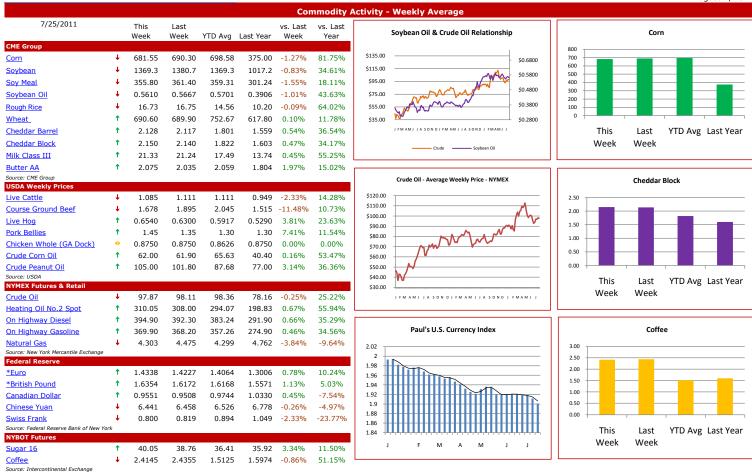
## **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

August 1, 2011



## **Market Commentary**

**Corn:** Not only did corn receive better than expected weather (rain), the upcoming forecast for the next couple of weeks improved also which provided downward pressure on corn and corn traded lower most of the week. Corn ended up lower for the week too. Also fund money is largely absent from trading as they wait for some solid market direction. In fact, funds were credited with selling 14,000 contracts. Ultimately, it is the weather right now that will control the corn market, and frankly all of the other AG commodities are led by corn. Corn futures closed between \$6.65-1/2 and \$6.91-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.69-1/2.

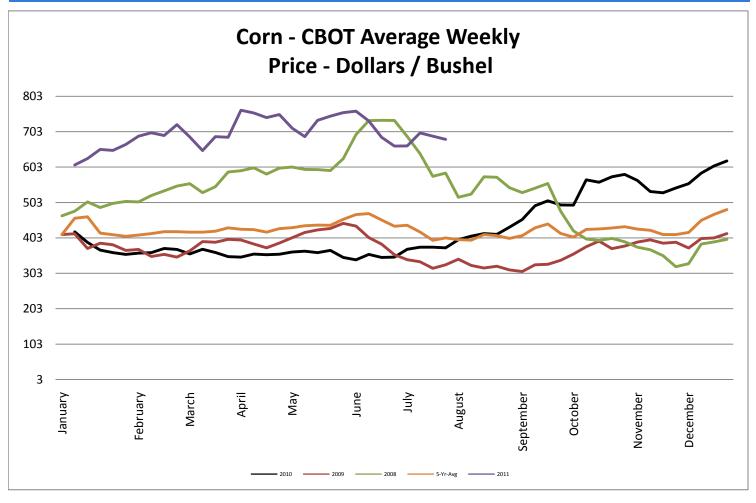
**Soybean:** Last week weather was pretty favorable for crops, thus the soybean complex traded down most of the week, as you would expect. Also, the fund money was still absent as they are uncertain about the direction of AG commodities. No resolution regarding the debt ceiling has helped solidify many traders' lack of participation. But, remember, it is suspected that there has been some crop damage from the previous week's heat and also there remains some question about how many acres have actually been planted. I think this argument will continue until it is harvest time. China has been a large buyer both in the U.S. and South America. Over the weekend it looks like the government has reached a debt deal. This drove the dollar lower, and commodities higher. Look for higher price this coming week as funds are likely to become buyers again. Soybean futures closed between \$13.54-1/4 and \$13.83 per bushel, ending the week at \$13.54-1/4. Soybean meal futures closed between \$351.60 and \$360.50 per short ton, ending the week at \$351.60. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5565 and \$0.5659 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5565.

**Wheat:** As written above corn is driving the bus right now, and weather is the GPS for corn. There are some other market characteristics. One is the large spread between U.S. and the Russian wheat that is being sold to Egypt. Russia is basically giving the wheat away. Seems funny since they were just recently all but out of wheat. From a technical point of view, wheat has taken on a negative tone. Moving averages are telling traders it is time to sell. Wheat futures closed between \$6.72-1/2 and \$7.04-3/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.72-1/2.

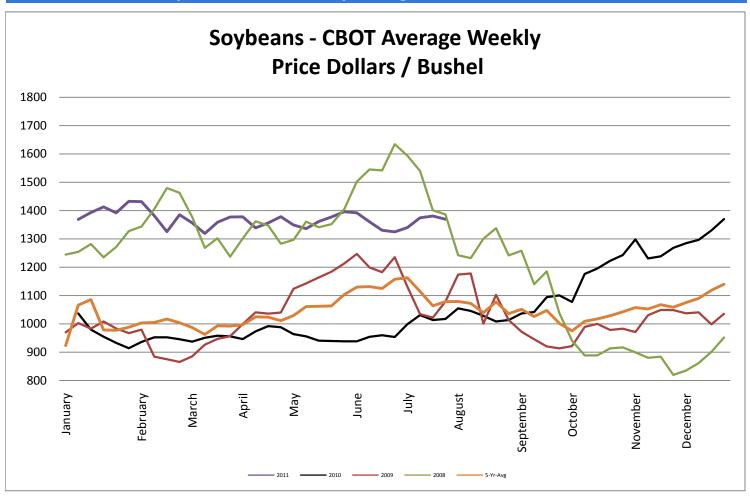
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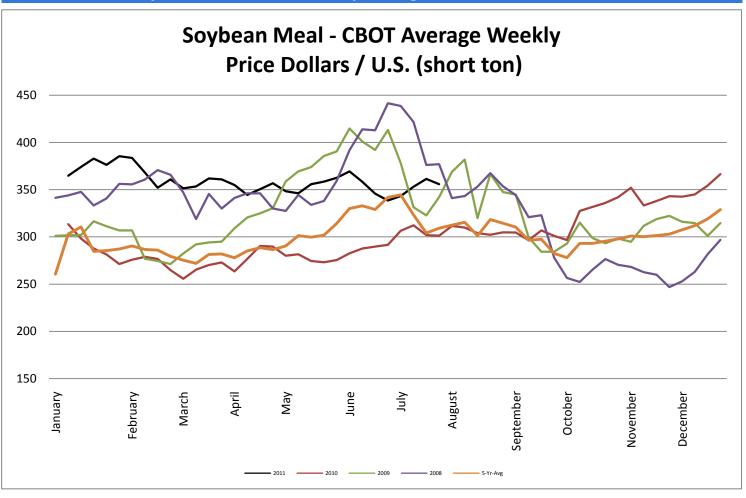




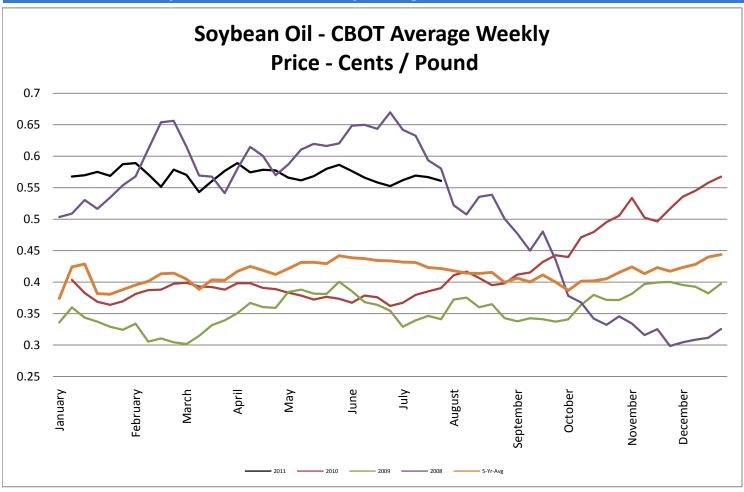
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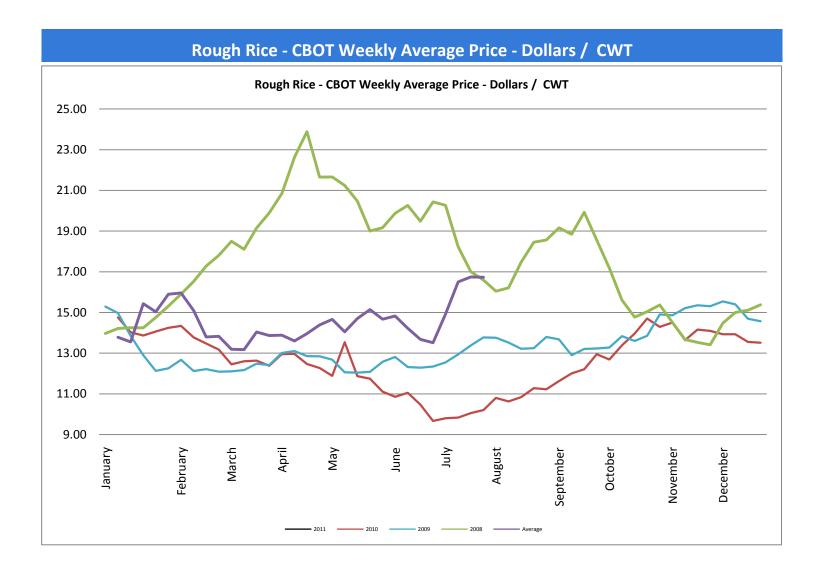


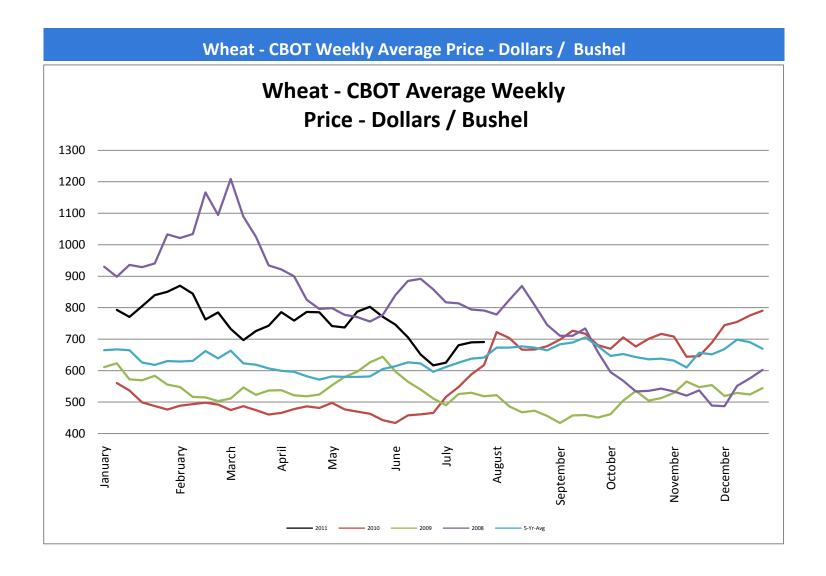


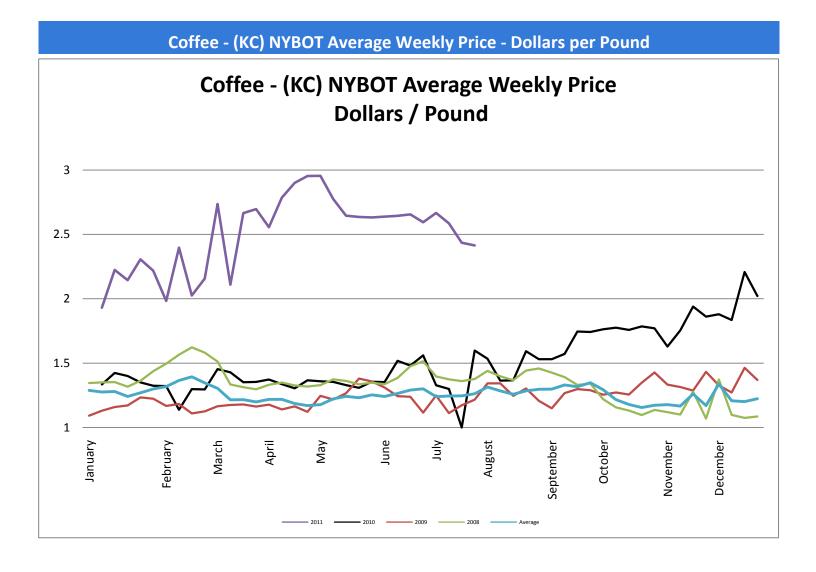




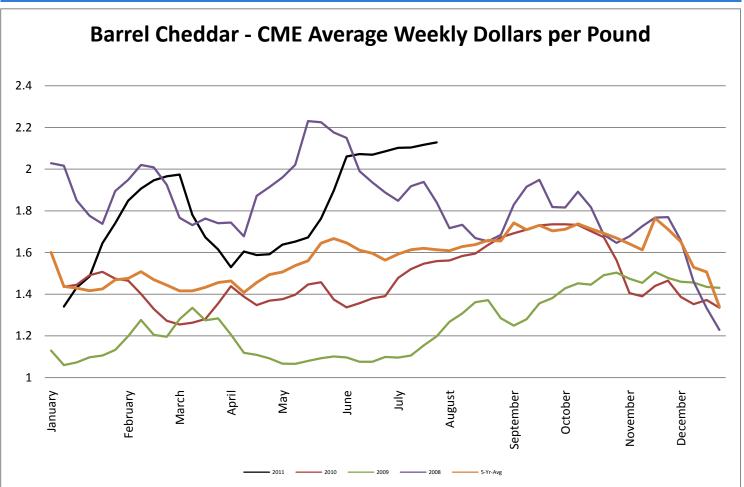




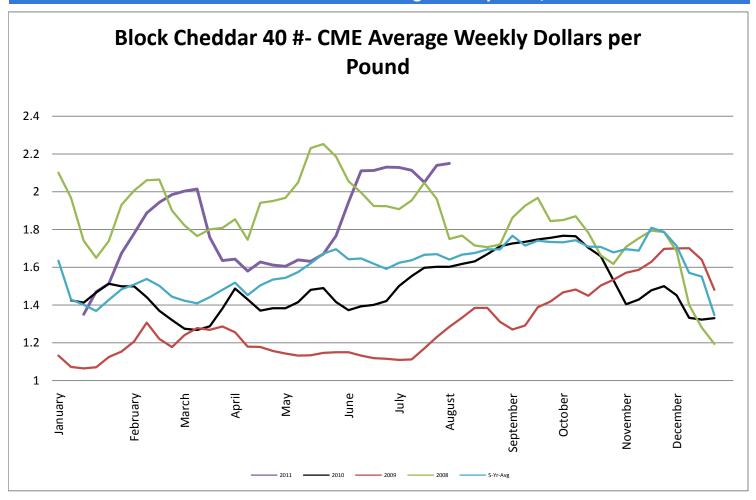


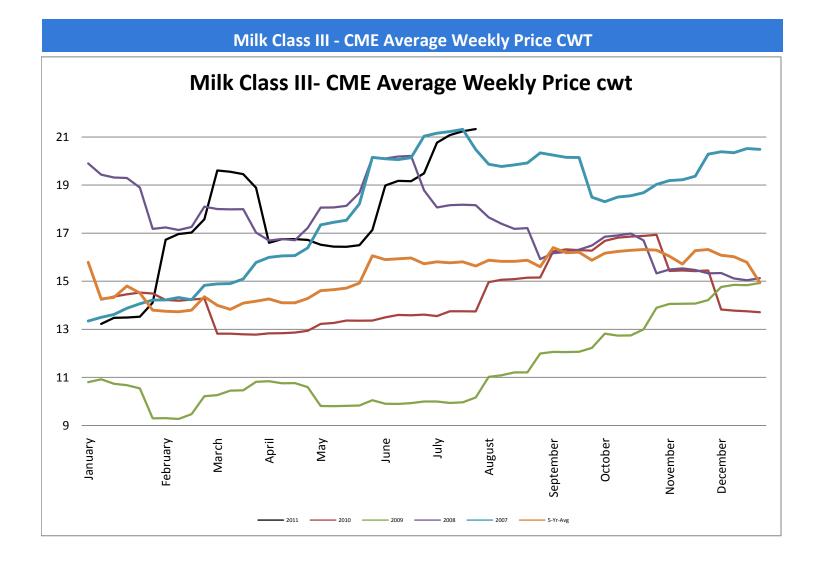


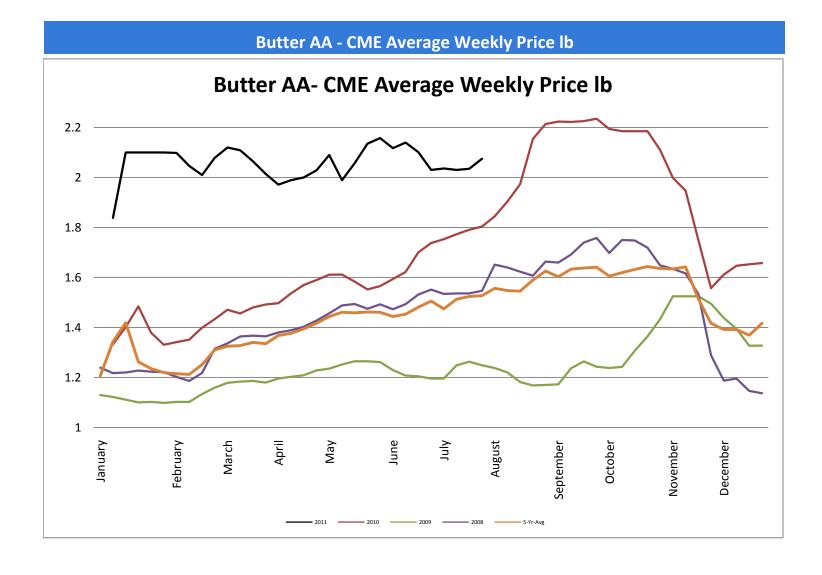




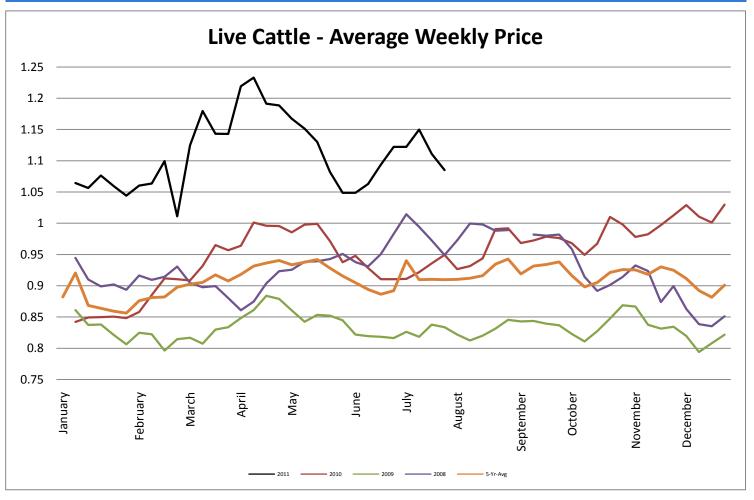
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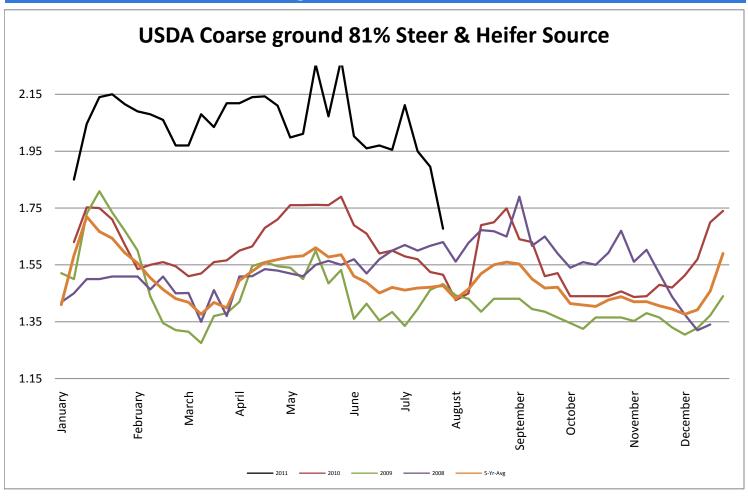




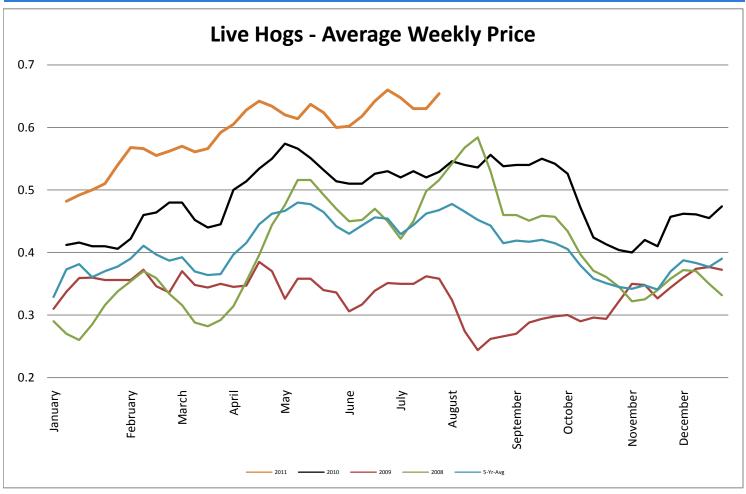


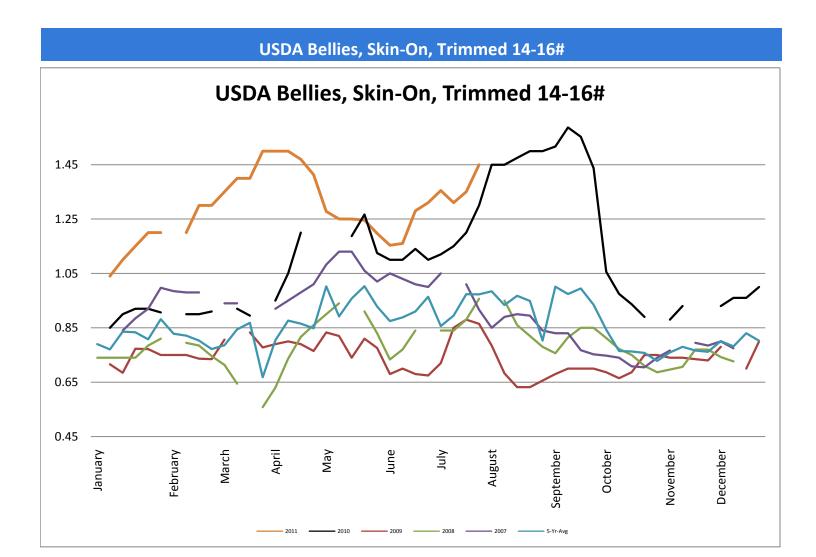




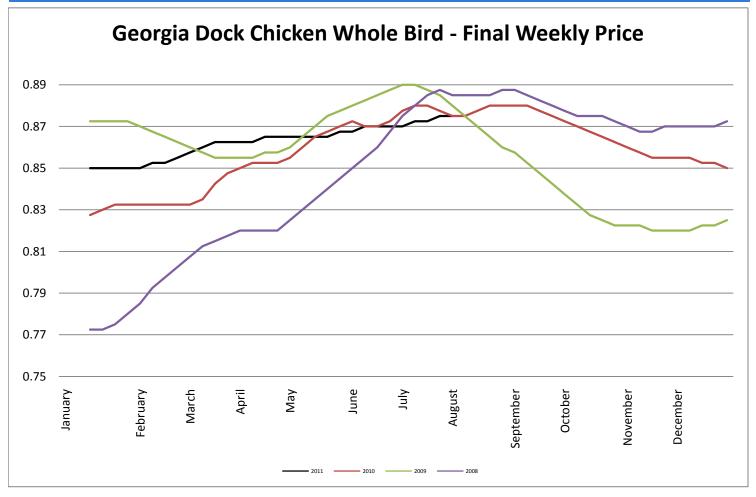




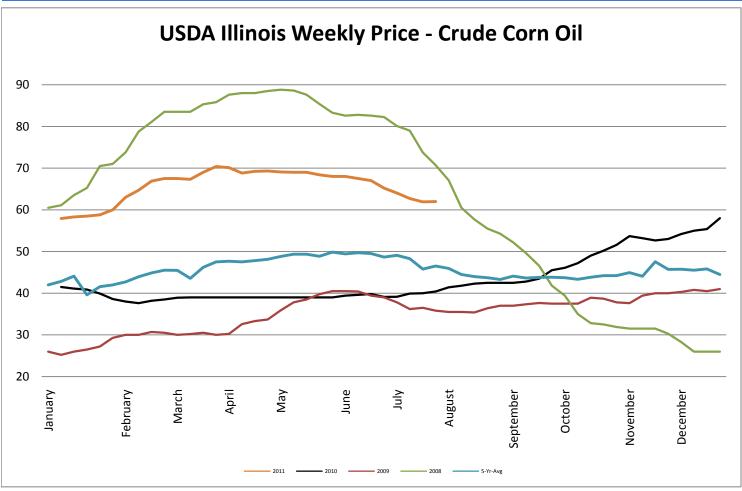


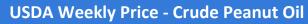


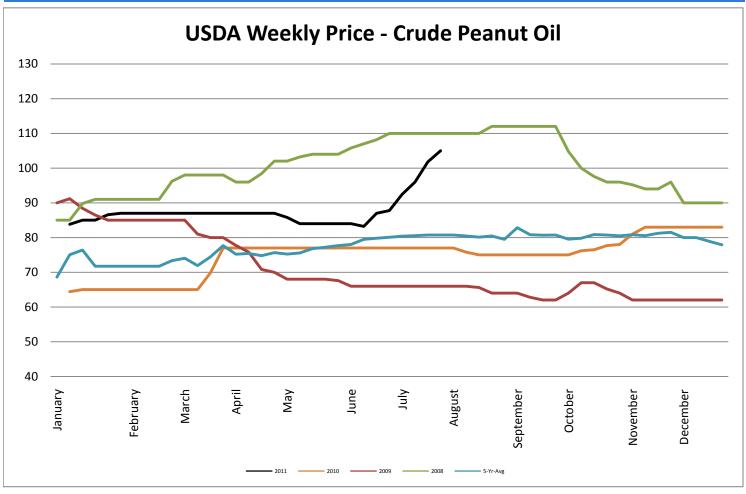




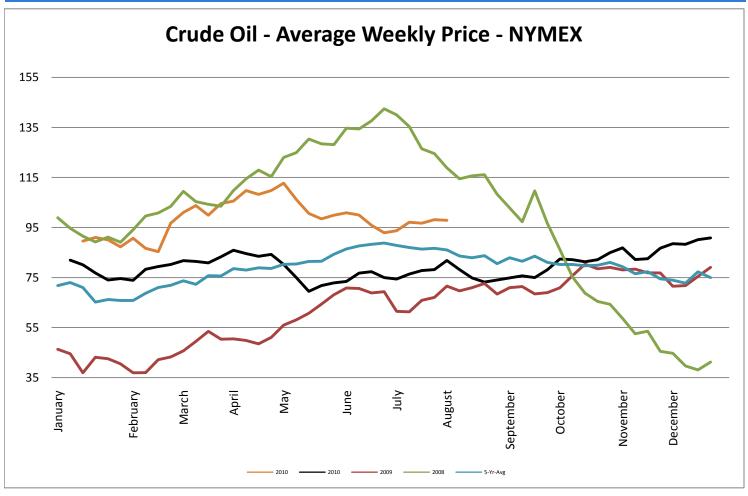


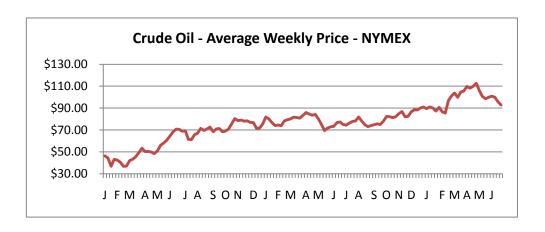




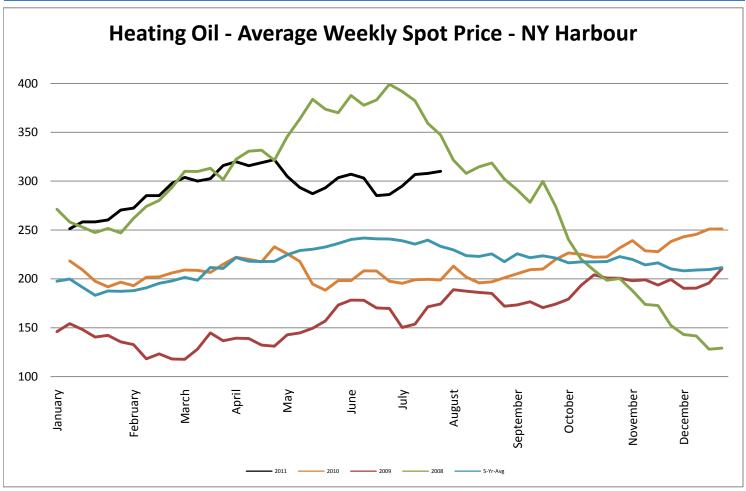




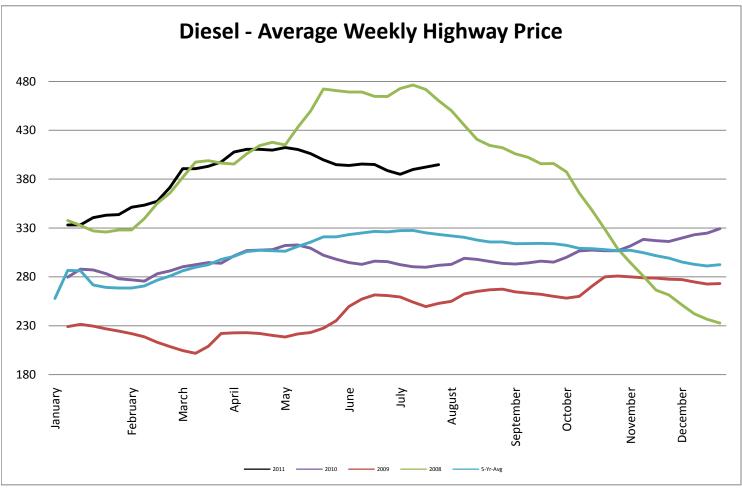




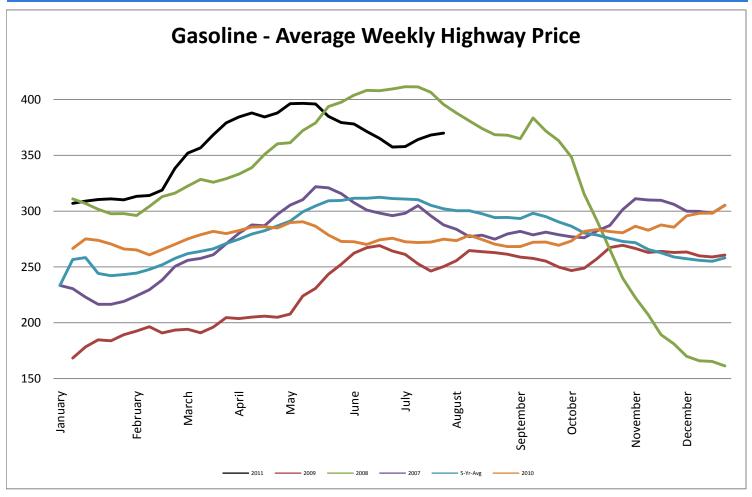




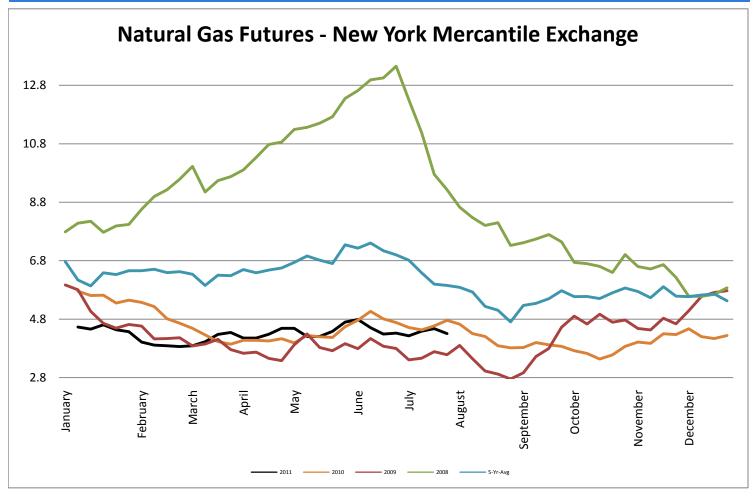






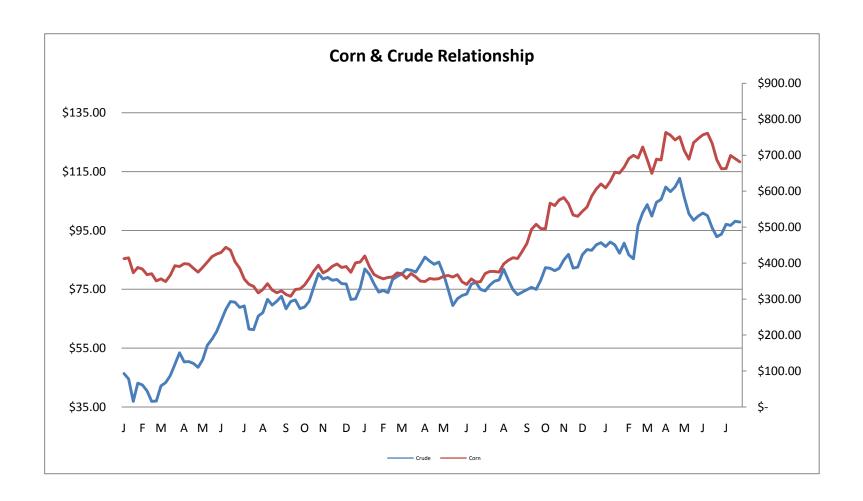


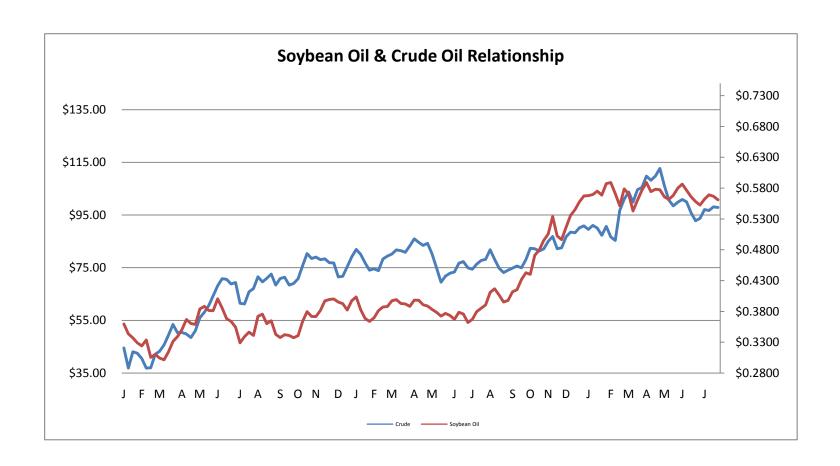




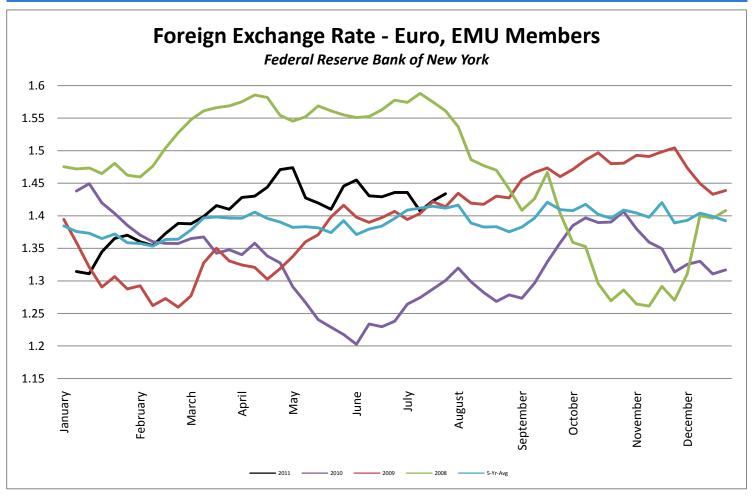




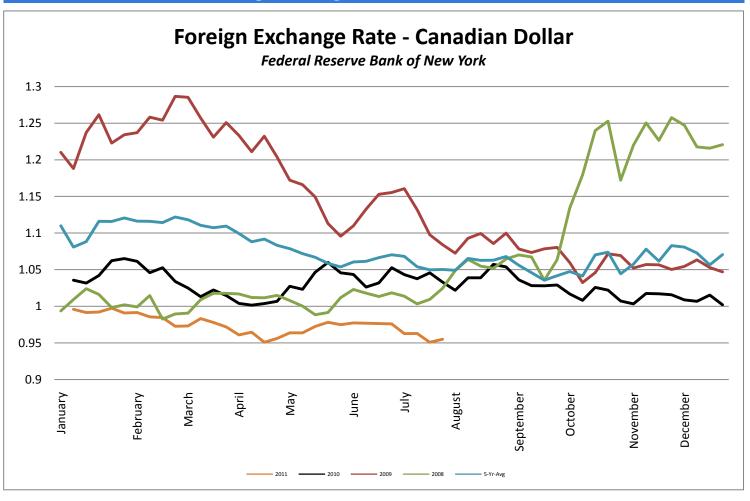


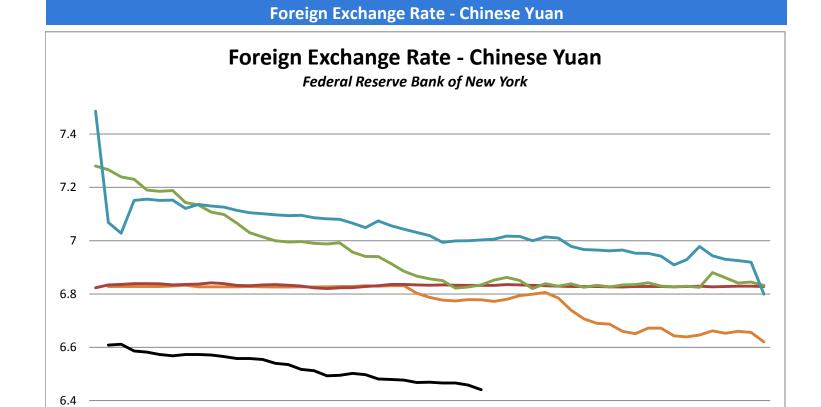












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