

# Weekly Market Updates



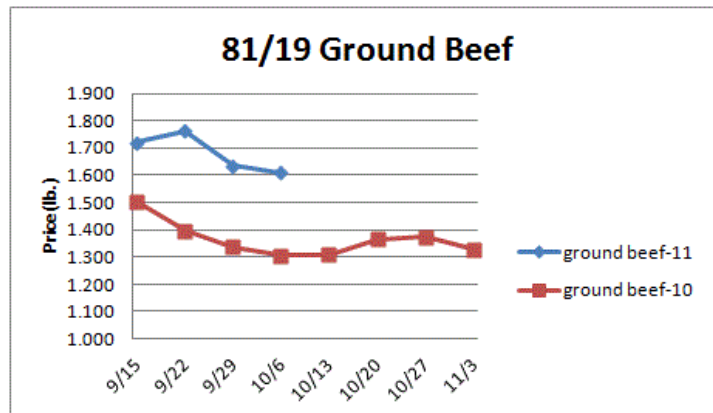
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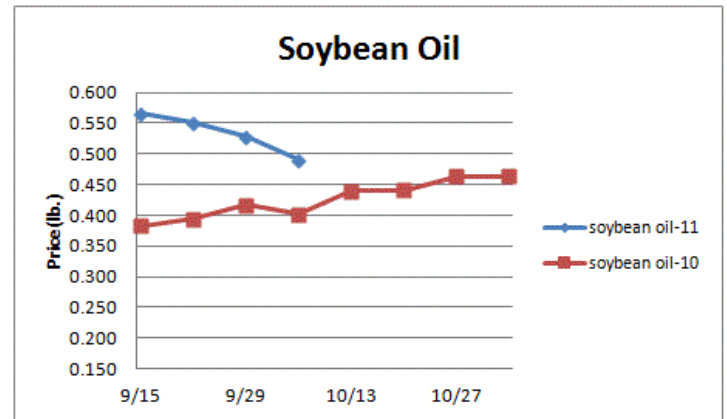
**Beef** - Beef output last week increased 2.1% and was 1.8% larger than the same week a year ago. US beef exports have been firm even with the US dollar strengthening against the Brazilian Real and the Australian dollar in recent weeks. Brazil and Australia are two major beef producing countries. If this currency trend continues expect US beef exports to be challenged. This could bring some relief to beef trimmings and beef end cut prices. Rising cattle prices are pinching beef packer margins which could lead to a short term slowdown in beef output and may be supportive of beef prices. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Live Cattle	1.201	1.159	+.042	.964
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.350	1.319	+.031	1.100
Ground Beef 81/19	1.610	1.634	-.024	1.307
Ground Chuck	1.671	1.665	+.006	1.312
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.689	5.457	+.232	4.731
109e Export Rib (prime)	9.500	9.180	+.320	7.755
112a Ribeye (choice)	6.267	6.144	+.123	5.357
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.586	9.337	+.249	8.613
116 Chuck (select)	2.512	2.362	+.150	1.878
116 Chuck (choice)	2.658	2.585	+.073	1.921
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.099	2.067	+.032	1.705
120 Brisket (choice)	1.948	1.923	+.025	1.568
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.637	3.821	-.184	3.269
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.356	3.431	-.075	2.712
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.463	2.405	+.058	1.936
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.064	1.971	+.093	1.786
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.541	4.508	+.033	4.280
174 Short Loin (prime)	9.184	8.883	+.301	7.560
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.009	4.049	-.040	4.018
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	10.178	9.510	+.668	8.905
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.361	4.460	-.099	4.371
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.592	2.842	-.250	2.566
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.587	3.573	+.014	2.559
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.152	3.115	+.037	2.774
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.749	2.835	-.086	2.352
189a Tender (select)	8.215	8.016	+.199	7.583
189a Tender (choice)	9.580	9.334	+.246	8.660
189a Tender (prime)	12.305	12.074	+.231	10.097
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.518	4.631	-.113	3.416
50% Trimmings	.889	.906	-.017	.589
65% Trimmings	1.230	1.223	+.007	.862
75% Trimmings	1.427	1.402	+.025	1.200
85% Trimmings	1.557	1.588	-.031	1.385
90% Trimmings	1.676	1.724	-.048	1.471
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.818	1.825	-.007	1.605
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.950	1.998	-.048	1.765
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	6.175	6.175	-	5.000
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	13.120	13.120	-	12.000



**Oil, Grains, Misc.-** Corn, soybean and wheat markets have fallen significantly due to weaker stock markets and a strengthening US dollar. Grain prices may find support soon. Prices USDA, FOB.

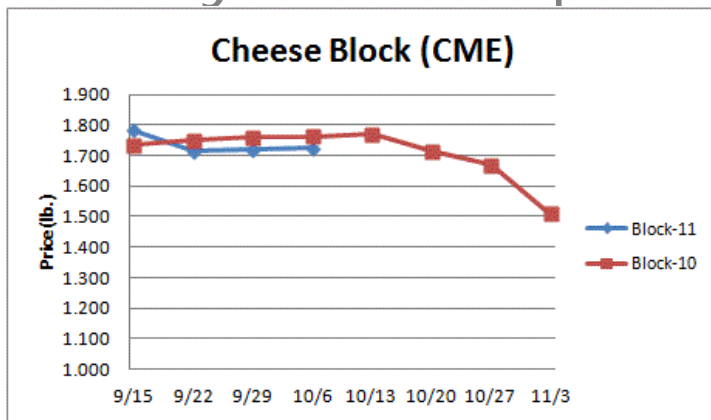
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Soybeans, bushel	11.149	12.142	-.993	10.153
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.490	.528	-.038	.402
Soybean Meal, ton	283.600	314.600	-31.000	289.800
Corn, bushel	5.672	6.280	-.608	4.197
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.550	.570	-.020	.450
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.168	.180	-.012	.139
Distillers Grain, Dry	194.00	193.25	+.750	131.750
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.402	.426	-.024	.395
HRW Wheat, bushel	6.520	7.080	-.560	5.885
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	8.760	9.090	-.330	6.600
Durum Wheat, bushel	12.187	11.950	+.237	6.530
Pinto Beans, lb.	.448	.443	+.005	.188
Black Beans, lb.	.483	.466	+.017	.195
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.297	.290	+.007	.216
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.284	2.344	-.060	1.725
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.353	.385	-.032	.368
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.700	1.700	-	1.545



**Dairy**- US butter production in August was up 31% from last year marking year to date output 16% ahead of 2010. Better US supplies, improving world stocks and a rising US dollar are all bearish for US butter prices. Modest butter price declines may be pending. Global cheese and butter prices are now at a premiums to domestic markets which wasn't the case this summer. This usually encourages US dairy exports. Still, the US dollar value is trending higher which could mitigate future US dairy export trade. CME spot cheese blocks fell 15% last October. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

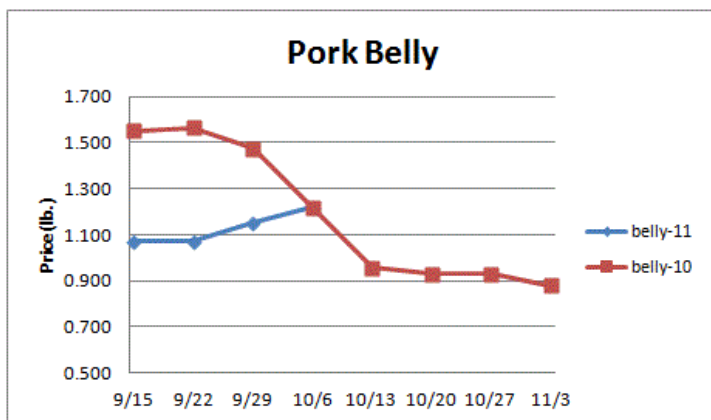
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.685	1.645	+.040	1.735
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.725	1.718	+.007	1.763
American Cheese	2.018	2.038	-.020	1.970
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.230	2.235	-.005	2.000
Mozzarella Cheese	2.065	2.070	-.005	2.080
Provolone Cheese	2.220	2.225	-.005	2.245
Parmesan Cheese	3.300	3.301	-.001	3.610
Butter (CME)	1.758	1.760	-.002	2.200
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.566	1.572	-.006	1.263
Whey, Dry	.599	.598	+.001	.363
Class I Base	19.560	19.560	-	16.580
Class II Cream, heavy	2.200	2.287	-.087	3.060
Class III Milk (CME)	17.070	17.210	-.140	15.850
Class IV Milk (CME)	17.350	18.250	-.900	16.100

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**Pork-** Pork output last week decreased 1.4% but was 3.1% larger than the same week in 2010. The total hog inventory on September 1st was 1% higher than last year and was up 3% since June 1st. The breeding herd inventory rose 1% from 2010 and the average pigs saved per litter was a record high this past quarter. Aforementioned statistics suggest that pork output expansion is forthcoming which could be bearish for pork prices. Strong exports are currently supporting many pork markets but the seasonal price tendencies are lower. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Hogs	.667	.640	+.027	.555
Belly (bacon)	1.220	1.150	+.070	1.220
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.411	1.389	+.022	1.270
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.940	.930	+.010	.930
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.890	.898	-.008	.930
Loin (bone-in)	1.127	1.128	-.001	.965
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.788	2.858	-.070	2.450
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.884	3.060	-.176	2.475
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.993	1.002	-.009	.788
Picnic, untrmd.	.844	.834	+.010	.655
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.080	1.080	-	.860
42% Trimmings	.825	.650	+.175	.600
72% Trimmings	1.060	1.040	+.020	.880



**Tomato Products, Canned-** Canned tomato supplies are seasonally improving. Canned tomato prices may still rise due in part to the slow harvest pace this year. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.000	12.000	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.500	12.500	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.188	13.188	-	13.500
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.395	.395	-	.380

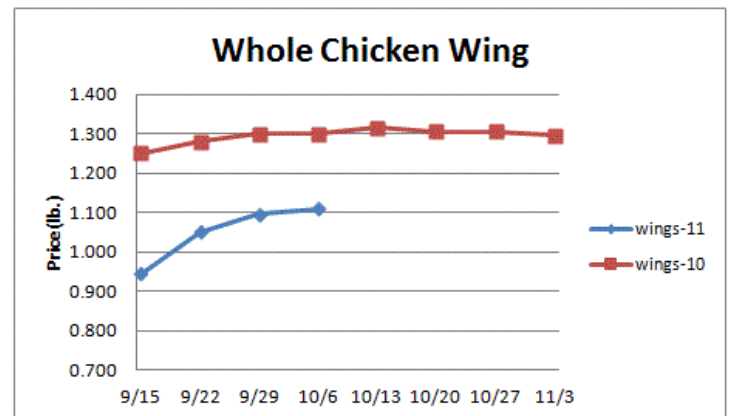
**Processed Vegetables-** Vegetable harvests are winding down but are still behind schedule. Processed vegetable prices could remain firm. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	18.651	18.406	+.251	16.906
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	18.250	18.000	+.250	16.563
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	18.750	18.750	-	17.750
Corn, Cob- froz 96 ct.	14.500	14.500	-	14.000
Corn, Kernel- froz 12/2.5#	14.250	14.250	-	17.625
Green Beans Cut- froz 12/2#	12.900	12.900	-	15.300
Green Peas- froz 12/2.5#	20.250	20.250	-	17.625
Potatoes, FF Fncy- froz 6/5#	13.000	13.000	-	12.750

**Poultry-** Chicken producer spot feed costs are at their lowest levels since December '10. However, with chicken breast prices depreciating, chicken producer margins have continued to struggle. In fact, last week's spot profitability was the lowest for the comparable week in 6 years. Deeper chicken production cutbacks are expected which should continue to support chicken prices. Plus, if chicken production reductions run deep into 2012, chicken wing prices could be especially bolstered. The last time the chicken markets experienced an annual decline in chicken production was 2009 with the result being record high chicken wing prices. Seasonal weakness for chicken breast markets continues but price support is anticipated soon. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.890	.890	-	.870
Whole Birds (LA)	.980	.980	-	.960
Wings (whole)	1.110	1.095	+.015	1.300
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.179	1.161	+.018	1.365
Breast, Bone In	.795	.830	-.035	1.005
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.455	1.470	-.015	1.795
Tenderloin (random)	1.180	1.180	-	1.800
Tenderloin (sized)	1.780	1.780	-	2.000
Legs (whole)	.714	.717	-.003	.566
Leg Quarters	.535	.536	-.001	.405
Thighs, bone in	.779	.715	+.064	.569
Thighs, boneless	1.363	1.305	+.058	1.009

Eggs and Others	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Large (dozen)	1.133	1.030	+.103	.633
Medium (dozen)	.962	.858	+.104	.505
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.672	.598	+.074	.351
Egg Whites- Liquid	.542	.529	+.013	.369
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.816	.806	+.010	.669
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.105	1.095	+.010	1.055
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	2.672	2.670	+.002	2.653



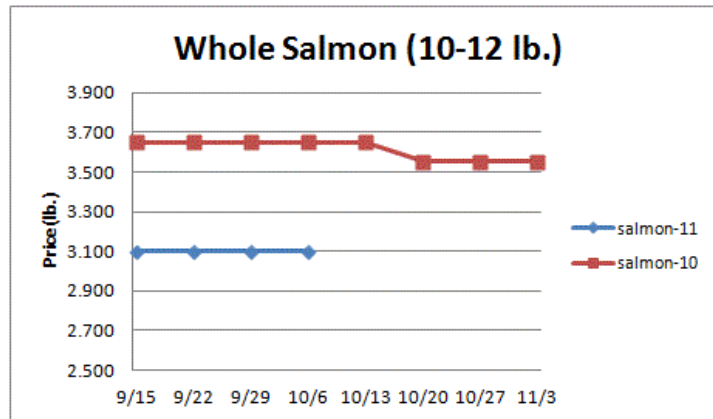
**Seafood-** The US dollar has risen against the Euro in recent weeks climbing to its highest level since January. The appreciation in the US dollar is making the US a more attractive destination for seafood exporters. Seafood supplies could improve for the US in the coming months which may bring some moderate price relief to seafood prices. Whole salmon prices have a tendency to depreciate as the fall progresses.

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Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	3.100	3.100	-	3.650
Catfish Filets	5.250	5.250	-	3.500
Trout (dm. 8-14 oz.)	3.500	3.500	-	3.000
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	6.113	6.208	-.095	7.055
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.217	3.160	+.057	2.763
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.925	4.950	-.025	4.550
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.825	5.825	-	5.375
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.325	6.325	-	5.750
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.280	3.400	-.120	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.680	3.525	+.155	3.713
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.437	6.521	-.084	6.008
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	2.075



## Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	75.670	84.450	-8.780	81.470
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.638	3.827	-.129	3.727
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.723	2.877	-.154	2.285
Electricity, mwht- nymex	44.530	42.920	+1.610	41.960
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.488	2.696	-.208	2.093
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.749	3.786	-.037	3.000
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.565	2.635	-.070	1.995
Canadian \$	1.056	1.019	+.037	1.021
Japanese Yen	76.686	76.464	+.222	83.254
Mexican Peso	14.024	13.349	+.675	12.554
Euro	.759	.736	+.023	.730
Brazilian Real	1.898	1.805	+.093	1.684
Chinese Yuan	6.362	6.398	-.036	6.691

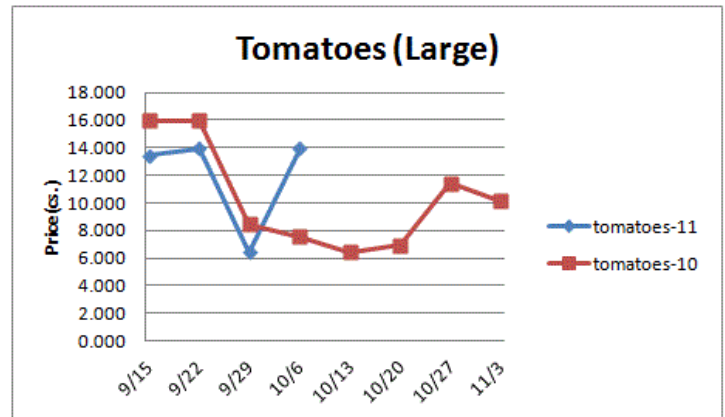
## Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com), pulp- [www.paperage.com](http://www.paperage.com).

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	969.770	970.930	-1.160	990.490
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	757.483	771.520	-14.037	760.945
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.160-1.200	1.160-1.200	-	.880-.92
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.160-1.180	1.160-1.180	-	.970-.990
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.880-.910	.880-.910	-	.800-.840

**Produce-** 2011 total fall vegetable planted acres are 5.7% higher than the previous year. Yet, plantings for fall lettuce and tomatoes were down 3.7% and 1.6% versus 2010 respectively. This may be supportive for the lettuce and tomato markets in the coming weeks, especially if the crops experience adverse weather. Limited tomato supplies are influencing tomato markets higher. Eastern tomato supplies may not return to normal levels until later this month. 2011 summer storage onion production was .8% lower than last year. Onion prices are usually fairly stable during the fall. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Limes (150 ct.)	11.000	12.000	-1.000	13.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	23.640	24.640	-1.000	23.790
Lemons (200 ct.)	16.140	16.140	-	20.040

Honeydew (6 ct.)	5.875	5.750	+.125	4.750
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	4.000	5.250	-1.250	4.750
Blueberries (12 count)	23.750	21.667	+2.083	29.200
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	10.500	11.000	-.500	10.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	27.250	29.750	-2.500	29.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.815	15.426	-.611	15.155
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	15.500	11.792	+3.708	12.479
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	8.000	10.500	-2.500	15.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	8.000	10.500	-2.500	15.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	18.000	22.063	-4.063	21.042
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	6.500	8.000	-1.500	9.000
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	12.000	14.250	-2.250	17.500
Processing Potato (cwt.)	8.900	9.000	-.100	7.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	5.938	6.417	-.479	7.575
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	15.105	12.144	+2.961	10.771
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.396	9.605	-.209	9.250
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	16.542	17.323	-.781	15.825
Tomatoes (large- case)	13.950	6.450	+7.500	7.575
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	13.875	13.636	+.239	12.042
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	12.950	9.450	+3.500	6.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	11.292	9.125	+2.167	13.325
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	11.625	9.625	+2.000	13.575
Green Peppers (large- case)	10.475	10.698	-.223	9.975
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	12.850	13.850	-1.000	7.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	6.388	8.050	-1.662	7.788
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	13.667	15.250	-1.583	13.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	7.400	7.503	-.103	7.067
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	10.663	11.630	-.967	7.269
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.980	7.021	-.041	6.438
Broccoli (14 ct.)	7.125	8.125	-1.000	6.738
Squash (1/2 bushel)	18.350	20.175	-1.825	8.600
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	15.675	16.063	-.388	7.600
Green Beans (bushel)	24.475	26.000	-1.525	14.500
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.860	12.950	-.090	9.750
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	10.994	13.313	-2.319	12.375
Cucumbers (bushel)	14.310	15.510	-1.200	9.410
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	30.375	37.667	-7.292	23.633
Asparagus (small)	14.250	17.500	-3.250	11.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5922.222	6011.111	-88.889	5281.250



## Retail Prices-CPI, Percent compared to prior month from BLS.

	Aug-11	Jul-11	Jun-11	May-11
Beef and Veal	+.405	+.900	-.700	+1.020
Dairy	+.903	+1.200	+.500	+.773
Pork	+.674	+.500	+.600	+2.569
Chicken	-.251	+.100	+.100	+.625
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-.072	+.300	-.100	+1.832
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+.394	-.126	-.170	-1.503