

Riggs Beer Company's 2025 Sustainability Report

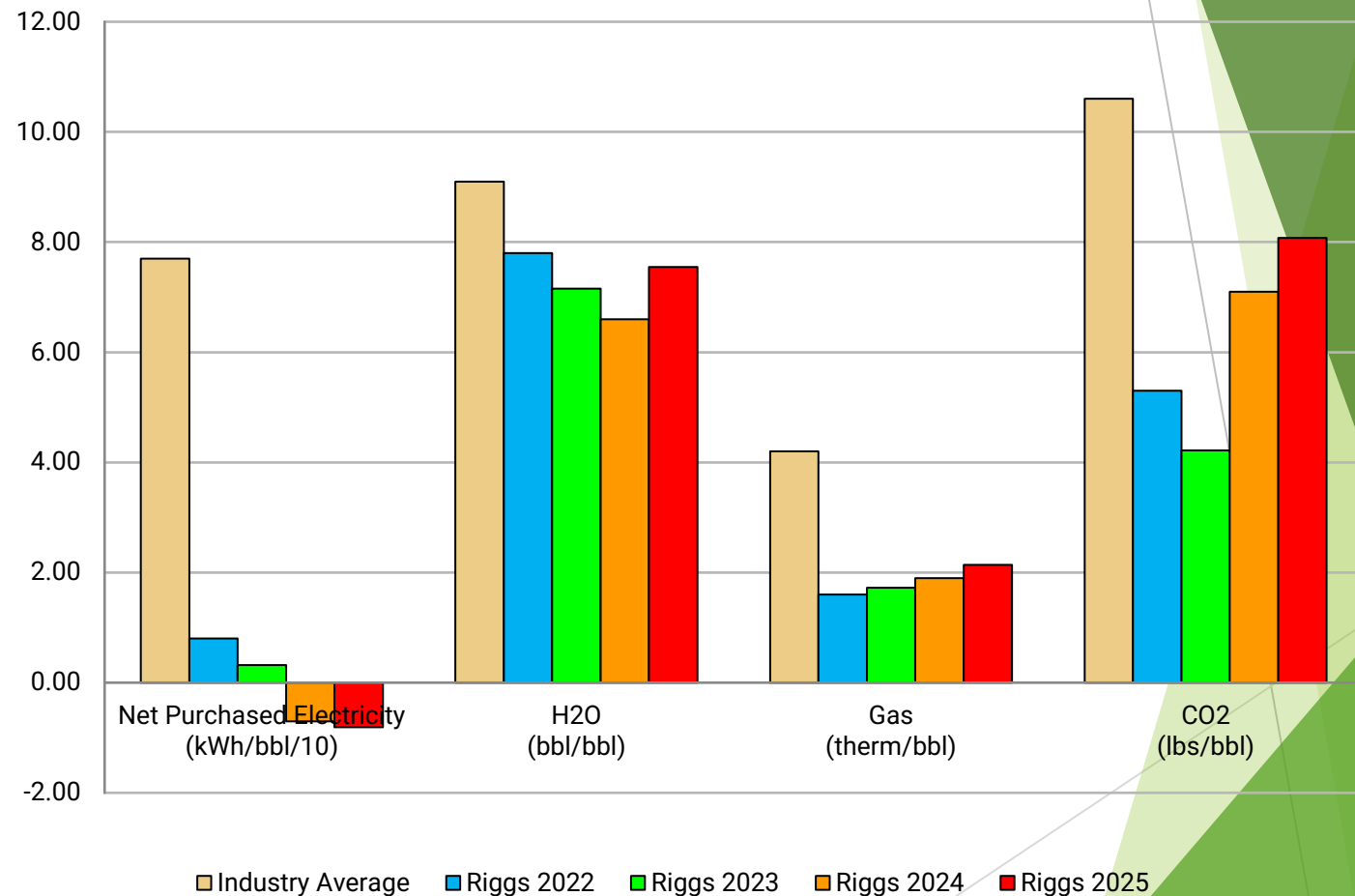
- **Slight Volume Decline:** A big, out of state brewery entered the Illinois market in 2025 and it cost us some sales volume, which negatively impacted some of our sustainability benchmarks.
- **Continued Efficient Resource Use:** Our benchmarking data outperforms industry standards again.
- **More Local Hops Despite Lower Sales:** 32% more Illinois grown hops were used vs last year.
- **More Local Produce:** We doubled our sweetcorn production and added edamame beans.

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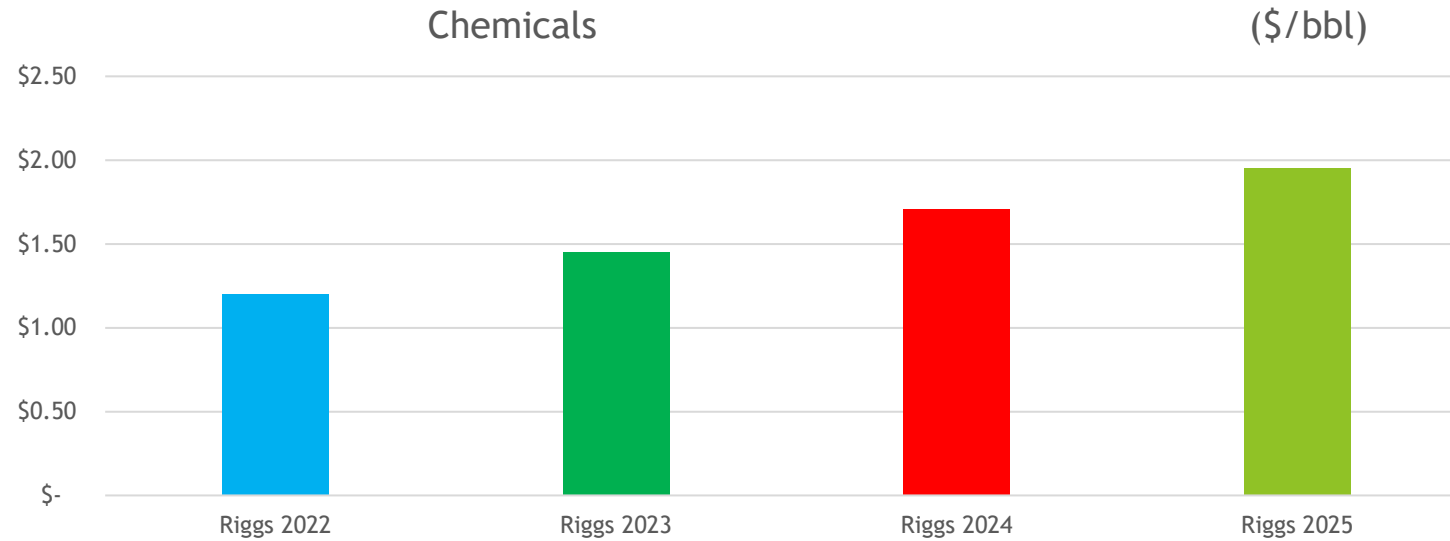


Benchmarking Performance

Small and Independent brewers like us faced challenges in the market largely due to a large out of state brewer entering the Illinois market. They subcontract the production of their beer for Illinois to even larger brewers, which allows them to price kegs of beer considerably below our price of production. This modest loss of sales volume pushed our “per barrel” usage rates higher than we’ve seen in several years.

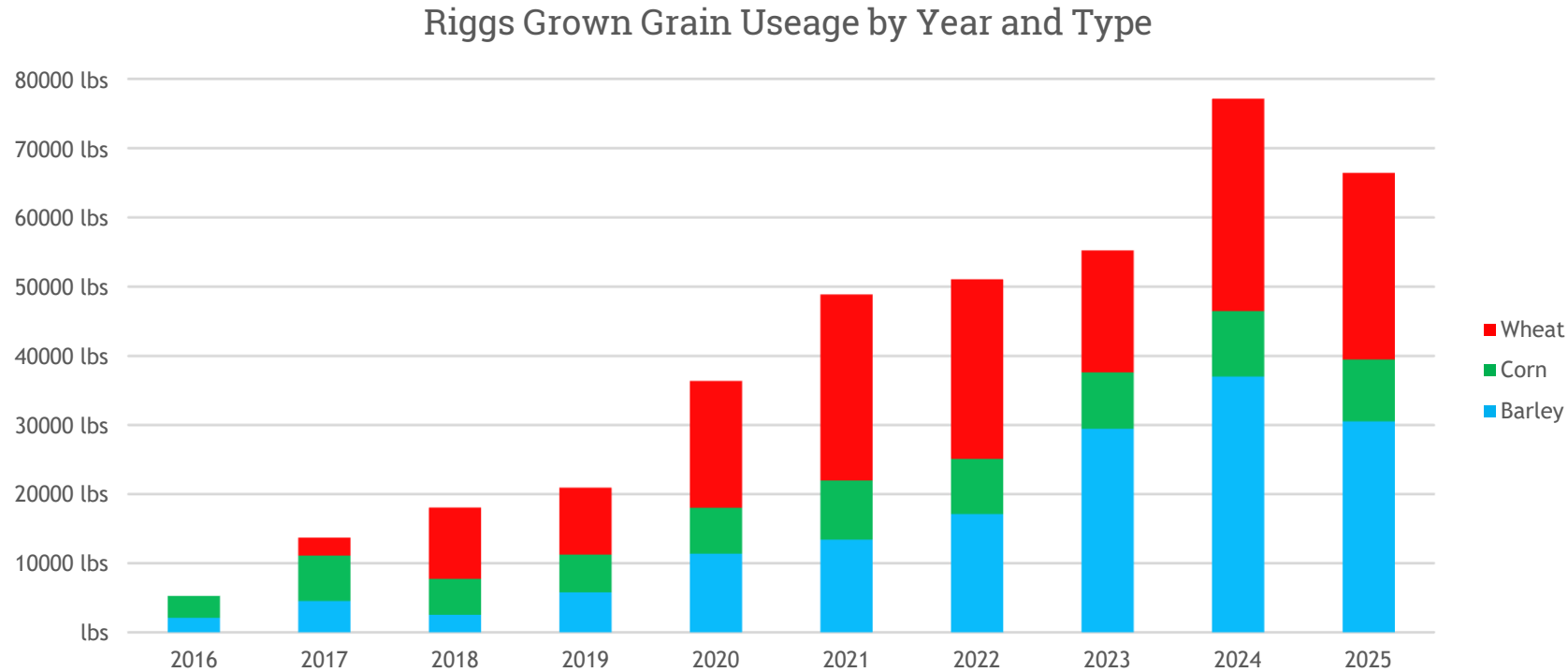


Chemical Use Benchmarking



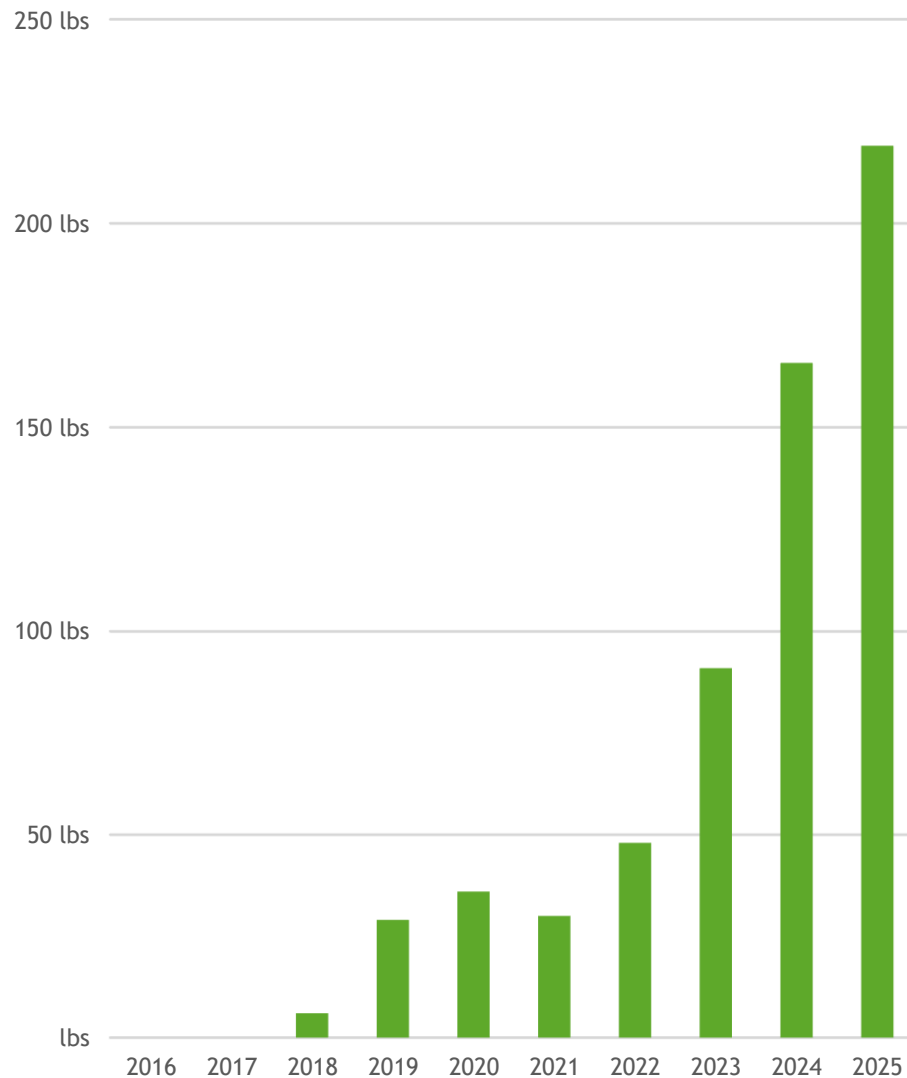
Inflation has pushed chemical costs up significantly. When correcting for price increases, our volume usage remains roughly flat.

Local Grain Usage



Again, volume losses here can be attributed to slightly lower overall sales volume. But don't worry, we're feeling good about our chances to return to growth in 2026!

Illinois Hop Usage by Year



Local Hop Usage

Gains in Illinois hop use can be attributed to the use of Hallowed Hops Farm Mackinac Hops in every batch of our flagship beer: Hefeweizen.

Expanded Local Produce Production



We tripled the size of our local produce fields here at the brewery. In addition to doubling the amount of sweetcorn that we're growing, we have partnered with the local USDA office to trial 7 varieties of Edamame soybeans. All of this food is being grown without herbicide or insecticide and will be consumed in the local area.