

Key Commodity Report Weekly

August 13, 2012

						Com	modity Ac	ivity - Weekly Average	
8/6/2012		This Week	Last Week	YTD Avg	Last Year	vs. Last Week	vs. Last Year	Soybean Oil & Crude Oil Relationship	Corn
CME Group	T	005.60	005.20	657.50	607.45	0.070/	47.2404	\$135.00	900
<u>Corn</u>	Ť	805.60	806.20	657.53	687.15	-0.07%	17.24%	- \$0.6800	700
<u>Soybean</u>	*	1649.4	1687.7	1405.0	1314.1	-2.27%	25.52%	\$115.00	600
Soy Meal	*	527.12	536.70	399.76	342.30	-1.78%	53.99%	\$95.00	500
Soybean Oil	*	0.5207	0.5209	0.5269	0.5361	-0.04%	-2.87%	\$75.00	400
Rough Rice	•	15.95	15.98	15.11	16.81	-0.19%	-5.15%	\$55.00	300
<u>Wheat</u>	T	895.95	887.70	681.17	683.40	0.93%	31.10%	\$35.00	100
Cheddar Barrel	Ť	1.791	1.681	1.538	2.111	6.58%	-15.16%	\$35.00 \$0.2800 \$0.2800	0
Cheddar Block	1	1.819	1.704	1.568	2.082	6.72%	-12.66%	Crude ——— Soybean Oil	This WeekLast Week YTD Avg Last
Milk Class III	1	17.60	16.94	16.11	21.56	3.91%	-18.37%		0 11
Butter AA	1	1.727	1.662	1.487	2.071	3.94%	-16.59%		
Source: CME Group USDA Weekly Prices								Crude Oil - Average Weekly Price - NYMEX	Cheddar Block
ive Cattle	1	1.181	1.146	1,218	1.127	3.03%	4.78%	\$120.00	2.50
Course Ground Beef	Ţ	1.101	2.033	2.108	1.720	-1.88%	15.97%	\$110.00	
Live Hog	•	0.5720	0.5700	0.5781	0.7000	0.35%	-18.29%	\$100.00	2.00
Pork Bellies		1.55	1.55	1.16	1.59	0.00%	-2.52%	\$90.00	1.50
Chicken Whole (GA Dock)	0	0.9475	0.9475		0.8800	0.00%	7.67%	\$80.00	1.00
Crude Corn Oil	T	57.25	57.50	57.03	59.70	-0.43%	-4.10%	\$70.00	0.50
Crude Peanut Oil	0	126.00	126.00		105.00	0.00%	20.00%	\$60.00	0.50
Source: USDA								\$50.00	0.00
NYMEX Futures & Retail								\$40.00	This Last YTD Avg Last
Crude Oil	1	93.09	89.06		82.92	4.53%	12.26%	\$30.00 JEMAMIJA SON DIEMAMIJA SON DIEMAMIJA	Week Week
Heating Oil No.2 Spot	1	295.60	282.65	307.00	284.82	4.58%	3.78%		
On Highway Diesel	1	385.00	379.60		389.70	1.42%	-1.21%	- "	0.00
On Highway Gasoline	1	364.50	350.80		367.40	3.91%	-0.79%	Paul's U.S. Currency Index	Coffee
Natural Gas	1	2.904	3.078	2.527	4.020	-5.65%	-27.76%	1.98	3.00
ource: New York Mercantile Exchange ederal Reserve	•							1.97	2.50
*Euro	1	1.2344	1.2269	1.2754	1.4219	0.61%	-13.19%	1.96	2.00
*British Pound	1	1.5628	1.5611	1.5520	1.6258	0.11%	-3.88%	1.95	1.50
Canadian Dollar	Į.	0.9959	1.0025		0.9904	-0.66%	0.56%	1.94	1.00
Chinese Yuan	Į.	6.365	6.370	6.323	6.414	-0.08%	-0.76%	1.93	0.50
Swiss Frank	+	0.973	0.979	0.939	0.752	-0.60%	29.47%	1.91	0.00
Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New	York							1.9	
NYBOT Futures								1.89	This Last YTD Avg Las
Sugar 16	1	29.49	28.75	36.41	39.23	2.57%	-24.83%	1.88	Week Week
Coffee	1	1.6695	1.7380	1.5125	2.4035	-3.94%	-30.54%		

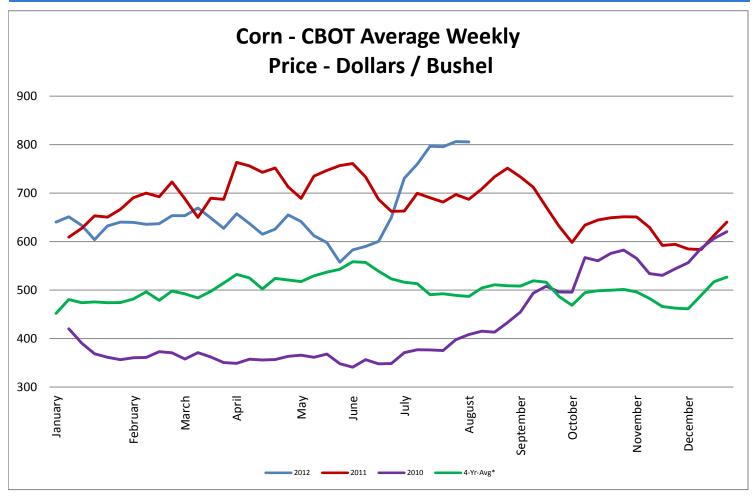
Market Commentary

Commentary: As I have stated in the past, the soybean market had been focused on the soybean meal and not on the oil. The oil/meal ratio was decreasing. That changed a bit late last week with the release of the World Agricultural Supply and Demand report from the USDA. They decreased the soybean oil stocks number and that caused a sharp increase on Friday for soybean oil. The ratio turned around slightly. However, the export demand is very low for soybean oil, and the meal demand still remains strong for exports. Helping push soybean oil higher also is the possibility of increased biodiesel mandates, and an increase in crude oil, along with a weakening U.S. dollar. Corn had some solid increases last week. The USDA stocks report showed no real surprises and much of the corn issues including ending stocks and the drought are said to have already been traded. I am not sure that is the case, but corn is hovering around its all-time high. More volatility to come in all markets. There are too many agricultural and outside inputs in precarious situations for the market to trade sideways.

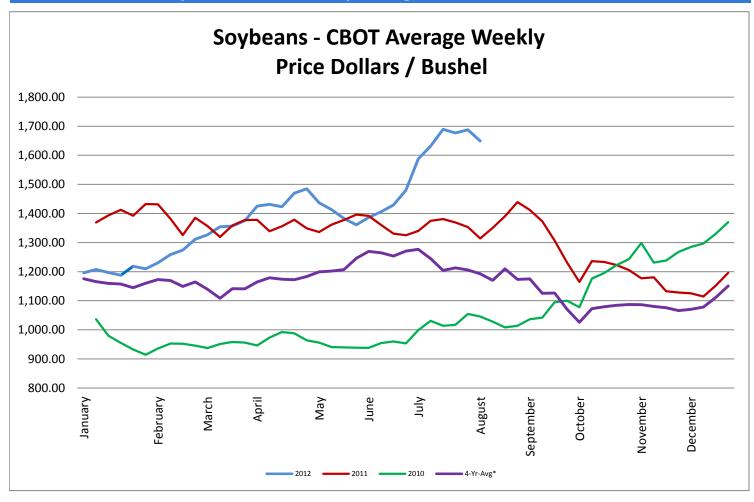
Corn futures closed between \$7.96 and \$8.18-1/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$8.00 Soybean futures closed between \$16.05-1/4 and \$17.09-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$17.90-1/2. Soybean meal futures closed between \$512.030 and \$544.50 per short ton, ending the week at \$544.50. Soybean oil futures closed between 0.5129 and \$0.5360 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5360 Wheat futures closed between \$8.85-1/4 and \$9.13 per bushel, ending the week at \$8.85-1/4.

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

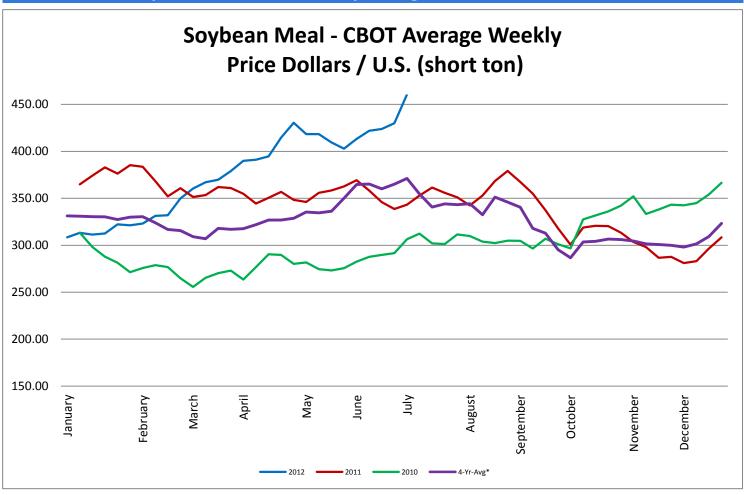




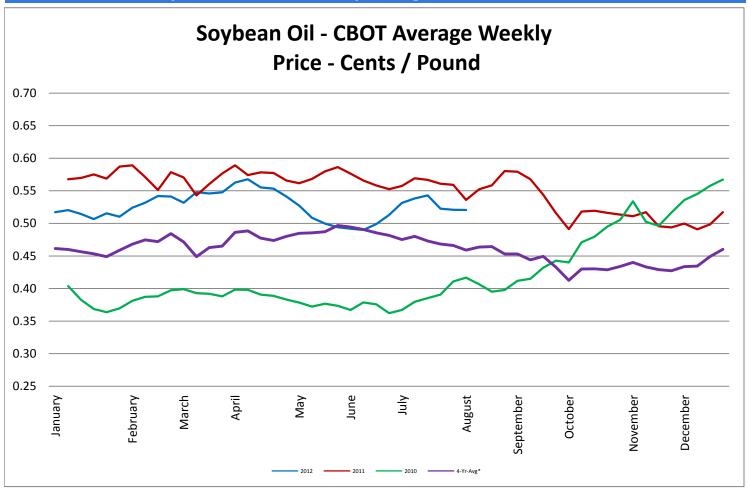
Soybeans - CBOT Weekly Average Price - Dollars / Bushel

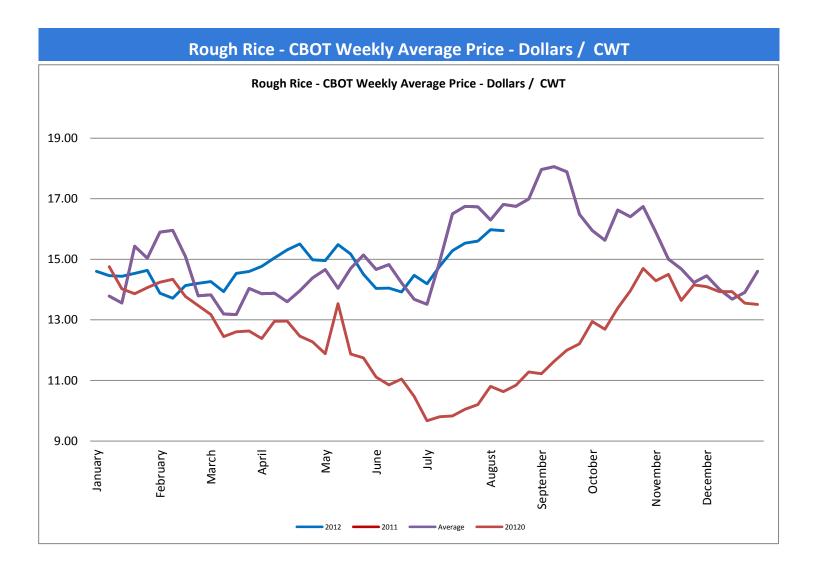


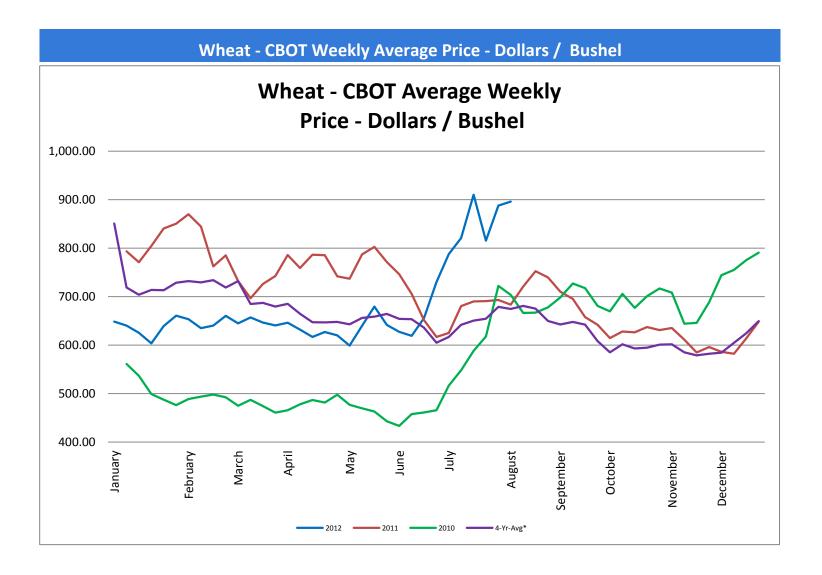


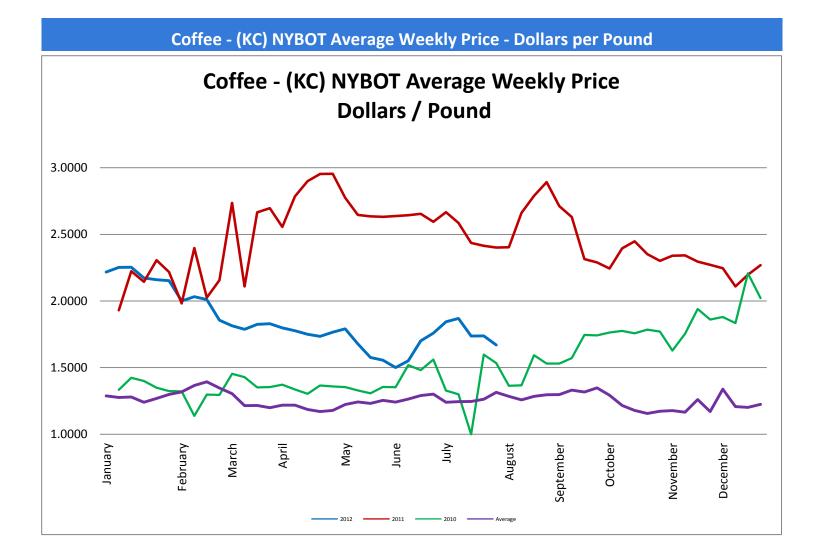




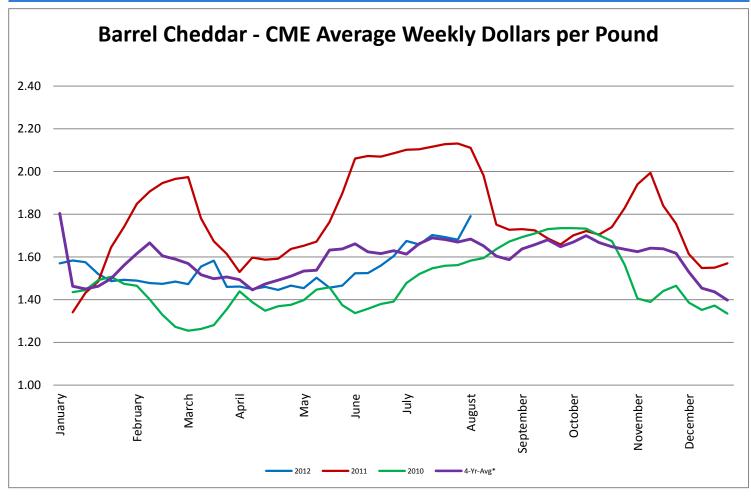




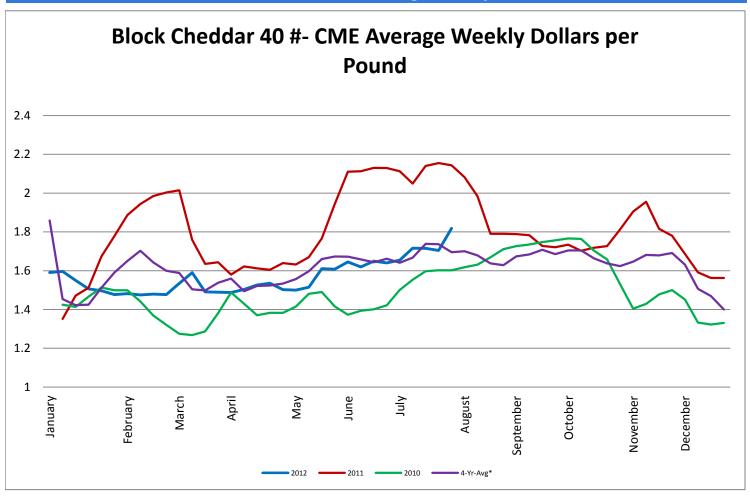


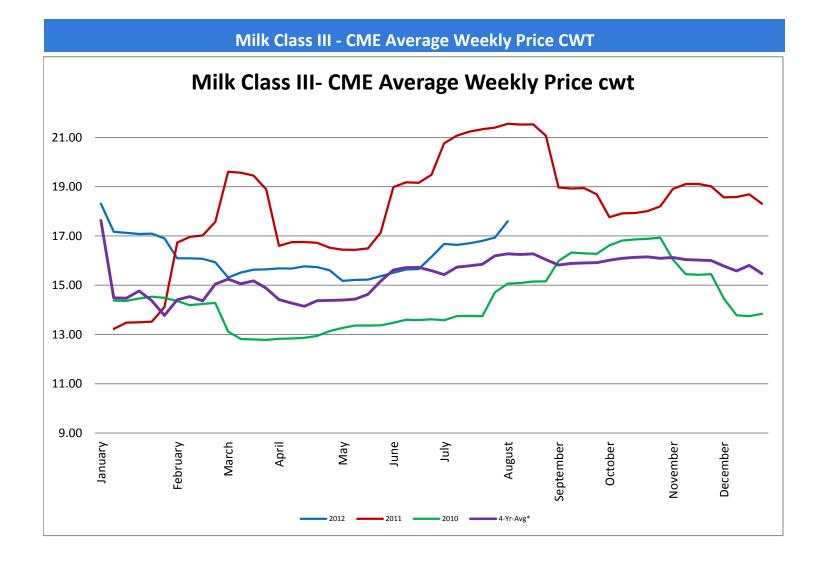


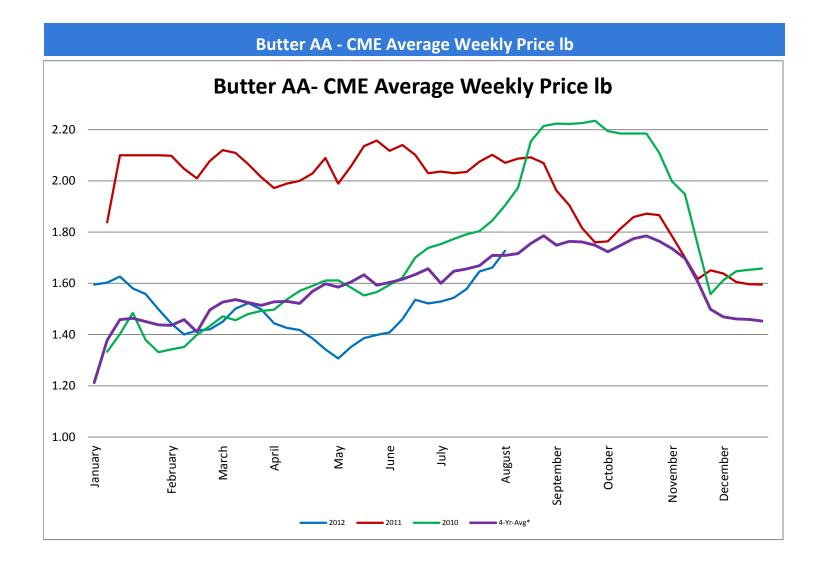




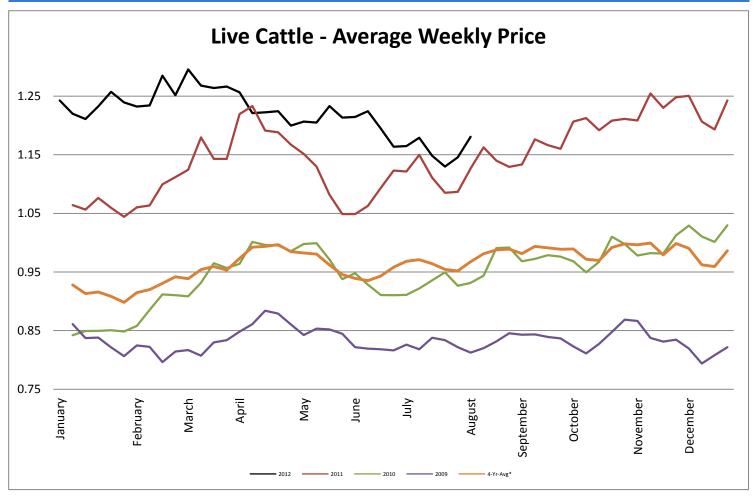
40 LB Block Cheddar - CME Average Weekly Price / Pound



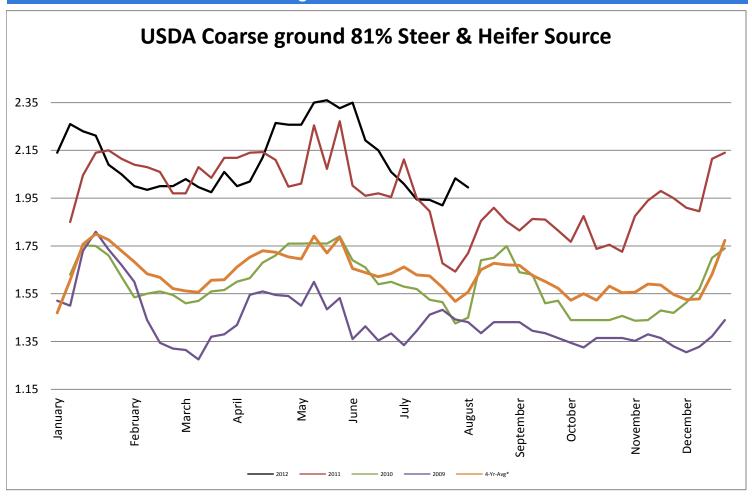


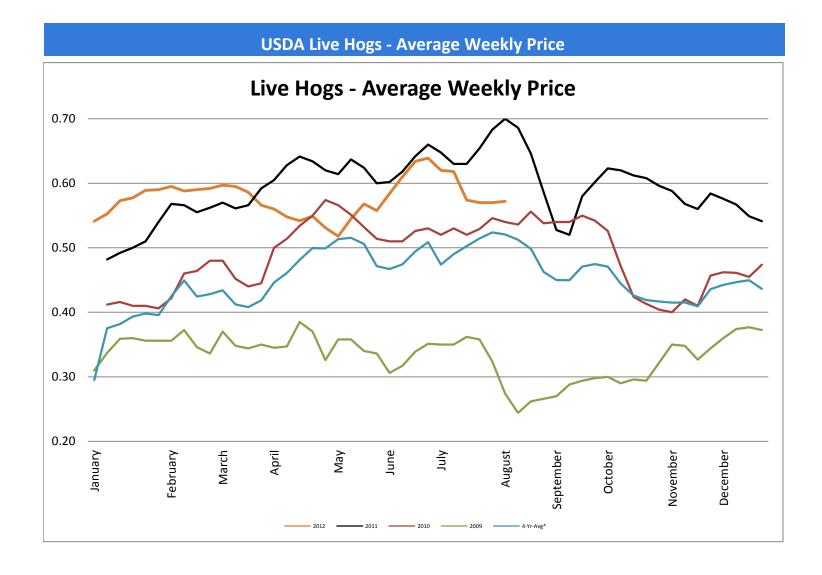


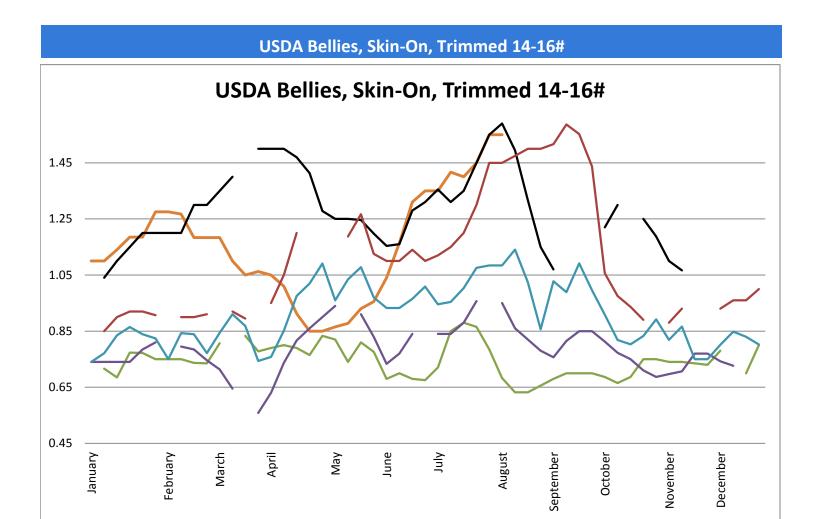




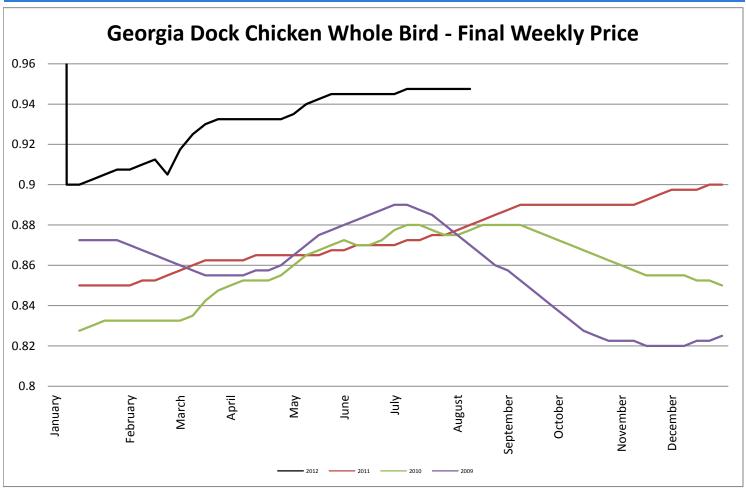




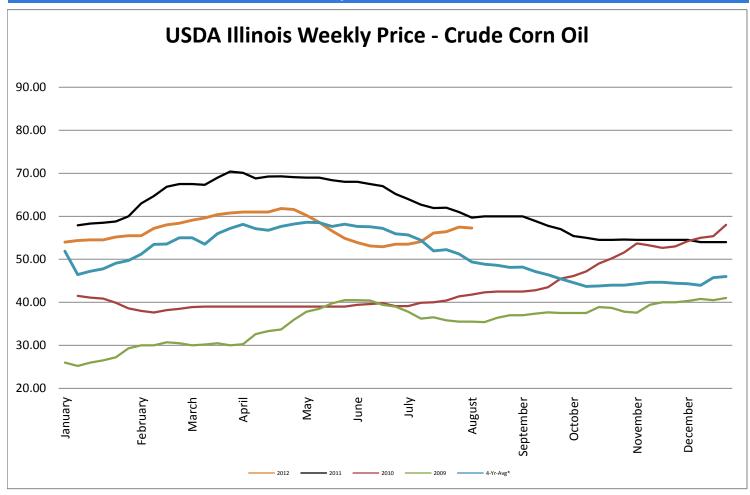


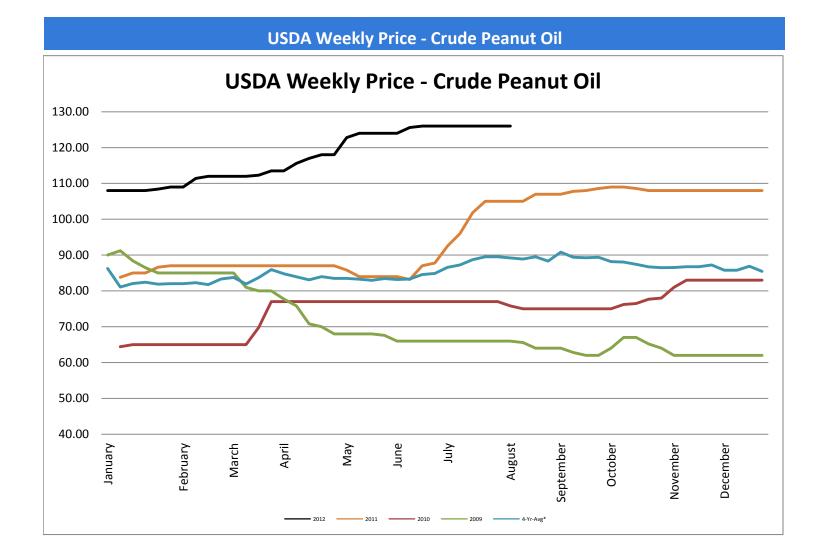




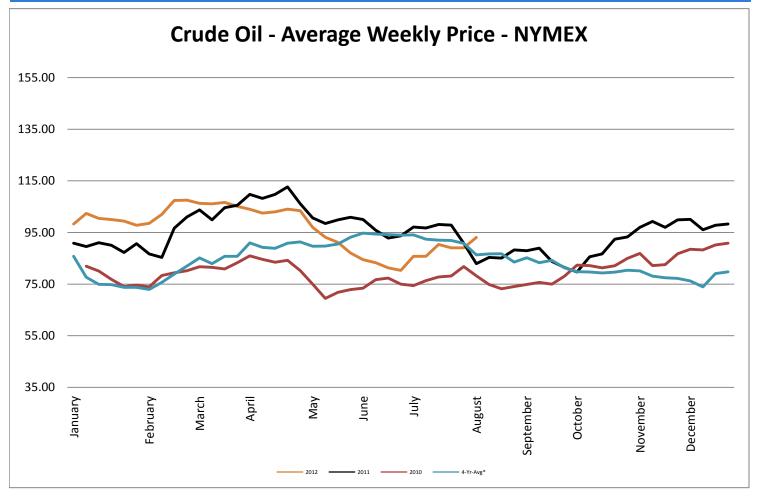


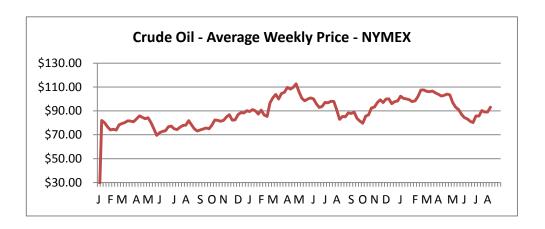




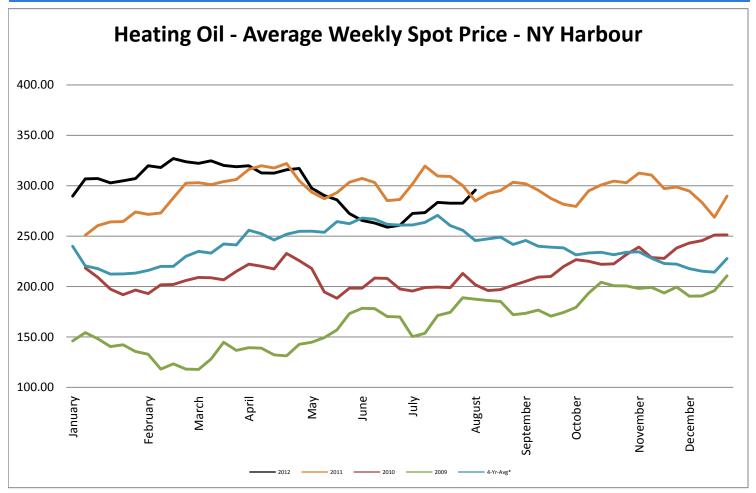




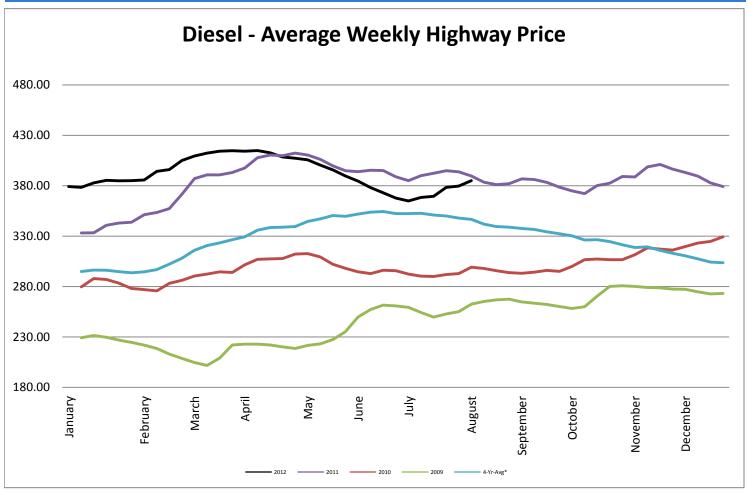




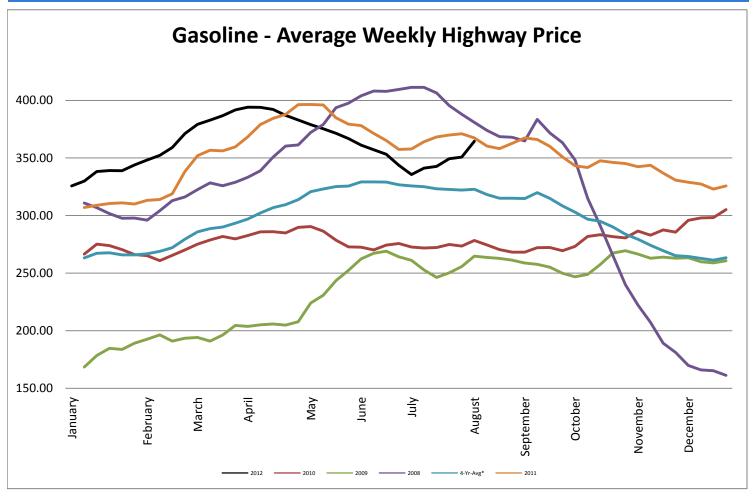












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