Weekly Market Updates

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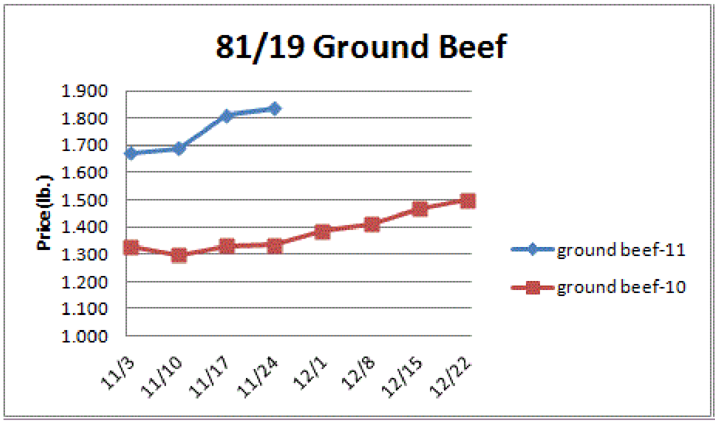
Beef - Beef output last week rose 1.5% but was 6.6% smaller than the prior year. The Nov 1st cattle on feed inventory was 3.7% larger than last year. October cattle placements into feedlots were down .6%. The Dec 1st near slaughter ready cattle herd is larger than last year suggesting beef production may trend above '10 levels in the coming weeks. Still, cattle weights are lighter this year which could temper pending beef output. The USDA choice box beef cutout, an index of beef prices, recently made new record highs. History suggests some moderate boxed beef price relief may be forthcoming. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

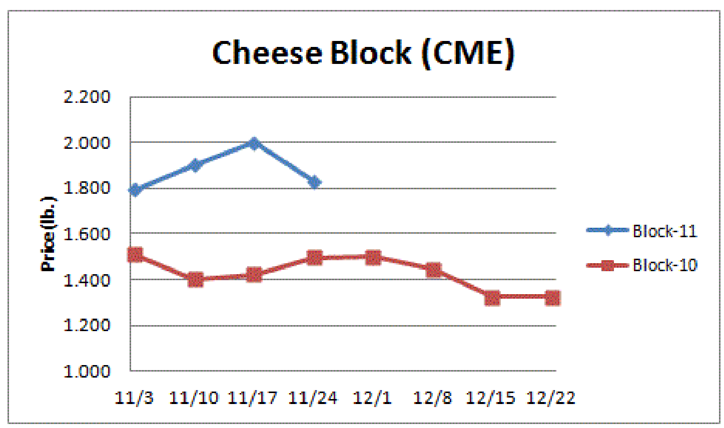


	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Cattle	1.236	1.260	-.024	.988
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.427	1.431	-.004	1.130
Ground Beef 81/19	1.837	1.811	+.026	1.335
Ground Chuck	1.890	1.850	+.040	1.368
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.725	6.545	+.180	5.481
109e Export Rib (prime)	10.517	10.549	-.032	8.093
112a Ribeye (choice)	7.223	6.960	+.263	5.853
112a Ribeye (prime)	10.311	10.221	+.090	8.978
116 Chuck (select)	2.239	2.292	-.053	1.984
116 Chuck (choice)	2.293	2.370	-.077	2.129
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.377	2.360	+.017	1.827
120 Brisket (choice)	2.104	2.016	+.088	1.688
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.792	3.692	+.100	2.807
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.005	2.981	+.024	2.719
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.264	2.259	+.005	1.940
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.088	2.096	-.008	1.819
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.637	4.544	+.093	4.101
174 Short Loin (prime)	8.934	9.026	-.092	7.731
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.320	4.322	-.002	3.523
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	10.064	10.363	-.299	9.237
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.927	4.873	+.054	3.941
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.691	2.691	-	2.332
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.370	3.254	+.116	2.358
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.111	3.090	+.021	2.608
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.883	2.855	+.028	2.139
189a Tender (select)	8.138	7.918	+.220	7.980
189a Tender (choice)	10.257	10.044	+.213	9.923
189a Tender (prime)	13.743	13.608	+.135	11.569
193 Flank Steak (choice)	3.478	3.360	+.118	3.071
50% Trimmings	1.231	1.275	-.044	.694
65% Trimmings	1.439	1.449	-.010	.995
75% Trimmings	1.483	1.482	+.001	1.200
85% Trimmings	1.713	1.711	+.002	1.355
90% Trimmings	1.826	1.829	-.003	1.472
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.038	1.985	+.053	1.700
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.173	2.138	+.035	1.823
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	6.575	6.575	-	5.100
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	13.375	13.375	-	12.500

Oil, Grains, Misc.- The grain markets have moved lower as of late due in part to a rising US dollar and weakening US grain exports. Still, tight grain stocks may limit any significant price decline. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Soybeans, bushel	11.359	11.845	-.486	12.088
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.504	.533	-.029	.458
Soybean Meal, ton	280.600	292.400	-11.800	333.600
Corn, bushel	6.000	6.467	-.467	4.978
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.540	.540	-	.520
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.183	.183	-.001	.154
Distillers Grain, Dry	217.50	216.750	+.750	155.000
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.457	.466	-.009	.473
HRW Wheat, bushel	6.450	6.825	-.375	6.430
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	9.270	9.570	-.300	7.150
Durum Wheat, bushel	10.950	11.625	-.675	6.810
Pinto Beans, lb.	.438	.438	-	.197
Black Beans, lb.	.470	.470	-	.225
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.290	.291	-.001	.286
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.328	2.369	-.041	2.062
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.363	.383	-.020	.380
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.675	1.675	-	1.528

Dairy- October US milk production was up 2.1% versus 2010 due to a 1.1% larger milk cow herd and a 1% gain in the milk per cow yield. The monthly net milk cow herd change in Oct was a 9,000 head gain marking the best gain since May. Retail cheese prices in Oct were up 8.9% compared to last year. Wholesale cheese markets have fallen sharply in recent days suggesting a seasonal top may be in place. Further price declines for cheese are anticipated through Dec. The CME spot butter market has fallen 12% in 3 weeks. Additional butter declines may be pending. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.



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Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.850	2.048	-.198	1.440
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.830	2.000	-.170	1.495
American Cheese	2.300	2.300	-	1.750
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.270	2.270	-	1.953
Mozzarella Cheese	2.248	2.248	-	1.768
Provolone Cheese	2.403	2.403	-	1.928
Parmesan Cheese	3.483	3.483	-	3.225
Butter (CME)	1.610	1.710	-.100	1.780
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.490	1.505	-.015	1.270
Whey, Dry	.632	.594	+.038	.378
Class 1 Base	18.450	18.450	-	16.960
Class II Cream, heavy	2.391	2.391	-	2.435
Class III Milk (CME)	18.400	18.970	-.570	13.890
Class IV Milk (CME)	17.650	17.500	+.150	15.460

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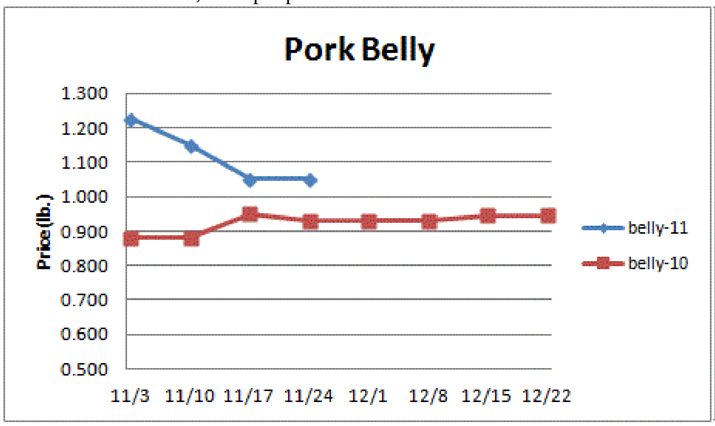
Pork- Pork output last week rose 3.3% and was 1% more than the same week a year ago. October retail pork prices were 5.9% greater than '10 and were the 2nd highest on record. Inflated retail pork prices could mitigate retail pork demand next year. The USDA pork cutout has fallen in Nov to its lowest price level since June due a in large part to easing US pork exports, especially to China. Still, pork exports are expected to be firm in '12. Pork belly prices typically rise roughly 5% during the next 6 weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Hogs	.593	.600	-.007	.442
Belly (bacon)	1.050	1.050	-	.930
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.580	1.560	+.020	1.387
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.880	.880	-	.860
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.830	.820	+.010	.736
Loin (bone-in)	.968	.956	+.012	.859
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.570	2.590	-.020	2.396
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.450	2.495	-.045	2.020
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.964	.949	+.015	.809
Picnic, untrmd.	.757	.778	-.021	.613
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.040	1.143	-.103	.940
42% Trimmings	.500	.500	-	.352
72% Trimmings	.830	.830	-	.740

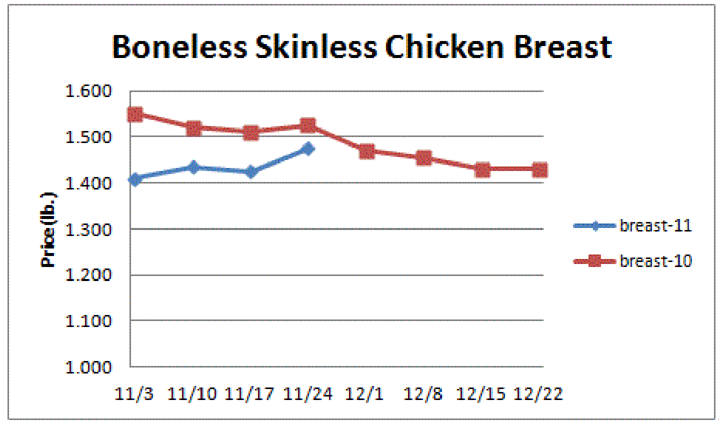
Tomato Products, Canned- The canned tomato markets are steady as the California tomato harvest has ceased. Higher canned tomato prices may be forthcoming. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

	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- The canned vegetable markets are relatively firm. Higher processed vegetables prices could occur next year as vegetable inventories are modestly tight. 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- The chicken markets are firming. The weekly ARA chicken breast index last Friday was the 3rd highest for that date during the last 12 years. The chicken leg quarter (1st) and wing (2nd) ARA price indexes also ranked high last week. Chicken production cutbacks continue to be realized with the most recent broiler-type egg set moving average 6.8% below the same week last year. This remains bullish for the chicken markets. The chicken breast markets usually firm during the winter. In Q1 2011, the boneless skinless chicken breast market rose 22%. Any chicken breast price increases in Q1 2012 may be stronger than usual due to lighter production. October US retail chicken prices were a record high. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.



Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.893	.893	-	.855
Whole Birds (LA)	.980	.980	-	.950
Wings (whole)	1.280	1.270	+.010	1.230
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.333	1.293	+.004	1.353
Breast, Bone In	.825	.800	+.025	.760
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.475	1.425	+.050	1.525
Tenderloin (random)	1.180	1.180	-	1.500
Tenderloin (sized)	1.780	1.780	-	1.700
Legs (whole)	.662	.639	+.023	.551
Leg Quarters	.535	.535	-	.410
Thighs, bone in	.763	.756	+.007	.536
Thighs, boneless	1.286	1.273	+.013	1.016
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	1.200	1.200	-	1.357
Medium (dozen)	1.048	1.048	-	.958
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.580	.607	-.027	.658
Egg Whites- Liquid	.564	.574	-.010	.559
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.696	.831	-.135	.752
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.125	1.145	-.020	1.020
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	2.681	2.690	-.009	2.746

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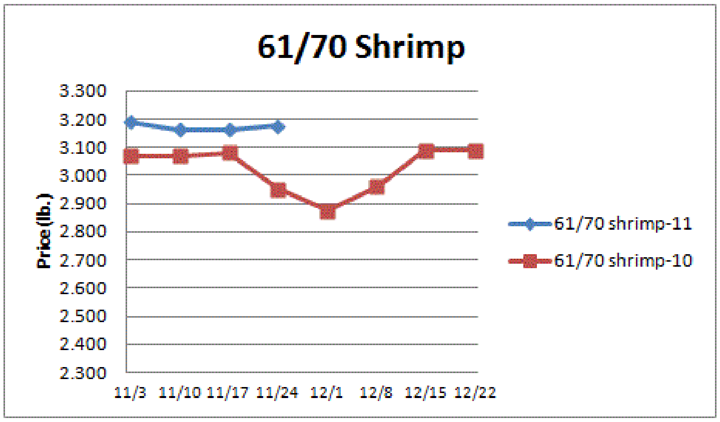
Seafood-US Oct retail fresh fish and seafood prices were 6.9% higher than '10, but were the lowest since Apr. The recently rising US dollar may be encouraging US seafood imports. Wholesale shrimp (5%), salmon (11%), crab leg (5%) and cod tail (2%) prices have weakened during the last 4 weeks. With economic concerns mounting over Europe, a higher US dollar valuation and better seafood imports are likely this winter. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.



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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	6.400	6.433	-.033	7.363
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.175	3.163	+.012	2.950
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	5.010	4.988	+.022	4.600
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.462	5.513	-.051	5.625
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.275	6.275	-	5.850
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.280	3.280	-	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.680	3.680	-	3.794
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.354	6.354	-	6.008
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	2.075

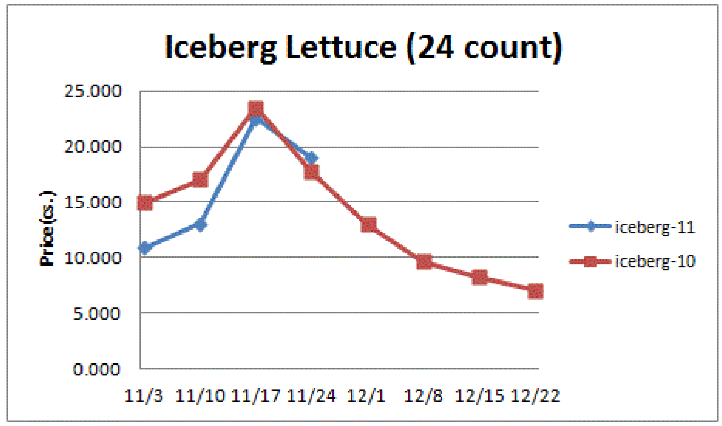
Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	96.920	99.370	-2.450	81.740
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.399	3.404	-.005	4.271
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.994	3.171	-.177	2.269
Electricity, mwht- nymex	38.140	39.910	-1.770	37.500
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.489	2.586	-.097	2.152
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	4.010	3.987	+.023	3.171
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.845	2.795	+.050	2.310
Canadian $	1.036	1.025	+.011	1.016
Japanese Yen	76.861	79.973	-3.112	83.513
Mexican Peso	13.915	13.580	+.335	12.280
Euro	.743	.740	+.003	.733
Brazilian Real	1.802	1.767	+.035	1.718
Chinese Yuan	6.362	6.344	+.018	6.642

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	-	968.000
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	742.397	751.026	-8.629	805.442
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 Florida tomato harvest has been slow to produce adequate volumes so far this year, supporting tomato prices. Western US tomato supplies are tight and aren't expected to improve until mid-December. The main lettuce harvest is transitioning to the Yuma/Imperial Valley as the Huron lettuce crop culminates. Lettuce supplies have been limited and prices have firmed recently due to poor quality and lighter weights. Challenging weather could slow output at times during the next week but overall shipments could pick up soon. Modestly lower lettuce prices may be forthcoming. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).



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Limes (150 ct.)	6.000	7.500	-1.500	8.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	16.240	17.740	-1.500	23.640
Lemons (200 ct.)	15.740	13.740	+2.000	13.650
Honeydew (6 ct.)	8.375	5.875	+2.500	6.850
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	6.213	6.838	-.625	17.225
Blueberries (12 count)	21.000	19.500	+1.500	19.000
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	22.000	19.000	+3.000	27.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	25.750	25.750	-	25.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.651	14.884	-.233	15.033
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	11.313	11.834	-.521	11.813
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.	14.738	14.594	+.144	18.073
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	8.500	8.500	-	9.125
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	14.000	14.000	-	15.500
Processing Potato (cwt.)	7.000	7.000	-	5.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	6.875	6.300	+.575	9.208
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	10.688	11.032	-.344	11.406
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.116	9.032	+.084	9.188
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	17.417	17.251	+.166	15.958
Tomatoes (large- case)	14.117	14.450	-.333	9.617
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	16.650	14.134	+2.516	12.719
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	14.700	14.950	-.250	10.400
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	10.117	11.959	-1.842	13.088
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	10.784	12.450	-1.666	13.581
Green Peppers (large- case)	8.632	10.050	-1.418	7.025
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	13.950	13.950	-	16.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	18.985	22.572	-3.587	17.738
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	28.500	25.750	+2.750	30.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	13.675	15.374	-1.699	13.999
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	16.100	19.574	-3.474	17.413
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	7.146	7.084	+.062	6.703
Broccoli (14 ct.)	15.584	18.413	-2.829	15.578
Squash (1/2 bushel)	7.100	6.000	+1.100	10.850
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	7.850	6.175	+1.675	8.425
Green Beans (bushel)	27.650	19.850	+7.800	12.815
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.700	12.900	-.200	13.300
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	9.411	11.077	-1.666	12.469
Cucumbers (bushel)	11.940	15.625	-3.685	8.317
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	22.792	17.693	+5.099	23.844
Asparagus (small)	14.000	14.500	-.500	11.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5900.000	5628.571	+271.429	5077.777

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