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This week's topics

- Teamsters announce opposition to UP-NS merger
- Weekly rail traffic update

Traffic summary, week ending 12/13/2025

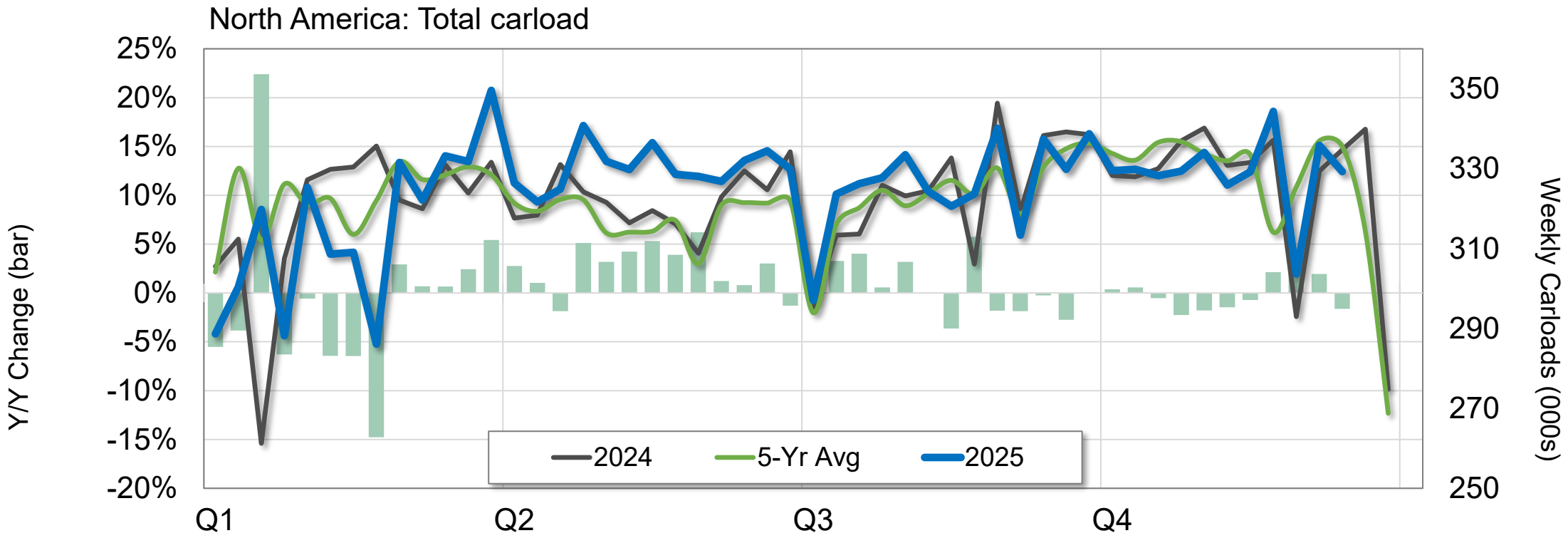
- Total rail traffic: -1.1%
- Carloads: -1.6%
- Intermodal: -0.7%

- Events
  - Most carload commodity groups posted y/y declines this week
  - Metals, nonmetallic minerals, and forest products were the worst carload performers this week.
  - Intermodal volumes remained negative this week but improved for many carriers.

Source: Association of American Railroads (AAR)

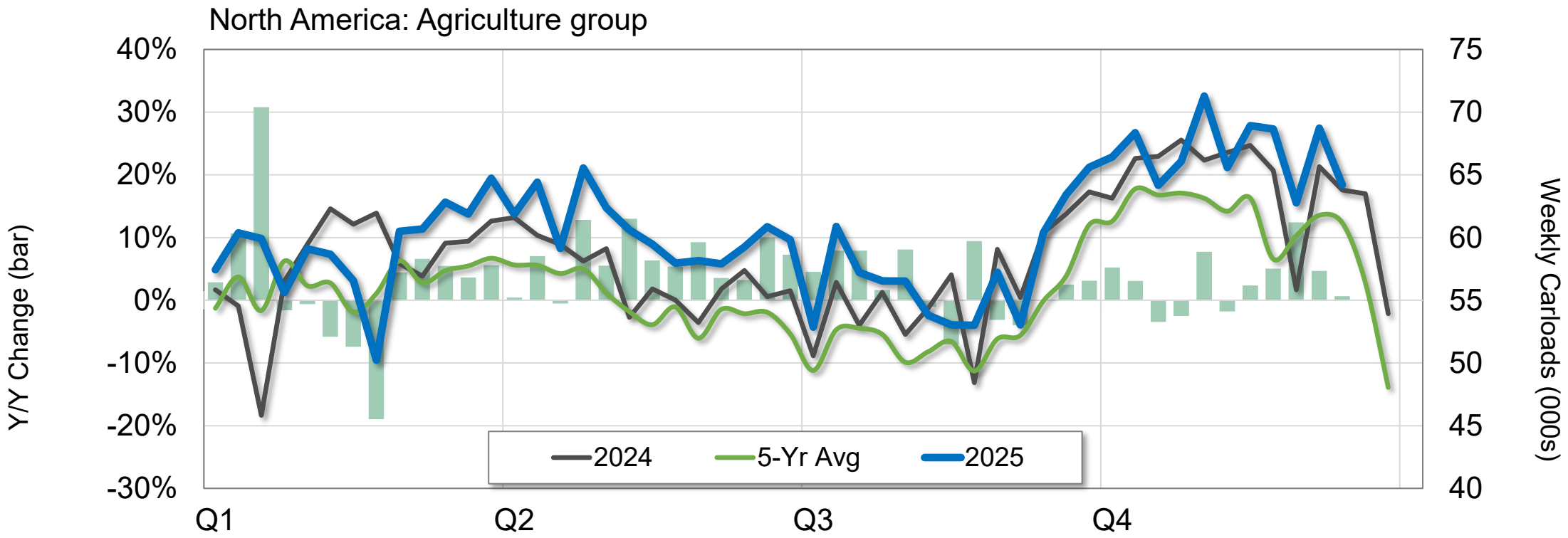
Carloads

Total carloads



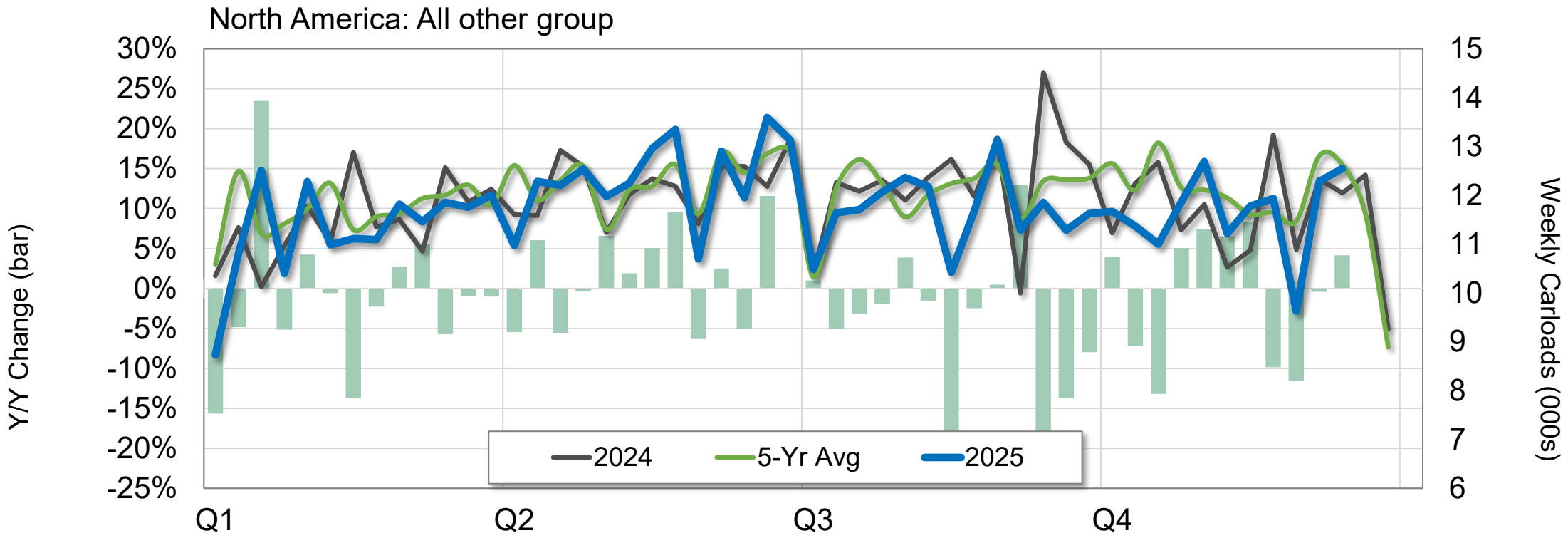
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Agriculture



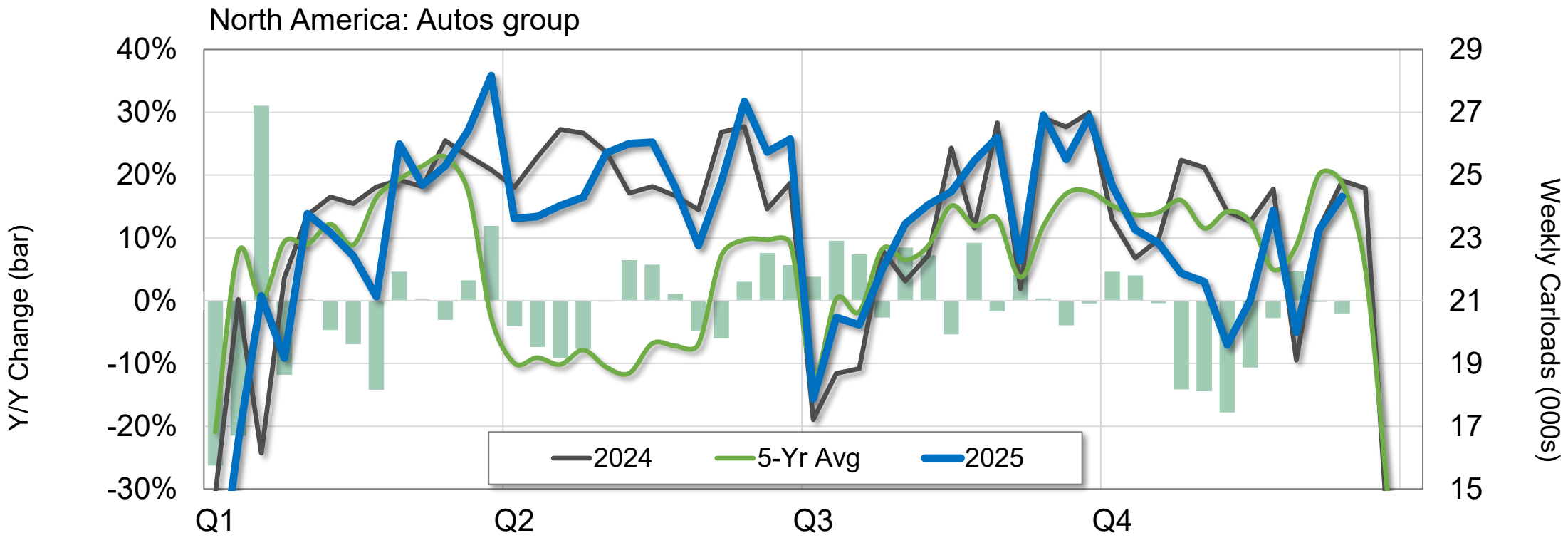
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All other



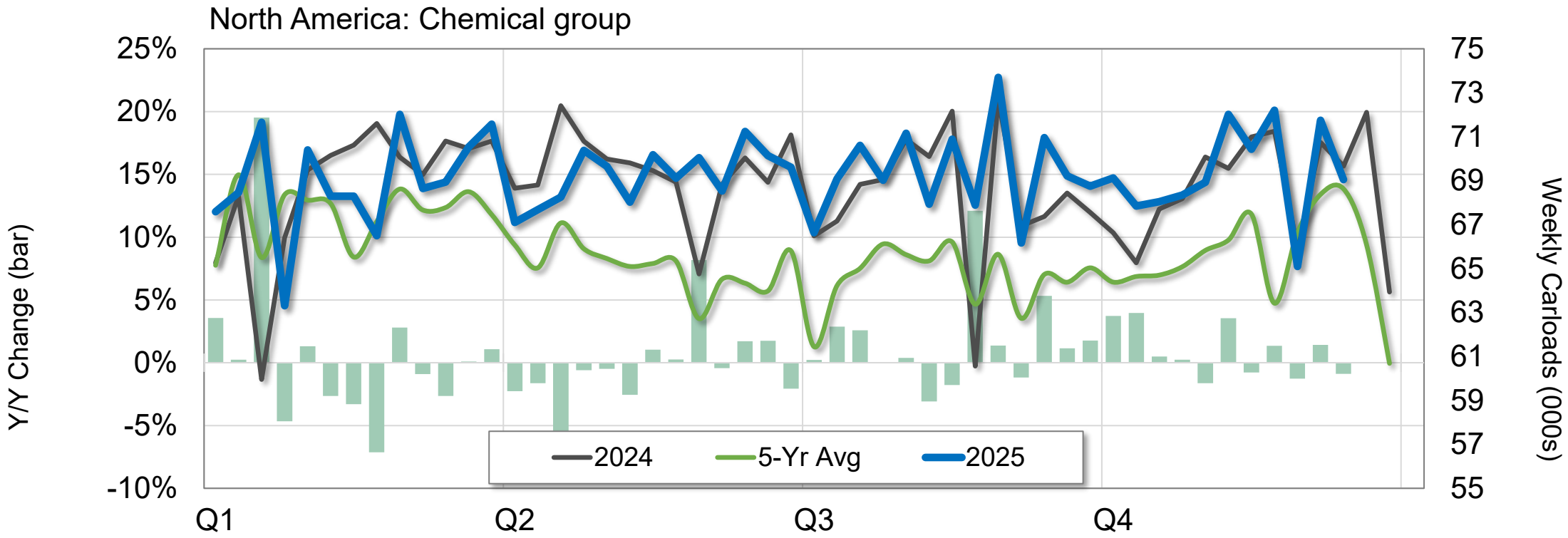
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Automotive



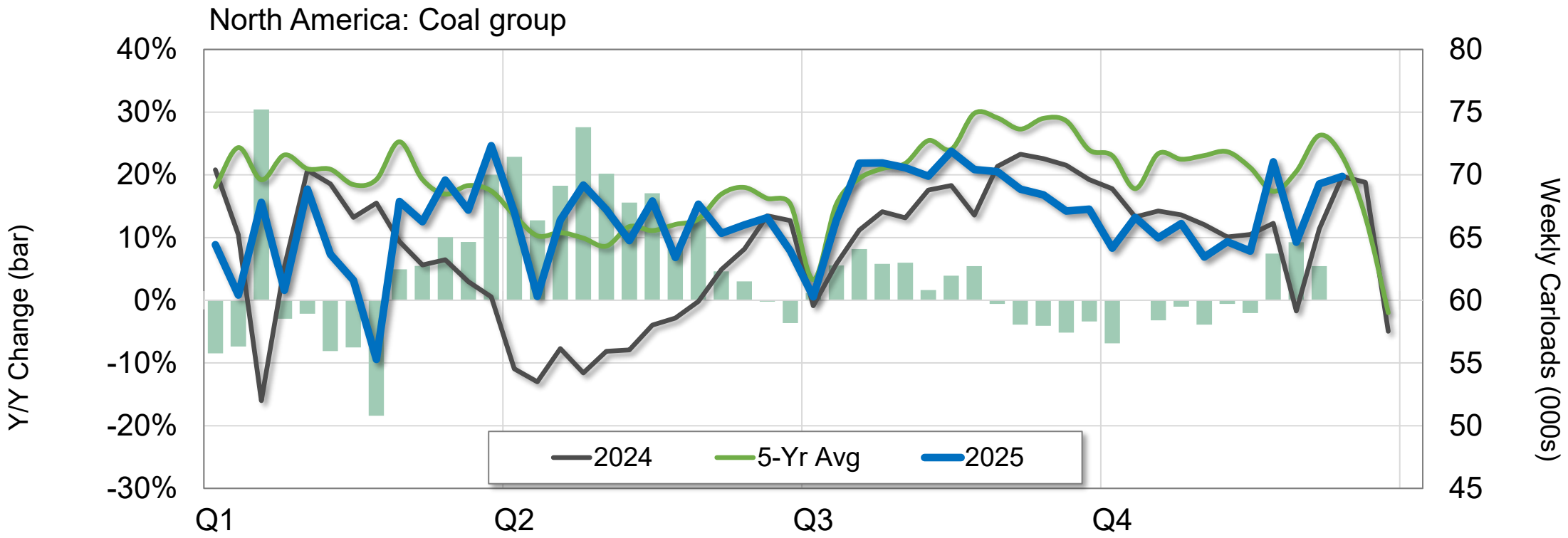
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Chemicals (incl. petroleum)



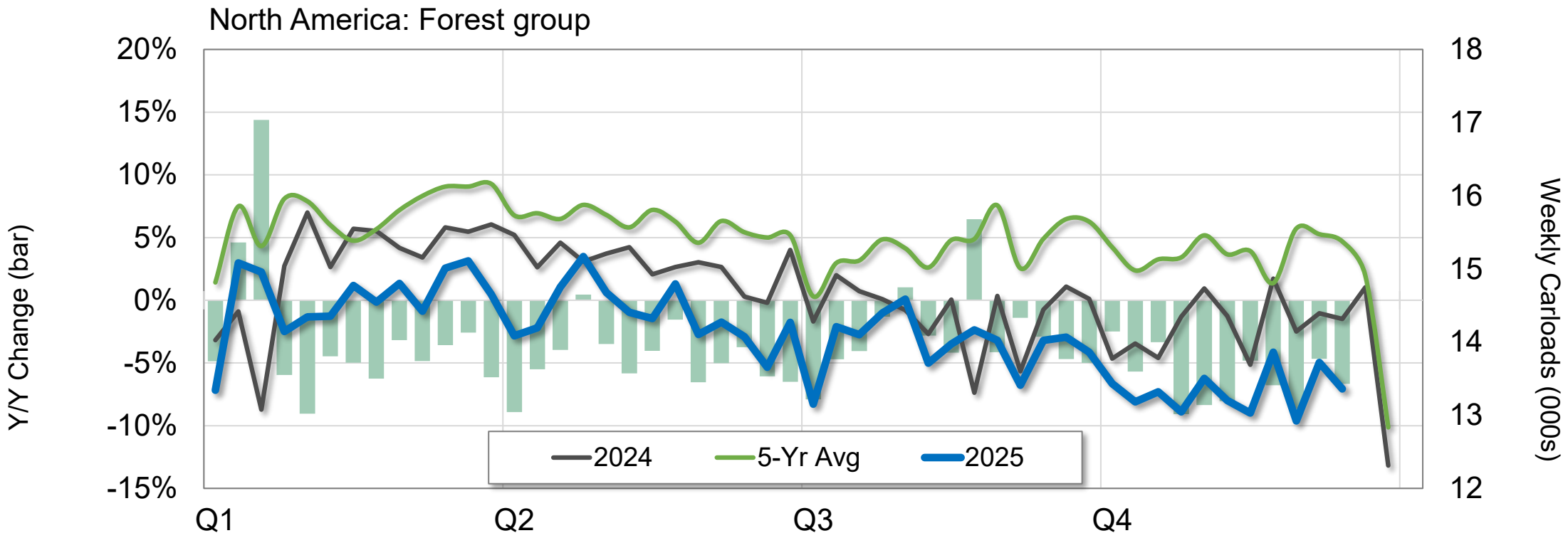
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Coal



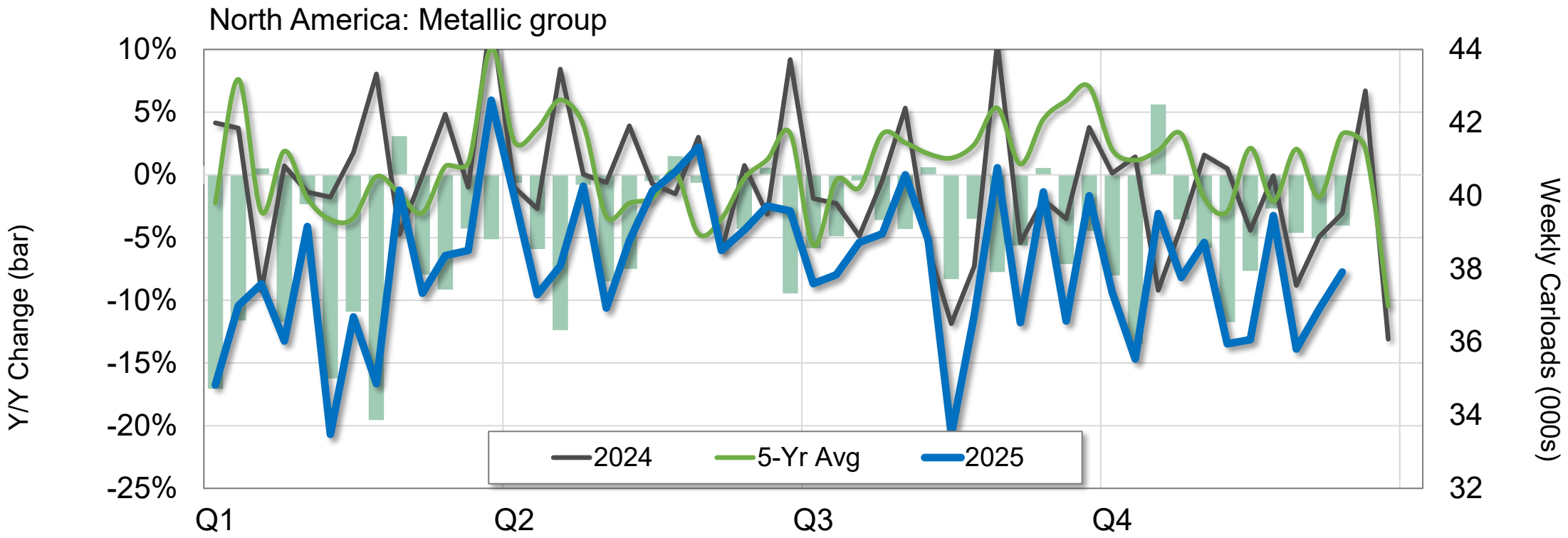
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Forest products



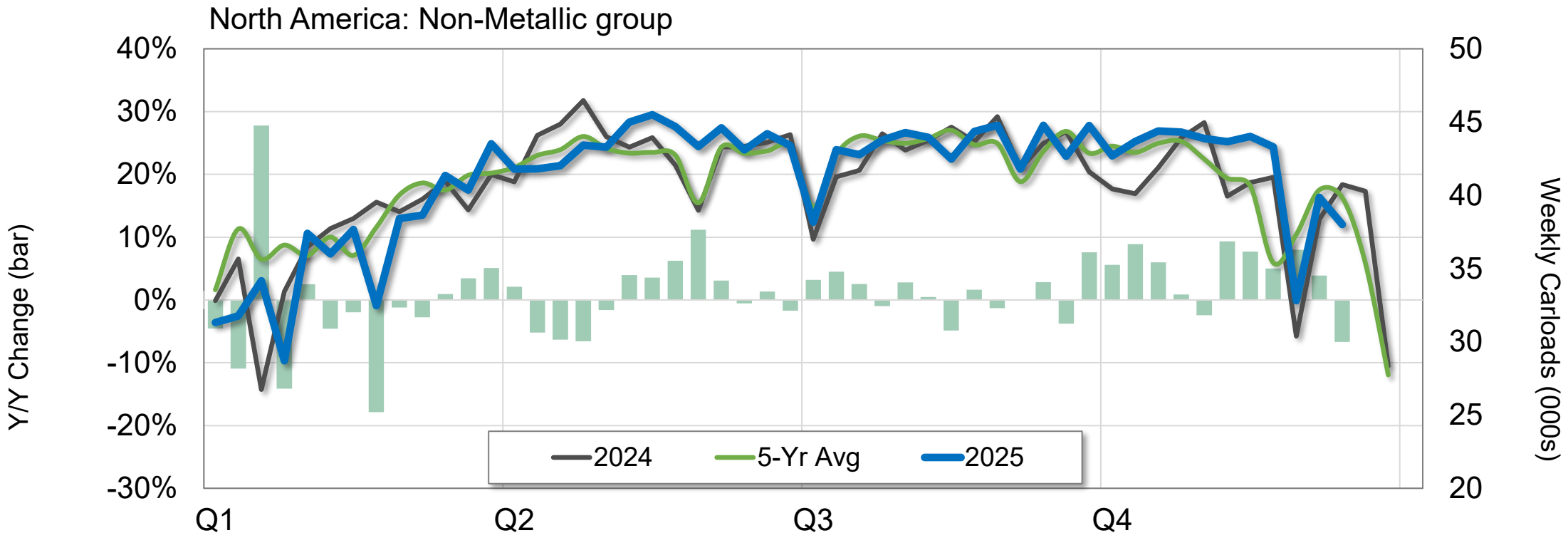
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Metals



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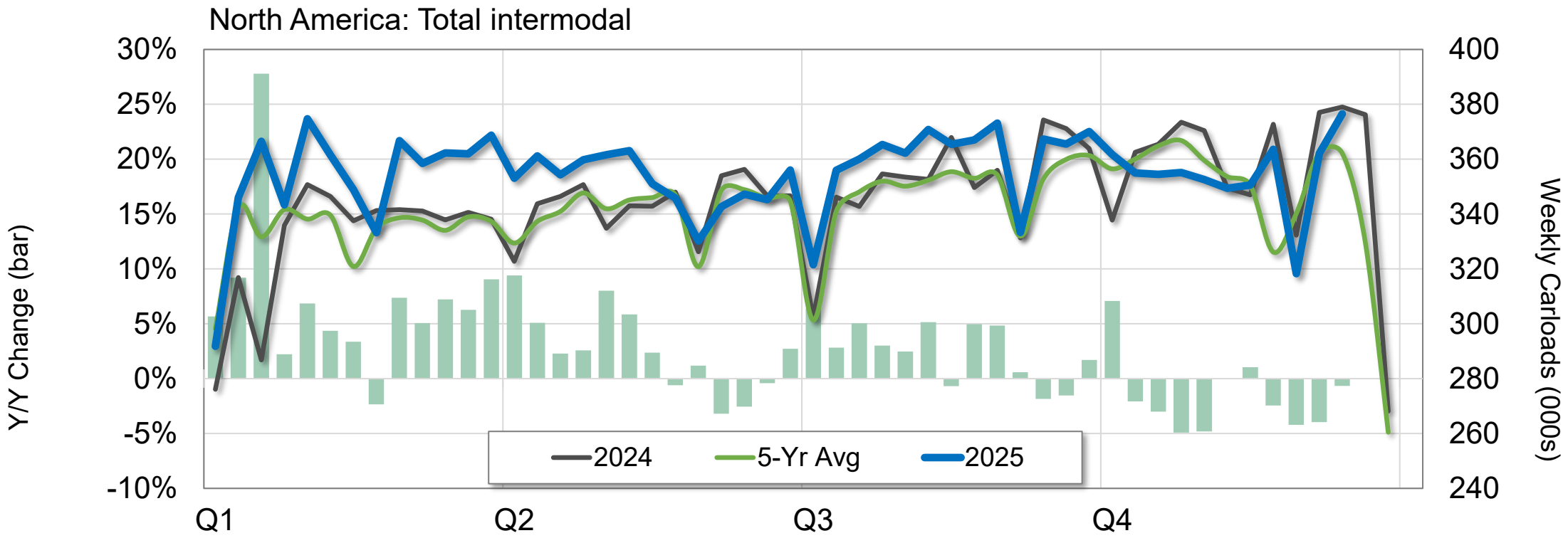
Non-metallic minerals



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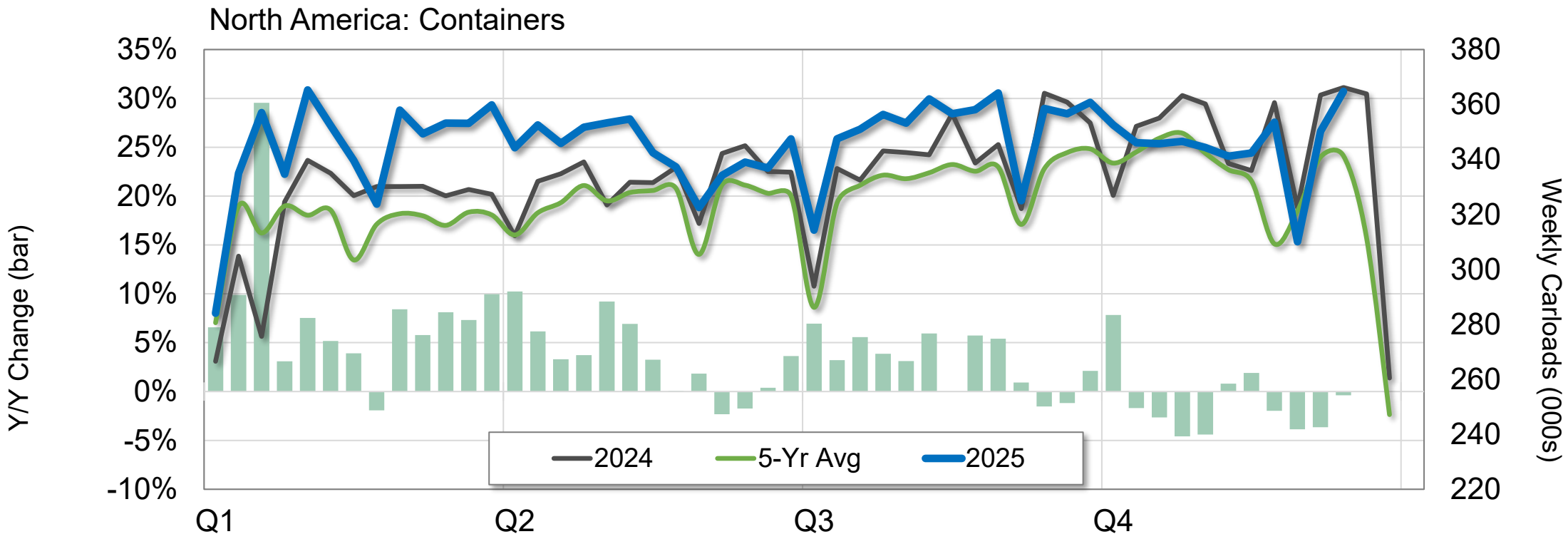
Intermodal

Total intermodal units



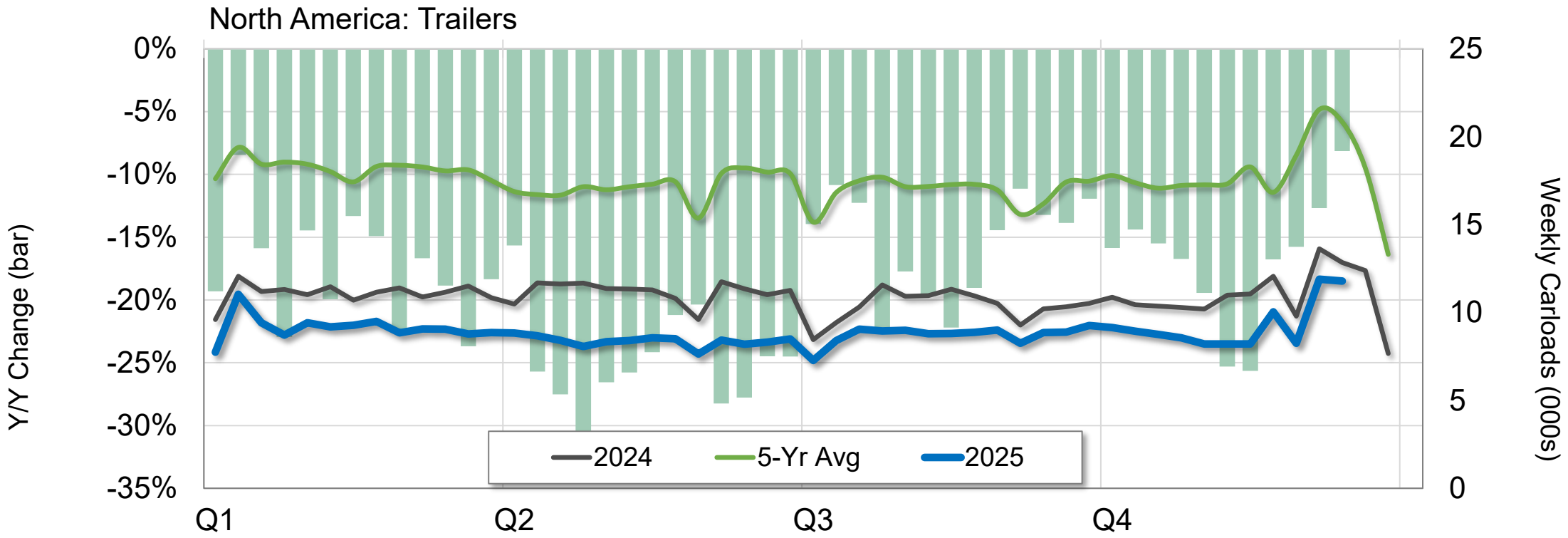
Source: Association of American Railroads (AAR)

Intermodal: containers



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Intermodal: trailers



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