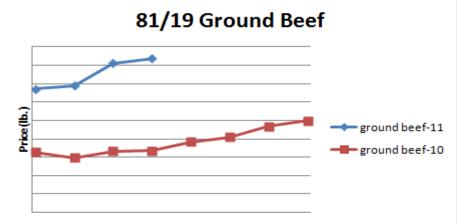
# **Beef, Veal and Lamb Report**

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** 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.



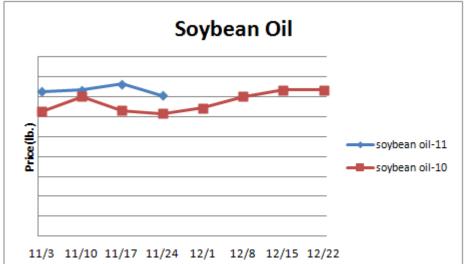
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	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel.)	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knckle, Trimmed (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (choice 0x1)	Increasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (prime 2x3)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (choice)	Steady	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (select, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (choice, 5 lb &up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (prime, heavy)	Increasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frozen)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Higher

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### **Oil and Grains Report**

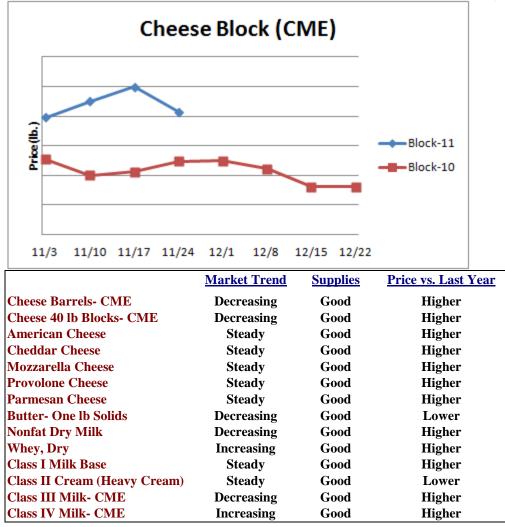
**Oil & Grains-** The grain markets have moved lower as of late due in part to a rising US dollar and weakening US grain exports. Still, tight grain stocks may limit any significant price decline.



	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	<u>Price vs. Last Year</u>
Soybeans	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Soymeal	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Corn	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Crude Corn Oil	Steady	Good	Higher
Distillers Grain, Dry	Increasing	Good	Higher
Crude Palm Oil	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Hard Red Winter Wheat	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Dark Northern Spring Wheat	Decreasing	Good	Higher
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Durum Wheat	Decreasing	Good	Higher

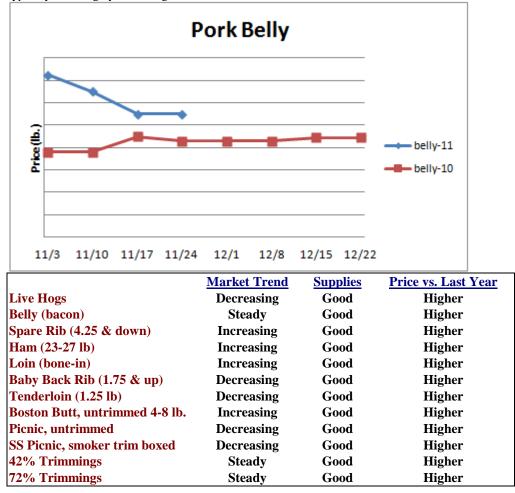
## **Dairy Report**

**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.



#### **Pork Report**

**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.



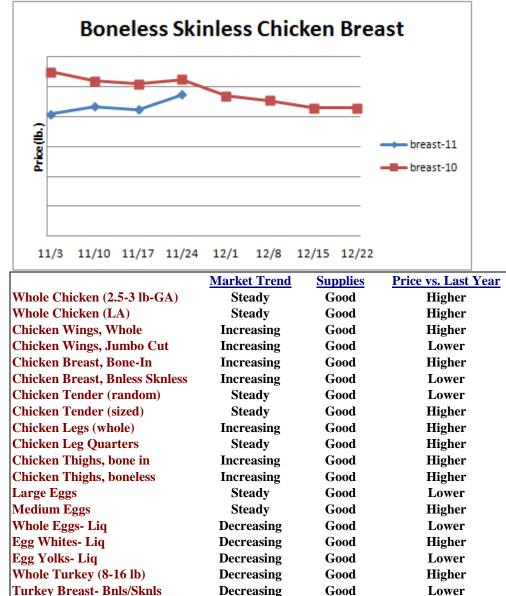
# **Canned Tomato Report**

**Tomato Products, Canned**- The canned tomato markets are steady as the California tomato harvest has ceased. Higher canned tomato prices may be forthcoming.

	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Peeled Standard	Steady	Good	Same
Diced, Fancy	Steady	Good	Same
Ketchup, 33%	Steady	Good	Lower
Tomato Paste- Ind.	Steady	Good	Higher

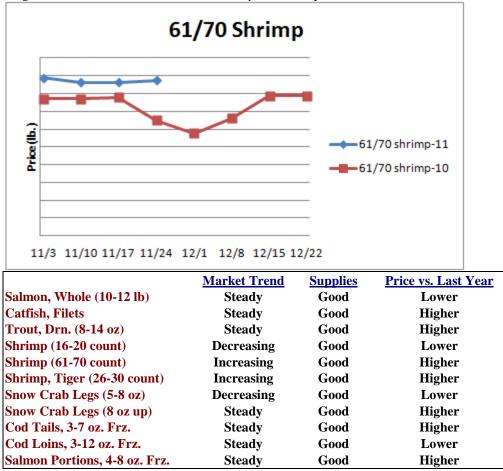
#### **Poultry Report**

**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.



#### **Seafood Report**

**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.



### **Bean, Rice, Coffee and Sugar Report**

	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Pinto Beans	Steady	Good	Higher
Black Beans	Steady	Good	Higher
Rice, Long Grain	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Coffee Beans	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Sugar	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Honey	Steady	Good	Higher

#### **Paper Product Report**

Wood Pulp (paper)	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
NBSK- Paper napkin	Steady	Good	Lower
42 lb. Linerboard-corrugated box	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Plastic Resins (plastic, foam)			
PS-CHH-utensils, cups, to-go cont.	Steady	Good	Higher
<b>PP-HIGP-</b> heavy grade utensils	Steady	Good	Higher
<b>PE-LLD-</b> can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Higher

### **Retail Price Change from Prior Month**

	Oct-11	Sep-11	Aug-11
Beef and Veal	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing
Dairy	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing
Pork	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Chicken	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing

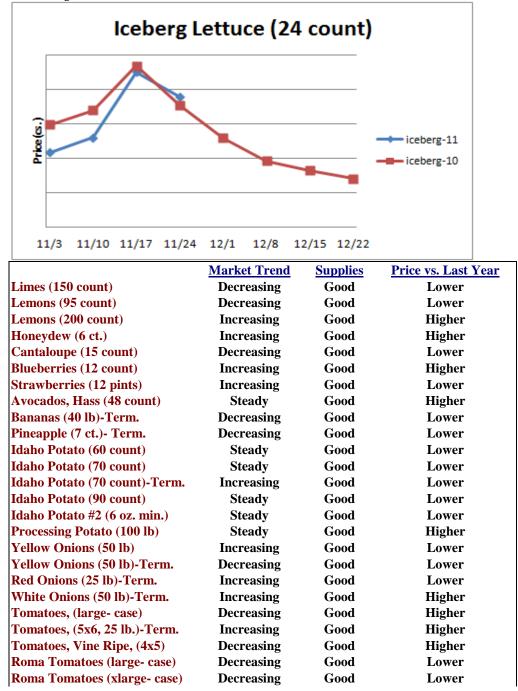
# **Processed Fruits and Vegetables Report**

**Processed Fruits and Vegetables-** The canned vegetable markets are relatively firm. Higher processed vegetables prices could occur next year as vegetable inventories are modestly tight.

<b>Canned 6/10</b>	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Corn, Fancy Whole Kernel	Steady	Good	Higher
Green Beans, Fancy 4 sv	Steady	Good	Higher
Green Peas, Fancy 4 sv/blend	Steady	Good	Higher
<u>Frozen</u>			
Corn, Cob 96 count	Steady	Good	Higher
Corn, Kernel 12/2.5 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Green Beans, Cut 12/2 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Green Peas, 12/2.5 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Potatoes, FF Fancy, 6/5 lb.	Steady	Good	Higher

#### **Produce Report**

**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.



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Green Peppers (large- case)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Red Peppers (large- 15 lb. cs.)	Steady	Good	Lower
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Iceberg Lettuce (24 cnt)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Lower

# **Produce Report (continued)**

Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Romaine Lettuce (24 count)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Mesculin Mix (3 lb)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Higher
Broccoli (14 cnt.)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Squash (case)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Zucchini (case)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Green Beans (bushel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Spinach, Flat 24's	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Mushrooms (large), Term.	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cucumbers, Bushel	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Pickles (200-300 ct.)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Lower
Asparagus (small)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Freight (CA to City Avg.)	Increasing	Good	Higher