

Key Commodity Report Weekly

May 14, 2012

						Com	modity Ac	tivity - Weekly Average
5/7/2012		This Week	Last Week	YTD Avg	Last Year	vs. Last Week	vs. Last Year	Soybean Oil & Crude Oil Relationship Corn
ME Group forn	T	641.15	655.05	639.81	689.05	-2.12%	-6.95%	\$135.00
ioybean	1	1437.1	1484.9		1336.4	-3.22%	7.54%	\$115.00
Soy Meal	7	418.32	430.52		346.16	-2.83%	20.85%	\$0.5800
Soybean Oil	ı.	0.5272	0.5412		0.5616	-2.59%	-6.13%	\$95.00
	•	15.49	14.96		14.04	3.54%		\$75.00
Rough Rice							10.26%	\$55.00
<u>Vheat</u>	*	598.80	620.10		736.85	-3.43%	-18.74%	\$35.00
Cheddar Barrel		1.454	1.466		1.653	-0.78%	-12.01%	JEM AM J JA SON D JEM AM J JA
Cheddar Block		1.503	1.535		1.632	-2.12%	-7.91%	
<u> Milk Class III</u>	+	15.18	15.60		16.44	-2.73%	-7.69%	
Butter AA	1	1.307	1.342	1.465	1.990	-2.65%	-34.33%	
ource: CME Group JSDA Weekly Prices	_							Crude Oil - Average Weekly Price - NYMEX Cheddar Block
ive Cattle	1	1.207	1.200	1,241	1.151	0.56%	4.79%	\$120.00
Course Ground Beef		2.258	2.258		2.011	0.00%	12.25%	\$110.00
ive Hog	T .	0.5180	0.5310		0.6140	-2.45%	-15.64%	\$100.00
ork Bellies	•	0.3100	0.3310		1.25	1.76%	-30.80%	\$90.00
Chicken Whole (GA Dock)		0.9400	0.9350		0.8650	0.53%	8.67%	\$80.00
Crude Corn Oil	Ţ	60.20	61.60		69.00	-2.27%	-12.75%	\$70.00
Crude Peanut Oil	7	1.23	118.00		85.80	-98.96%	-98.57%	\$60.00
ource: USDA	·	1.25	110.00	100.55	05.00	30.3070	30.37 70	\$50.00
IYMEX Futures & Retail								\$40.00 This Last YTD Avg Last Ye
Crude Oil	1	96.99	103.46	102.60	100.65	-6.25%	-3.63%	\$30.00 Week Week
leating Oil No.2 Spot	0	317.15	317.15	307.00	293.58	0.00%	8.03%	
On Highway Diesel	1	405.70	407.30	399.51	410.40	-0.39%	-1.15%	
n Highway Gasoline	1	379.00	383.00	365.83	396.50	-1.04%	-4.41%	Paul's U.S. Currency Index Coffee
latural Gas	1	2.438	2.306	2.401	4.204	5.72%	-42.01%	1.98
ource: New York Mercantile Exchange								1.97
ederal Reserve	T	1,2979	1.3192	1,2969	1.4274	-1.61%	-9.07%	1.96
<u>Euro</u> British Pound	y Ji	1.6132	1.6202		1.6316	-0.43%	-9.07% -1.13%	1.95
	*		0.9885					1.94
anadian Dollar	T	0.9980			0.9637	0.96%	3.56%	1.93
Chinese Yuan	T	6.294 0.925	6.284 0.911	6.303 0.921	6.495	0.16%	-3.09%	1.92
wiss Frank ource: Federal Reserve Bank of New)	T Ork	0.925	0.911	0.921	0.883	1.63%	4.84%	1.91
YBOT Futures	U. A	<u></u>			<u></u>	<u></u>		1.89 This Last YTD Avg Last YE
ugar 16	1	30.65	30.35	36.41	35.58	0.99%	-13.86%	1.88 Week Week
offee	1	1.7655	1.7350	1.5125	2.7750	1.76%	-36.38%	
ource: Intercontinental Eychange								

Market Commentary

Commentary: On the grand scale of bulls vs. bears, the bearish inputs are clearly weighing more, and forcing the markets lower. So first the bullish inputs. Supply is extremely tight due to poor crop results in South America and greater demand seen as China increases its buying of beans. Last week's USDA report announced that the ending stocks, though theoretical at this point, are only three weeks of supply, which is almost a record low. Now, the bearish inputs or what is causing the market to plummet. Poor jobs numbers from the Fed, political turmoil in Europe as Greece and France change leadership, unclear economic data from China and India, much lower crude oil, stronger dollar, and J.P. Morgan's huge trading loss causing a huge speculative sell-of, were all factors in the bearish market direction. Fundamentally, little has changed, so the market is moving based on almost purely on fear and technical speculation. Fundamentally, we have been aware of the tight supplies and the export numbers.

Corn futures closed between \$6.08 and \$6.66 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.08.

Soybean futures closed between \$14.04 and \$14.63-1/2, ending the week at \$14.04.

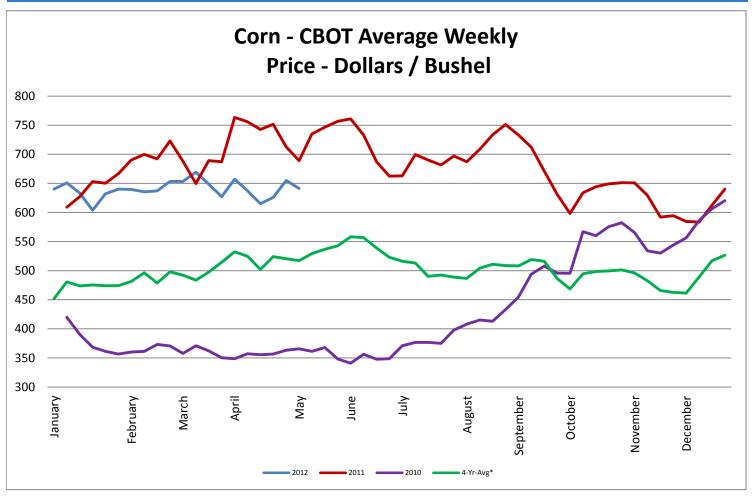
Soybean meal futures closed between \$411.00 and \$425.20 per short ton, ending the week at \$411.00.

Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5190 and \$0.5321 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5190.

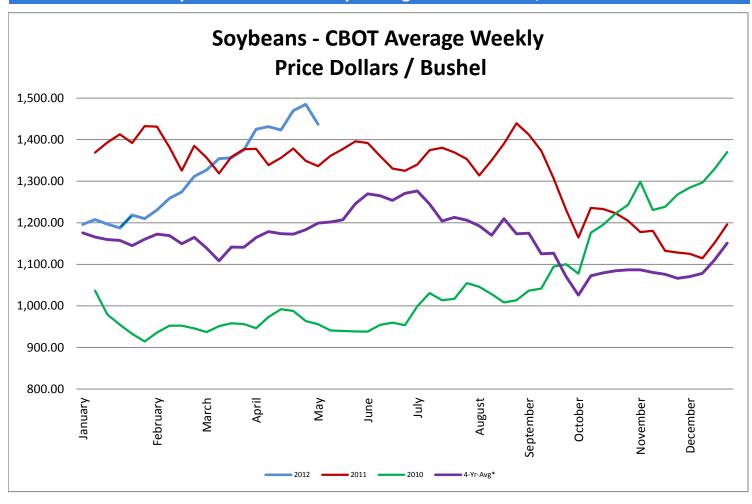
Wheat futures closed between \$5.92-3/4 and \$6.09 per bushel, ending the week at \$5.92-3/4.

^{*} Used as the indexing unit of measure for this exchange rate

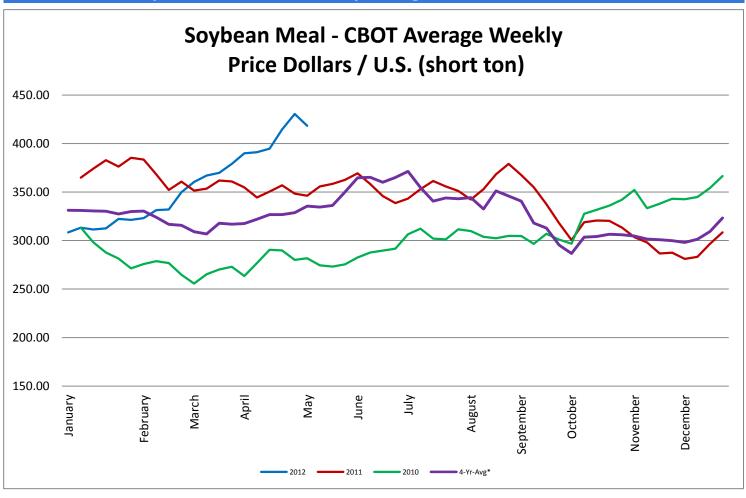




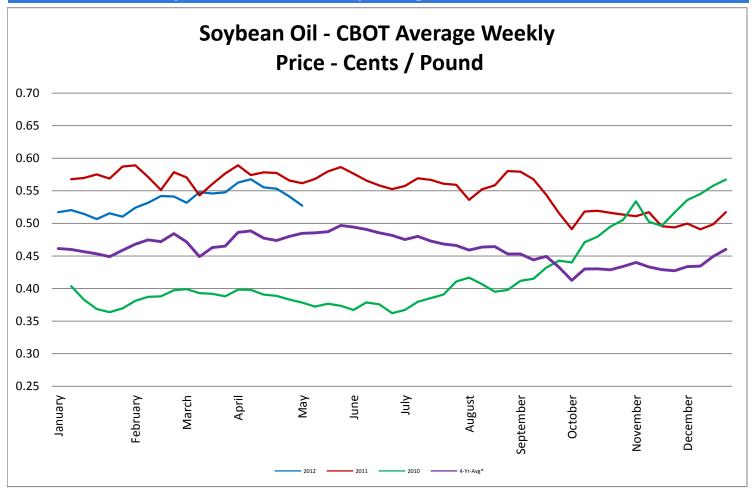
Soybeans - CBOT Weekly Average Price - Dollars / Bushel

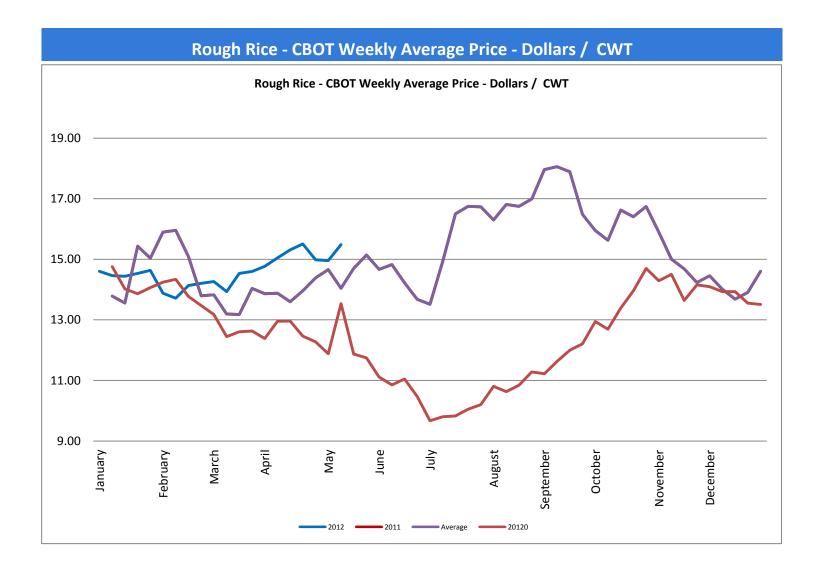


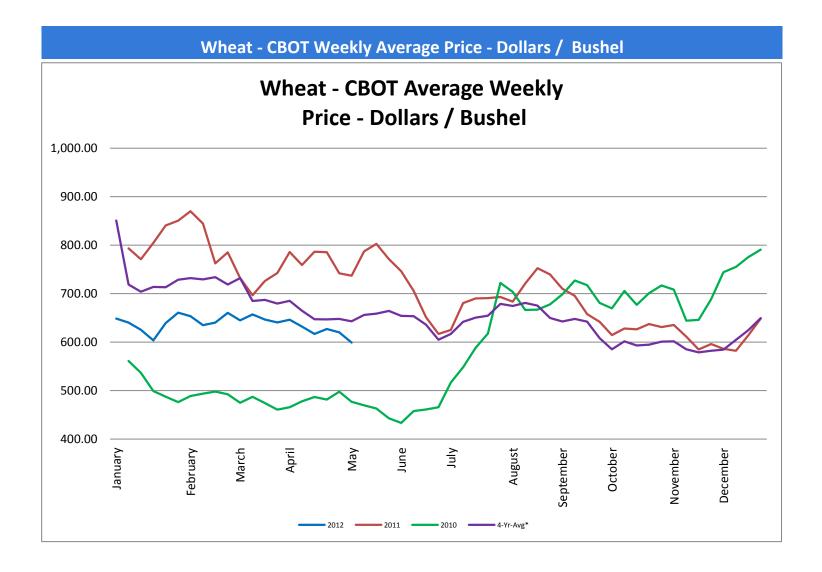


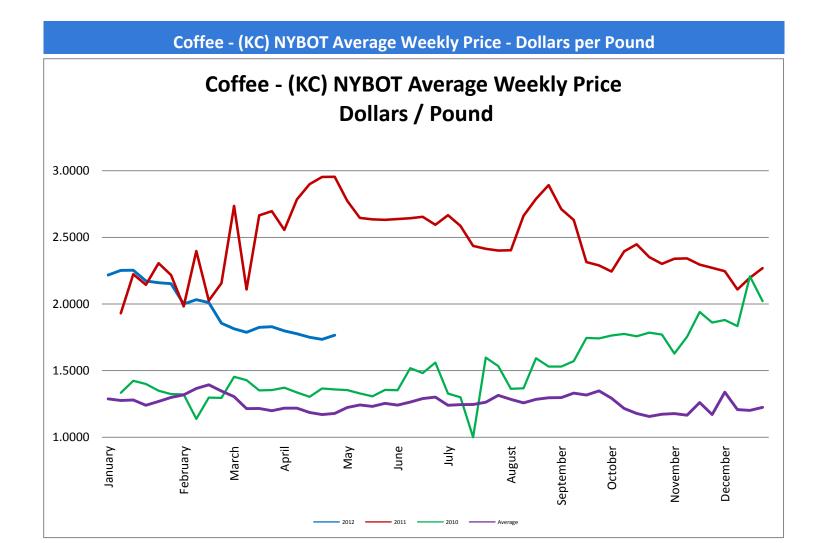




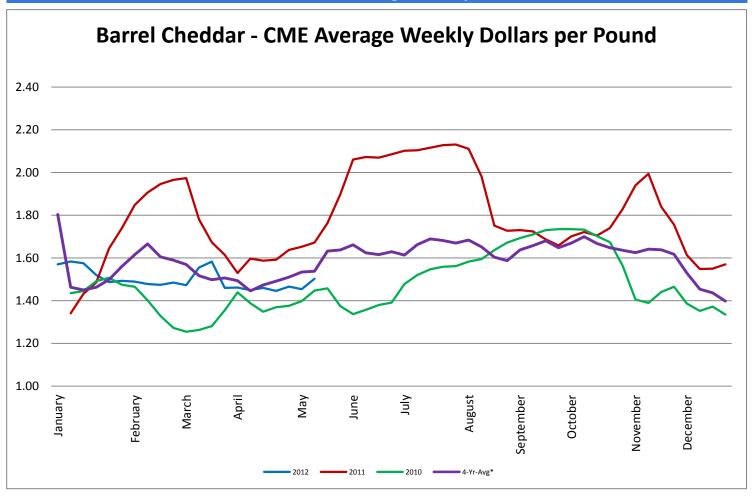




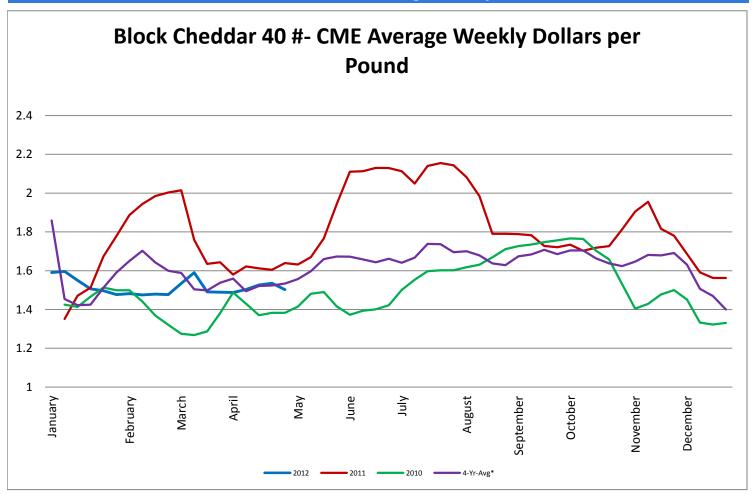


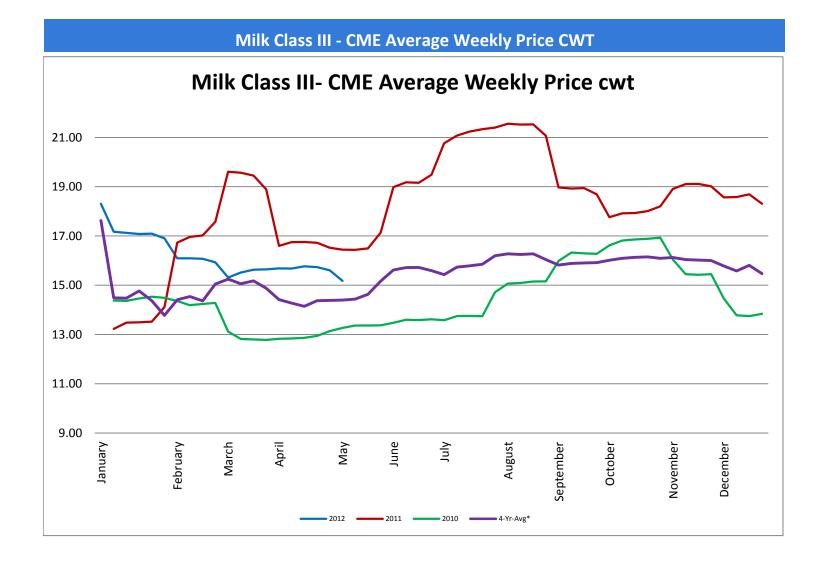


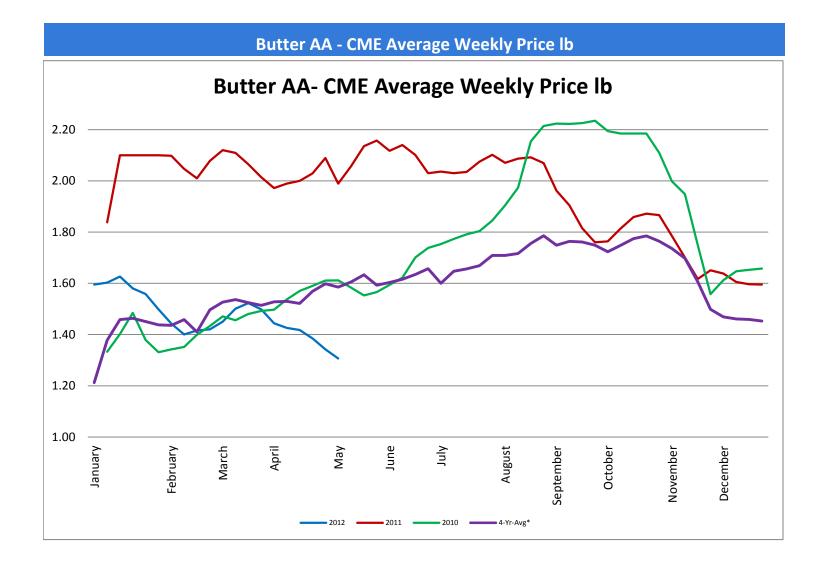




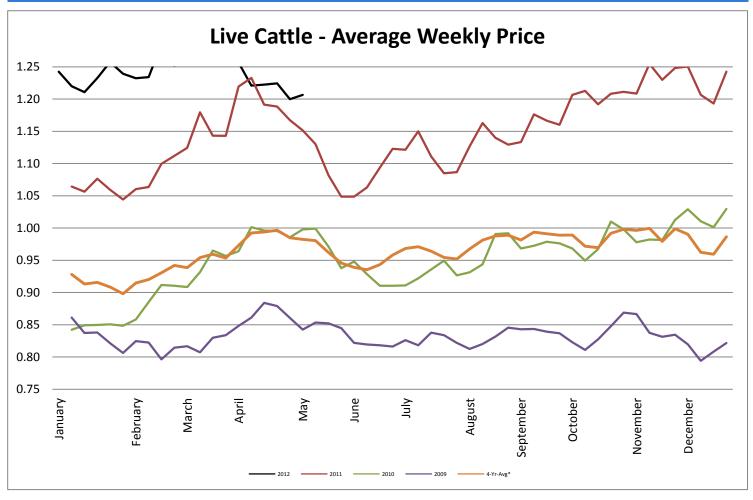
40 LB Block Cheddar - CME Average Weekly Price / Pound



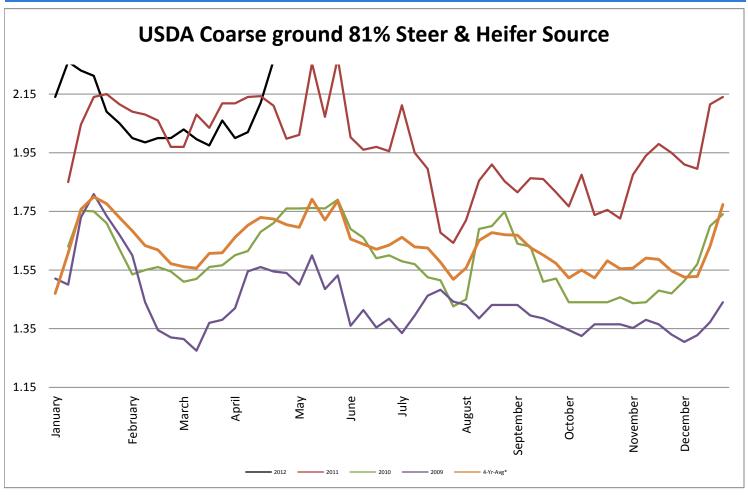


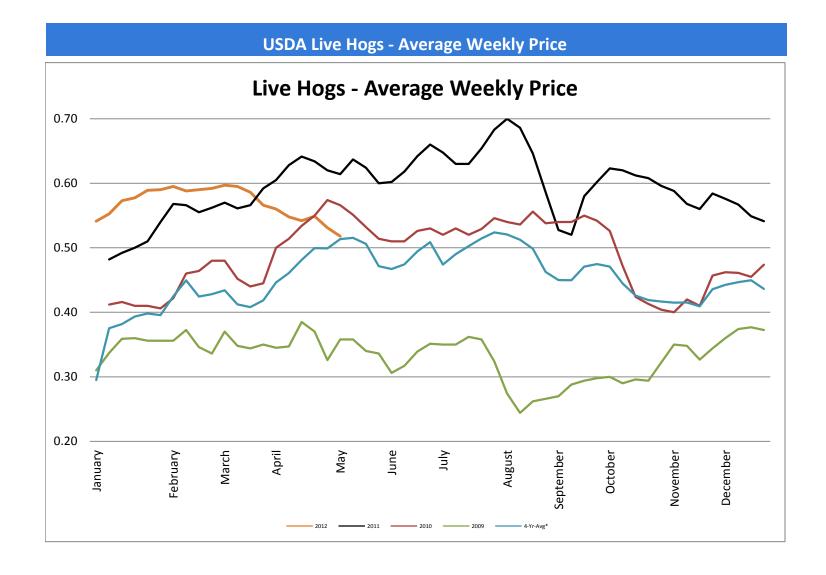


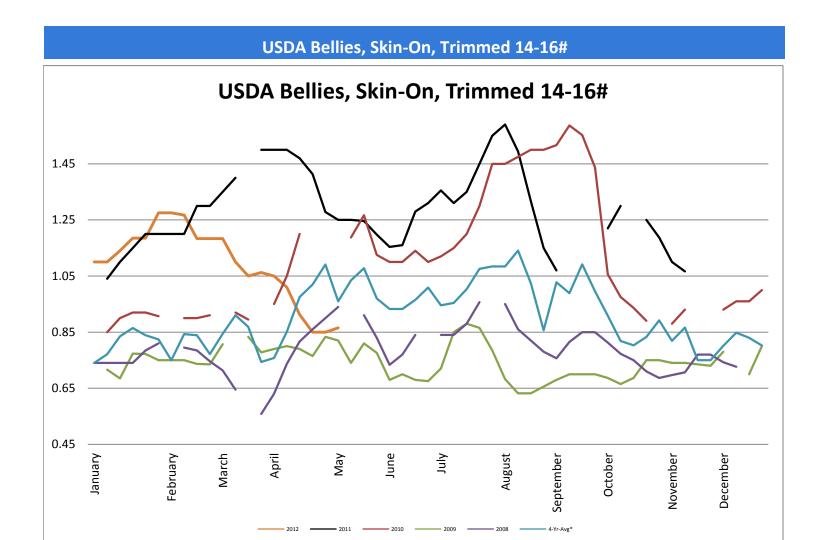




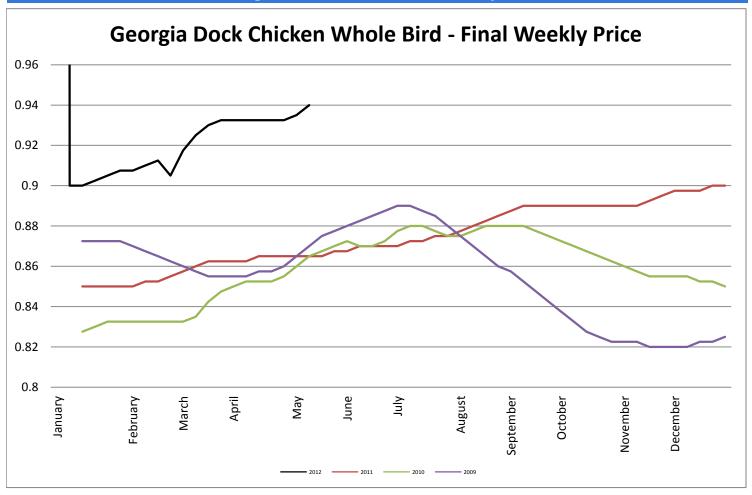




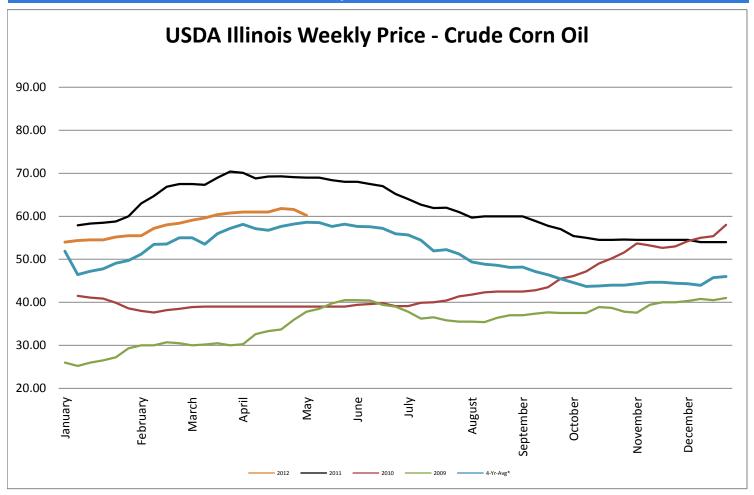




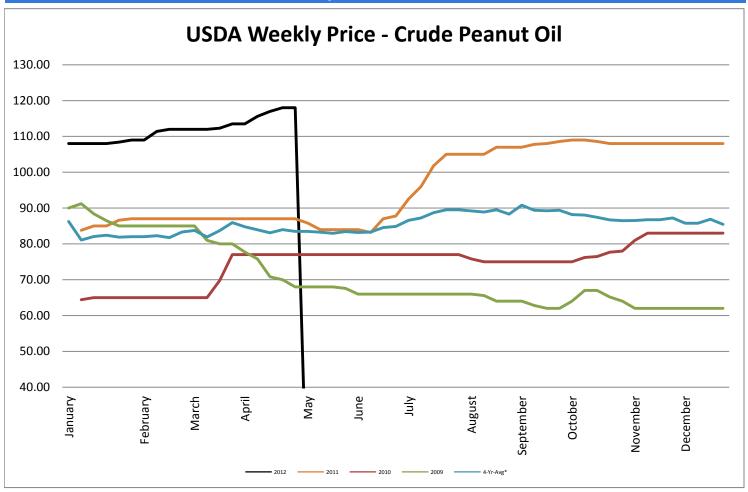




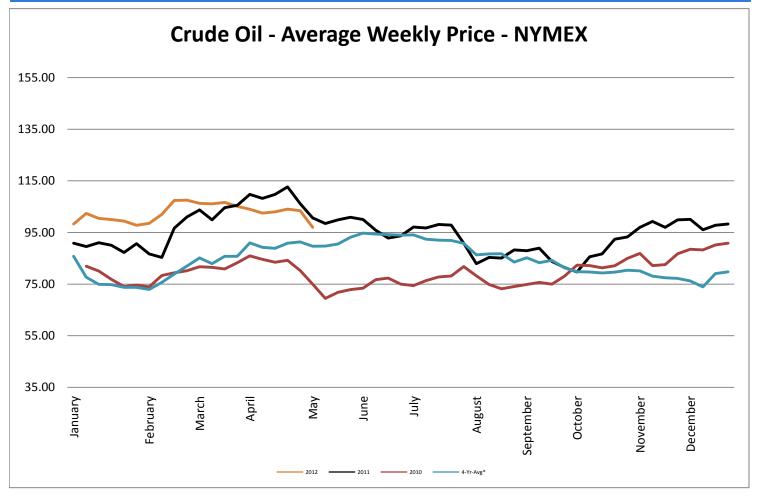


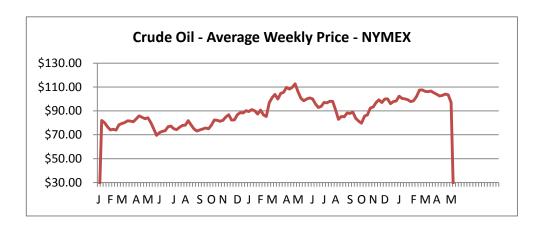




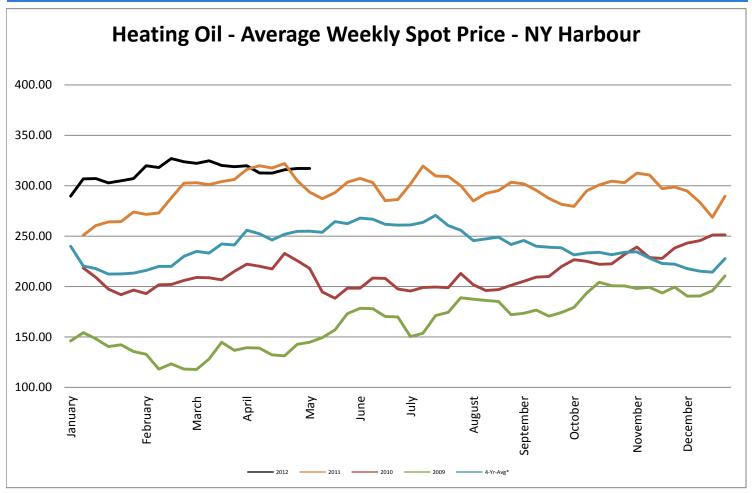




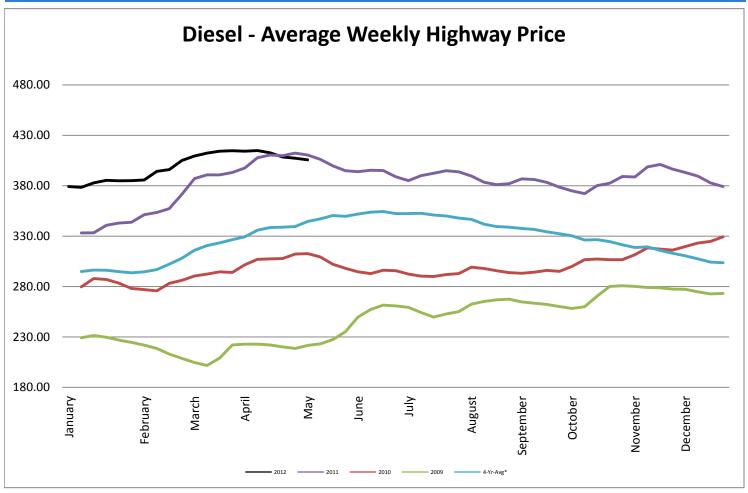




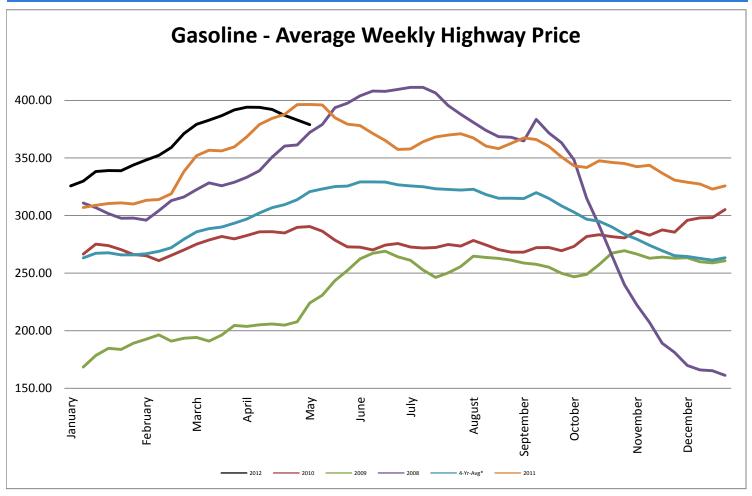












Natural Gas Futures - New York Mercantile Exchange

