Weekly Market Updates

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Beef - Beef output last week was 1.9% smaller than the same week a year ago. In July beef imports were down 17.4% versus 2010 and were the smallest since April '11. Beef imports from Australia were down 36% in July but were the 2nd best of any month since October '10. Beef exports increased 34.2% in July compared to last year plus were a record high. If beef imports remain lackluster and beef exports remain strong as expected then lean beef trimming and beef end cut prices could remain supported. The Southwest drought is still a problem for cattle production. Beef supplies for '12 could be limited. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Cattle	1.178	1.134	+.044	.972
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.321	1.315	+.006	1.129
Ground Beef 81/19	1.719	1.700	+.019	1.504
Ground Chuck	1.752	1.717	+.035	1.500
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.063	4.950	+.113	4.541
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.915	8.624	+.291	7.850
112a Ribeye (choice)	5.743	5.597	+.146	5.172
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.188	8.783	+.405	8.306
116 Chuck (select)	2.480	2.259	+.221	1.806
116 Chuck (choice)	2.555	2.263	+.292	1.823
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.024	1.972	+.052	1.883
120 Brisket (choice)	2.011	1.907	+.104	1.517
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.600	3.793	-.193	3.697
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.491	3.421	+.070	2.815
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.343	2.269	+.074	1.908
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.106	2.032	+.074	1.753
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.527	4.557	-.030	4.977
174 Short Loin (prime)	8.609	8.508	+.101	7.785
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.084	4.089	-.005	4.840
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.343	9.314	+.029	9.274
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.593	4.628	-.035	5.457
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.178	3.178	-	2.696
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.568	3.574	-.006	2.990
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.521	3.525	-.004	3.186
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.731	2.767	-.036	2.595
189a Tender (select)	8.172	8.024	+.148	7.531
189a Tender (choice)	8.769	8.433	+.336	8.239
189a Tender (prime)	11.782	11.684	+.098	10.302
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.910	4.889	+.021	3.945
50% Trimmings	.974	.973	+.001	.652
65% Trimmings	1.263	1.281	-.018	.899
75% Trimmings	1.389	1.411	-.022	1.272
85% Trimmings	1.695	1.695	-	1.482
90% Trimmings	1.798	1.789	+.009	1.616
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.870	1.865	+.005	1.675
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.025	2.041	-.016	1.840
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	5.950	5.950	-	4.700
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	12.920	12.525	+.395	11.825

Oil, Grains, Misc.- The USDA lowered corn stock estimates for 2011/12. In fact, corn supplies may be the tightest in 24 years. Elevated corn prices however are slowing demand. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Soybeans, bushel	13.454	13.790	-.336	10.195
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.566	.569	-.003	.383
Soybean Meal, ton	343.500	362.300	-18.800	316.700
Corn, bushel	6.998	7.269	-.271	4.425
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.585	.595	-.010	.420
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.194	.199	-.005	.145
Distillers Grain, Dry	201.250	198.500	+2.750	120.000
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.463	.477	-.014	.411
HRW Wheat, bushel	7.480	8.110	-.630	6.735
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	9.160	9.568	-.408	7.280
Durum Wheat, bushel	11.700	11.760	-.060	5.000
Pinto Beans, lb.	.406	.387	+.019	.186
Black Beans, lb.	.468	.390	+.078	.195
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.286	.274	+.012	.200
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	2.703	2.814	-.111	1.891
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.410	.409	+.001	.366
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.700	1.700	-	1.613

Dairy- Cheese exports in July were up just 3.7% versus a year ago and were the smallest for any month since November. In July, the international cheese market was discounted to the US cheese market curbing cheese exports. Cheese exports may continue to struggle. Further cheese market weakness may be pending. July butter exports were 36% lower than a year ago and the smallest for any month since January. Improving US and world butter supplies are influencing the butter market downward. Further butter market price softness is expected. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.720	1.725	-.005	2.884
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.783	1.790	-.007	.652
American Cheese	2.090	2.088	+.002	1.710
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.300	2.300	-	1.735
Mozzarella Cheese	2.135	2.135	-	1.970
Provolone Cheese	2.229	2.229	-	2.000
Parmesan Cheese	3.370	3.370	-	2.065
Butter (CME)	1.903	1.995	-.092	2.223
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.577	1.571	+.006	3.588
Whey, Dry	.589	.595	-.006	2.225
Class 1 Base	21.780	21.780	-	1.265
Class II Cream, heavy	2.521	2.649	-.128	.365
Class III Milk (CME)	18.450	18.480	-.030	15.500
Class IV Milk (CME)	18.600	18.500	+.100	3.525

Pork- Pork output last week was 2.7% larger than the same week in 2010. In July, total pork exports increased 18% compared to last year while ham exports were up 23%. The weak US dollar along with strong demand for pork from Canada and Japan were the catalysts driving pork prices higher in July. We anticipate domestic demand for pork to be challenged over the next several weeks but international demand is expected to be solid. Pork belly prices could stabilize in the coming weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Live Hogs	.624	.585	+.039	.586
Belly (bacon)	1.070	1.100	-.030	1.550
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.381	1.365	+.016	1.247
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.930	.880	+.050	.890
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.940	.900	+.040	.890
Loin (bone-in)	1.110	1.121	-.011	.960
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	3.067	3.150	-.083	2.428
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	3.210	3.307	-.097	2.400
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.994	.988	+.006	.813
Picnic, untrmd.	.811	.786	+.025	.583
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.080	1.040	+.040	.720
42% Trimmings	.690	.800	-.110	.500
72% Trimmings	.905	.993	-.088	.818

Tomato Products, Canned- The California tomato harvest remains behind while projected to reach 8.4 million tons by Sep 16. Tomato markets are firm. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
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- The processed vegetable markets are firm. A smaller harvest this year is anticipated to lead to higher processed vegetable prices. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
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
Potatoes, FF Fncy- froz 6/5#	13.000	13.000	-	12.750

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Poultry- Although chicken leg quarter prices have been inflated global demand has remained strong. Chicken exports in July were up 29% versus a year ago and were the second highest for any month on record. In fact, not including trade with Russia, chicken exports in July were the largest on record. Chicken leg quarter prices usually decline in the coming weeks but any price softness this year may be tempered by solid exports. Broiler-type egg sets in recent weeks have been 7% lower than 2010 as aggressive chicken production cutbacks continue to materialize. This could also limit any downside in the chicken leg quarter and breast markets as well. Still, the output slowdown could intensify seasonal chicken wing price strength. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.890	.890	-	.878
Whole Birds (LA)	.980	.980	-	.970
Wings (whole)	.945	.900	+.045	1.250
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.102	1.107	-.005	1.230
Breast, Bone In	.860	.855	+.005	1.105
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.550	1.490	+.060	2.025
Tenderloin (random)	1.180	1.180	-	1.800
Tenderloin (sized)	1.780	1.780	-	2.000
Legs (whole)	.697	.704	-.007	.577
Leg Quarters	.530	.530	-	.405
Thighs, bone in	.780	.763	+.017	.567
Thighs, boneless	1.341	1.291	+.050	1.013
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	1.217	1.351	-.134	1.217
Medium (dozen)	.855	.900	-.045	.802
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.592	.650	-.058	.423
Egg Whites- Liquid	.506	.485	+.021	.393
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.791	.786	+.005	.776
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.085	1.075	+.010	1.025
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	2.670	2.650	+.020	2.568

Seafood- In July, total US shrimp imports were up 3.4% versus 2010 but shell-on shrimp imports were down 14%. Shrimp imports may improve if the US dollar continues to strengthen against the Euro currency which could translate to more appealing shrimp prices. Salmon fillet imports increased 3.8% in July due in part to improved production. If the dollar continues to strengthen it would be supportive of US salmon imports. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	3.100	3.100	-	3.650
Catfish Filets	5.250	5.250	-	3.400
Trout (drn. 8-14 oz.)	3.500	3.500	-	3.000
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	6.485	6.450	+.035	6.319
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.150	3.297	-.147	2.588
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	5.025	5.550	-.525	4.663
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.850	5.850	-	5.325
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.450	6.475	-.025	5.675
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.280	3.400	-.120	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.575	3.462	+.113	3.713
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.621	6.538	+.083	6.008
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	2.075

Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	90.210	89.300	+.910	76.800
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	4.048	3.944	+.104	3.966
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.945	3.076	-.131	2.129
Electricity, mwht- nymex	53.900	44.000	+9.900	46.770
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.727	2.908	-.181	1.969
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.862	3.868	-.006	2.943
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.810	2.850	-.004	1.935
Canadian $	.993	.989	+.004	1.027
Japanese Yen	76.959	77.216	-.257	83.300
Mexican Peso	12.838	12.451	+.387	12.877
Euro	.733	.713	+.020	.778
Brazilian Real	1.713	1.657	+.056	1.713
Chinese Yuan	6.399	6.395	+.004	6.746

Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- www.plasticsnews.com, pulp- www.paperage.com.

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	971.430	988.760	+17.330	990.490
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	784.340	814.370	-30.030	709.721
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.160-1.200	1.160-1.200	-	.880-.92
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.160-1.180	1.160-1.180	-	.940-.960
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.880-.910	.880-.910	-	.740-.770

Produce- Tomato supplies were reported tight for the east coast last week. Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee negatively impacted late season tomato crops in the South and Mid Atlantic. Tomato prices have moved higher in response. California tomatoes are helping supplement any supply short fall. The potato harvest continues to improve. Potato prices are expected to seasonally fall in the coming weeks. The chief avocado output area is shifting to Mexico which could lead to lower prices. Last year, the avocado market declined 19% during the next 6 weeks. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 10
Limes (150 ct.)	18.000	16.000	+2.000	14.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	25.140	25.640	-.500	23.790
Lemons (200 ct.)	17.140	21.140	-4.000	23.790
Honeydew (6 ct.)	4.750	5.250	-.500	3.750
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	6.175	4.475	+1.700	4.750
Blueberries (12 count)	17.500	16.817	+.683	26.725
Strwbrries (12 pnts.)	13.500	12.000	+1.500	10.500
Avocds (Hass 48 ct.)	42.750	49.750	-7.000	32.750
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.200	14.513	-.313	14.595
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	13.339	16.646	-3.307	15.469
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	19.500	24.000	-4.500	17.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	19.000	22.000	-3.000	17.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	27.750	29.417	-1.667	20.156
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	15.000	18.000	-3.000	11.000
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	24.000	31.000	-7.000	22.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	13.000	13.000	-	7.600
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	7.000	7.563	-.563	6.667
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	12.084	11.851	+.233	13.031
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.625	9.475	+.150	10.906
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	16.563	16.657	-.094	15.750
Tomatoes (large- case)	13.450	9.450	+4.000	15.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	12.475	15.271	-2.796	13.911
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	14.713	9.950	+4.763	14.800
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	7.585	7.450	+.135	13.963
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	9.275	7.950	+1.325	14.725
Green Peppers (large- case)	11.300	6.450	+4.850	14.119
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	10.950	12.950	-2.000	19.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	7.595	7.650	-.055	8.940
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	14.334	15.000	-.666	15.667
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	7.938	7.650	+.288	11.890
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	12.200	10.675	+1.525	10.675
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	7.000	7.000	-	6.563
Broccoli (14 ct.)	6.888	8.488	-1.600	7.375
Squash (1/2 bushel)	13.425	11.425	+2.000	6.638
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	13.534	8.425	+5.109	6.838
Green Beans (bushel)	17.117	11.588	+5.529	9.500
Spinach, Flat 24's	9.735	10.100	-.365	10.910
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	11.084	11.063	+.021	12.375
Cucumbers (bushel)	14.815	14.844	-.029	12.222
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	35.639	29.438	+6.201	32.600
Asparagus (small)	17.250	27.000	-9.750	18.000
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5865.000	6200.000	-335.000	5343.750

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

	Jul-11	Jun-11	May-11	Apr-11
Beef and Veal	+.900	-.700	+1.020	+1.164
Dairy	+1.200	+.500	+.773	+1.720
Pork	+.500	+.600	+2.569	-.285
Chicken	+.100	+.100	+.625	+.848
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+.300	-.100	+1.832	+.753
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-.126	-.170	-1.503	-1.517