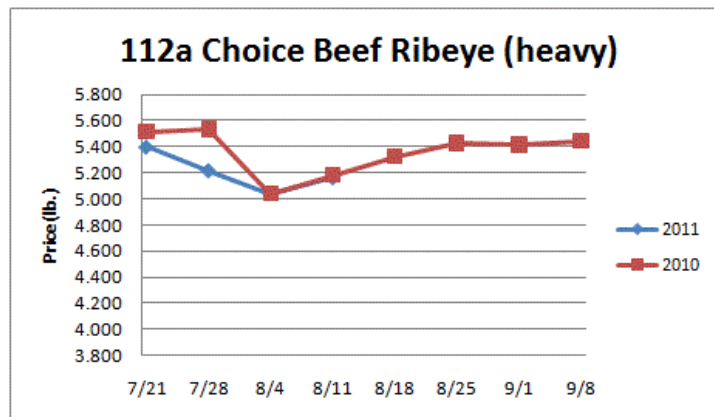


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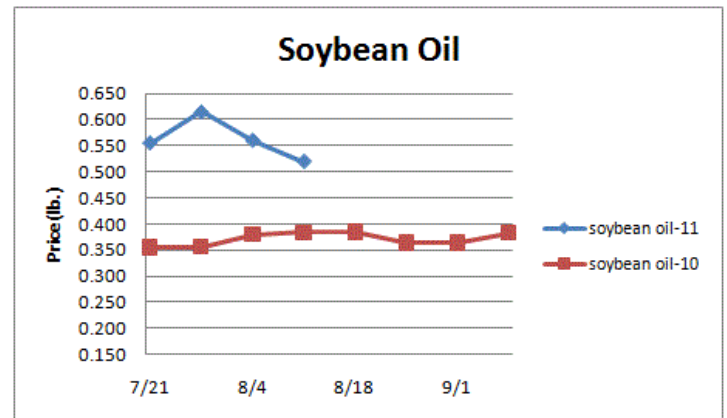
**Beef** - Beef production last week declined 1.1% but was .1% larger than the same week a year ago. Beef output is anticipated to trend modestly above 2010 levels during the next several weeks. Strong export demand for US beef continues to support many beef markets especially end cut products including chucks, rounds and briskets. With the US dollar value remaining historically low, end cut product prices are anticipated to remain well above 2010 levels this fall. We remain very concerned about beef supplies in 2012 due to the more than 4% decline in beef output forecasted by the USDA. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Cattle	1.123	1.098	+.025	.933
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.344	1.353	-.009	1.130
Ground Beef 81/19	1.494	1.513	-.019	1.330
Ground Chuck	1.519	1.462	+.057	1.407
109e Export Rib (choice)	4.659	4.696	-.037	4.457
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.158	8.184	-.026	7.417
112a Ribeye (choice)	5.161	5.040	+.121	5.184
112a Ribeye (prime)	8.668	8.532	+.136	8.513
116 Chuck (select)	2.194	2.058	+.136	1.803
116 Chuck (choice)	2.171	2.075	+.096	1.807
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.069	2.083	-.014	1.687
120 Brisket (choice)	1.865	1.817	+.048	1.530
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.106	3.904	+.202	3.395
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.214	3.202	+.012	2.436
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.169	2.050	+.119	1.877
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.032	1.915	+.117	1.602
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.769	4.748	+.021	4.785
174 Short Loin (prime)	8.388	8.602	-.214	7.476
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.391	4.483	-.092	4.605
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.089	9.276	-.187	8.656
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.746	4.901	-.155	5.003
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.176	3.201	-.025	2.430
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.445	3.442	+.003	2.791
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.994	3.811	+.183	3.233
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.637	2.483	+.154	2.441
189a Tender (select)	7.795	8.095	-.300	6.747
189a Tender (choice)	8.491	8.584	-.093	7.349
189a Tender (prime)	11.565	11.050	+.515	9.628
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.792	4.806	-.014	3.933
50% Trimmings	.859	.788	+.071	.719
65% Trimmings	1.180	1.168	+.012	.937
75% Trimmings	1.438	1.438	-	1.288
85% Trimmings	1.664	1.718	-.054	1.528
90% Trimmings	1.782	1.793	-.011	1.640
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.910	1.895	+.015	1.645
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.060	2.035	+.025	1.750
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	5.900	5.750	+.150	4.600
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	12.400	12.400	-	11.025



**Oil, Grains, Misc.-** 2011 corn crop forecasts are coming in well below expectations from earlier this year. If this scenario plays out, corn prices could move higher. Prices USDA, FOB.

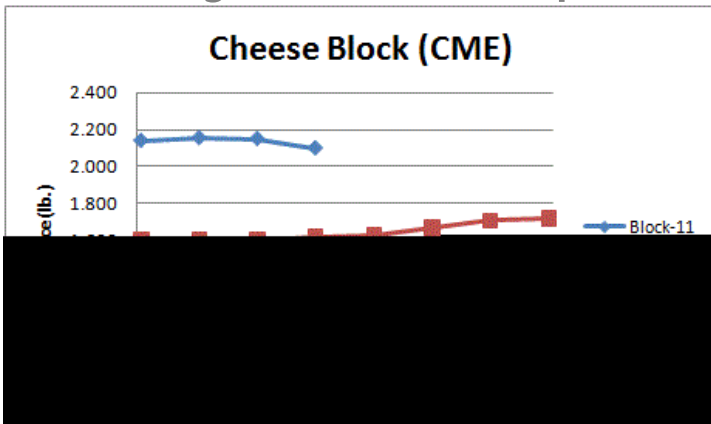
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Soybeans, bushel	12.953	13.723	-.770	10.389
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.519	.560	-.041	.384
Soybean Meal, ton	331.400	350.200	-18.800	333.300
Corn, bushel	6.878	7.278	-.400	3.492
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.595	.600	-.005	.410
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.193	.200	-.007	.125
Distillers Grain, Dry	193.5	193.000	+.500	106.250
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.466	.485	-.019	.403
HRW Wheat, bushel	7.330	7.880	-.550	5.880
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	8.410	8.740	-.330	6.550
Durum Wheat, bushel	10.760	11.630	-.870	4.600
Pinto Beans, lb.	.381	.374	+.007	.251
Black Beans, lb.	.380	.350	+.030	.300
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.265	.262	+.003	.216
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.348	2.413	-.065	1.696
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.365	.400	-.035	.329
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.650	1.650	-	1.605



**Dairy-** The CME butter market has weakened some during the past week. As New Zealand, the largest dairy exporting country in the world, seasonally ramps up their dairy output in the coming months we anticipate world dairy supplies to improve which could influence the US butter market lower. The CME cheese markets are mixed but with a general weaker undertone. Once the school milk pipelines are filled for the start of the school year we anticipate cheese and milk prices to depreciate. Still, persistent inflated feed costs could limit US dairy supplies in 2012. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

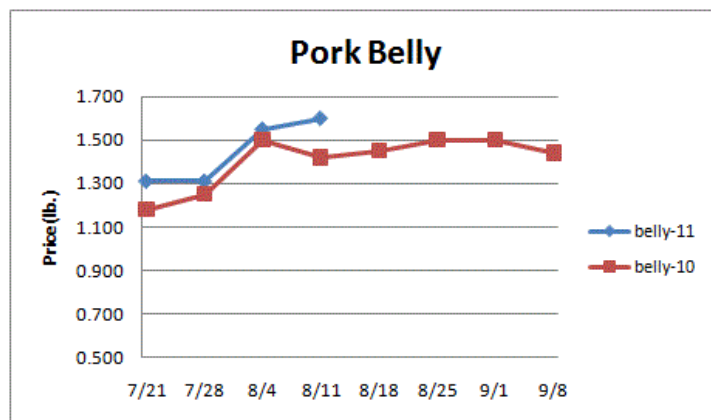
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Cheese Barrels (CME)	2.135	2.130	+.005	1.585
Cheese Blocks (CME)	2.100	2.150	-.050	1.620
American Cheese	2.490	2.488	+.002	1.923
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.590	2.590	-	2.000
Mozzarella Cheese	2.488	2.500	-.012	1.948
Provolone Cheese	2.645	2.658	-.013	2.100
Parmesan Cheese	3.725	3.738	-.013	3.465
Butter (CME)	2.068	2.103	-.035	1.918
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.627	1.665	-.038	1.246
Whey, Dry	.567	.568	-.001	.361
Class I Base	21.430	21.430	-	15.660
Class II Cream, heavy	3.132	2.988	+.144	3.118
Class III Milk (CME)	19.840	20.250	-.410	15.570
Class IV Milk (CME)	19.450	19.450	-	15.750

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**Pork-** Pork output last week declined 2.2% but was .2% larger than the same week a year ago. Pork production should seasonally climb over the next several weeks which usually influences most pork markets downward. Export demand, especially from China, could mitigate any pending market declines for pork. Sow prices in the US have risen to their highest levels in the last 7 years which suggests that hog farmers are attempting to build the hog herd and thus pork output. Inflated feed costs could mitigate any pork output gains in 2012. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Live Hogs	.767	.756	+.011	.574
Belly (bacon)	1.600	1.550	+.050	1.420
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.659	1.547	+.112	1.386
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.950	.950	-	.820
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.950	.950	-	.820
Loin (bone-in)	1.289	1.238	+.051	.981
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	3.275	3.210	+.065	2.542
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	3.465	3.428	+.037	2.526
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	1.019	1.052	-.033	.797
Picnic, untrmd.	.785	.752	+.033	.563
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.040	.960	+.080	.734
42% Trimmings	.880	.870	+.010	.520
72% Trimmings	.960	.888	+.072	.754



**Tomato Products, Canned-** The tomato harvest in California is slow with just 2.8 million tons anticipated to be landed by the end of this week. The markets are firm. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.000	12.000	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.500	12.500	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.188	13.188	-	13.500
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.395	.395	-	.380

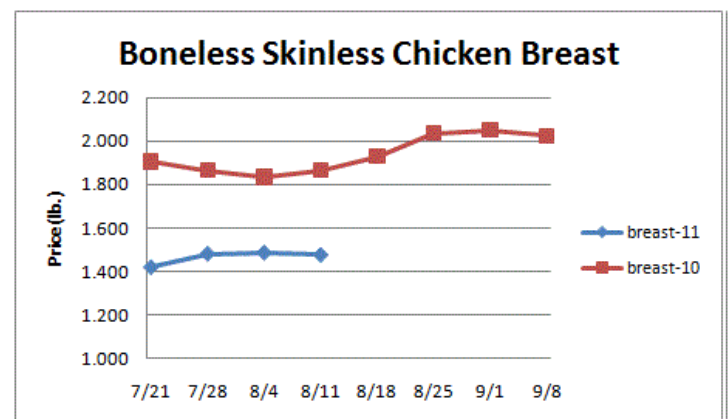
**Processed Vegetables-** US vegetable for processing crops remain challenged due in part to the heat last month. The markets could firm this fall. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	18.406	18.406	-	16.906
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	18.000	18.000	-	16.563
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	18.750	18.750	-	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

**Poultry-** Chicken production cutbacks continue to be realized. In fact, the 6 week moving average for broiler- type egg sets is currently running 5.5% below last year's level. Chicken wing demand is expected to increase which is typical as we near the fall season. However, chicken breast demand usually wanes. This year however, we don't expect chicken breast prices to notably depreciate due in part to the recent slide in chicken production. As for wings, any seasonal price increases this year may be stronger than average. Projected corn yields have been revised lower. If in fact a lower corn yield does materialize, inflated feed costs would likely persist. This may propel chicken producers to slow output more aggressively. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

<u>Chicken</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.880	.878	+.002	.878
Whole Birds (LA)	.970	.970	-	.970
Wings (whole)	.855	.855	-	1.240
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.046	1.046	-	1.237
Breast, Bone In	.845	.835	+.010	1.070
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.475	1.485	-.010	1.865
Tenderloin (random)	1.180	1.180	-	1.660
Tenderloin (sized)	1.780	1.780	-	2.060
Legs (whole)	.722	.624	+.098	.534
Leg Quarters	.480	.470	+.010	.400
Thighs, bone in	.695	.633	+.062	.549
Thighs, boneless	1.250	1.227	+.023	.952

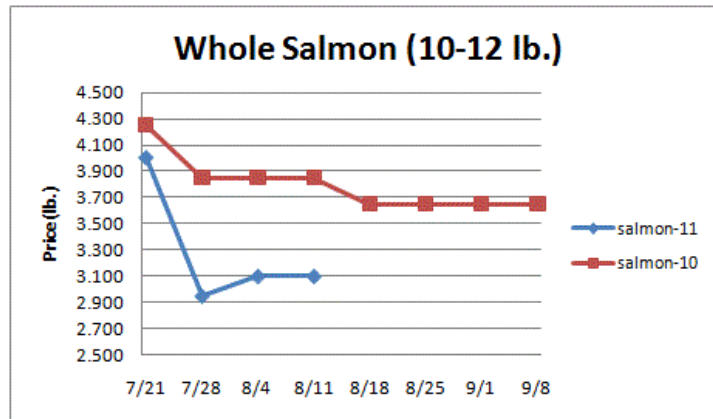
<u>Eggs and Others</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Large (dozen)	.990	.970	+.020	.803
Medium (dozen)	.695	.705	-.010	.575
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.623	.578	+.045	.413
Egg Whites- Liquid	.467	.452	+.015	.362
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.724	.724	-	.700
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.065	1.055	+.010	.970
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	2.500	2.500	-	2.483



**Seafood-** The salmon markets have remained historically inflated this summer with some depreciation in the whole Atlantic market. Salmon prices going forward will be influenced significantly by the health of various countries' economies and the value of the US dollar. If the US dollar continues to depreciate it will likely limit salmon imports and could be bullish for salmon prices. The snow crab leg markets remain elevated. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

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	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	3.100	3.100	-	3.850
Catfish Filets	5.250	5.250	-	3.500
Trout (dm. 8-14 oz.)	3.500	3.500	-	3.000
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	6.923	6.827	+0.096	6.530
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.240	3.250	-0.010	2.713
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.800	4.975	-0.175	4.813
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.850	5.850	-	4.800
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.475	6.475	-	5.225
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.200	3.200	-	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.684	3.684	-	3.713
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.471	6.505	-0.034	5.379
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.850	-0.050	2.075



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

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	79.300	93.790	-18.490	80.250
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.994	4.155	-0.161	4.297
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.765	3.092	-0.327	2.125
Electricity, mwht- nymex	54.550	58.590	-4.040	65.300
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.668	3.037	-0.369	2.085
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.897	3.937	-0.040	2.991
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.930	2.940	-0.010	1.640
Canadian \$	.991	.961	+0.030	1.035
Japanese Yen	77.269	77.354	-0.085	86.218
Mexican Peso	12.433	11.801	+0.632	12.689
Euro	.701	.706	-0.005	.761
Brazilian Real	1.622	1.573	+0.049	1.757
Chinese Yuan	6.431	6.438	-0.007	6.772

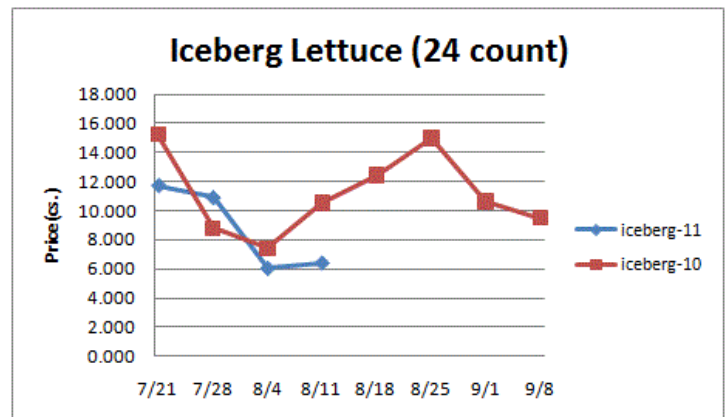
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<u>Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	993.990	1022.210	-28.220	1019.410
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	827.560	824.510	+3.050	688.558
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.120-1.160	1.120-1.160	-	.900-.940
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.160-1.180	1.160-1.180	-	.920-.940
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.880-.910	.880-.910	-	.740-.770

**Produce-** The Idaho potato harvest is underway which is easing the typical supply constraint for this time of the year. The Idaho potato markets are steady to weak and history suggests that some significant price decreases may be forthcoming. Last year the Idaho potato markets declined 25% plus during September. The lettuce markets continue to trade at relatively engaging levels for buyers. Lettuce supplies are adequate. Steady to modestly higher lettuce prices are anticipated in the coming weeks. The tomato markets are generally softer than earlier this summer. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 10</u>
Limes (150 ct.)	13.000	8.500	+4.500	6.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	24.640	24.640	-	23.540
Lemons (200 ct.)	21.140	21.140	-	24.040
Honeydew (6 ct.)	8.500	8.750	-0.250	5.000

Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	4.925	5.725	-0.800	4.250
Blueberries (12 count)	19.250	13.500	+5.750	14.134
Strwbrries (12 pnts.)	10.500	11.500	-	11.500
Avocds (Hass 48 ct.)	52.750	51.750	+1.000	24.750
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	15.240	16.282	-1.042	15.938
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	25.188	22.459	+2.729	16.375
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	20.000	21.500	-1.500	13.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	20.000	21.000	-	13.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	29.167	29.792	-.625	18.208
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	16.000	17.000	-1.000	9.500
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	24.000	24.000	-	16.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	13.000	13.000	-	8.300
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	8.625	9.334	-.709	9.625
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	12.928	12.584	+.344	18.525
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.490	9.428	+.062	12.325
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	16.000	16.500	-.500	20.531
Tomatoes (large- case)	6.963	11.950	-4.987	11.453
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	12.626	13.042	-.416	12.681
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	12.950	12.950	-	12.525
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	7.332	8.117	-.785	11.453
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	9.844	8.784	+1.060	12.116
Green Peppers (large- case)	11.184	11.713	-.529	8.838
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	8.450	10.950	-2.500	17.450
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	6.398	6.025	+.373	10.530
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	15.000	16.167	-1.167	14.750
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	6.738	6.088	+.650	11.228
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	6.663	6.725	-.062	15.038
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.938	6.938	-	6.750
Broccoli (14 ct.)	7.750	7.888	-.138	5.600
Squash (1/2 bushel)	12.425	10.850	+1.575	8.425
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	12.800	11.763	+1.037	9.584
Green Beans (bushel)	23.759	18.450	+5.309	16.000
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.050	10.975	+1.075	13.400
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	11.077	11.084	-.007	12.375
Cucumbers (bushel)	15.072	17.063	-1.991	19.760
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	23.438	31.688	-8.250	19.646
Asparagus (small)	11.750	9.750	+2.000	31.000
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5968.750	5950.000	+18.750	5844.444



## Retail Prices-CPI, Percent compared to prior month from BLS.

	<u>Jun-11</u>	<u>May-11</u>	<u>Apr-11</u>	<u>Mar-11</u>
Beef and Veal	-.007	+1.020	+1.164	+2.330
Dairy	+.005	+.773	+1.720	+1.303
Pork	+.006	+2.569	-.285	+2.280
Chicken	+.001	+.625	+.848	-.114
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-.001	+1.832	+.753	+2.012
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-.017	-1.503	-1.517	+1.498