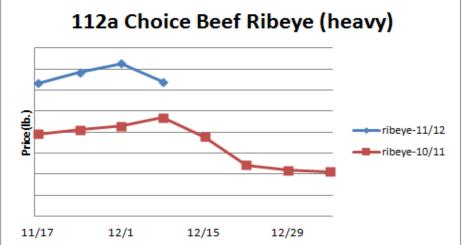
# **Beef, Veal and Lamb Report**

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** Beef production last week was 3.1% less than last year. Beef packers continue to face poor margins which could discourage potential beef output. The beef markets have been bearish in recent days due in a large part to abating US beef demand. Retail beef clearance has been reported weak. Forward beef sales have also been light. In fact, the 6 week moving average for 21 day forward choice beef sales is near its lowest level since Feb. Beef prices may continue to trend lower. In the past 3 years, the beef tenderloin and ribeye markets have declined more than 10% during the last 3 weeks of the year.

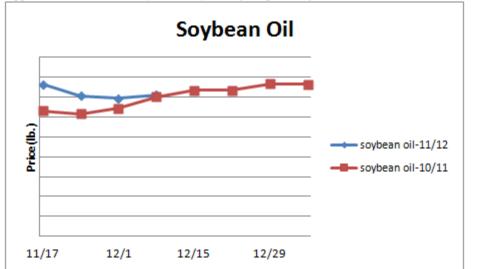


	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Decreasing	Good Good	Higher
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109 Export Rib (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (prime) 112a Ribeye (choice)	Decreasing Decreasing	Good Good	Higher Higher
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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)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (choice)	Increasing	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)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (select, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Lower
189a Tender (choice, 5 lb &up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (prime, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frozen)	Decreasing	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**

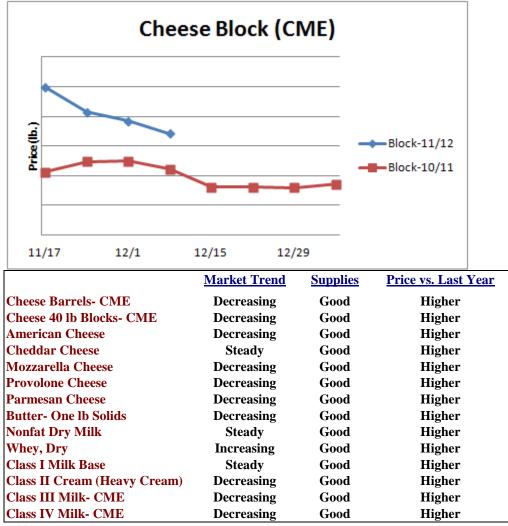
**Oil & Grains-** Overall demand for grains has been sluggish and grain prices have fallen. Still, existing grain supplies are limited which may eventually move grain prices higher.



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

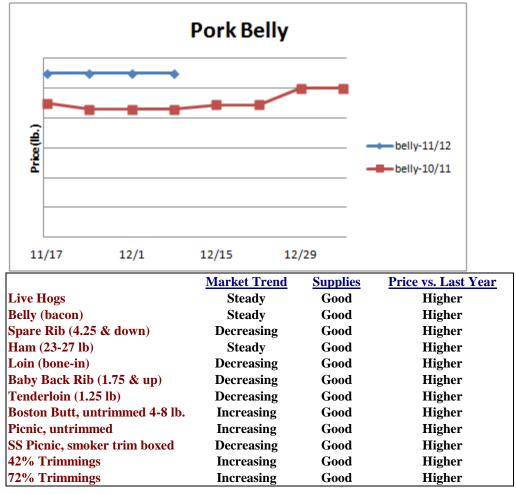
## **Dairy Report**

**Dairy**- The international cheese markets have been trending modestly higher since Oct but remain at a discount to the domestic US cheese markets. New Zealand milk production may have seasonally peaked which could be a sign that global cheese prices may have bottomed. Still, history suggests that further US cheese market declines may be pending. The butter market is finding support but seasonal charts indicate that further butter price decreases may be forthcoming. However, the downside risk for the butter markets this Dec may only be modest at best.



#### **Pork Report**

**Pork**- Pork output last week was 1.3% better than a year ago. Hog supplies remain adequate and pork producer margins are positive which should encourage pork output. Pork production is forecasted to rise in '12. Higher feed prices from here could temper any output gain. The ham markets usually peak in early Dec and then fall come year's end. Last year ham prices declined 15% during the next 3 weeks. The downside risk for other pork markets may be limited.



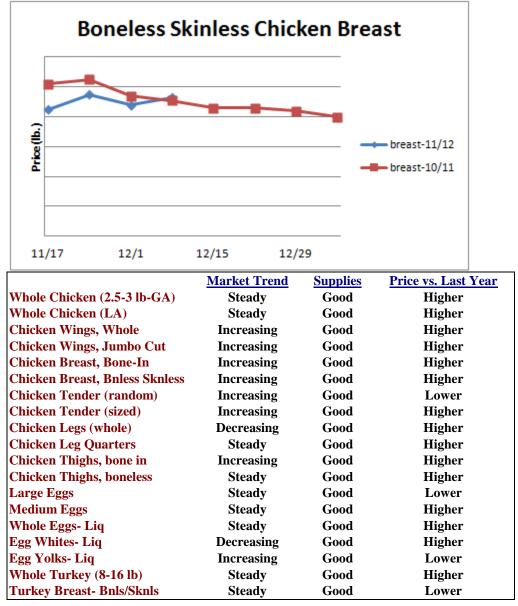
## **Canned Tomato Report**

**Tomato Products, Canned**- The canned tomato markets are fairly steady with adequate supplies. Steady to firm canned tomato prices may persist.

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

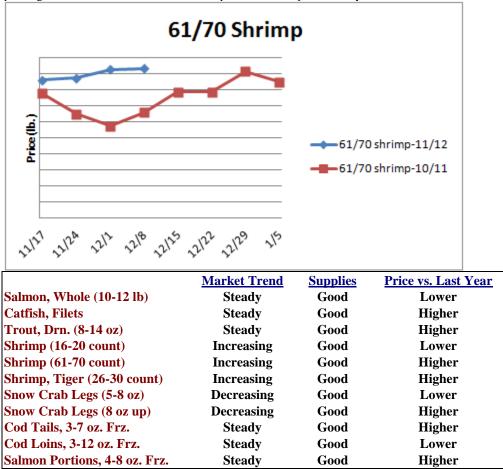
### **Poultry Report**

**Poultry**- The chicken markets remain steady to firm. The chicken wing market has been the strongest with the weekly ARA chicken wing index priced at its highest level since Apr '10. Chicken producers continue to limit pending chicken production growth. Since Oct, weekly chicken slaughter has trended 8% below the same time period a year ago. Historically, the chicken breast markets trend higher in the first half of the year. During an analog year of '09 when aggressive production cutbacks were being implemented, the chicken breast market rose 32% in the first 6 months. The chicken wing and chicken leg quarter markets were up 17% and 50% respectively in that same time frame during '09. Higher chicken prices are anticipated in '12.



### **Seafood Report**

**Seafood**- The snow crab leg markets remain steady. The Alaskan Bearing Sea snow crab fishing season is expected to pick up after the holidays. The 2011/'12 snow crab quota for fisherman is 64% larger than last year and is the biggest quota in 7 years. Still, the overall availability of snow crab leg supplies for '12 will be influenced greatly by the pending Canadian harvest. Some snow crab price relief is expected next year.



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

	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Pinto Beans	Increasing	Good	Higher
Black Beans	Steady	Good	Higher
Rice, Long Grain	Steady	Good	Lower
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	Increasing	Good	Lower
42 lb. Linerboard-corrugated box	Increasing	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	Same

## **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

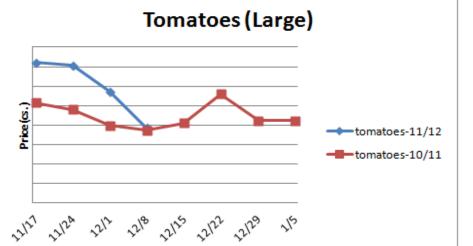
## **Processed Fruits and Vegetables Report**

Processed Fruits and Vegetables-	2012 vegetable	for processing	planted acreage	could be limited if
competing grain markets strengthen into '12. 7	The vegetable mar	kets are firm.		

Canned 6/10	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-** Warm temperatures in Florida have aided the various tomato harvest regions within the state and have pressured tomato prices lower. Tomato supplies out west are limited right now but should improve in the coming weeks when tomato imports from Mexico escalate. Relatively engaging tomato prices could persist into Jan. Lettuce shipments continue to improve as the Yuma/Imperial Valley harvest builds. The lettuce markets are trending lower. Moderate lettuce price depreciation may occur over the next few weeks. The potato markets remain relatively steady.



Limes (150 count) Lemons (95 count) Lemons (200 count) Honeydew (6 ct.) **Cantaloupe** (15 count) **Blueberries (12 count)** Strawberries (12 pints) Avocados, Hass (48 count) Bananas (40 lb)-Term. Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term. Idaho Potato (60 count) Idaho Potato (70 count) Idaho Potato (70 count)-Term. Idaho Potato (90 count) Idaho Potato #2 (6 oz. min.) **Processing Potato (100 lb)** Yellow Onions (50 lb) Yellow Onions (50 lb)-Term. Red Onions (25 lb)-Term. White Onions (50 lb)-Term. Tomatoes, (large- case) Tomatoes, (5x6, 25 lb.)-Term. Tomatoes, Vine Ripe, (4x5) **Roma Tomatoes (large- case)** Roma Tomatoes (xlarge- case) Green Peppers (large- case)

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	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
	Decreasing	Good	Lower
	Decreasing	Good	Higher
	Increasing	Good	Higher
	Increasing	Good	Lower
	Decreasing	Good	Lower
	Steady	Good	Higher
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	Decreasing	Good	Higher
	Decreasing	Good	Higher
	Decreasing	Good	Lower
	Increasing	Good	Lower
	Steady	Good	Lower
	Increasing	Good	Higher

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

# **Produce Report (continued)**

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