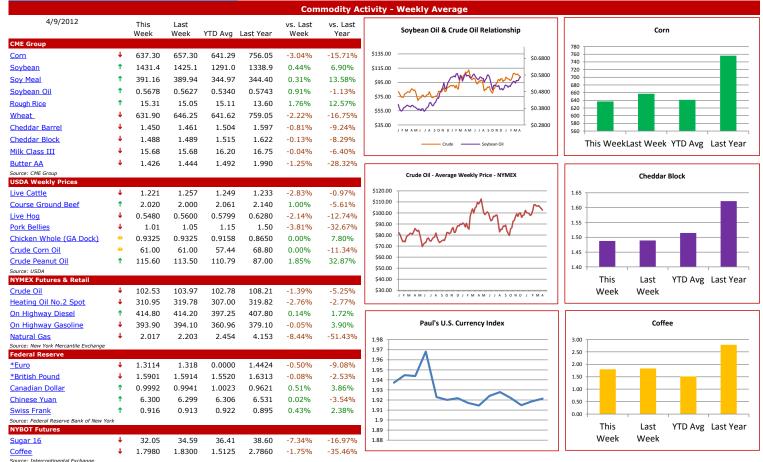
#### **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

April 16, 2012



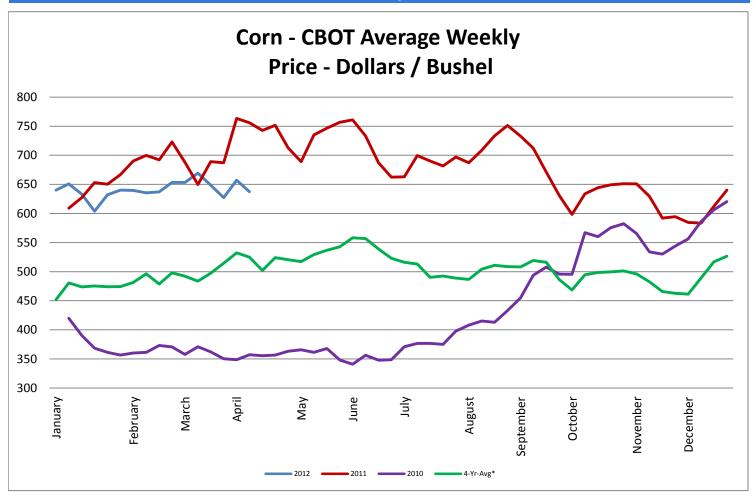
#### **Market Commentary**

Commentary: The entire soybean complex ended higher last week while corn and wheat trended lower. It looks like beans are trying to stay in the acreage competition as not all acres have been planted. In fact some corn acres which were planted early in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota were hit with some frost last week, and will have to be replanted. That hurt pricing early last week, but that was short-lived. Soybean offers are becoming hard to find from South America and that puts more demand on the U.S. beans. Also exports for beans and meal have been heavy so demand is seen as higher. With the high futures in soybean oil, it is profitable, currently, to produce biodiesel and that too is putting on some demand. The bean complex has reached 6 month highs, but as the highs continue, demand will likely start to slow and futures will correct. In other words, volatility will continue.

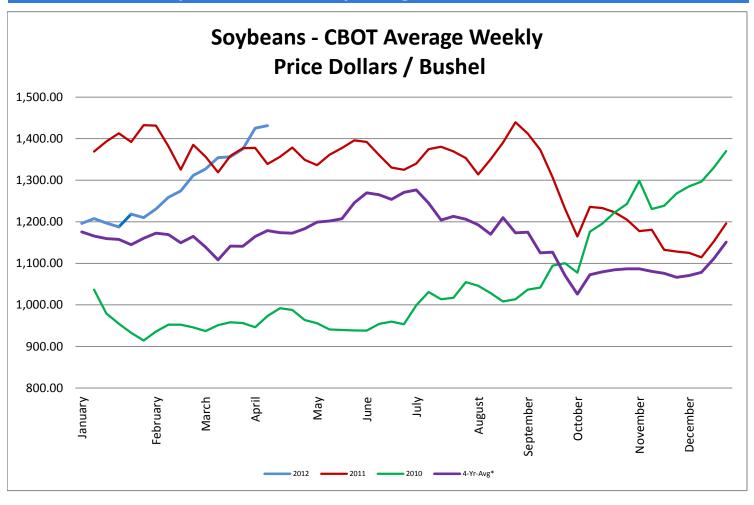
Corn futures closed between \$6.29-1/4 and \$6.49 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.29-1/4. Soybean futures closed between \$14.22 and \$14.36-3/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$13.36-3/4. Soybean meal futures closed between \$386.80 and \$395.80 per short ton, ending the week at \$395.80. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5645 and \$0.5723 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5652. Wheat futures closed between \$6.23-1/2 and \$6.43 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.23-1/2.

<sup>\*</sup> Used as the indexing unit of measure for this exchange rate

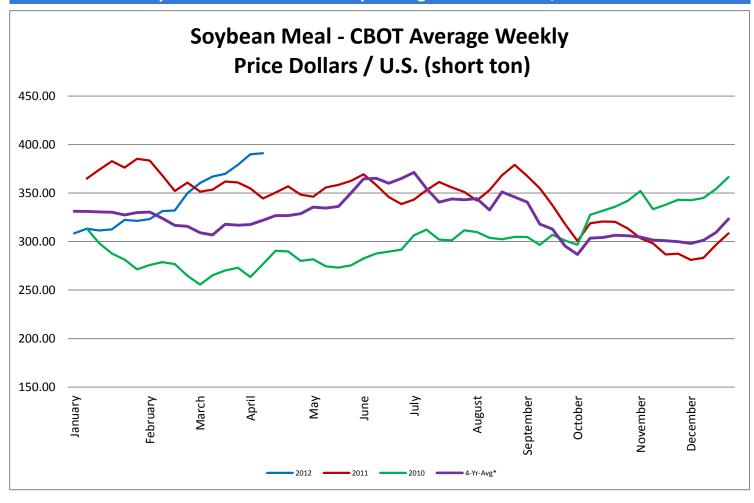




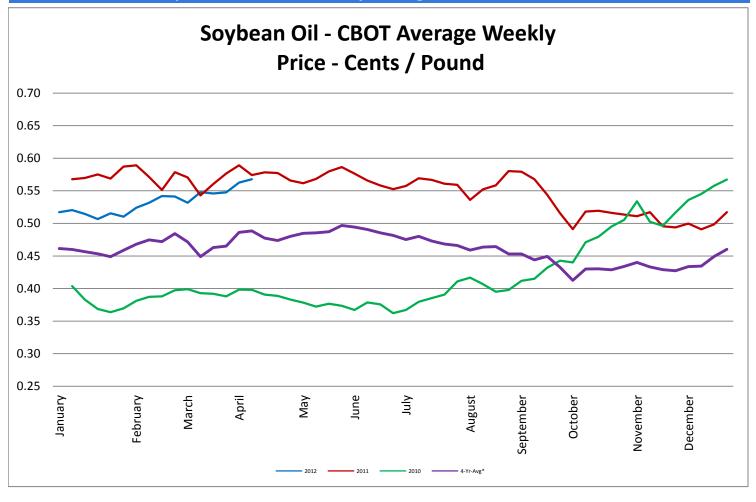
#### **Soybeans - CBOT Weekly Average Price - Dollars / Bushel**

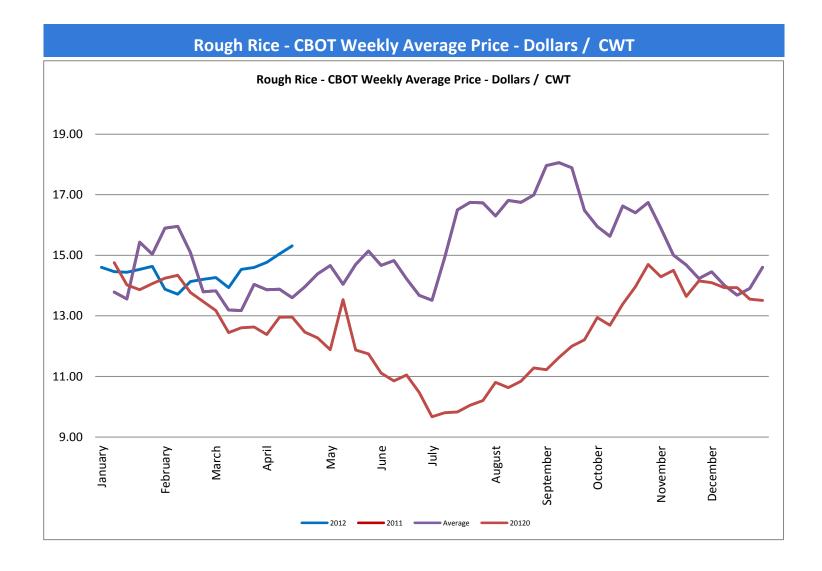


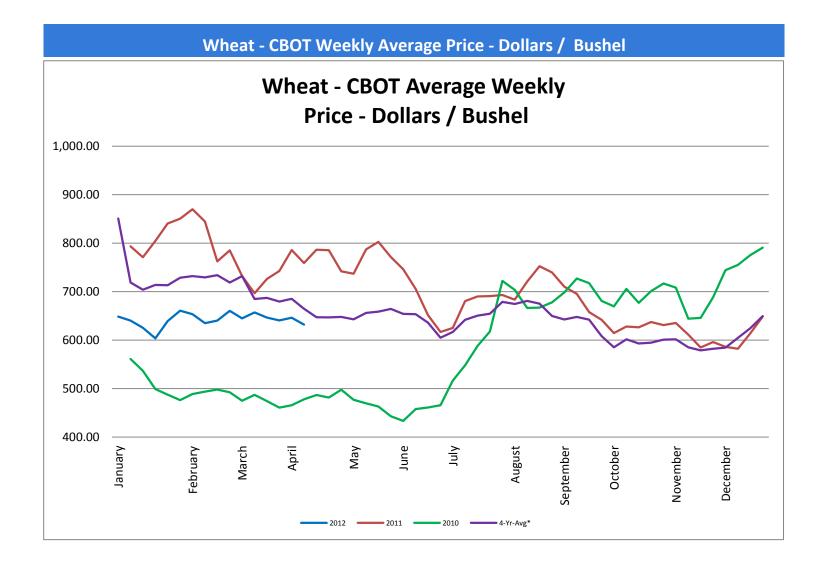
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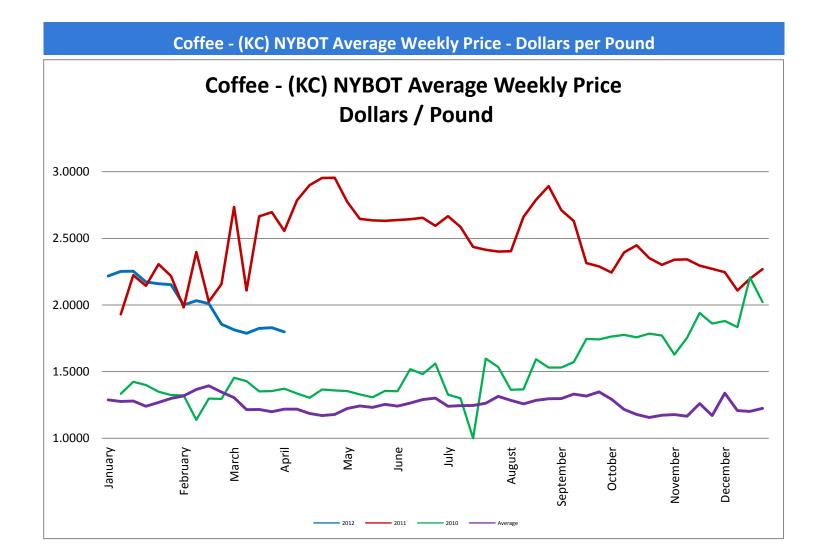




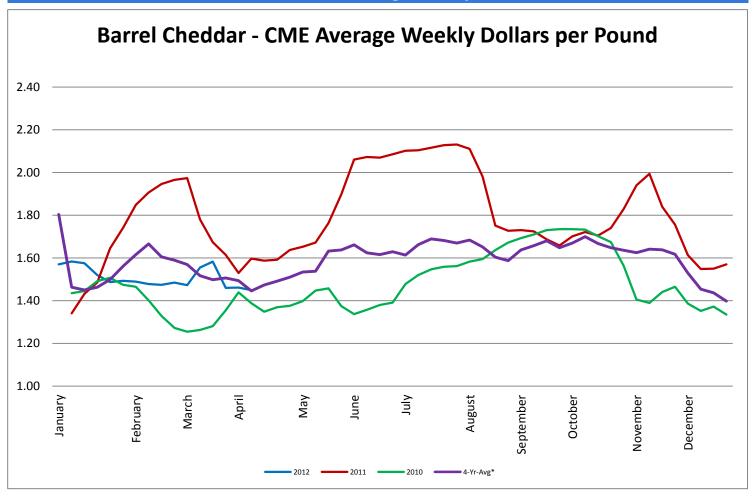




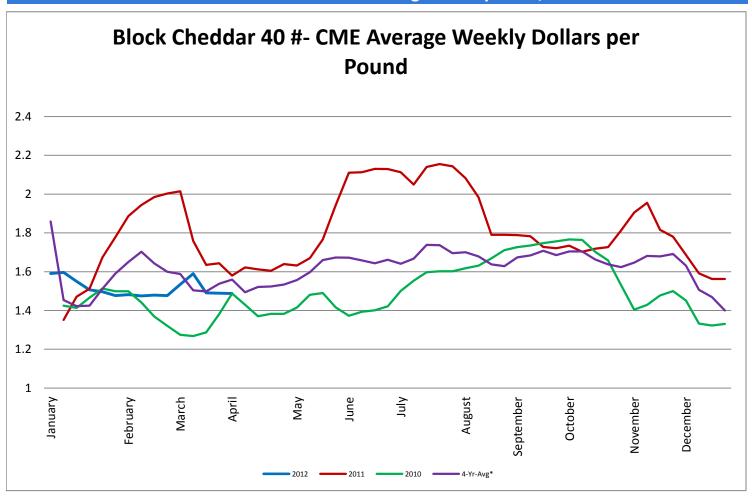


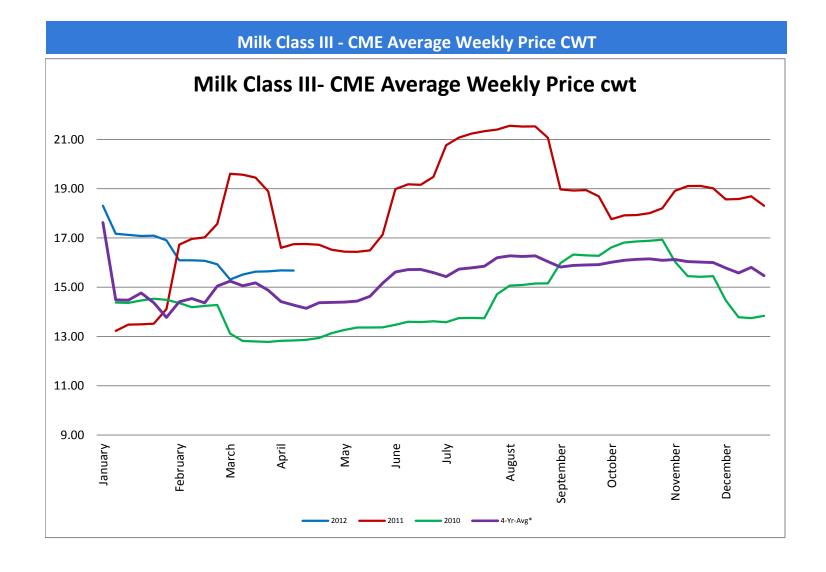


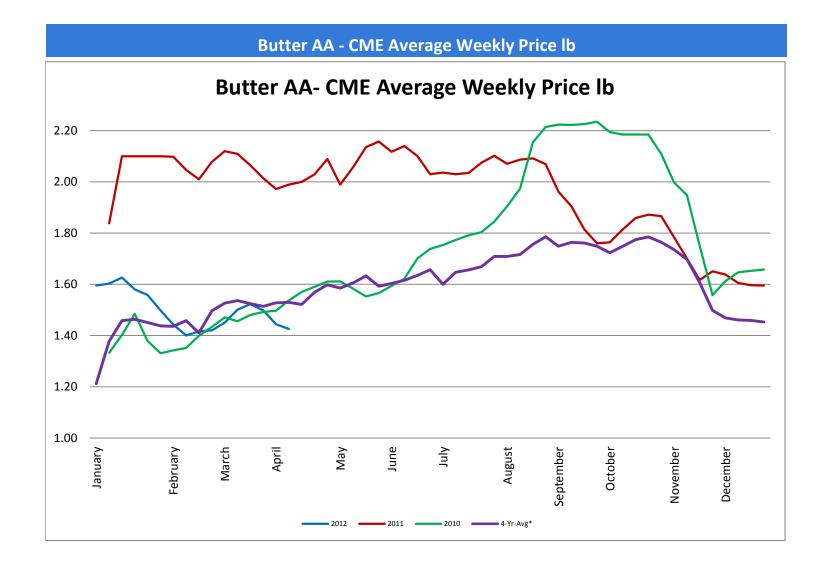
#### **Barrel Cheddar - CME Average Weekly Price / Pound**



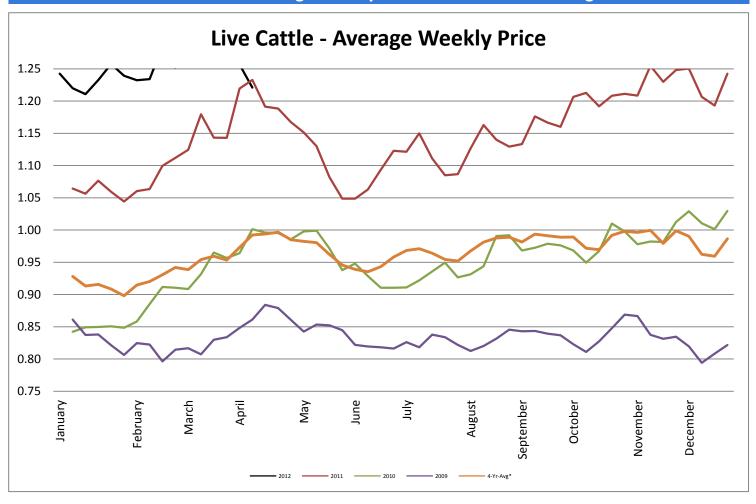
# 40 LB Block Cheddar - CME Average Weekly Price / Pound



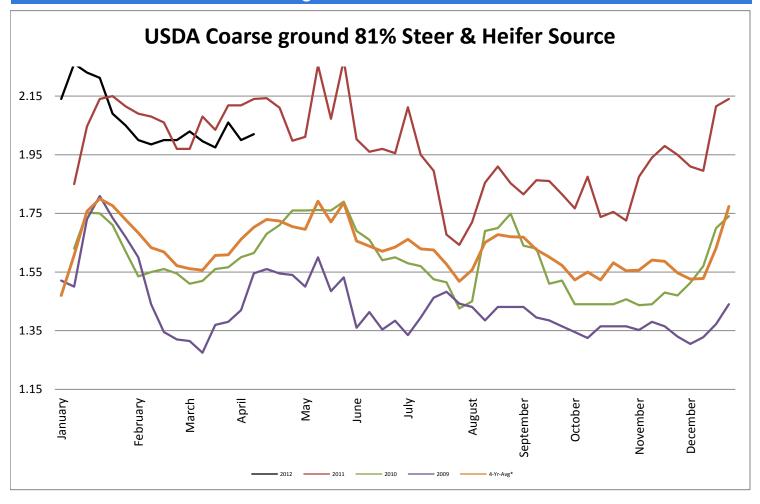


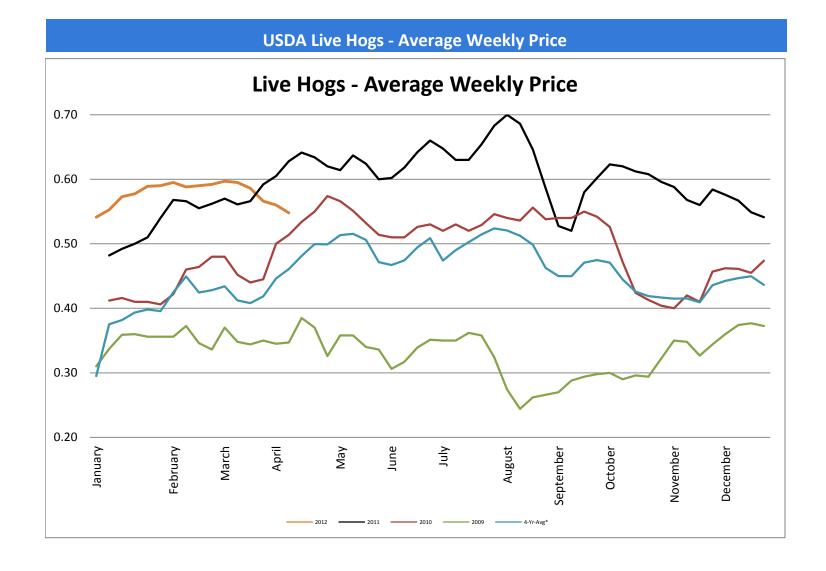


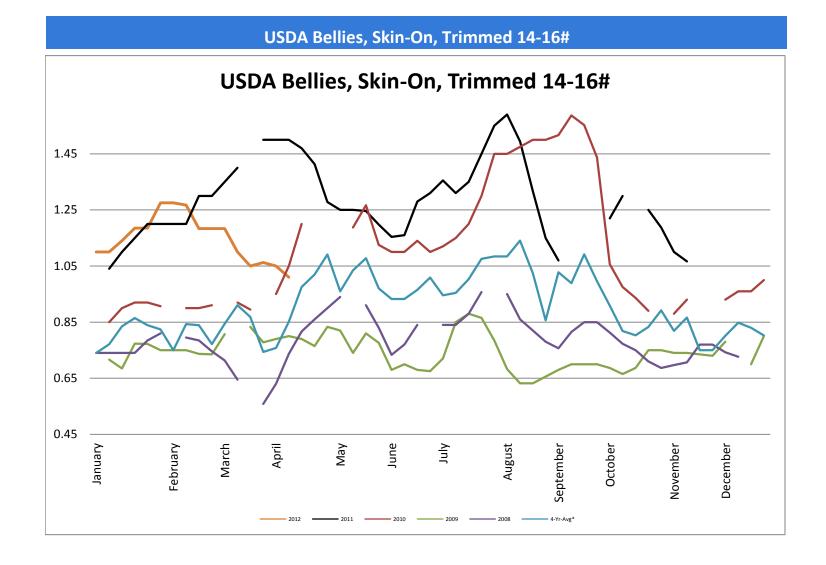
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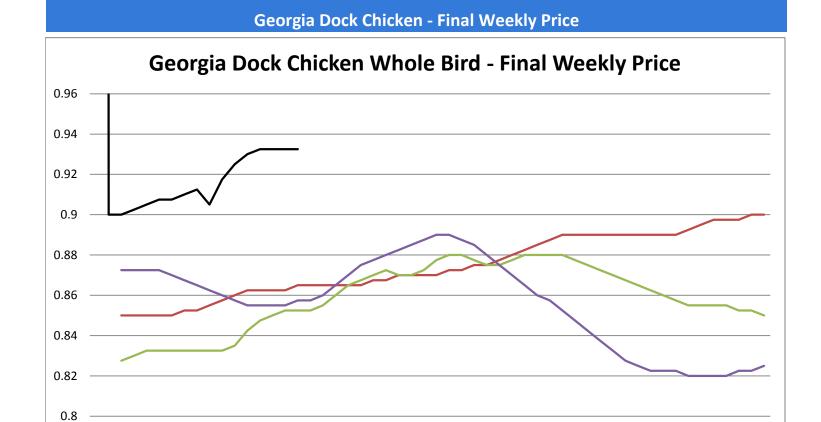


# **USDA Coarse ground 81% Steer & Heifer Source**









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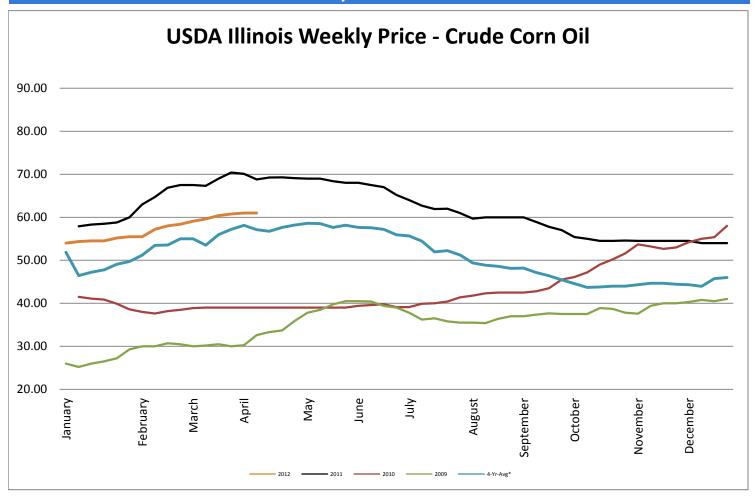
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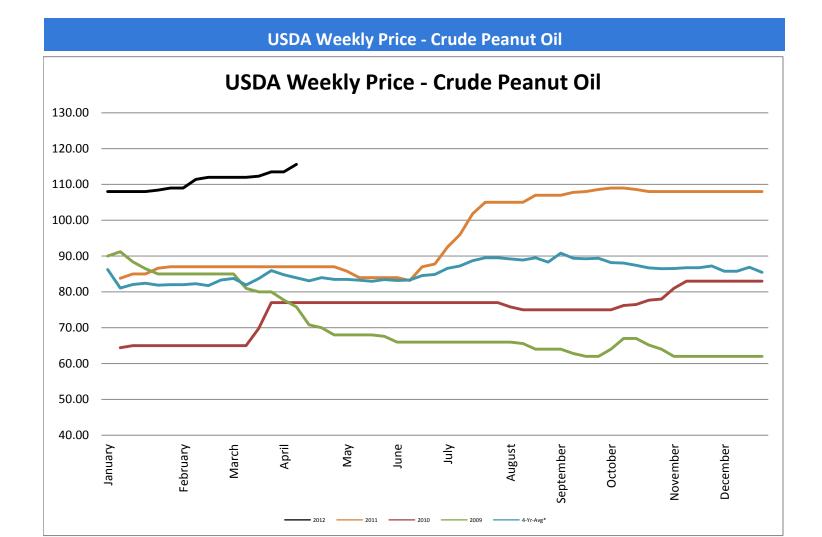
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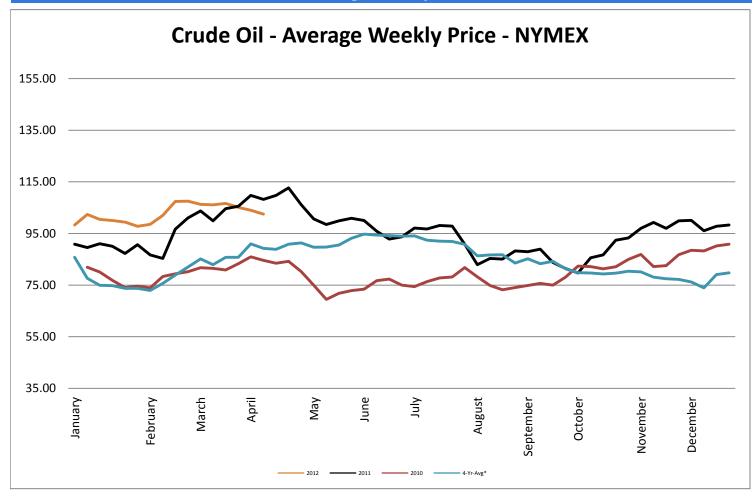
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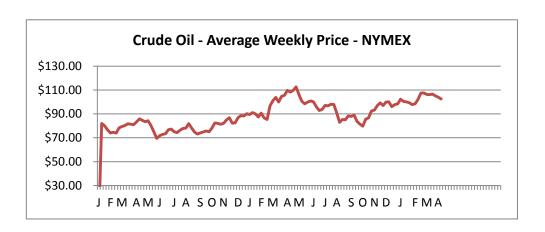




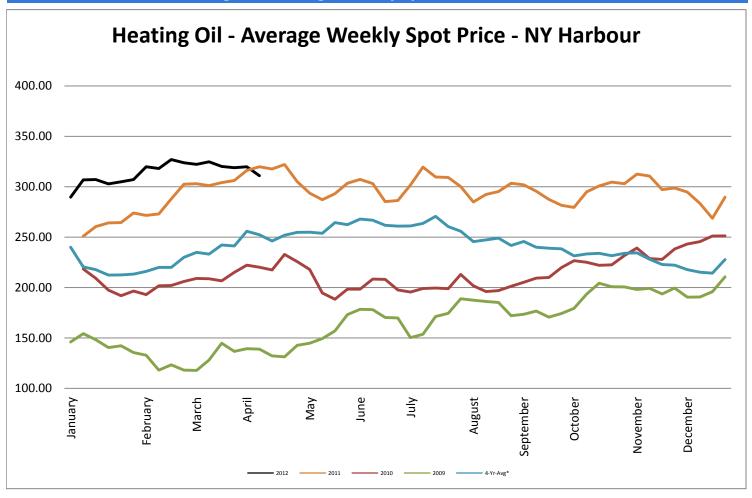




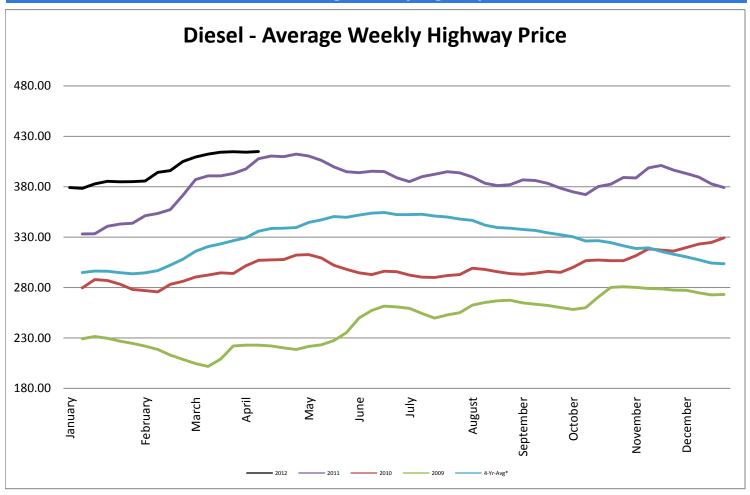




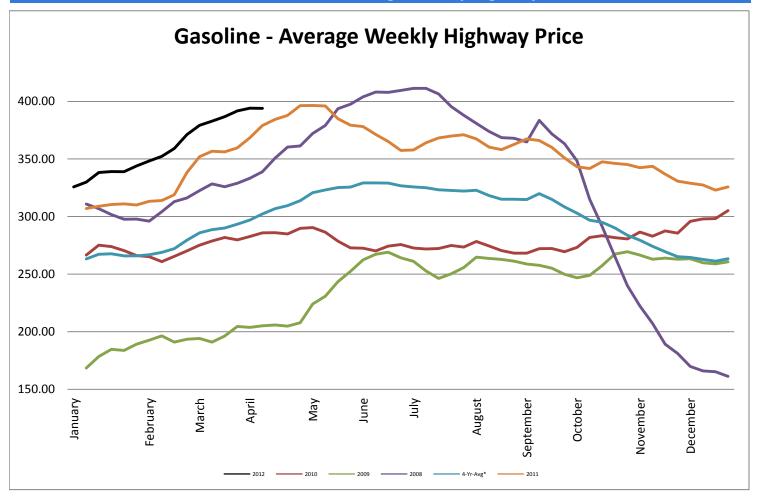
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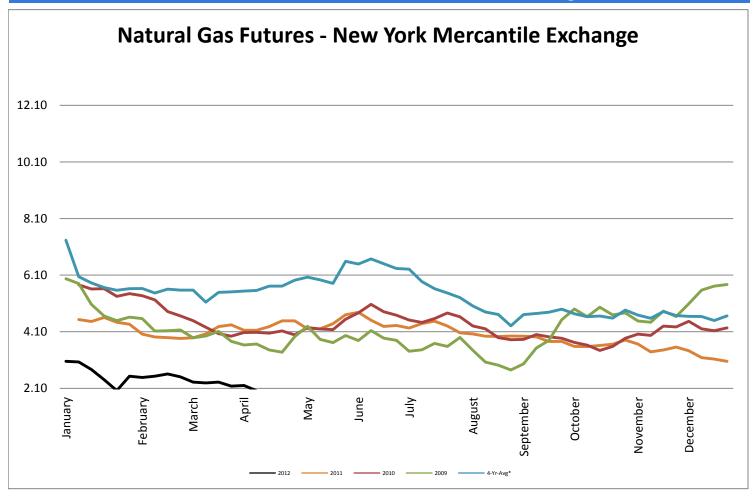




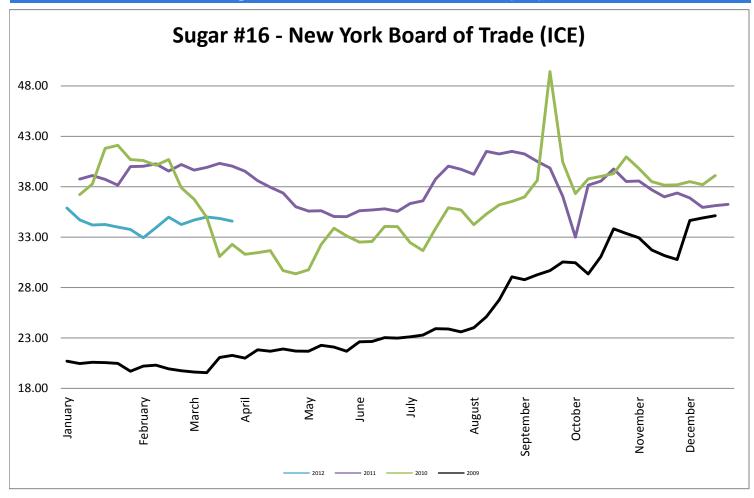
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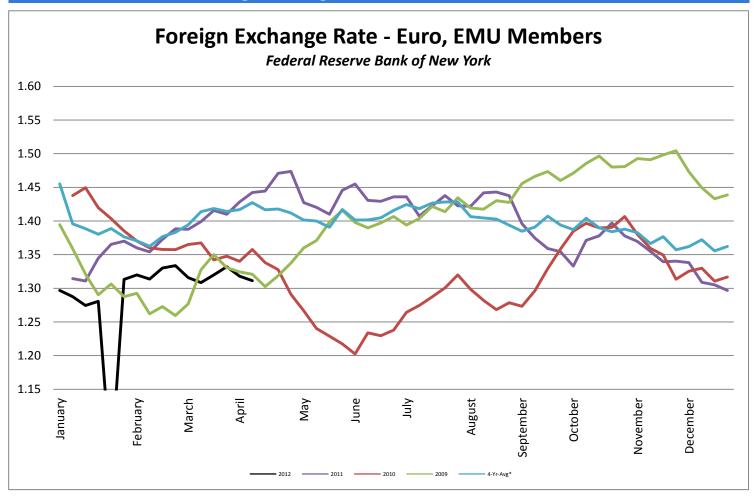
# **Natural Gas Futures - New York Mercantile Exchange**







#### **Foreign Exchange Rate - Euro, EMU Members**



#### Foreign Exchange Rate - Canadian Dollar

