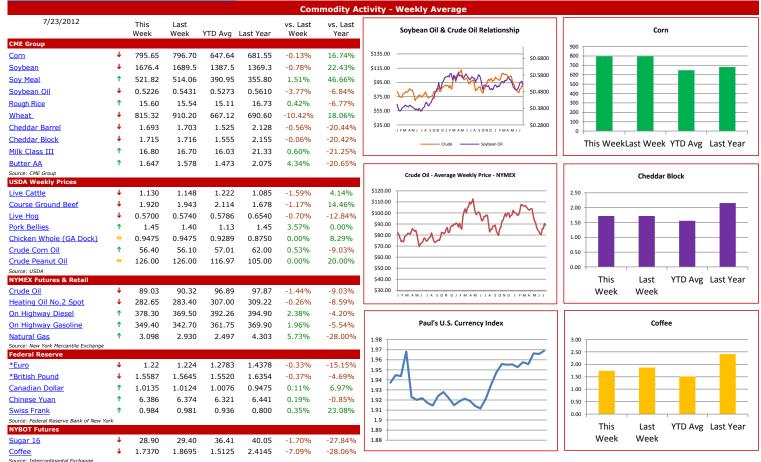
#### **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

July 30, 2012



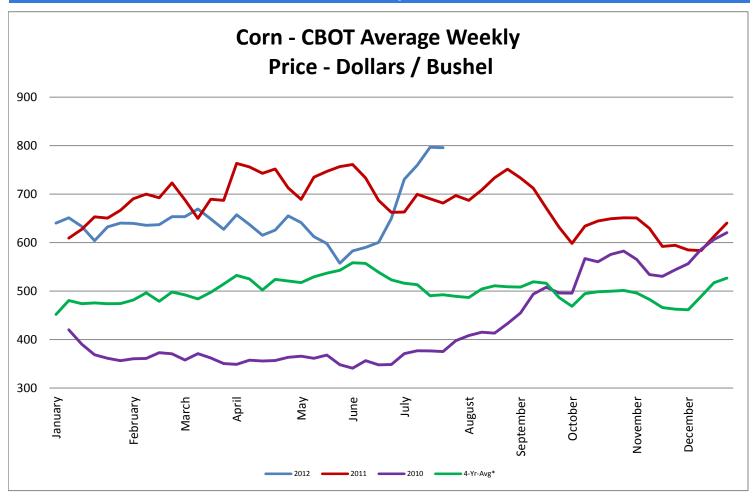
#### **Market Commentary**

Commentary: It is too late for the corn crop. What does that mean? No amount of rain at this point, can improve corn's current situation. In other words, it is what it is. Corn has to pollenate; therefore when it is very hot and dry during the critical pollination period, corn does not develop properly or at all. That is the case this year in much of the growing region. The outlook for soybeans is a little better, if, and I emphasize, if rains do fall in the soybean growing areas. We are now entering the critical time for soybeans when the pods actually start to fill. The unfortunate reality is that good rains are not forecast and weather probability forecasts have not improved. The ending stocks are moving toward a two-week's supply for beans. That is about as tight as it has ever been. Corn is no better, in fact worse. Futures prices are inverted still. In fact, for corn the spot or cash price is higher than the September futures price. This is a clear sign that prices are going to move higher. From a fundamental point of view, I see no other direction but up. That will have to come to an end though at some point as price will start to erode demand. Also, from an outside influence point-of-view, Europe is still poised to cause all kinds of troubles in the way of adding volatility to the agricultural markets. We should also know soon, if the Fed will reduce mandates on biofuels. That may ease futures for corn a bit.

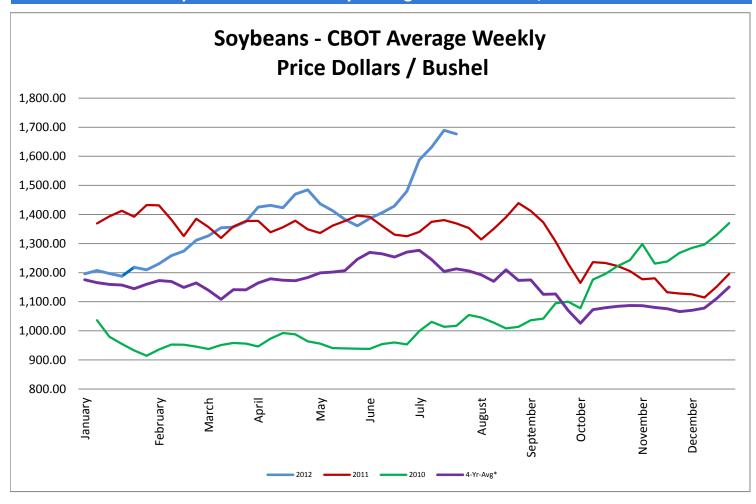
Corn futures closed between \$7.81-1/4 and \$8.14 per bushel, ending the week at \$7.98-1/2. Soybean futures closed between \$16.49-1/4 and \$16.98-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$16.84-1/4. Soybean meal futures closed between \$509.80 and \$527.70 per short ton, ending the week at \$527.70. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5158 and \$0.5375 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5204. Wheat futures closed between \$8.78-3/4 and \$9.03-1/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$8.98.

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

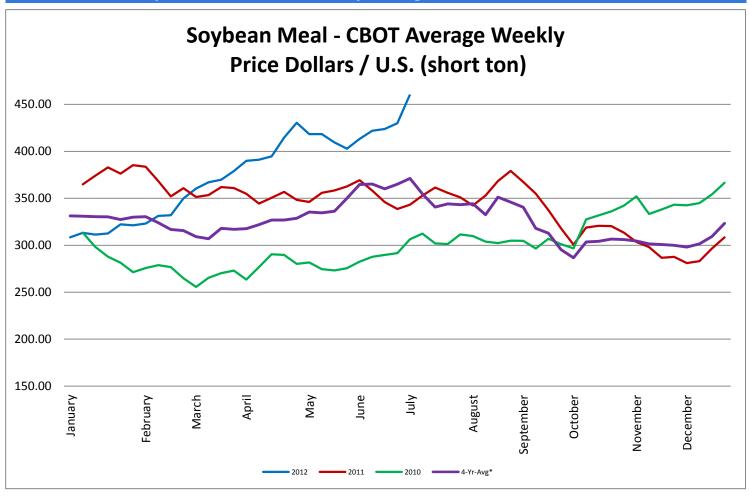




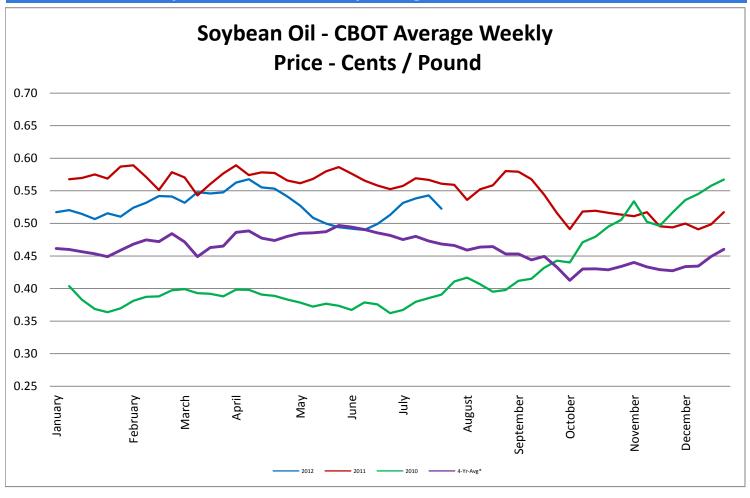
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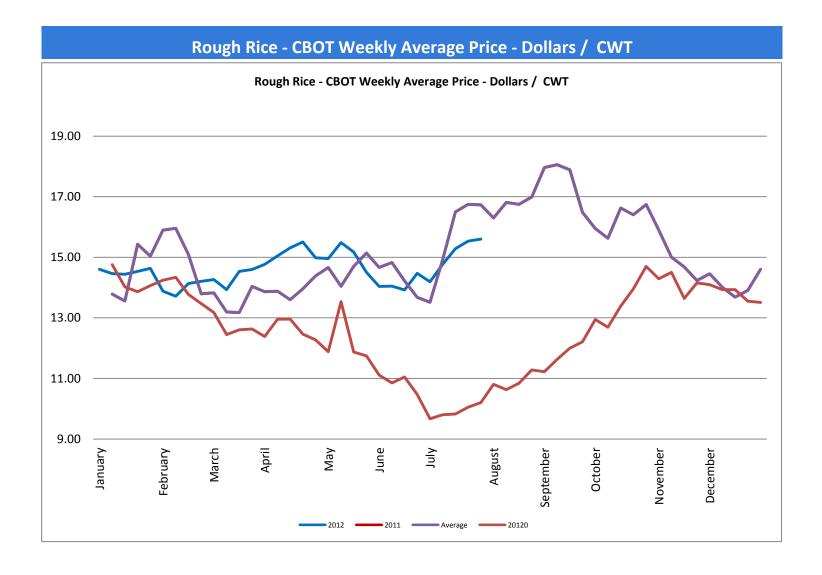


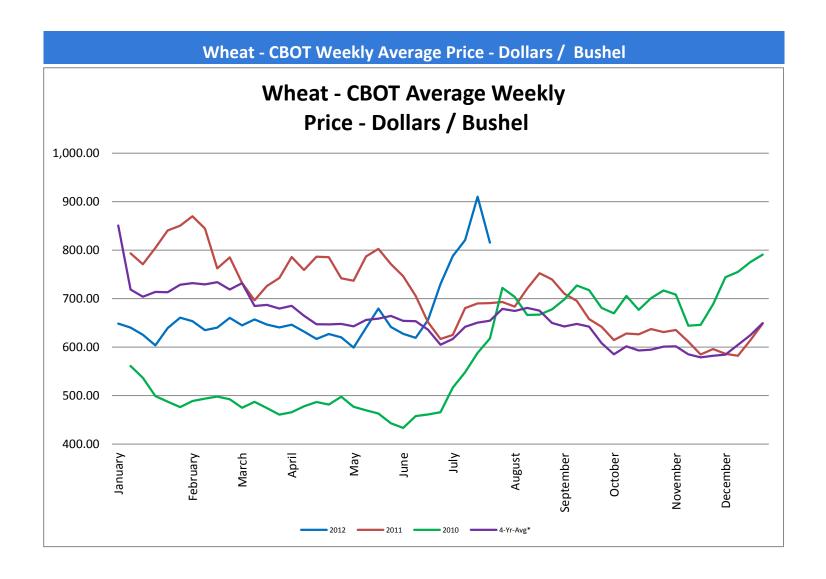


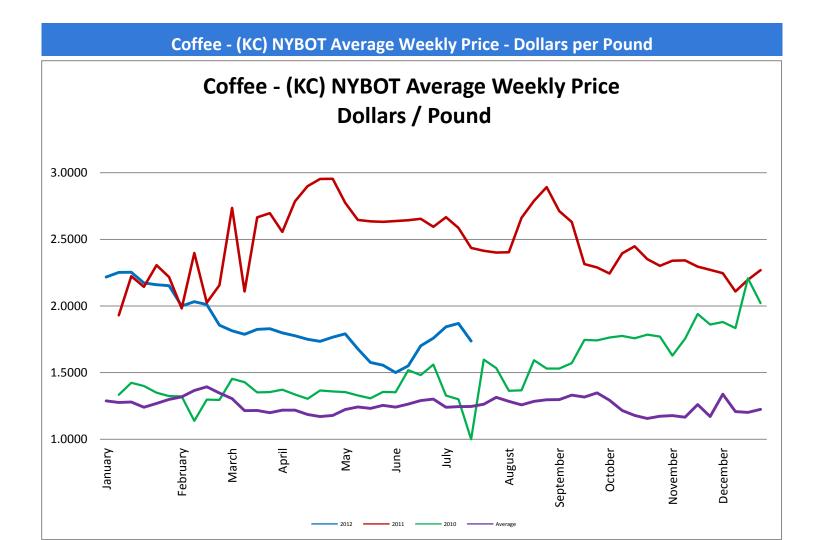




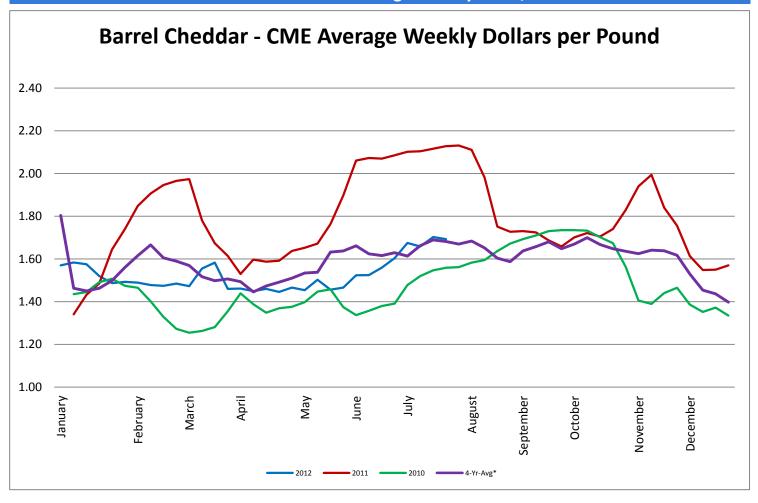




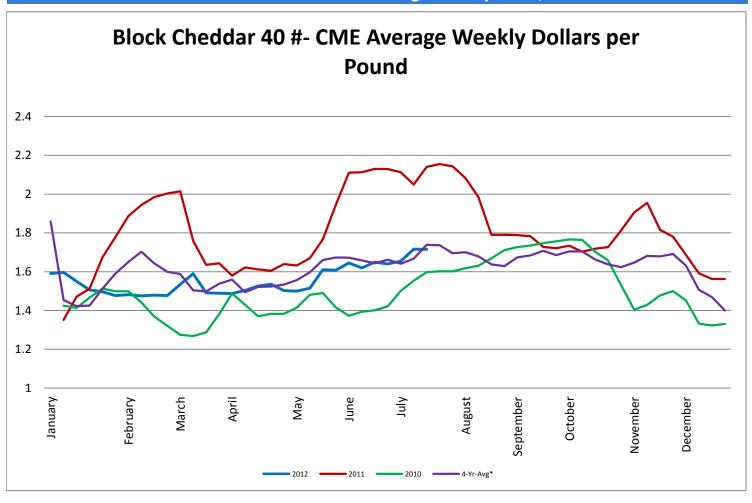


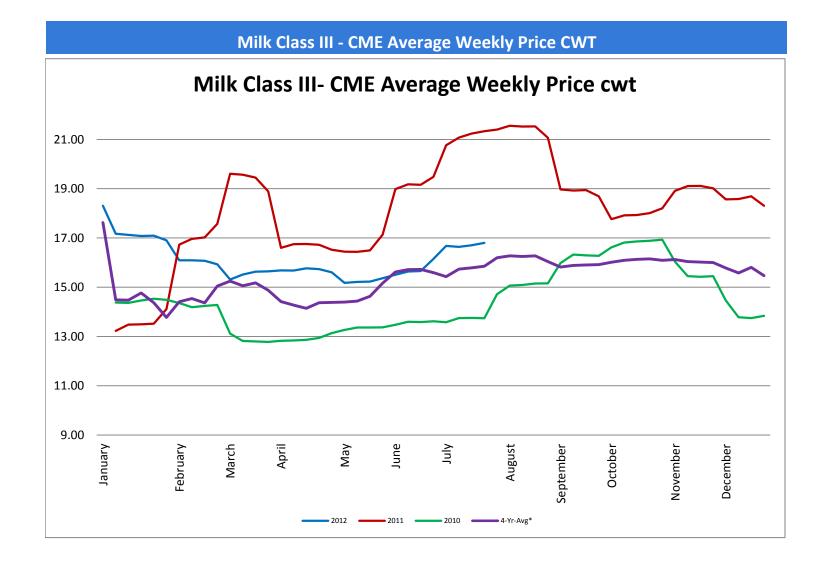


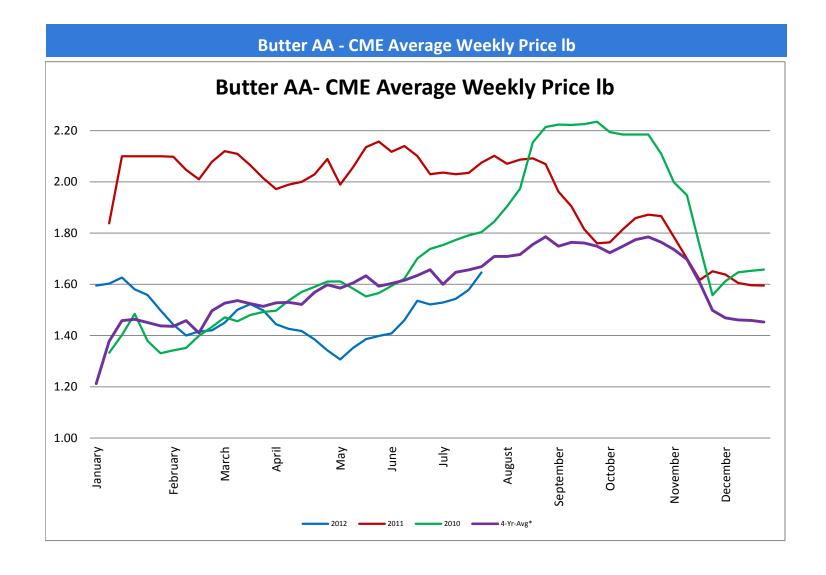
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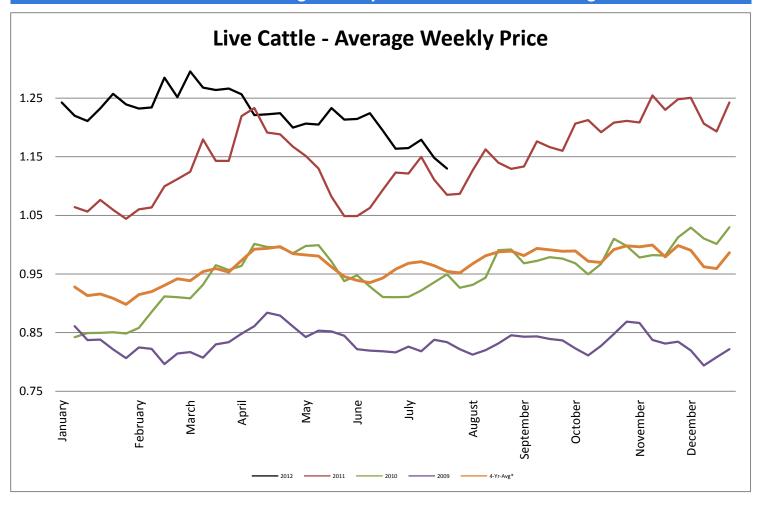
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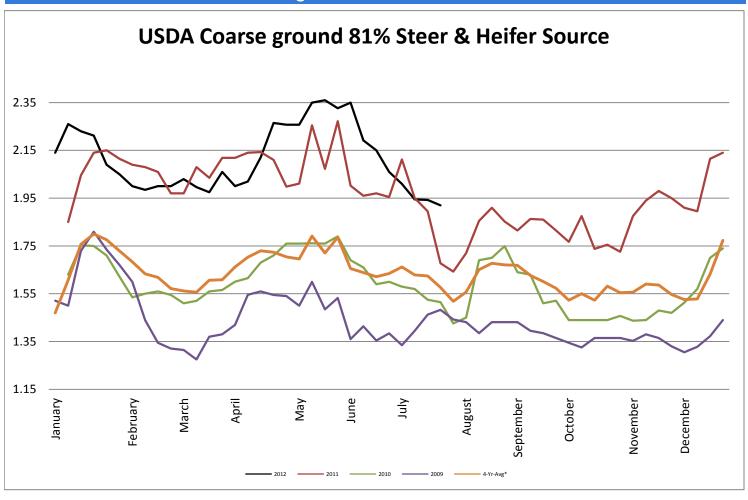


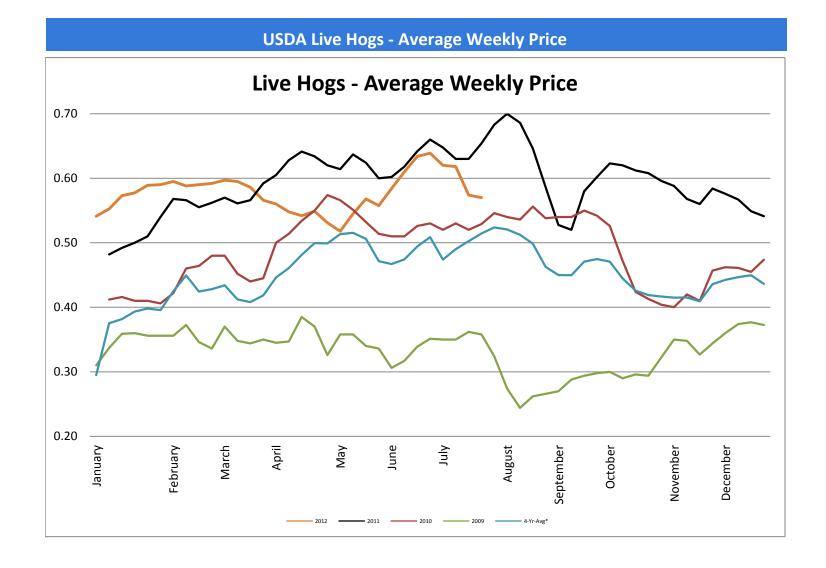


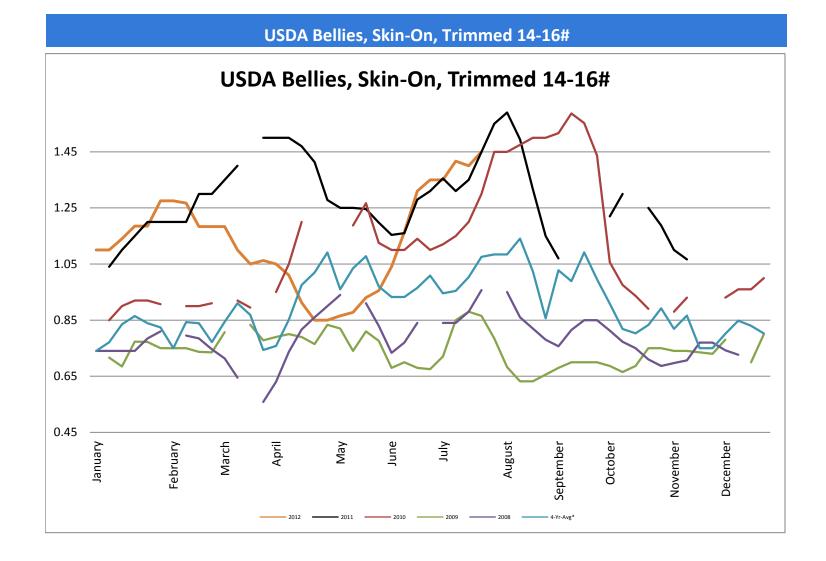
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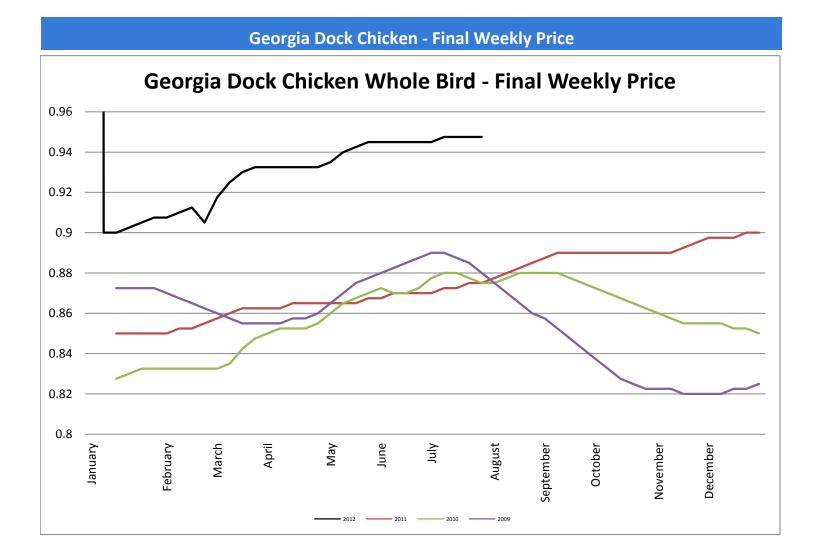


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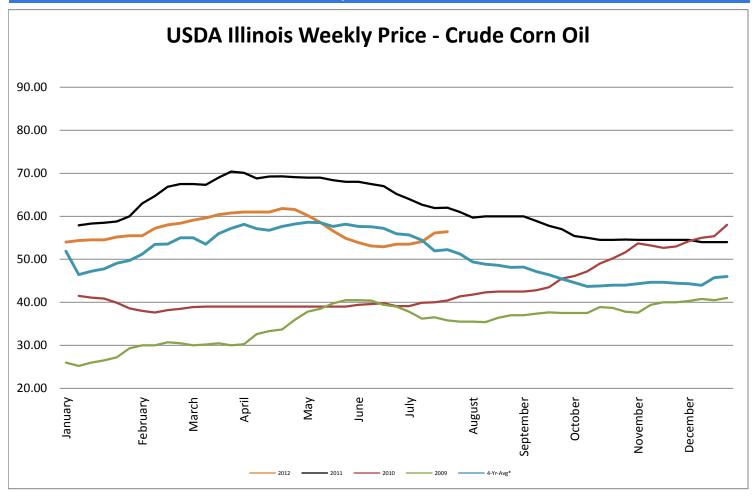


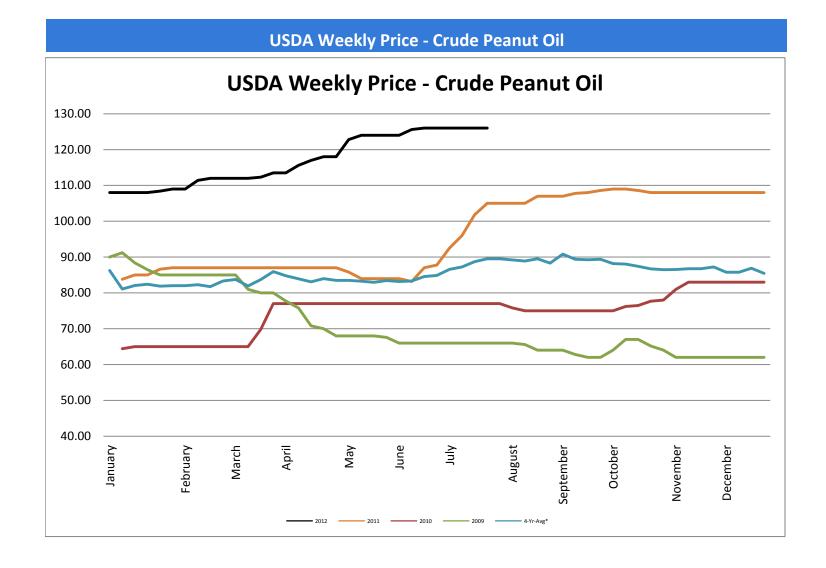




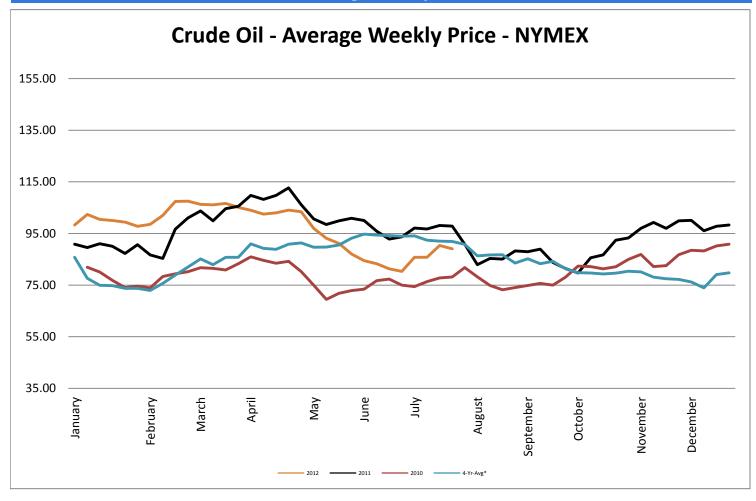


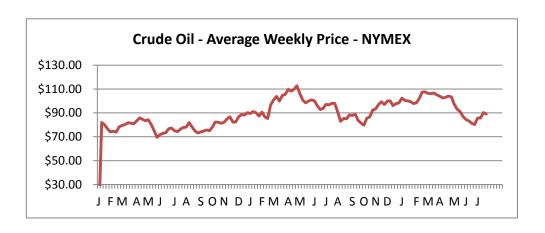




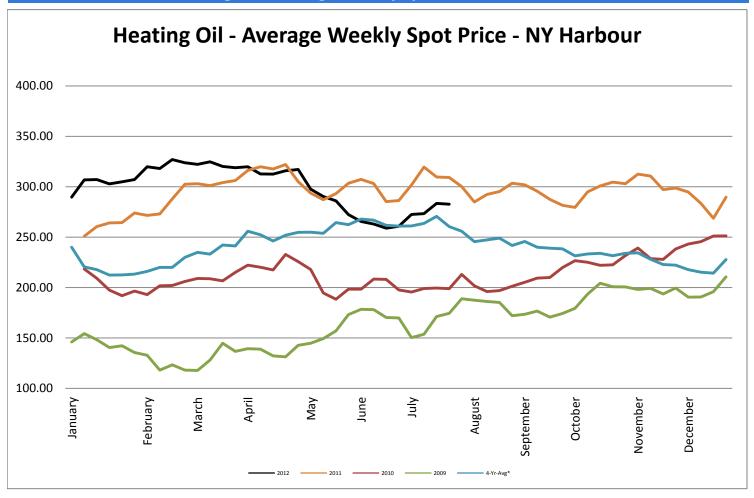




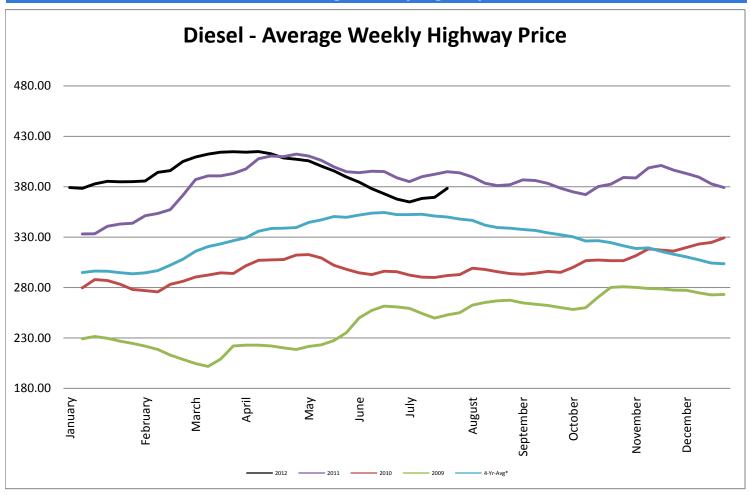




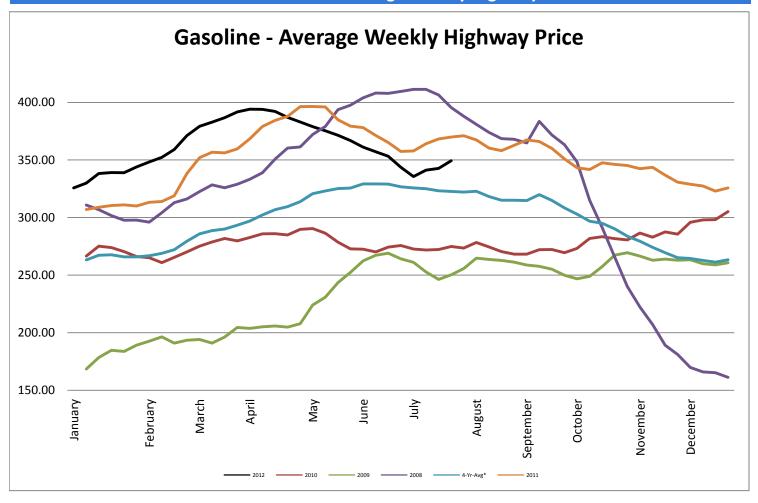
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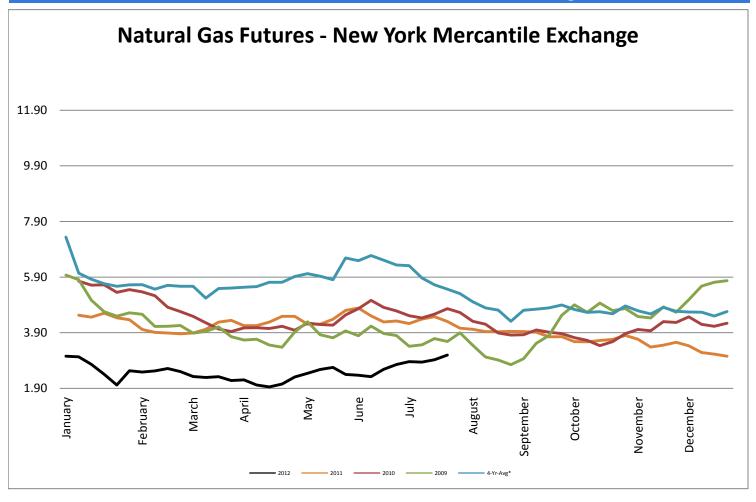




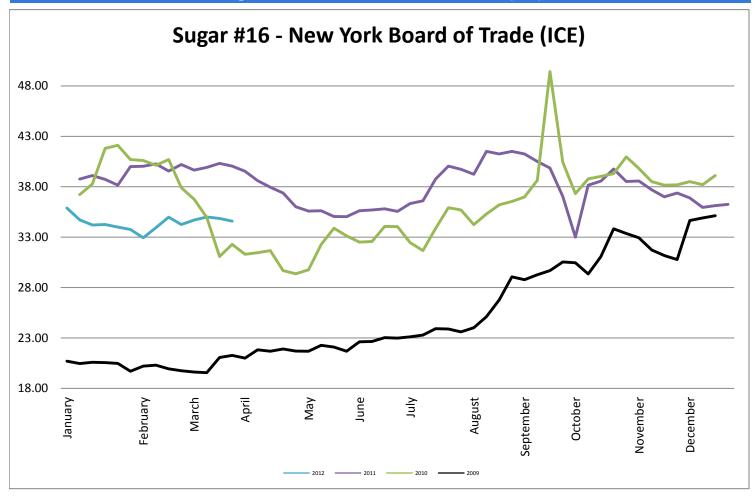
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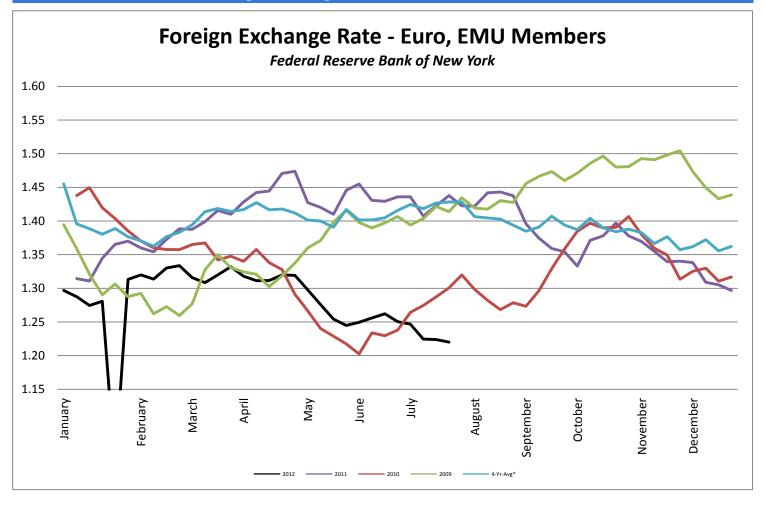
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#### **Foreign Exchange Rate - Euro, EMU Members**



#### Foreign Exchange Rate - Canadian Dollar

