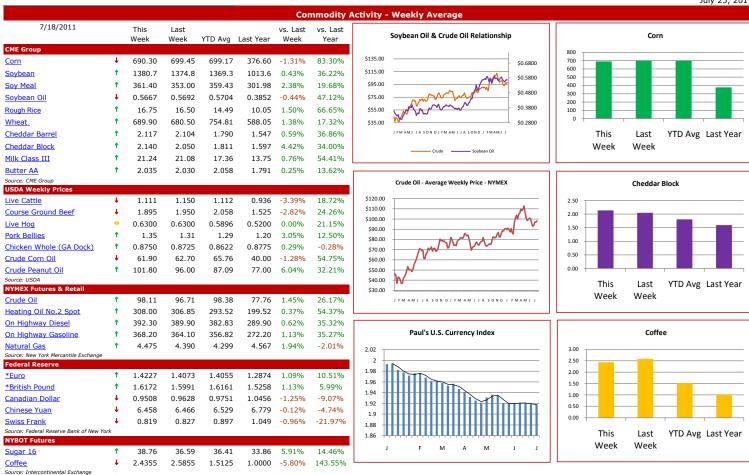
## **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

July 25, 2011



## **Market Commentary**

Corn: The heat wave across the U.S. has traders very concerned. Some rains over the weekend did provide some relief, but traders are uncertain as they wait for the USDA to release the latest crop progress report. It is feared that corn estimates may slide from 2-3%. This is very bullish due to the current corn inventory situation. The cattle-on-feed data from the USDA shows a higher number than expected of cattle in feed lots. Due to drought conditions in TX and Oklahoma, ranchers are forced to put their cattle in lots, taking them off of the range. This puts more pressure on futures. Corn futures closed between \$6.79-1/4 and \$6.98 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.90.

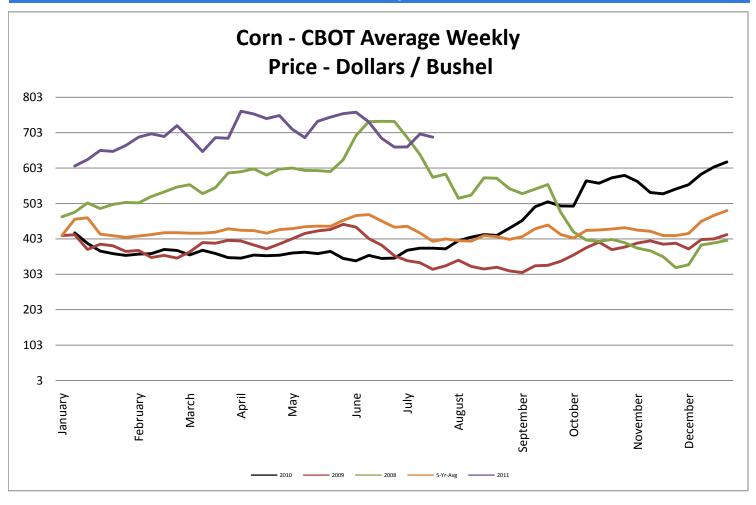
**Soybean:** The soybean complex continues to focus on weather. It is hard to believe that following the very wet spring, we are now looking for some rain. We do need some due to the extremely hot, dry weather, and we did get some in Illinois, Jowa, and Ohio. Temperatures are expected to cool off some too, relieving some pressure in the market. But as you know, the weather will change. Even though there is some relief, it is expected that soybean's rating will fall about 1-2% so the market is likely bullish early this week. China appears to be back on a buying spree which is also bullish to the market. In addition to buying soybeans the Chinese are buying a lot of U.S. pork, and that will affect demand on bean meal. Traders are also keeping a close eye on congressional activity right now as they negotiate about the debt limit, which has been a drag on markets. Funds have not been very active and their money is on the sidelines as they wait for a safer haven for their investors money. Gold is back over \$1,600 an ounce. Soybean futures closed between \$13.78-1/4 and \$13.80-1/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$13.80-1/4. Soybean meal futures closed between \$359.30 and \$363.00 per short ton, ending the week at \$363.00. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5651 and \$0.5692 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5651.

Wheat: U.S. wheat futures trended upward for the week. Chicago wheat ended the week down, though as Minneapolis and Kansas ended the week on a high note. It was less than a year ago that Russia and the Black sea region were announcing a severe drought and stopped exporting causing wheat prices globally to surge higher. Now, even though their new crop has not yet been realized, there seems to be a glut of Russian wheat helping keep U.S. futures down. You have to wonder how much of their "Drought" was real, and how much was sensationalized to drive prices. Anyway, U.S. winter wheat harvest is completely done, and stocks are good. Wheat will continue to follow, for the most part, corn. Wheat futures closed between \$6.77-1/4 and \$6.97 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.92-1/4.

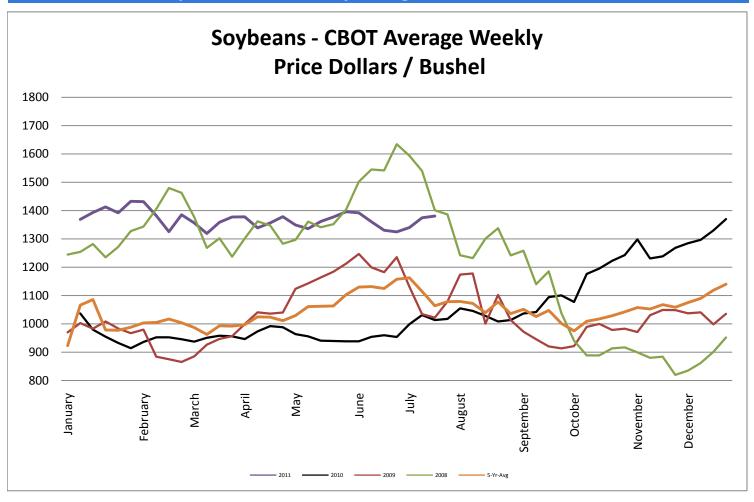
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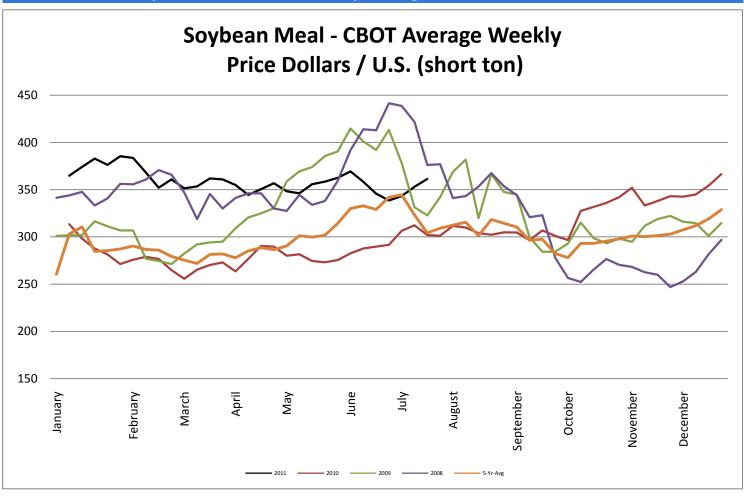




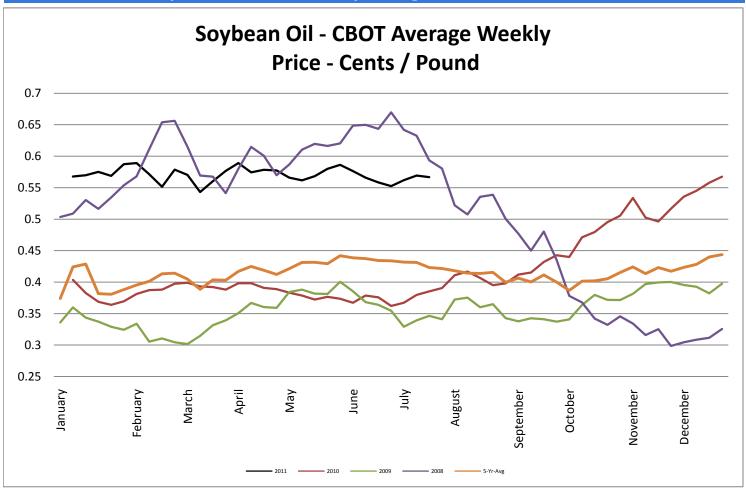
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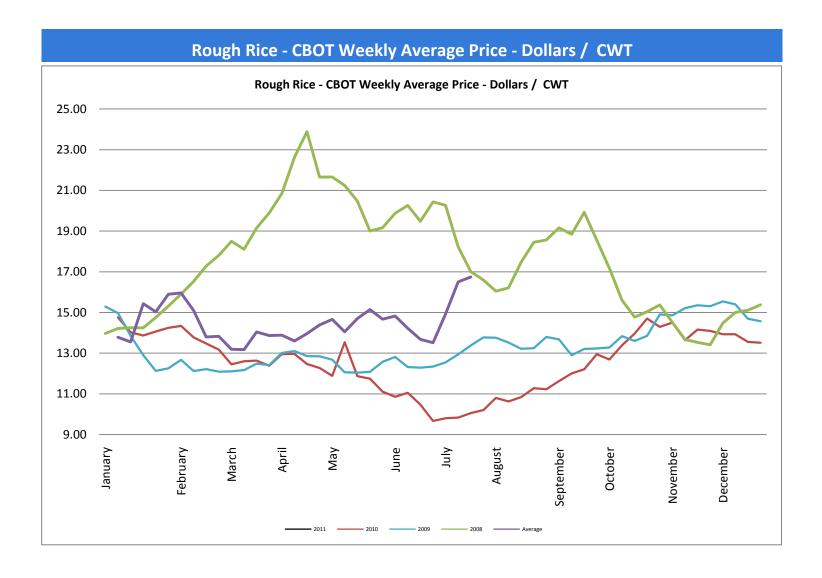


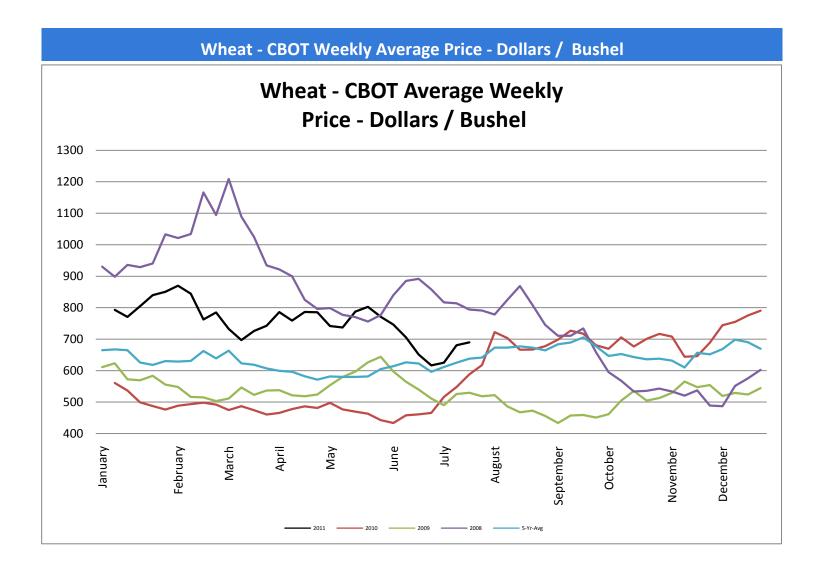


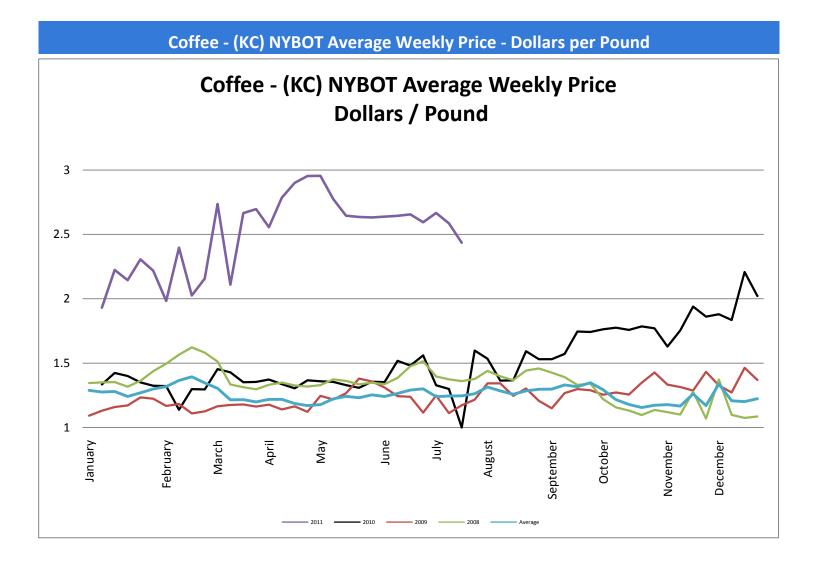


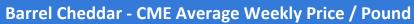


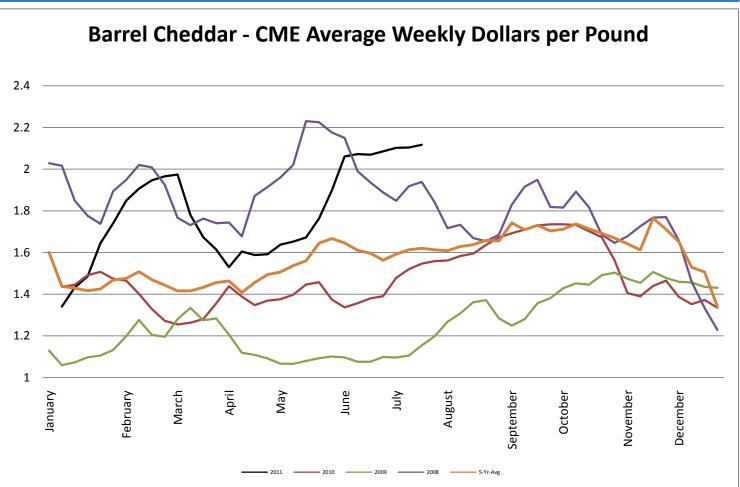




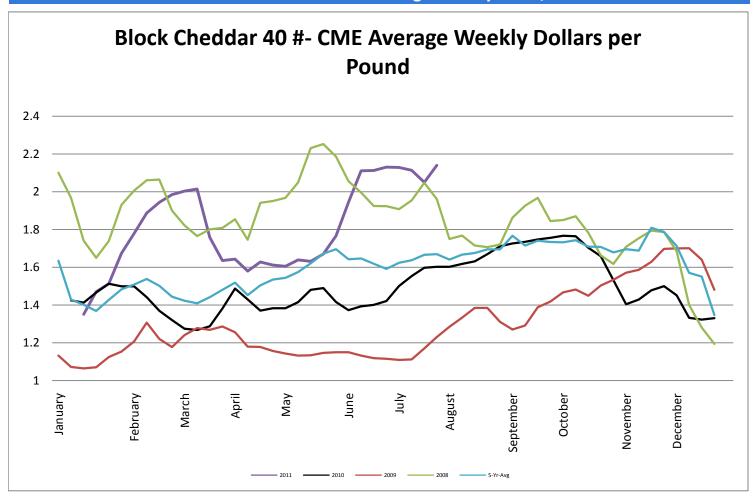


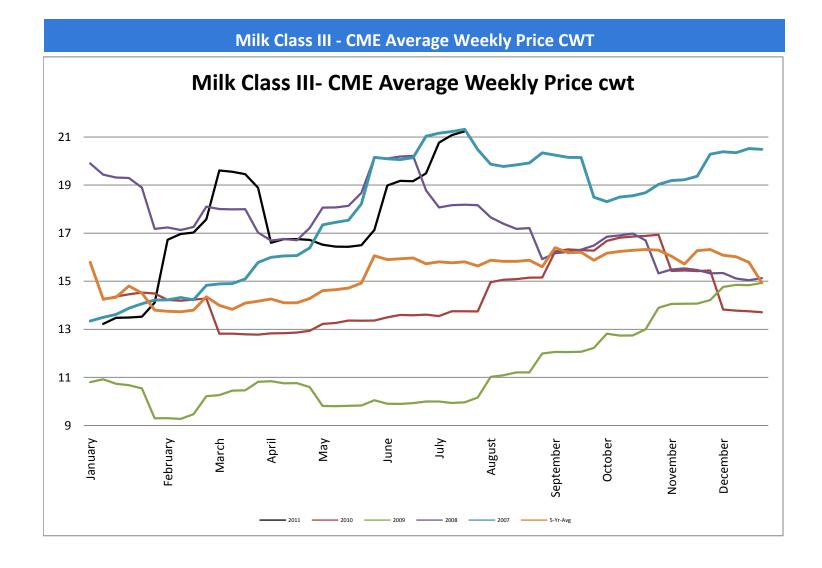


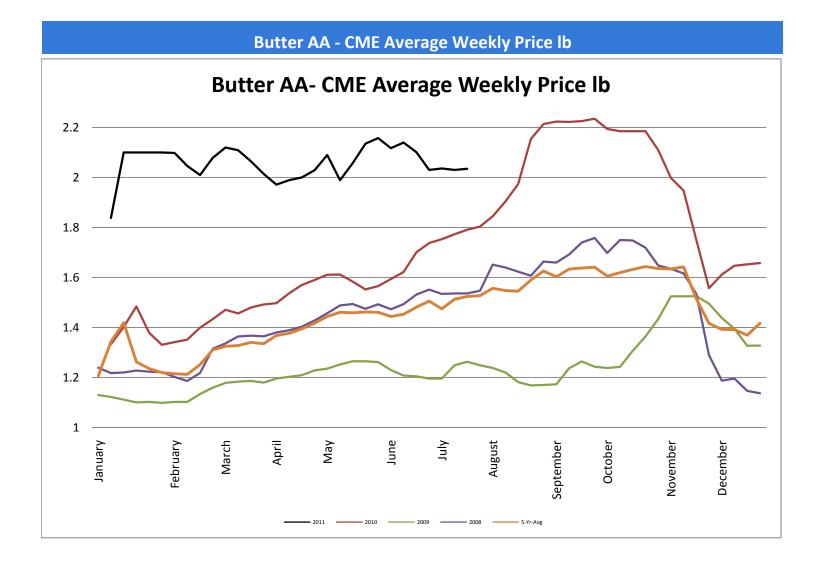




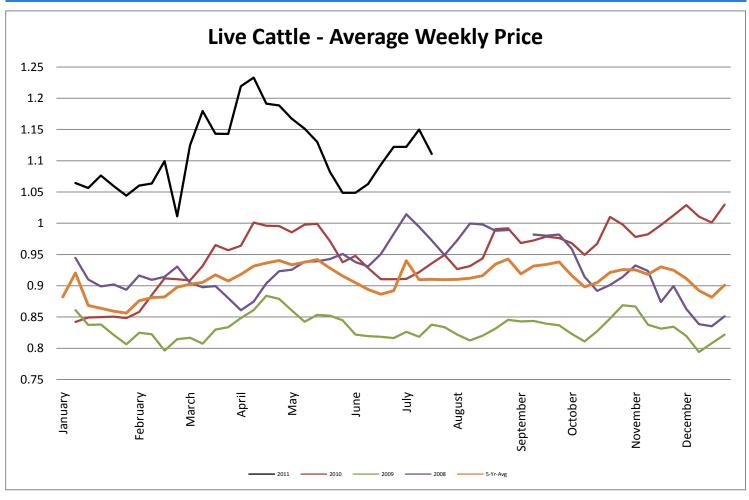
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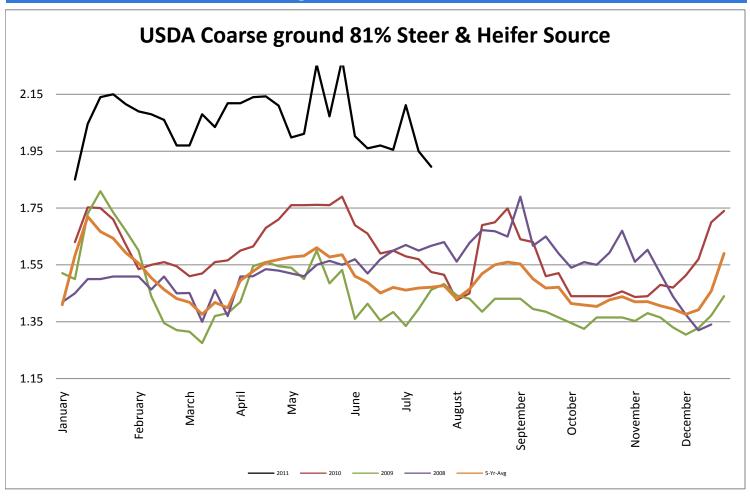




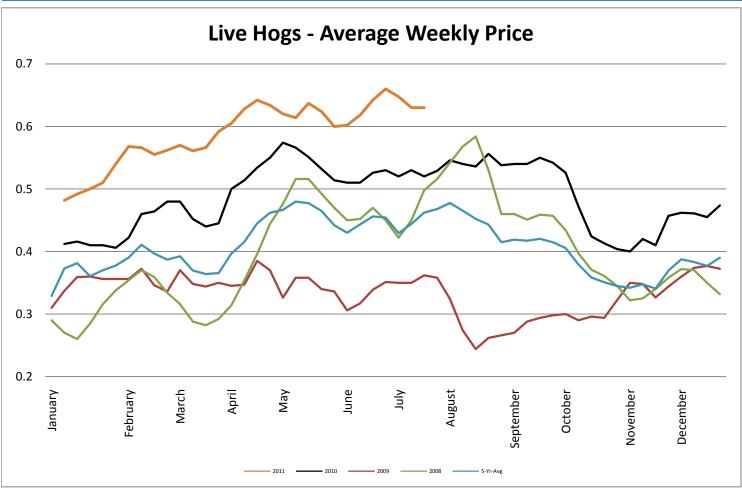


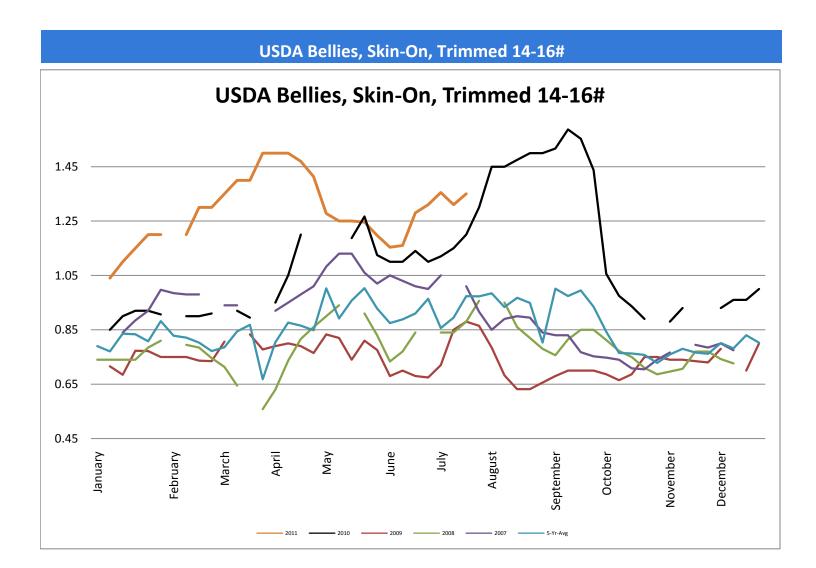




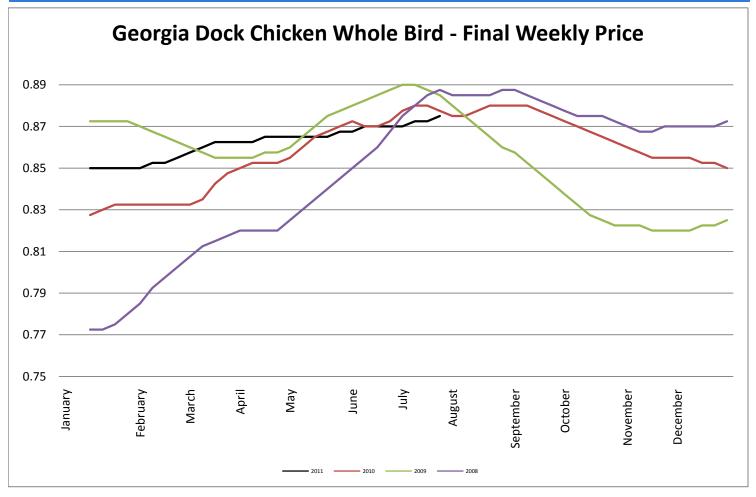




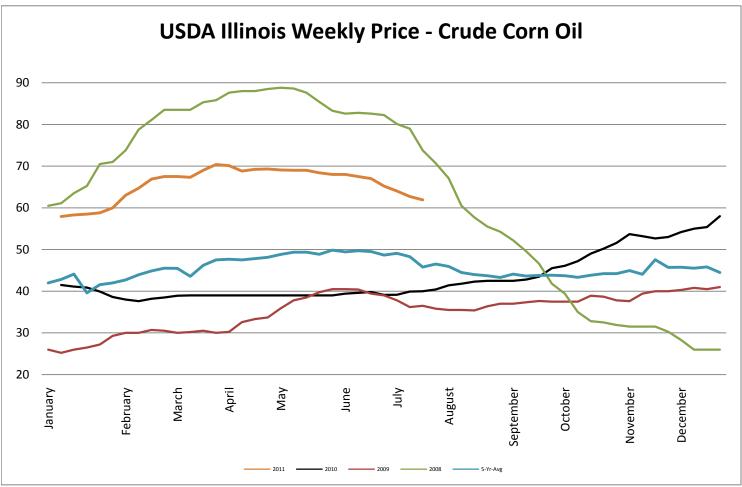




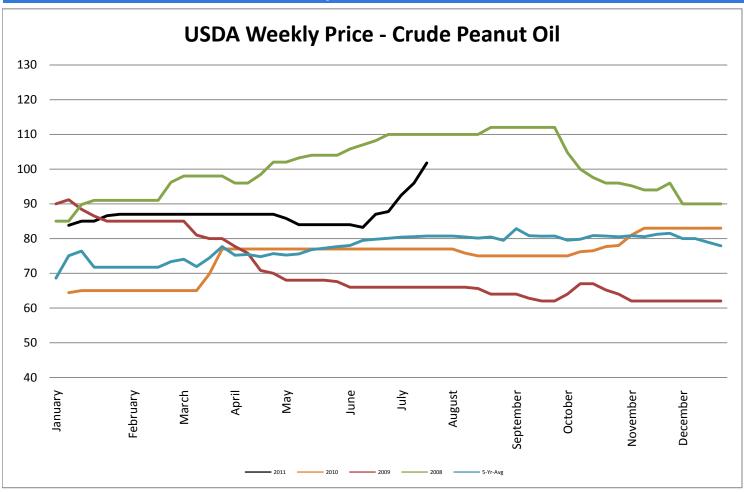




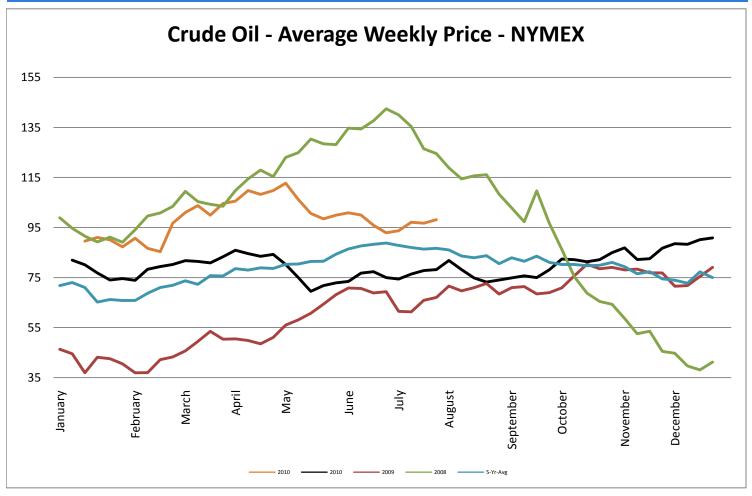


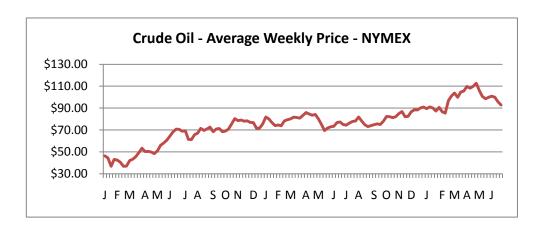




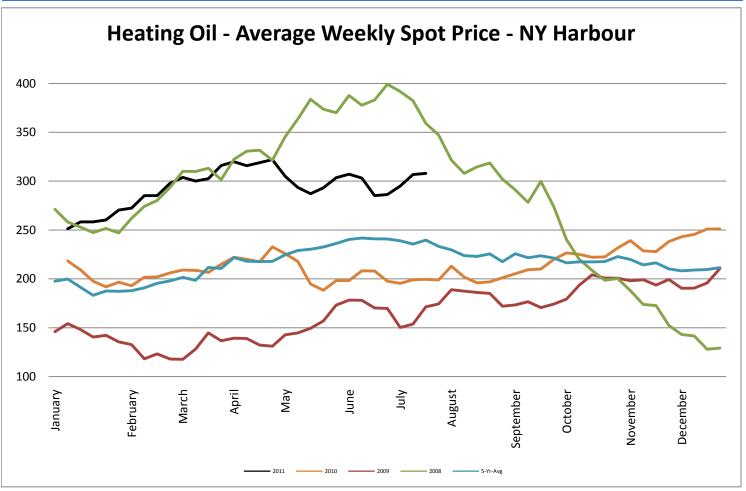




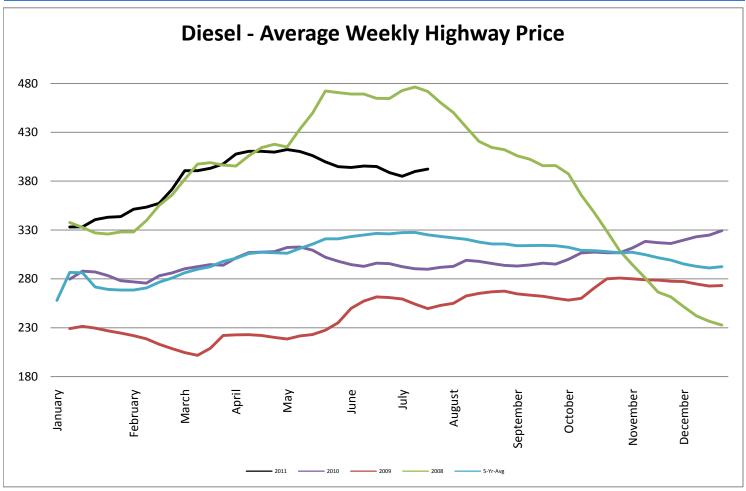




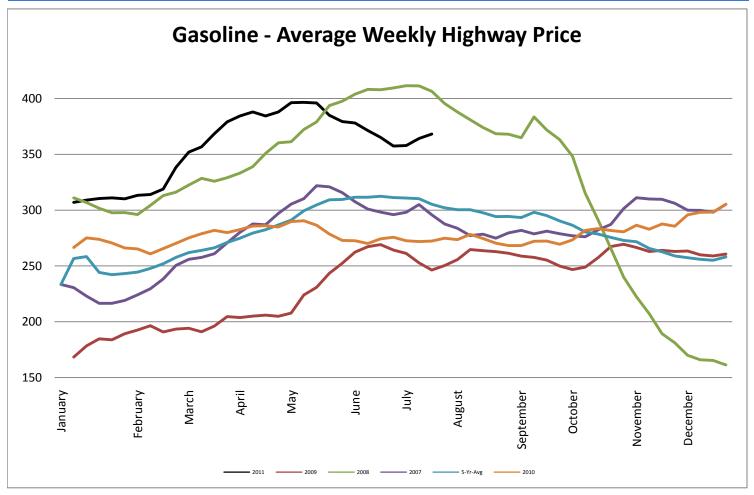




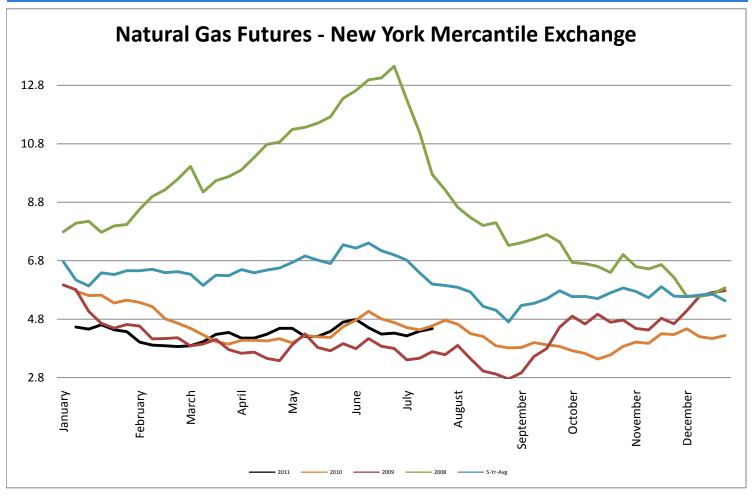






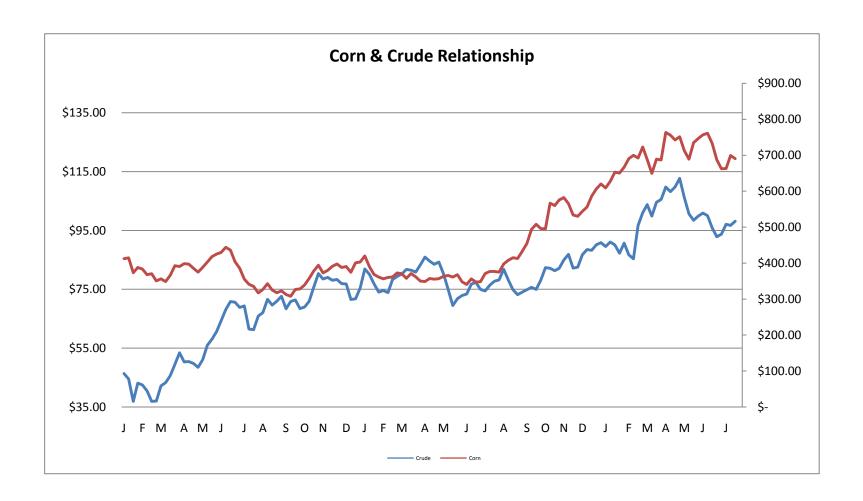


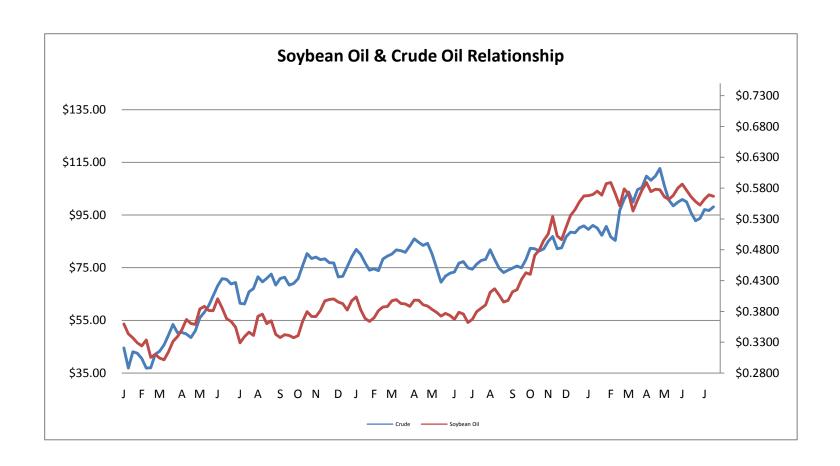




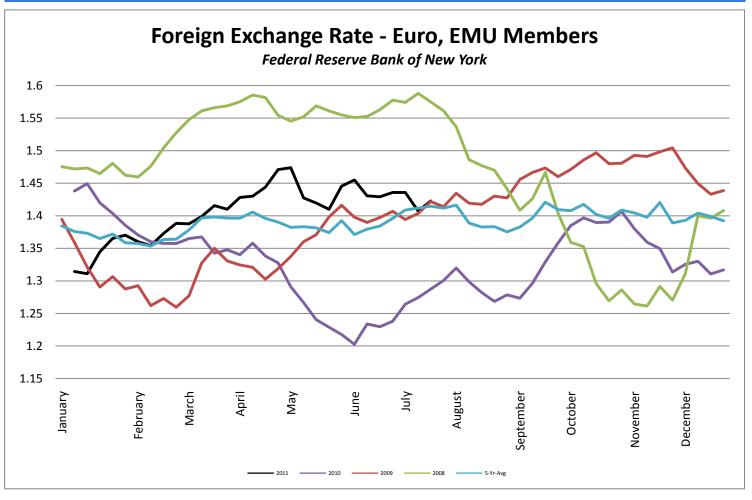




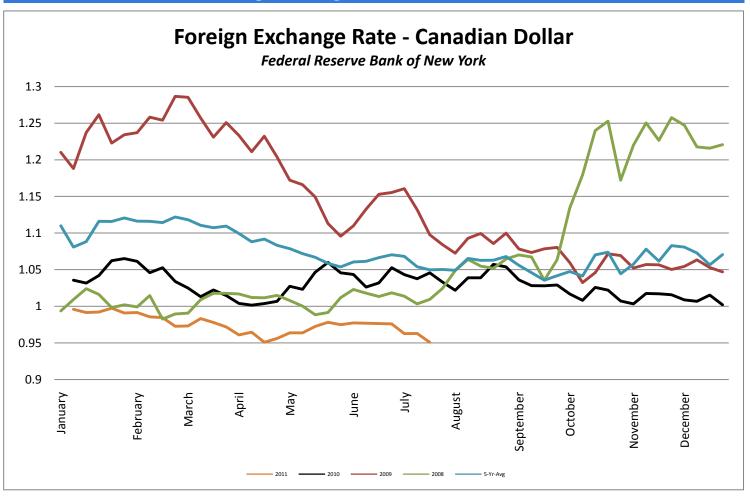


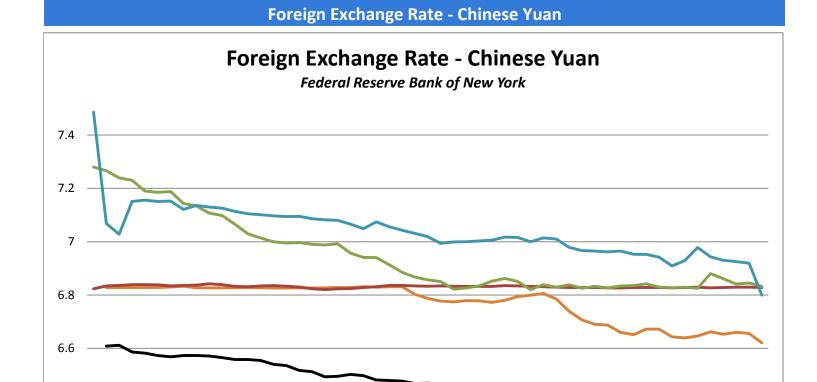












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