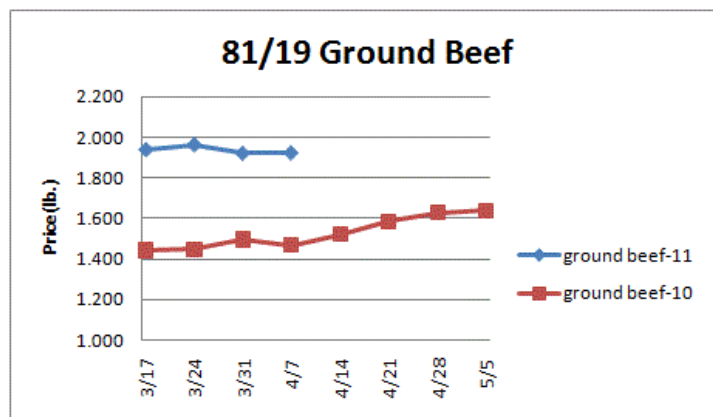


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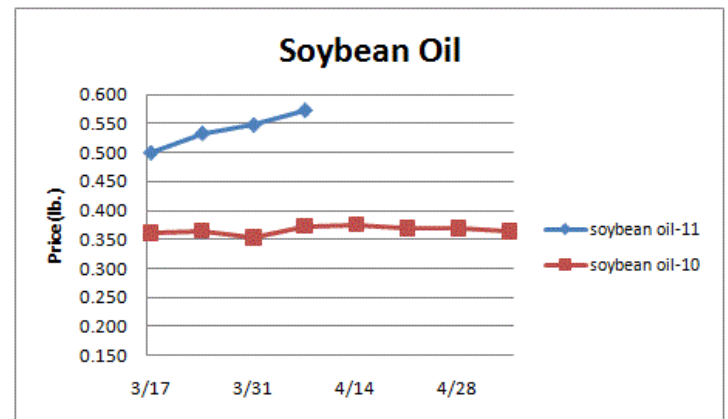
**Beef** - Beef output last week rose 1.3% and was 2.8% larger than a year ago. Beef production should begin to trend seasonally higher in the coming weeks. However, rising cattle prices could limit beef output this week. History tells us that cattle prices could peak for the year soon. The Australian dollar continues to rise versus the US dollar reaching new record highs during the past week. This should continue to limit US imports of lean boneless beef trimmings which could be bullish for trimming, ground beef and beef end cut prices. Beef grill item demand is picking up. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Cattle	1.249	1.191	+.058	.971
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.344	1.313	+.031	1.087
Ground Beef 81/19	1.922	1.920	+.002	1.468
Ground Chuck	1.885	1.948	-.063	1.516
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.341	5.016	+.325	4.765
109e Export Rib (prime)	7.436	7.646	-.210	6.578
112a Ribeye (choice)	5.564	5.385	+.179	5.544
112a Ribeye (prime)	7.659	8.162	-.503	7.215
116 Chuck (select)	2.269	2.313	-.044	1.859
116 Chuck (choice)	2.257	2.260	-.003	1.847
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.234	2.230	+.004	1.609
120 Brisket (choice)	1.707	1.711	-.004	1.837
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.057	4.643	-.586	3.544
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.547	3.394	+.153	2.848
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.320	2.295	+.025	2.064
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.215	2.210	+.005	1.994
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	5.668	5.244	+.424	5.314
174 Short Loin (prime)	7.617	7.255	+.362	6.150
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.870	4.634	+.236	5.092
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	8.439	8.167	+.272	7.218
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	5.702	5.324	+.378	5.600
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.724	2.717	+.007	3.017
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	2.271	2.780	-.509	3.063
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.752	4.028	-.276	3.696
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.800	2.939	-.139	2.721
189a Tender (select)	8.308	8.152	+.156	7.594
189a Tender (choice)	8.586	8.592	-.006	8.230
189a Tender (prime)	10.936	11.289	-.353	10.103
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.043	4.204	-.161	3.549
50% Trimmings	1.092	1.110	-.018	.862
65% Trimmings	1.266	1.348	-.082	1.091
75% Trimmings	1.485	1.550	-.065	1.221
85% Trimmings	1.944	1.918	+.026	1.542
90% Trimmings	2.018	2.005	+.013	1.630
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.085	2.053	+.032	1.683
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.190	2.165	+.025	1.790
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	5.300	5.300	-	4.200
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. Off)	12.625	12.625	-	9.500



**Oil, Grains, Misc.**-Farmers will plant the 2nd largest corn acreage this year since World War II. Still, overall grain supplies are tight and the markets are volatile. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Soybeans, bushel	13.583	13.273	+.310	9.310
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.572	.547	+.025	.373
Soybean Meal, ton	341.000	337.600	+.340	273.600
Corn, bushel	7.335	6.399	+.936	3.322
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.703	.693	+.010	.385
Distillers Grain, Dry	212.500	195.500	+17.000	97.500
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.513	.501	+.012	.364
HRW Wheat, bushel	8.705	7.695	+1.010	4.145
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	10.210	9.300	+.910	5.420
Canola, lb.	.270	.258	+.012	.169
Canola Oil, SD, (Tor.), lb.	.653	.630	+.023	.463
Pinto Beans, lb.	.278	.276	+.002	.291
Black Beans, lb.	.325	.325	-	.346
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.261	.261	-	.248
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.561	2.640	-.079	1.400
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.395	.398	-.003	.316
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.625	1.625	-	1.505

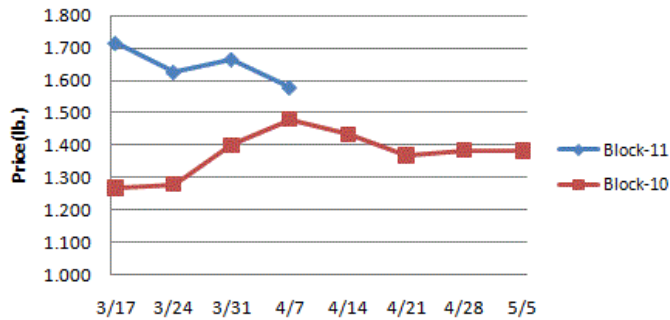


**Dairy**-The butter market is weakening as Easter demand fades. Butter output during February was 6.4% larger than last year however US butter stocks remain limited. February 28th butter stocks were 32% less than the prior year and the smallest for the date since 2002. Thus, the downside risk in the butter market may only be modest for the near term. The CME cheese markets continue to soften. Still, like butter, the downside risk in cheese from here may be fairly small for the short term. Feed costs for milk farmers are rising which may limit milk output growth later this year. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.523	1.625	-.102	1.455
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.578	1.665	-.087	1.480
American Cheese	2.033	2.140	-.107	1.715
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.148	2.150	-.002	1.800
Mozzarella Cheese	1.980	2.103	-.123	1.728
Provolone Cheese	2.138	2.260	-.122	1.893
Parmesan Cheese	3.213	3.335	-.122	3.258
Butter (CME)	1.970	2.080	-.110	1.495
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.645	1.664	-.019	1.174
Whey, Dry	.514	.525	-.011	.381
Class I Base	19.430	19.430	-	13.220
Class II Cream, heavy	2.654	2.710	-.056	1.969
Class III Milk (CME)	16.320	17.100	-.780	13.820
Class IV Milk (CME)	19.750	20.210	-.460	13.730

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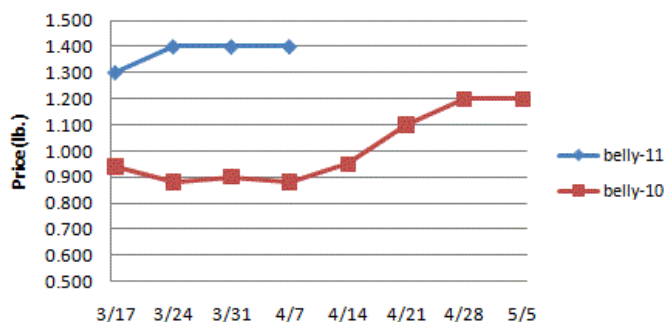
## Cheese Block (CME)



**Pork**-Pork production last week rose .5% and was .6% more than 2010. Pork output should seasonally track lower from now into July which could help support pork prices in general. Still, heavier hog weights may keep pork production above year ago levels this spring. The ham markets are softening as Easter demand winds down. The ham markets could find support soon and could set new record highs later this year. Pork belly supplies remain extremely short which could lead to record belly prices this summer as well. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Hogs	.657	.622	+.035	.555
Belly (bacon)	1.400	1.400	-	.880
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.550	1.537	+.013	1.368
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.830	.860	-.030	.673
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.830	.834	-.004	.675
Loin (bone-in)	.978	.991	-.013	.900
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.591	2.591	-	2.559
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.570	2.610	-.040	2.150
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	1.014	.987	+.027	.851
Picnic, untrmd.	.679	.684	-.005	.583
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.920	.920	-	.790
42% Trimmings	.550	.550	-	.520
72% Trimmings	.810	.858	-.048	.780

## Pork Belly



**Tomato Products, Canned**-The USDA is projecting tomato for canning output to rise 3% this year to 13.2 million tons. The canned tomato markets are firm. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Peeled, Standard	11.750	11.750	-	12.750
Diced, Fancy	12.250	12.250	-	13.250
Ketchup, 33%	13.000	13.000	-	13.875
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.390	.390	-	0.395

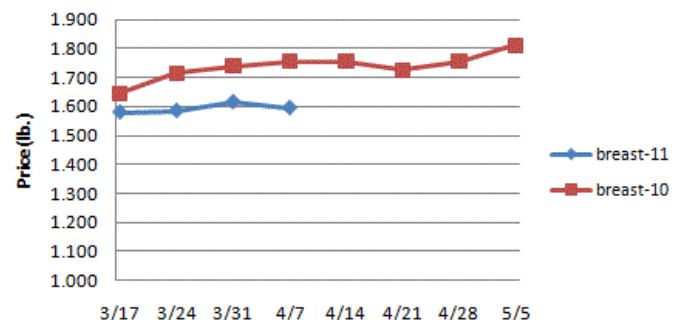
**Processed Vegetables**-The USDA is forecasting 2011 green bean (20%) and corn (10%) for canning acreage to decline notably from last year. The markets are firm. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	17.406	17.406	-	16.906
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	17.000	17.000	-	16.563
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	17.750	17.750	-	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**-The broiler feed cost ratio for March improved from earlier this past winter but still remained historically low. This suggests chicken producer margins remain challenged. Feed costs are rising once again which may force chicken producers to slow output in the coming months. This factor and the near record alternative protein prices, including beef and pork, are in our opinion bullish for chicken in general from here. The chicken breast markets have softened during the past week but we view this as a buying opportunity. Higher chicken breast prices are anticipated later this year. The chicken wing markets remain somewhat steady. Any chicken production slowdown could limit the seasonal downside move in chicken wings this spring. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

<u>Chicken</u>	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.863	.863	-	.853
Whole Birds (LA)	.950	.950	-	.940
Wings (whole)	.930	.960	-.030	1.525
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.136	1.136	-	1.535
Breast, Bone In	.905	.900	+.005	.940
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.595	1.615	-.020	1.755
Tenderloin (random)	1.440	1.390	+.050	1.430
Tenderloin (sized)	2.260	2.250	+.010	2.120
Legs (whole)	.672	.674	-.002	.459
Leg Quarters	.470	.465	+.005	.380
Thighs, bone in	.678	.692	-.014	.478
Thighs, boneless	1.258	1.203	+.055	.958
<u>Eggs and Others</u>				
Large (dozen)	1.042	.877	+.165	1.044
Medium (dozen)	.958	.792	+.166	.814
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.529	.510	+.019	.550
Egg Whites- Liquid	.538	.511	+.046	.495
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.690	.688	+.002	.633
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	.960	.930	+.030	.795
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	2.461	2.280	+.181	1.663

## Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast

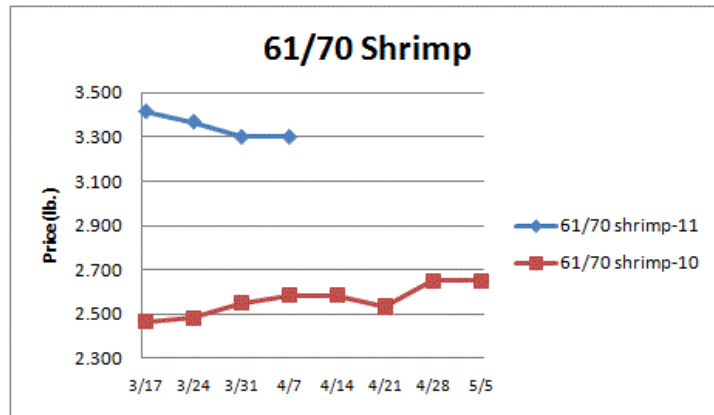


**Seafood**-Snow crab supplies remain restricted and the snow crab leg markets are elevated. The 2011 Newfoundland snow crab quota has been set at 54,000 metric tons, 4% less than the previous year and the smallest in the last 4 years. Softening Japanese demand could put some modest downward pressure on the snow crab markets in the coming weeks. Even so, snow crab prices could remain above 2010 levels into the summer.

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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.)	4.700	4.700	-	3.850
Catfish Filets	4.700	4.700	-	3.500
Trout (dm. 8-14 oz.)	3.100	3.100	-	3.000
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	7.411	7.497	-.086	5.104
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.300	3.300	-	2.584
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.567	4.600	-.033	4.250
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.800	5.800	-	3.825
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.050	6.050	-	4.275
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.163	3.125	+.038	2.975
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.831	3.819	+.012	3.525
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	7.388	6.283	+1.105	5.458
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.925	1.925	-	2.075



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

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	108.470	103.980	+4.490	86.840
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	4.289	4.374	-.085	4.096
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	3.171	3.025	+.146	2.268
Electricity, mwht- nymex	45.820	48.080	-2.260	43.560
Gasoline, gal- nymex	3.169	3.027	+.142	2.348
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.976	3.932	+.044	3.015
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.460	2.440	+.020	1.460
Canadian \$	.963	.979	-.016	1.001
Japanese Yen	83.961	81.663	+2.298	94.088
Mexican Peso	11.833	11.993	-.160	12.254
Euro	.702	.713	-.011	.746
Brazilian Real	1.615	1.659	-.044	1.766
Chinese Yuan	6.538	6.563	-.025	6.826

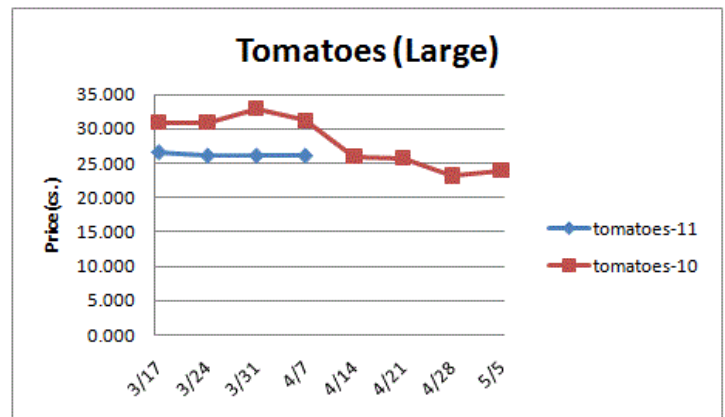
## Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com), pulp- [www.paperage.com](http://www.paperage.com).

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	985.190	984.360	+.830	902.330
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	848.589	849.963	-1.374	597.054
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.030-1.070	1.030-1.070	-	.940-.980
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.100-1.120	1.150-1.170	-.050	1.0501.070
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.880-.910	.860-.890	+.020	.880-.910

**Produce**-The onion markets are weakening as shipments improve. Even better supplies may be forthcoming assuming no inclement weather. 2011 spring and summer US onion acreage is forecasted by the USDA to be 2.3% larger than the previous year. Spring tomato plantings are projected to rise 4.4% this year compared to 2010. Tomato shipments are expected to recover as April progresses which should lead to lower tomato prices. 2011 spring lettuce acreage is estimated by the USDA to be 3.5% smaller than last year. The lettuce markets remain engaging but higher prices may be pending. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Limes (150 ct.)	19.000	46.000	-27.000	37.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	13.640	12.640	+1.000	18.540
Lemons (200 ct.)	16.640	15.640	+1.000	19.040

Honeydew (6 ct.)	11.356	13.250	-1.894	6.500
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	10.450	12.117	-1.667	11.875
Blueberries (12 count)	26.256	19.000	+7.256	25.800
Strwbriies (12 pnts.)	13.500	13.500	-	9.500
Avocods (Hass 48 ct.)	47.750	48.750	-1.000	26.000
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	17.778	18.401	-.623	15.844
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	11.667	12.229	-.562	13.381
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	24.000	24.000	-	7.125
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	23.000	23.000	-	7.125
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	28.025	27.638	+.387	10.406
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	14.000	13.750	+.250	4.375
Processing Potato (cwt.)	16.500	16.500	-	5.750
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	9.000	9.000	-	7.900
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	5.094	6.350	-1.256	23.375
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.396	9.656	-.260	29.875
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	7.781	6.469	+1.312	20.750
Tomatoes (large- case)	11.563	12.479	-.916	76.459
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	26.117	26.117	-	31.200
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	28.674	30.417	-1.743	35.167
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	27.950	24.963	+2.987	20.950
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	30.275	26.633	+3.642	12.284
Green Peppers (large- case)	30.433	26.633	+3.800	11.725
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	10.085	14.900	-4.815	27.275
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	17.950	18.950	-1.000	22.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	7.502	8.127	-.625	9.978
Leaf Lettuce (24 cnt.)	14.000	12.667	+1.333	15.000
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	7.156	6.971	+.185	10.392
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	7.270	7.279	-.009	6.975
Broccoli (14 ct.)	7.042	7.115	-.073	6.563
Squash (1/2 bushel)	10.581	10.475	+.106	6.125
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	5.350	5.350	-	12.425
Green Beans (bushel)	4.850	5.350	-.500	10.425
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.850	12.350	+.500	15.625
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.600	11.560	+4.040	20.325
Cucumbers (bushel)	13.313	13.313	-	11.360
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	18.550	34.522	-15.972	12.610
Asparagus (small)	40.167	50.667	-10.500	35.375
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	13.500	13.000	+.500	39.750
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## Retail Prices-CPI, Percent compared to prior month from BLS.

	Feb-11	Jan-11	Dec-10	Nov-10
Beef and Veal	+1.910	+2.259	-.595	+1.168
Dairy	+.574	+.145	+.372	-.006
Pork	+.959	+1.538	-2.092	-1.875
Chicken	+.460	-.981	-.773	+.357
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+.420	+1.516	+.251	+2.026
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+.486	+3.253	+3.090	+.698