, 2023</b>			
	<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>Corporate</i>	<i>Consolidated</i>
Operating income (loss) - as reported	\$ 82,550	\$ 13,946	\$ (32,948)	\$ 63,548
Realignment charges	16,191	8,194	6,645	31,030
Other non-recurring charges	—	5,626	—	5,626
Adjusted operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 98,741</u>	<u>\$ 27,766</u>	<u>\$ (26,303)</u>	<u>\$ 100,204</u>
Net sales - as reported	745,713	269,813	—	1,015,526
Operating income (loss) as a % of net sales	11.1 %	5.2 %	NM	6.3 %
Adj. operating inc. (loss) as a % of net sales	13.2 %	10.3 %	NM	9.9 %

# Historical Free Cash Flow<sup>1,2</sup> (2014 – 2023)

Dollars in millions

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 174.1	\$ 272.3	\$ 232.8	\$ 133.1	\$ 153.0	\$ 307.6	\$ 316.3	\$ 65.9	\$ 326.3	\$ 306.8
Net cash flows from investing activities	(256.9)	(48.2)	(53.0)	(49.6)	(155.4)	(168.1)	(104.0)	(417.3)	(132.1)	(115.3)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(136.8)	(32.0)	(95.2)	(32.0)	(162.1)	(98.9)	(173.8)	133.5	(181.9)	(176.4)
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$ 174.1	\$ 272.3	\$ 232.8	\$ 133.1	\$ 153.0	\$ 307.6	\$ 316.3	\$ 65.9	\$ 326.3	\$ 306.8
Purchase of plant, property, and equipment	(73.0)	(45.5)	(57.9)	(55.3)	(72.0)	(97.4)	(106.7)	(107.8)	(93.3)	(96.8)
Free cash flows	101.1	226.8	174.9	77.8	81.0	210.2	209.6	(41.9)	233.0	210.0
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$ 183.9	\$ 40.1	\$ 175.5	\$ 120.5	\$ 101.8	\$ 146.4	\$ 140.7	\$ 195.6	\$ 250.9	\$ 150.8
Adjusted free cash flow net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$ 187.7	\$ 131.7	\$ 139.9	\$ 162.7	\$ 130.4	\$ 146.4	\$ 159.8	\$ 222.3	\$ 284.2	\$ 291.6
Free Cash Flow Conversion - GAAP	0.55	5.66	1.00	0.65	0.80	1.44	1.49	(0.21)	0.93	1.39
Free Cash Flow Conversion - Adjusted	0.53	1.71	1.25	0.48	0.62	1.44	1.31	(0.19)	0.82	0.72

## Reconciliation of Net Earnings to Adjusted Figures

Net earnings attributed to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$ 183.9	\$ 40.1	\$ 175.5	\$ 120.5	\$ 101.8	\$ 146.4	\$ 140.7	\$ 195.6	\$ 250.9	\$ 150.8
Loss from divestiture of offshore wind energy structures business	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.3	-
Change in valuation allowance against deferred tax assets	-	7.1	(20.7)	41.9	-	-	-	5.0	-	-
Impairment of long-lived assets	-	61.8	1.1	-	28.6	-	19.1	21.7	-	140.8
Reversal of contingent liability	-	-	(16.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-recurring expenses (non-cash)	-	18.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noncash loss from Delta EMD shares	3.8	4.6	0.6	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
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<sup>1</sup>Adjusted net earnings for purposes of calculating free cash flow conversion may not agree to the adjusted net earnings. The difference is due to non-recurring expenses which were settled in cash in the year of occurrence as part of net cash flows from operating activities.

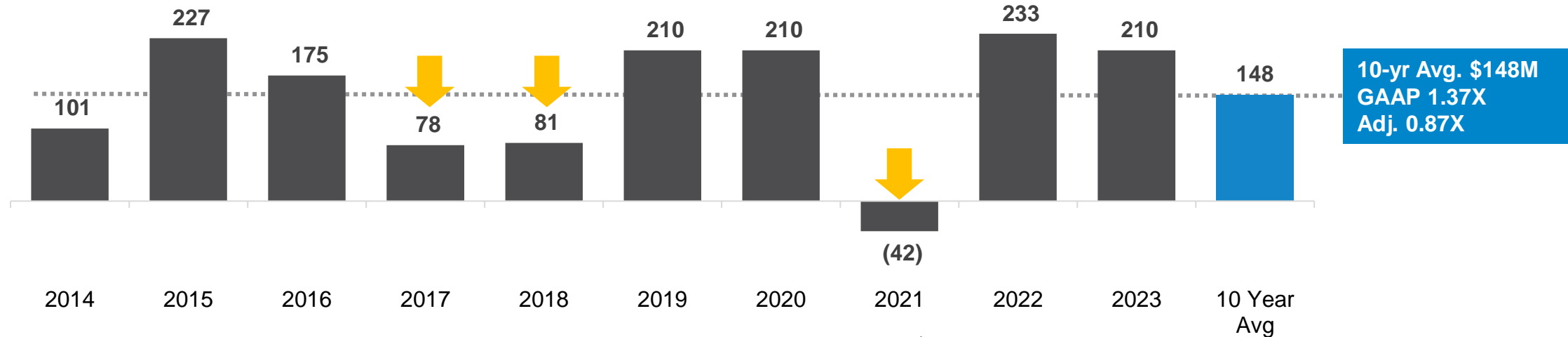
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# Free Cash Flow Throughout the Cycle

Dollars in millions

## 2014 – 2023 Free Cash Flow<sup>1</sup>

↓ Years of rapid raw material cost inflation



## Historical FCF Conversion by Year<sup>1</sup>

<b>GAAP</b>	0.55X	5.66X	1.00X	0.65X	0.80X	1.44X	1.49X	(0.21X)	0.93X	1.39X
<b>Adj.</b>	0.53X	1.71X	1.25X	0.48X	0.62X	1.44X	1.31X	(0.19X)	0.82X	0.72X

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# Calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and Leverage Ratio

*Dollars in thousands*

*Certain of our debt agreements contain covenants that require us to maintain certain coverage ratios. Our Debt to Adjusted EBITDA may not exceed 3.5X Adjusted EBITDA (or 3.75X Adjusted EBITDA after certain material acquisitions) of the prior four fiscal quarters. See “Leverage Ratio” below.*

	<b>Four fiscal quarters ended June 29, 2024</b>
Net earnings attributable to Valmont Industries, Inc.	\$ 174,471
Interest expense	60,853
Income tax expense	87,398
Depreciation and amortization expense	95,325
Stock-based compensation	33,471
EBITDA	451,518
Impairment of long-lived assets	140,844
Realignment charges	35,210
Proforma acquisition adjustment	1,130
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 628,702
Interest-bearing debt, excluding origination fees and discounts of \$25,965	\$ 1,045,953
Less: cash and cash equivalents in excess of \$50,000	113,142
Net indebtedness	\$ 932,811
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Leverage ratio	1.48
Interest-bearing debt, excluding origination fees and discounts of \$25,965	\$ 1,045,953
Total debt to adjusted EBITDA	1.66