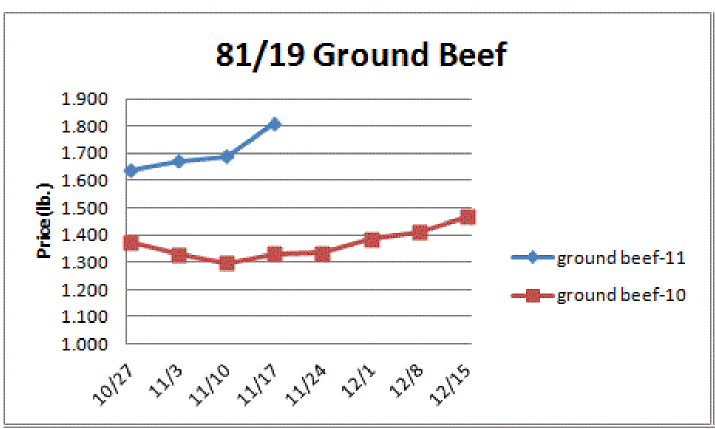
Weekly Market Updates

Volume No. 4 Issue No. 46 Date: November 18, 2011

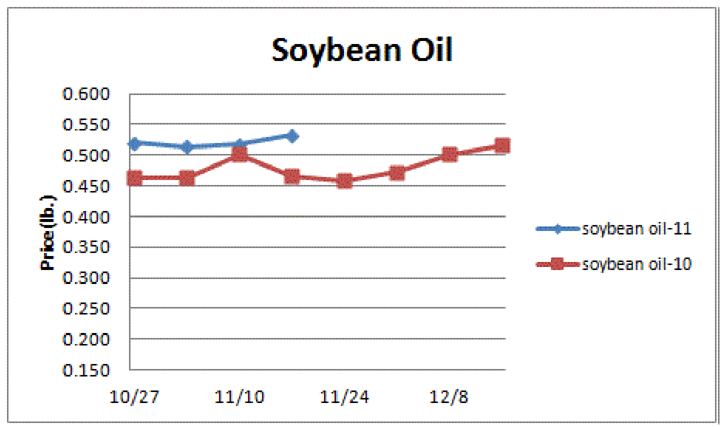
Beef - Beef output last week fell 3.6% and was 5.4% smaller than last year. Beef production may have slowed in response to poor beef packer margins. September US beef exports were 27% greater than last year but were the smallest for any month since February. September US beef imports were up 3% compared to last year. Total US beef supplies are estimated to be down 2% this year compared to '10. If the US dollar continues upward especially versus the Euro and the Australian dollar, any beef price inflation in 2012 brought on by the expected smaller production could be tempered. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Cattle	1.260	1.243	+.017	.988
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.431	1.420	+.011	1.117
Ground Beef 81/19	1.811	1.689	+.122	1.332
Ground Chuck	1.850	1.700	+.150	1.358
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.545	6.272	+.273	5.289
109e Export Rib (prime)	10.549	10.168	+.381	8.156
112a Ribeye (choice)	6.960	7.088	-.128	5.759
112a Ribeye (prime)	10.221	9.964	+.257	8.262
116 Chuck (select)	2.292	2.240	+.052	2.040
116 Chuck (choice)	2.370	2.411	-.041	2.119
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.360	2.317	+.043	1.809
120 Brisket (choice)	2.016	1.966	+.050	1.633
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.692	3.686	+.006	2.823
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	2.981	2.976	+.005	2.772
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.259	2.305	-.046	1.939
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.096	1.995	+.101	1.701
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.544	4.479	+.065	3.862
174 Short Loin (prime)	9.026	9.034	-.008	8.001
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.322	4.214	+.108	3.620
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	10.363	9.901	+.462	9.022
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.873	4.818	+.055	3.904
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.691	2.660	+.031	2.207
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.254	3.324	-.070	2.375
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.090	3.145	-.055	2.620
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.855	2.890	-.035	2.126
189a Tender (select)	7.918	7.836	+.082	8.369
189a Tender (choice)	10.044	10.176	-.132	9.844
189a Tender (prime)	13.608	13.463	+.145	11.403
193 Flank Steak (choice)	3.360	3.616	-.256	3.037
50% Trimmings	1.275	1.198	+.077	.705
65% Trimmings	1.449	1.361	+.088	.992
75% Trimmings	1.482	1.474	+.008	1.224
85% Trimmings	1.711	1.688	+.023	1.380
90% Trimmings	1.829	1.791	+.038	1.473
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.985	2.003	-.018	1.690
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.138	2.108	+.030	1.805
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	6.575	6.450	+.125	5.100
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	13.375	13.375	-	12.500



Oil, Grains, Misc.- According to the latest USDA reports, the US 2011/12 corn supply is still projected to be the tightest in 15 years. This could support corn prices into 2012. Prices USDA, FOB.

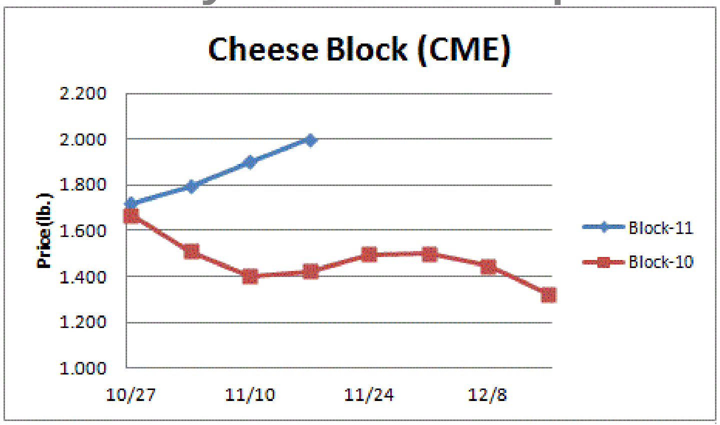
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Soybeans, bushel	11.845	11.783	+.062	12.045
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.533	.518	+.015	.466
Soybean Meal, ton	292.400	300.800	-8.400	329.800
Corn, bushel	6.467	6.457	+.010	5.077
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.540	.540	-	.525
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.183	.184	-.001	.156
Distillers Grain, Dry	216.750	216.580	+.170	151.250
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.466	.443	+.023	.473
HRW Wheat, bushel	6.825	7.025	-.200	6.025
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	9.570	9.380	+.190	6.900
Durum Wheat, bushel	11.625	11.875	-.250	7.030
Pinto Beans, lb.	.438	.445	-.007	.197
Black Beans, lb.	.470	.470	-	.225
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.291	.291	-	.286
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.369	2.341	+.028	2.045
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.383	.387	-.004	.385
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.675	1.675	-	1.518



Dairy- The CME cheese markets continue to trade at inflated levels due to healthy seasonal holiday demand for cheese. Cheese exports in Sept were up 22% versus a year ago but were the 2nd smallest since Nov. US cheese markets are currently priced at their largest premium to US butter since Dec '09 which should encourage cheese production. CME cheese block prices have fallen in each of the last 5 Decembers with the average decline being 11%. Sept butter exports were down 38% from last year and the smallest for any month since February. The butter market is weak. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

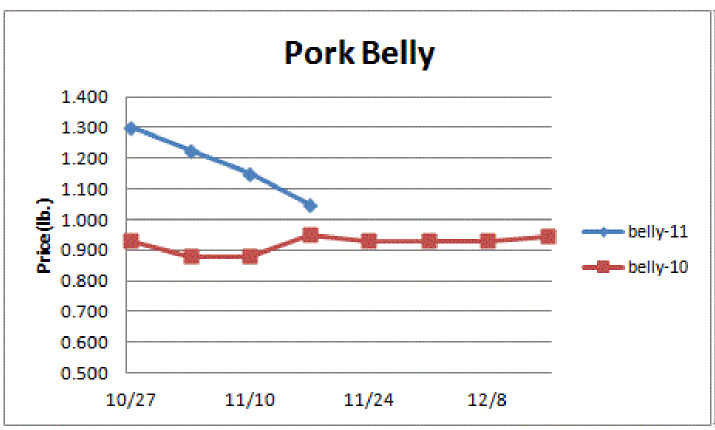
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Cheese Barrels (CME)	2.048	1.930	+.118	1.390
Cheese Blocks (CME)	2.000	1.900	+.100	1.423
American Cheese	2.300	2.100	+.200	1.765
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.270	2.235	+.035	1.928
Mozzarella Cheese	2.248	2.070	+.178	1.743
Provolone Cheese	2.403	2.225	+.178	1.903
Parmesan Cheese	3.483	3.305	+.178	3.200
Butter (CME)	1.710	1.808	-.098	1.950
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.505	1.498	+.007	1.280
Whey, Dry	.594	.615	-.021	.376
Class 1 Base	18.450	18.450	-	17.240
Class II Cream, heavy	2.391	2.406	-.015	2.638
Class III Milk (CME)	18.970	18.410	+.560	13.820
Class IV Milk (CME)	17.500	17.300	+.200	15.460

Weekly Market Updates



Pork- Pork production last week decreased 2% and was 1.8% smaller than 2010. September US pork exports were 43% greater than last year due in large part to China importing the most US pork since June '08. Reports are that US pork exports to China have declined in November. Ham exports in September were the smallest for any month since June '09 due in part to a depreciating Mexican Peso. In 2010 Mexico accounted for 67% of US ham exports. If the US dollar continues to firm, the ham markets could face pressure. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Hogs	.600	.631	-.031	.450
Belly (bacon)	1.050	1.150	-.100	.950
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.560	1.550	+.010	1.400
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.880	.880	-	.830
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.820	.820	-	.716
Loin (bone-in)	.956	.990	-.034	.848
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.590	2.620	-.030	2.372
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.495	2.570	-.075	2.150
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.949	.965	-.016	.801
Picnic, untrmd.	.778	.844	-.066	.665
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.143	1.143	-	.900
42% Trimmings	.500	.550	-.050	.380
72% Trimmings	.830	.833	-.003	.740



Tomato Products, Canned- Tomatoes for canning supplies are adequate with the harvest culminating. Steady to higher canned tomato prices are anticipated. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

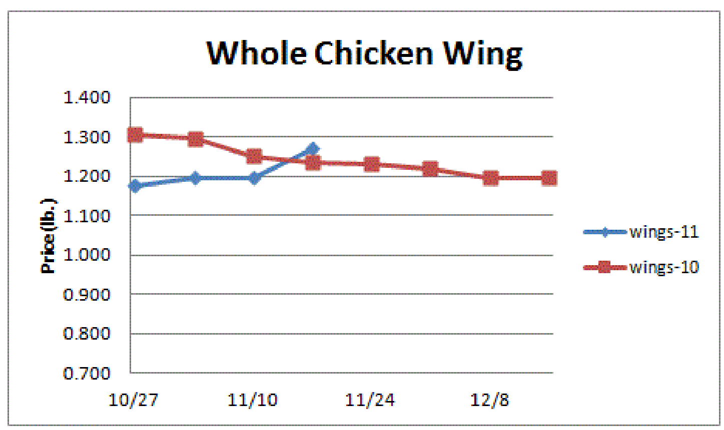
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.250	12.250	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.750	12.750	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.438	13.438	-	13.500
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.398	.398	-	.380

Processed Vegetables- Higher raw product costs for potato processors this year are influencing French fry potato prices higher. Elevated French fry prices may persist. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	18.651	18.651	-	16.906
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	18.250	18.250	-	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	-	14.250
Green Beans Cut- froz 12/2#	12.900	12.900	-	12.900
Green Peas- froz 12/2.5#	20.250	20.250	-	20.250
Potatoes, FF Fncy- froz 6/5#	14.000	14.000	-	13.000

Poultry- US chicken exports during Sept were 4% more than last year. Chicken exports to Russia in Sept were the largest since Dec '10 but still more than 50% below their all time peak level. Solid exports may continue to support chicken leg quarter prices. Broiler-type egg sets continue to be curbed with the existing 6 week moving average 7.2% below '10. Chicken production should remain below year ago levels this winter. The chicken breast markets have strengthened in recent days and are anticipated to remain supported through the winter. The chicken wing markets usually remain inflated deep into Jan. Any seasonal wing price declines thereafter may be mitigated by reduced chicken production. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.893	.890	+.003	.855
Whole Birds (LA)	.980	.980	-	.950
Wings (whole)	1.270	1.195	+.075	1.235
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.293	1.294	-.001	1.413
Breast, Bone In	.800	.795	+.005	.760
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.425	1.435	-.010	1.510
Tenderloin (random)	1.180	1.180	-	1.500
Tenderloin (sized)	1.780	1.780	-	1.700
Legs (whole)	.639	.689	-.050	.531
Leg Quarters	.535	.530	+.005	.410
Thighs, bone in	.756	.802	-.046	.526
Thighs, boneless	1.273	1.301	-.028	1.007
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	1.200	1.200	-	1.307
Medium (dozen)	1.048	1.048	-	.958
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.607	.638	-.031	.658
Egg Whites- Liquid	.574	.574	-	.533
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.831	.831	-	.758
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.145	1.150	-.005	1.050
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	2.690	2.697	-.007	2.750

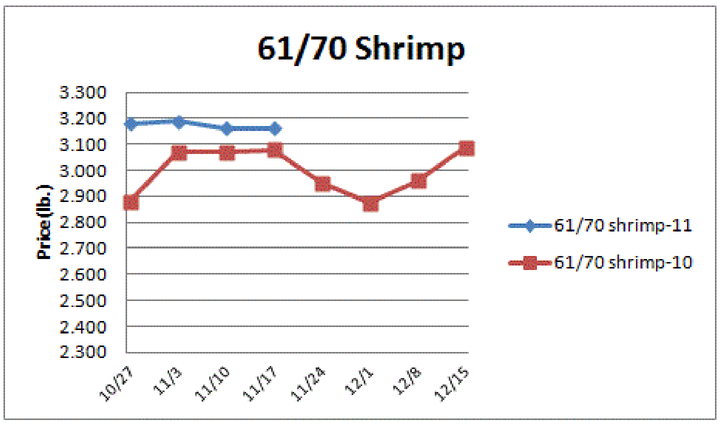


Seafood-September total US shrimp imports were 11% more than last year while shell-on shrimp imports were 15% larger than '10. Favorable currency valuations could help shrimp imports in the coming months. Still, Thailand's ability to recover shrimp output from challenging weather this year will be key to monitor. US salmon fillet steak imports were 22% greater than 2010. Salmon prices could trend below '11 levels next year.

Weekly Market Updates

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

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	2.750	2.750	-	3.550
Catfish Filets	5.250	5.250	-	3.500
Trout (drn. 8-14 oz.)	3.500	3.500	-	3.100
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	6.433	6.433	-	7.432
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.163	3.163	-	3.080
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.988	4.988	-	4.575
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.513	5.513	-	5.425
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.275	6.275	-	5.800
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.280	3.220	+.060	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.680	3.680	-	3.731
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.354	6.354	-	5.975
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	2.075



Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

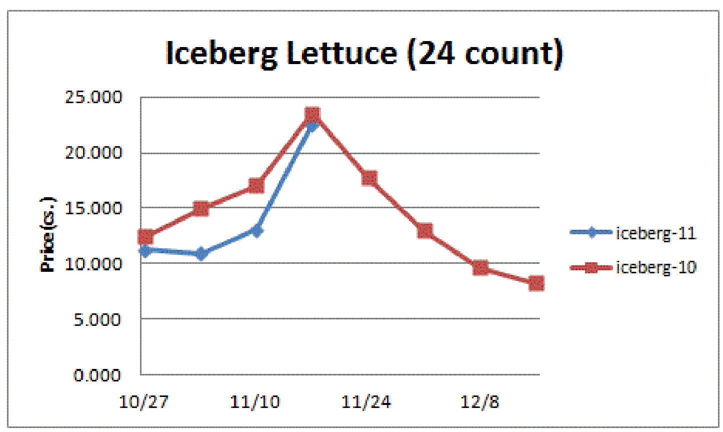
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	99.370	95.520	+3.850	82.340
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.404	3.696	-.292	3.818
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	3.171	3.120	+.051	2.309
Electricity, mwht- nymex	39.910	42.230	-2.320	41.070
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.586	2.728	-.142	2.156
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.987	3.887	+.100	3.184
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.795	2.800	-.005	2.415
Canadian $	1.025	1.017	+.008	1.015
Japanese Yen	79.973	78.082	+1.891	83.169
Mexican Peso	13.580	13.500	+.080	12.296
Euro	.740	.728	+.012	.735
Brazilian Real	1.767	1.748	+.019	1.727
Chinese Yuan	6.344	6.351	-.007	6.638

Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- www.plasticsnews.com, pulp- www.paperage.com.

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	920.000	920.000	-	967.910
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	751.026	768.782	-17.756	803.894
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.100-1.140	1.100-1.140	-	.880-.92
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.020-1.040	1.020-1.040	-	.900-.940
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.830-.860	.830-.860	-	.800-.840

Produce- The main lettuce harvest region is transitioning to the Yuma/Imperial Valley. Challenged quality and lighter weights have limited the lettuce supply as of late. Iceberg lettuce shipments fell 7% last week. Lettuce prices could remain elevated over the next few weeks. The tomato harvest in California is seasonally declining. The Florida tomato harvest is progressing with good supplies and quality. Still, tomato prices have firmed due to tighter supplies in the west. Avocado supplies are adequate. Last year the avocado market rose 12% during Dec. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Limes (150 ct.)	7.500	6.000	+1.500	8.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	17.740	17.740	-	23.640
Lemons (200 ct.)	13.740	13.190	+.550	15.140
Honeydew (6 ct.)	5.875	5.000	+.875	6.338
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	6.838	6.725	+.113	17.725
Blueberries (12 count)	19.500	16.000	+3.500	16.500
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	19.000	10.500	+8.500	23.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	25.750	26.250	-.500	27.000
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.884	14.730	+.154	15.638
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	11.834	11.500	+.334	12.188
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	9.000	9.000	-	14.375
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	8.875	8.875	-	13.375
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	14.594	14.725	-.131	17.396
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	8.500	8.375	+.125	9.125
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	14.000	13.750	+.250	16.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	7.000	6.500	+.500	5.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	6.300	6.750	-.450	9.208
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	11.032	10.730	+.302	11.781
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.032	9.032	-	9.063
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	17.251	16.730	+.521	15.353
Tomatoes (large- case)	14.450	12.200	+2.250	10.283
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	14.134	13.313	+.821	8.333
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	14.950	10.950	+4.000	11.225
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	11.959	8.700	+3.259	14.706
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	12.450	9.200	+3.250	14.956
Green Peppers (large- case)	10.050	11.434	-1.384	8.383
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	13.950	14.950	-1.000	16.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	22.572	13.079	+9.493	23.508
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	25.750	16.000	+9.750	28.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	15.374	8.350	+7.024	13.225
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	19.574	13.650	+5.924	18.233
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	7.084	5.615	+1.469	6.969
Broccoli (14 ct.)	18.413	8.618	+9.795	15.383
Squash (1/2 bushel)	6.000	6.888	-.888	8.850
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	6.175	4.888	+1.287	10.425
Green Beans (bushel)	19.850	12.668	+7.182	13.438
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.900	11.475	+1.425	12.363
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	11.077	11.084	-.007	12.401
Cucumbers (bushel)	15.625	11.187	+4.438	8.719
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	17.693	29.792	-12.099	21.888
Asparagus (small)	14.500	13.500	+1.000	11.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5628.571	5735.714	-107.143	5083.333



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

	Oct-11	Sep-11	Aug-11	Jul-11
Beef and Veal	+.514	+.025	+.405	+.900
Dairy	+.051	+1.228	+.903	+1.200
Pork	-.421	+1.478	+.674	+.500
Chicken	+.994	+.341	-.251	+.100
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-1.107	+.512	-.072	+.300
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-1.473	+1.592	+.394	-.126