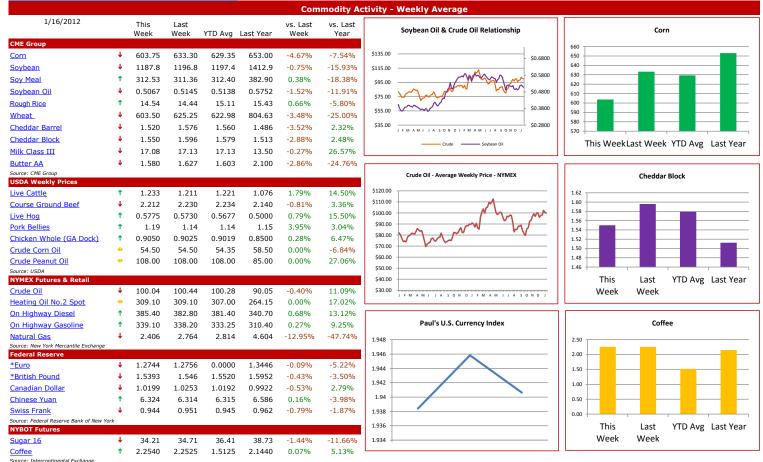
#### **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

January 23, 2012



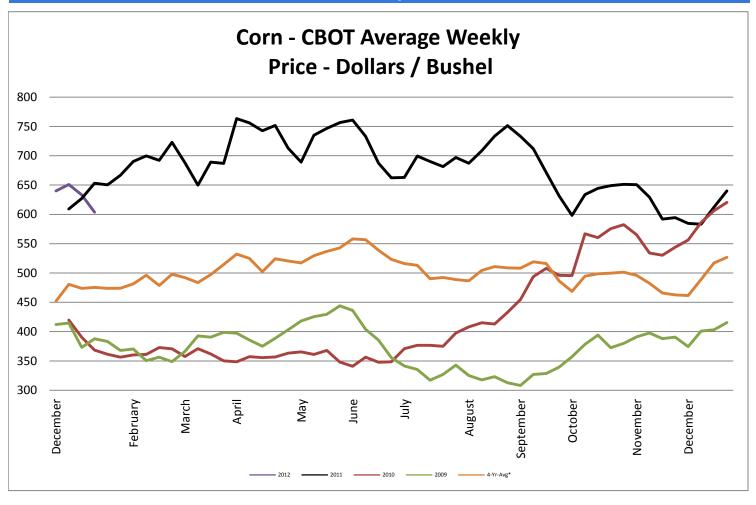
#### **Market Commentary**

Commentary: Another week of falling prices overall for agricultural commodities. There are several reasons for this, but the greatest reason given by traders, was the improved weather outlook for South American. Brazil and Argentina both received rain and were forecasting more rain. So traders took out some of the premium for weather they had put in recently. More bad news from Europe, as several countries were downgraded so the U.S. dollar was a bit stronger for much of the week, though finished a little lower. There is a lot of speculation currently, about corn dominating planting intentions vs. soybeans for the upcoming growing season, which would normally turn the market and move it higher, but it seems traders are being patient and no large selling or buying has taken place. As the market started to move lower last week, farmers became reluctant to sell putting pressure on the grain pipeline, as they tried to force the market higher. Disappointing rains in SA over the weekend may be what farmers needed, which is likely to move the market higher for early Jan 23rd. Chinese new year will be in full swing so look for exports to be a bit lower for the week of the 23rd.

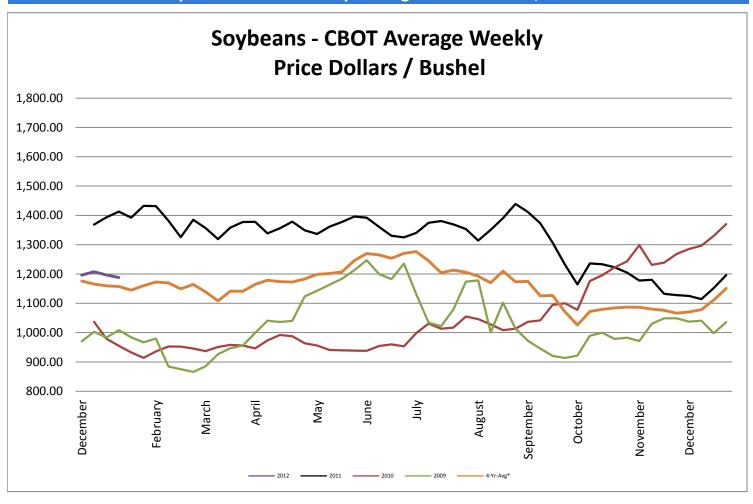
Corn futures closed between \$5.93-1/2 and \$6.11-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$6/11-1/2. Soybean futures closed between \$11.58-1/4 and \$11/97 per bushel, ending the week at \$11.87. Soybean meal futures closed between \$310.50 and \$315.70 per short ton, ending the week at \$311.90. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5040 and \$0.5106 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5043. Wheat futures closed between \$5.92-1/4 and \$6.10-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$610-1/2

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

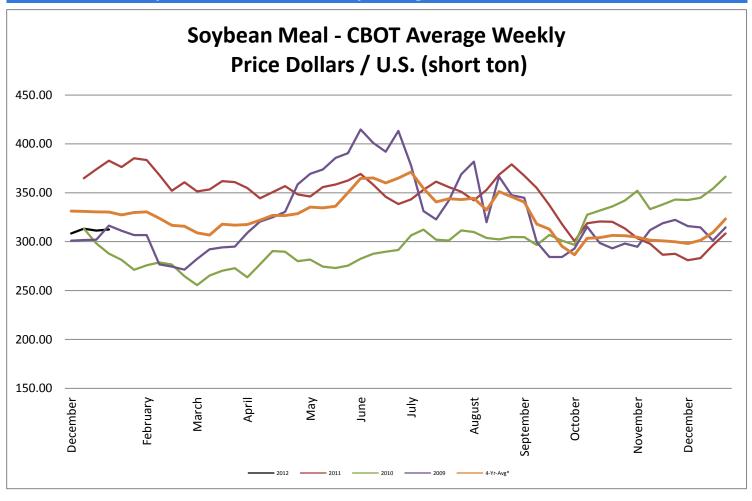




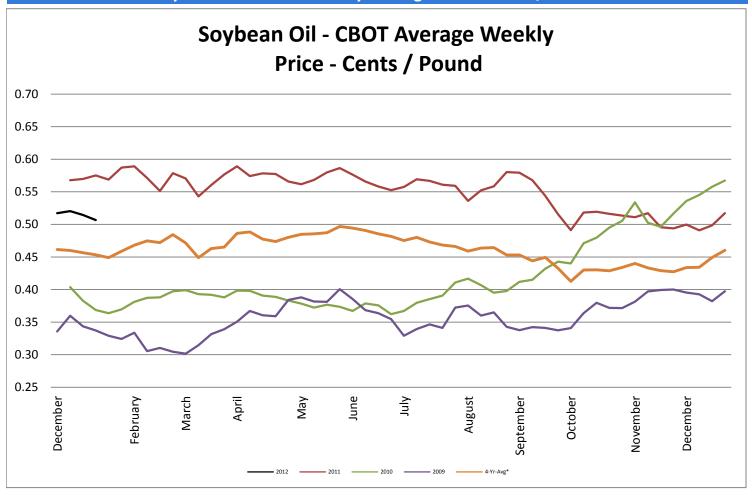
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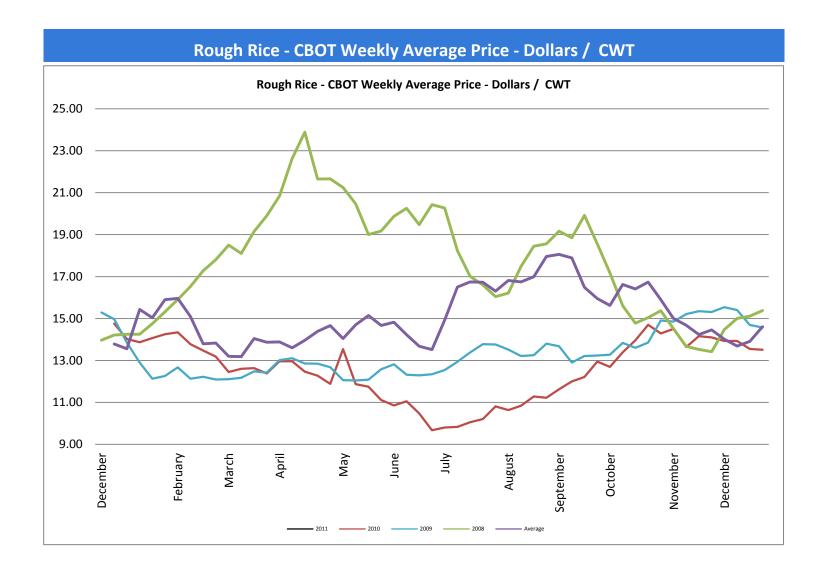


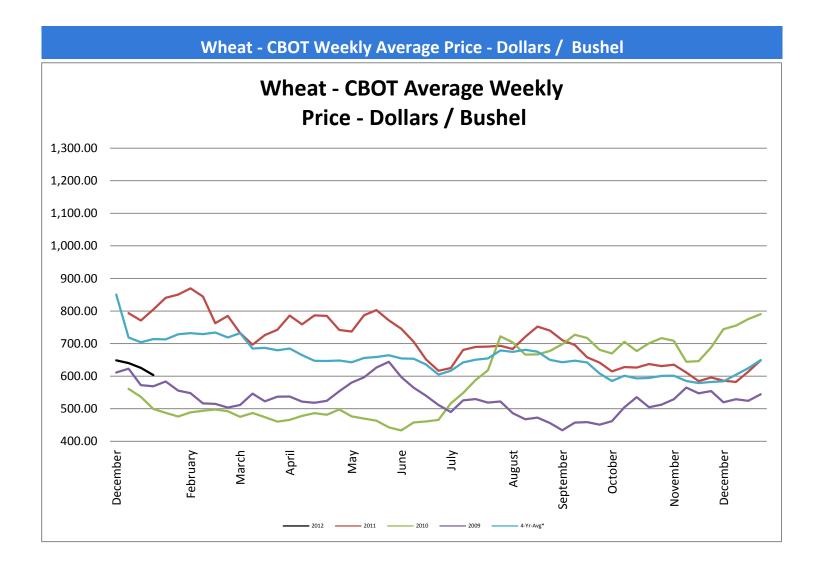


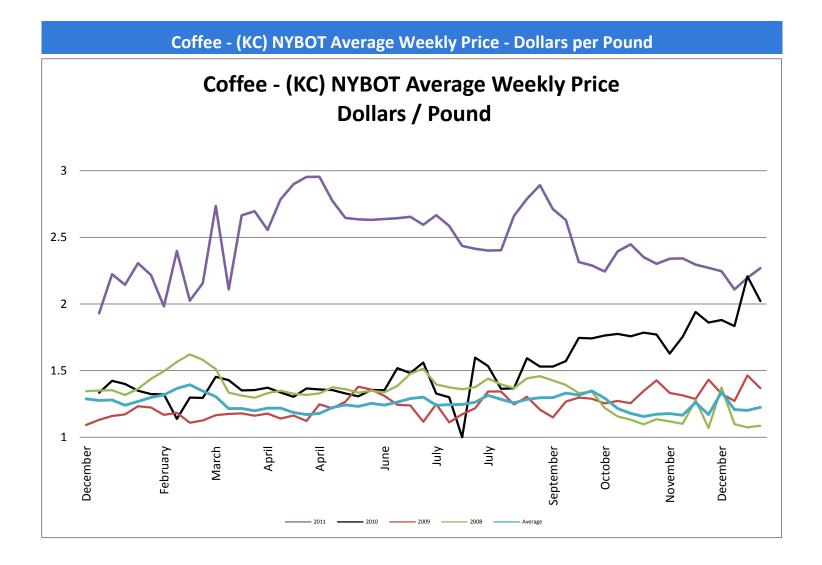




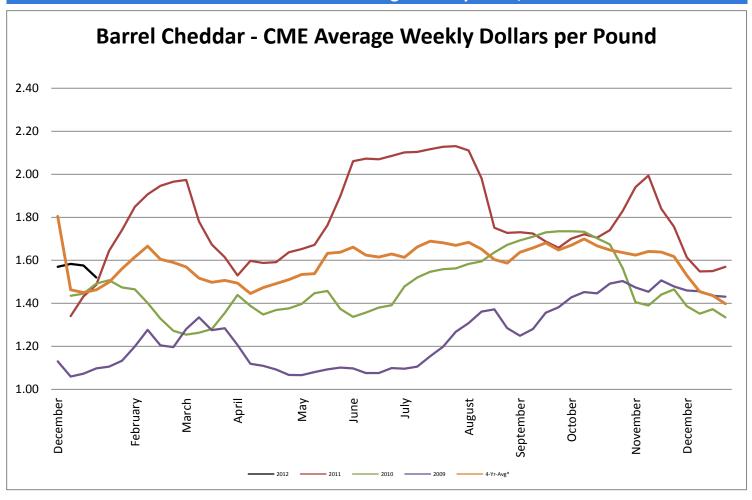




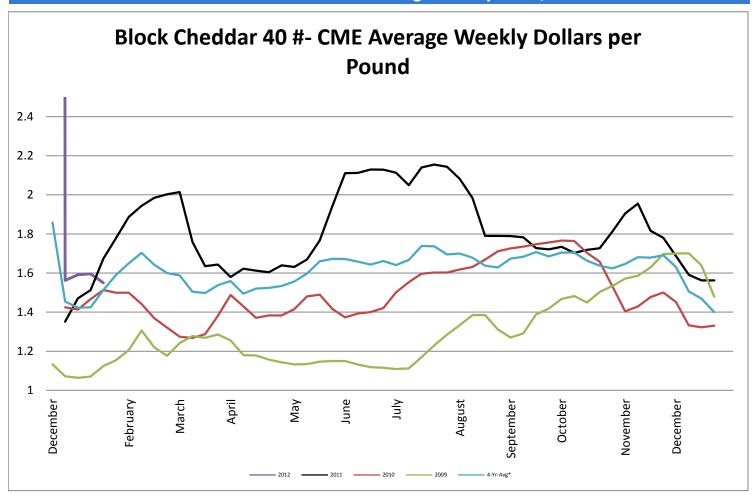


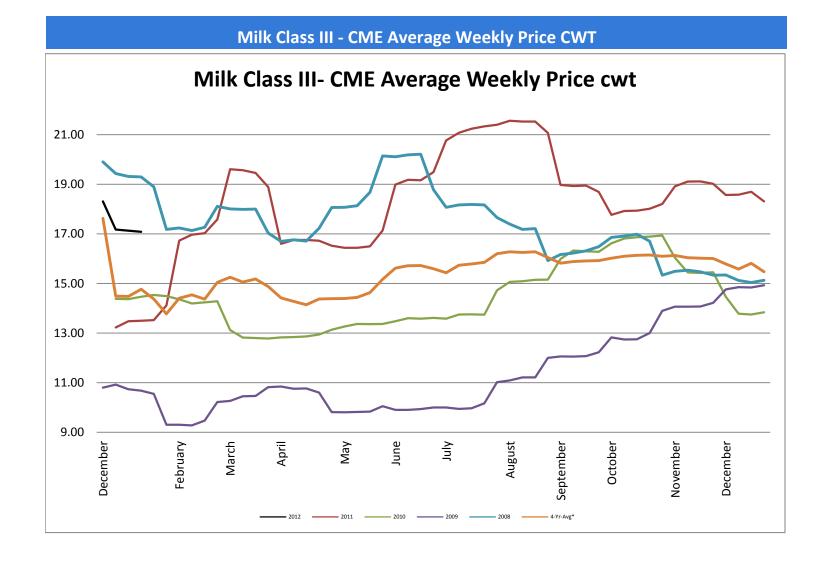


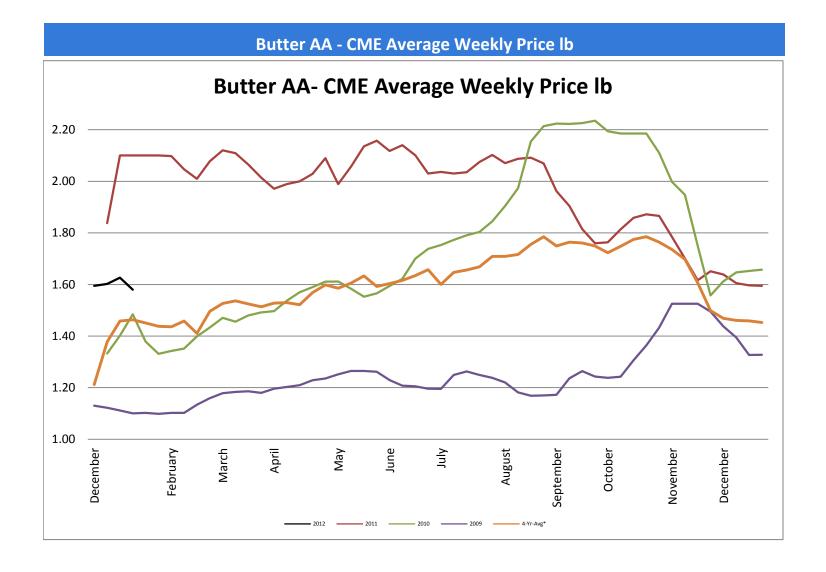
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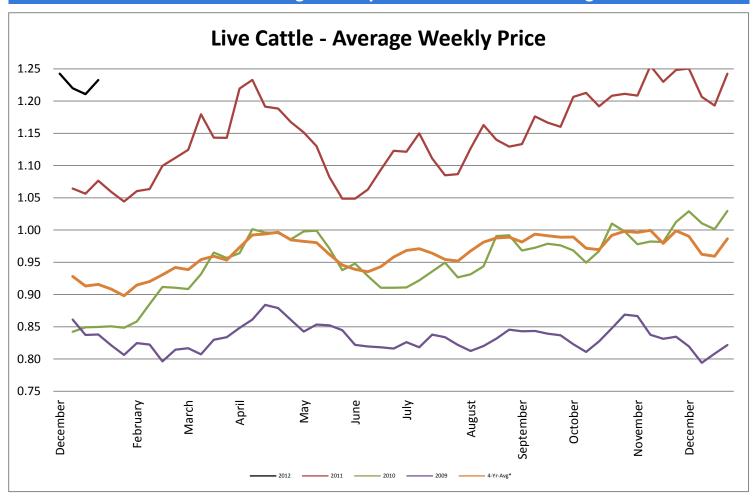
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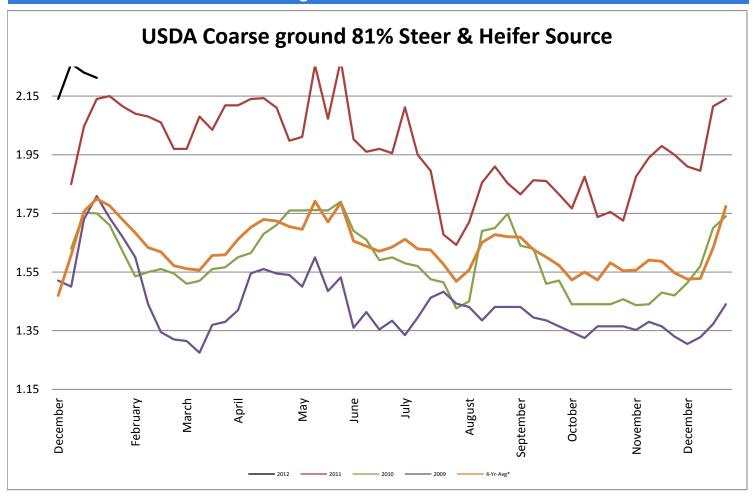


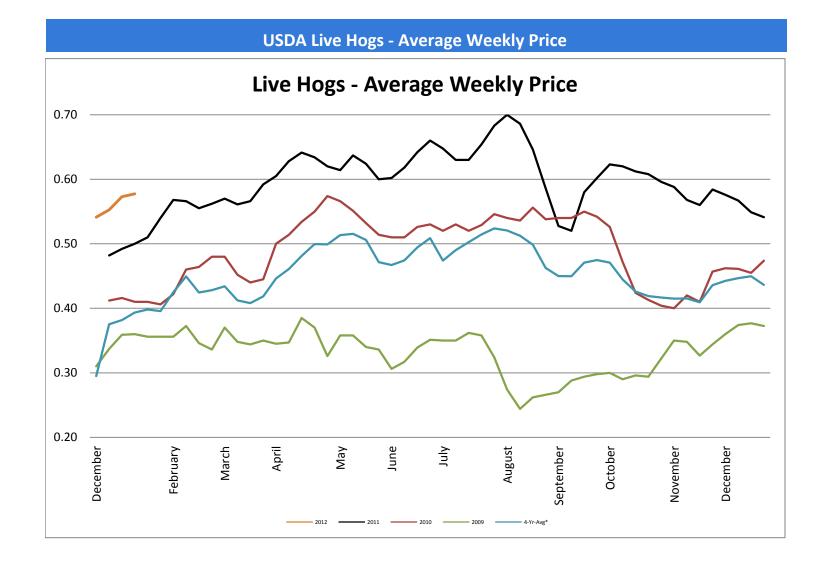


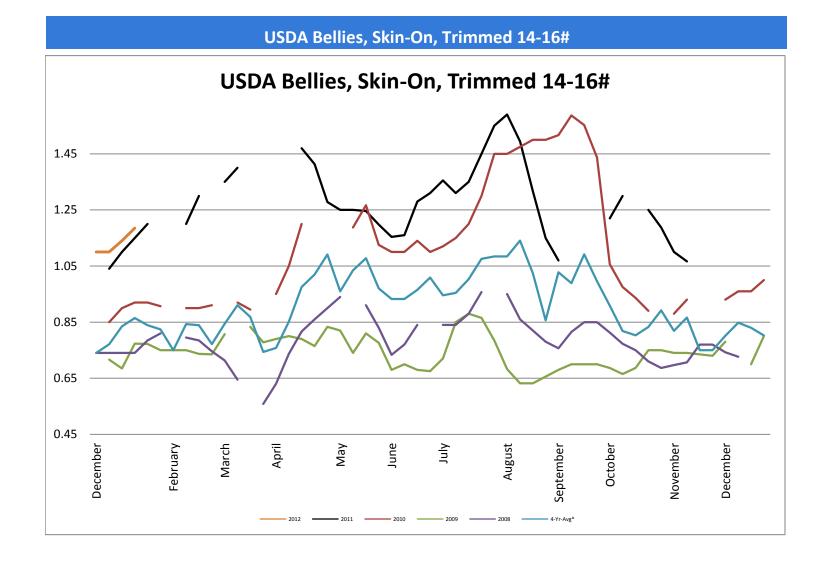
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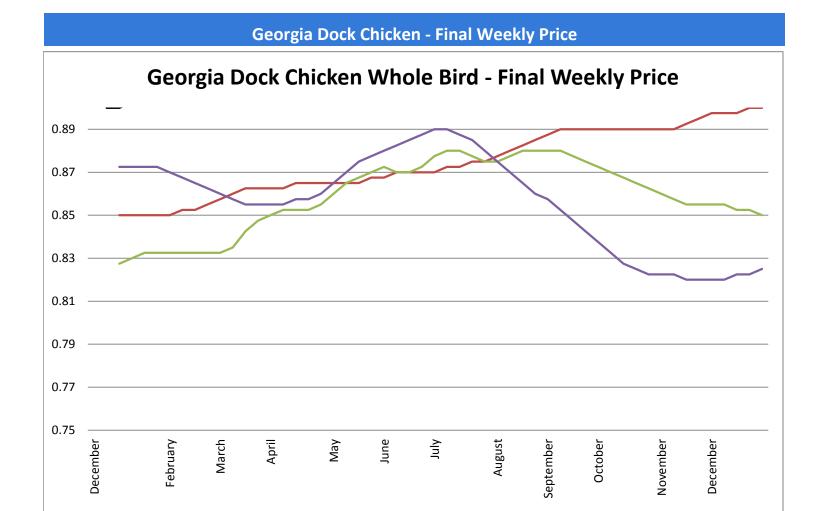


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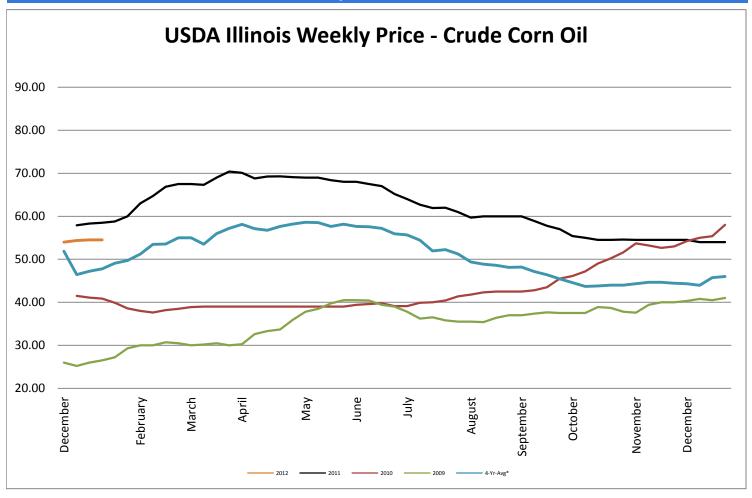


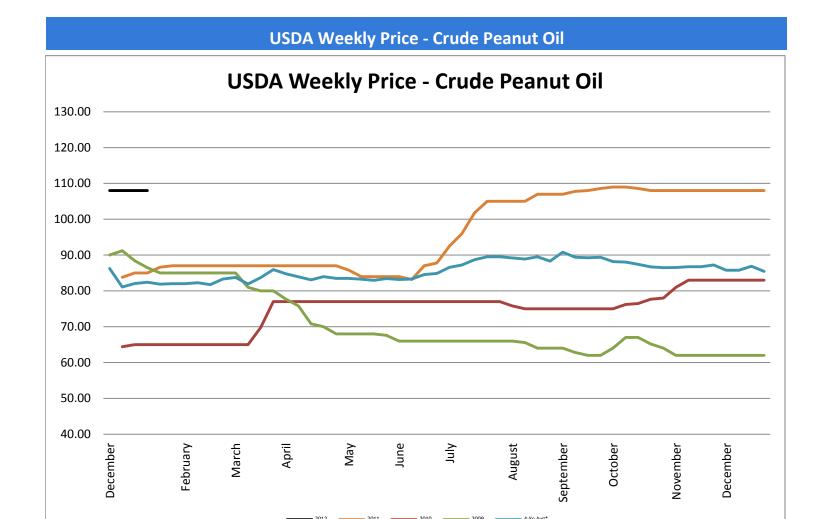




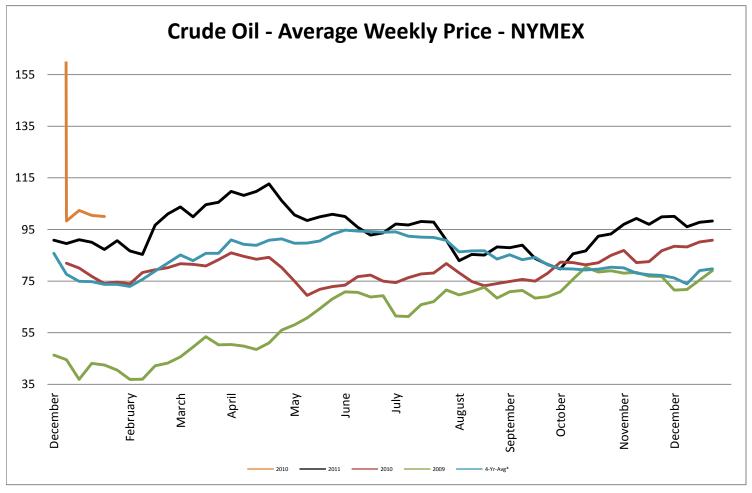


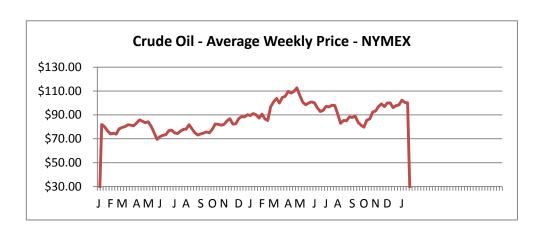




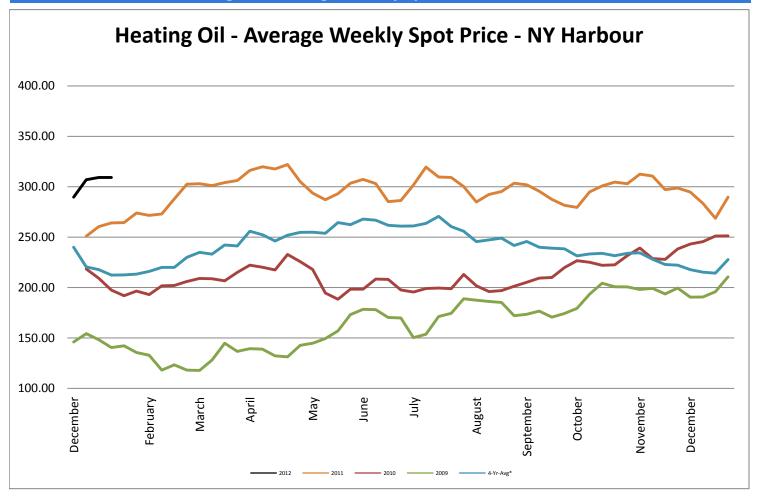




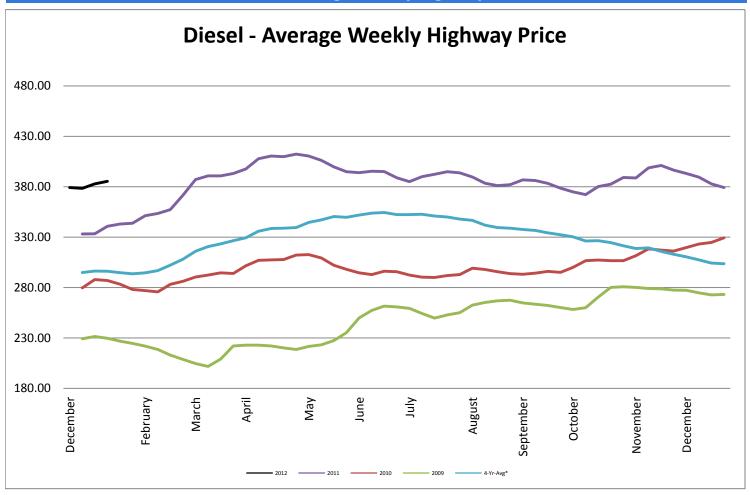




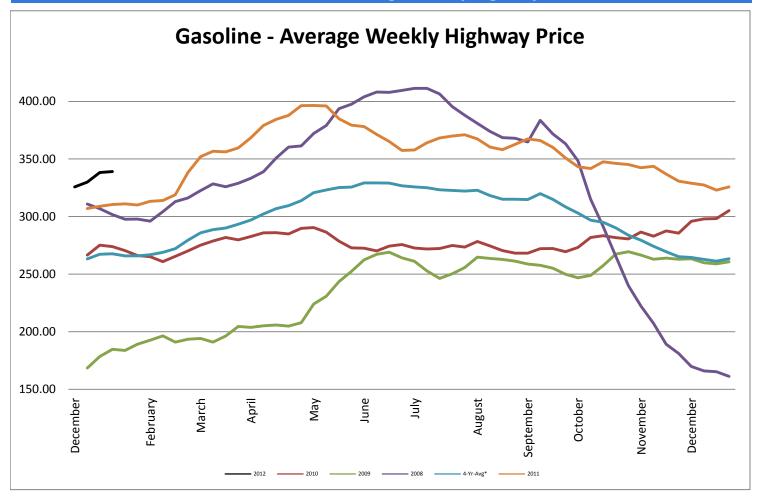
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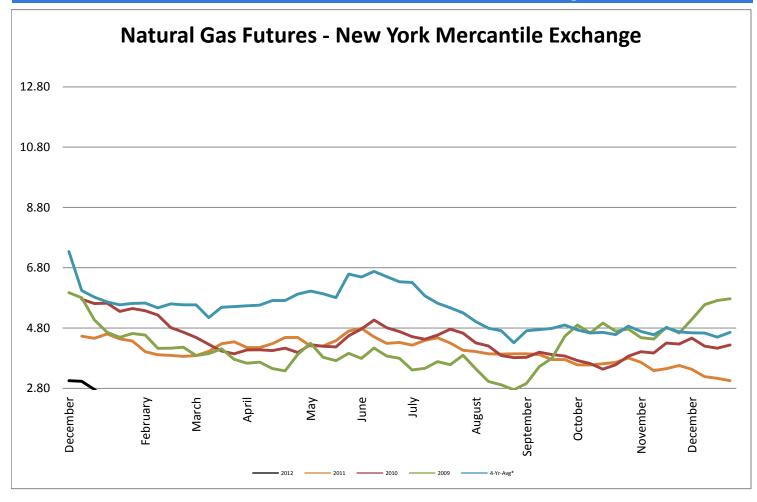




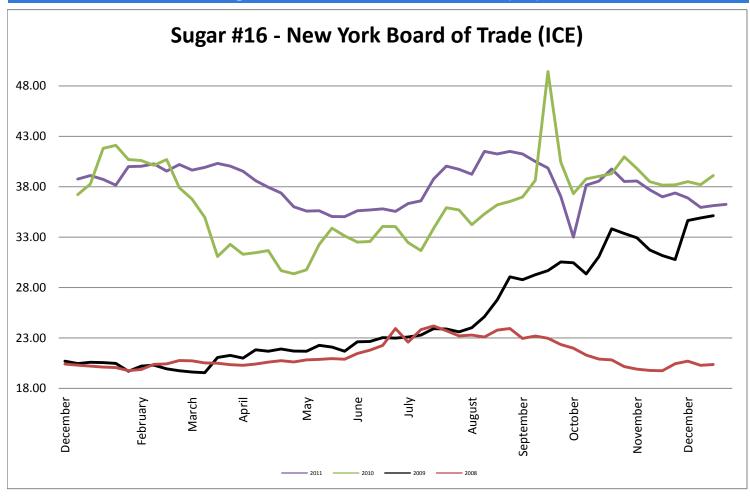
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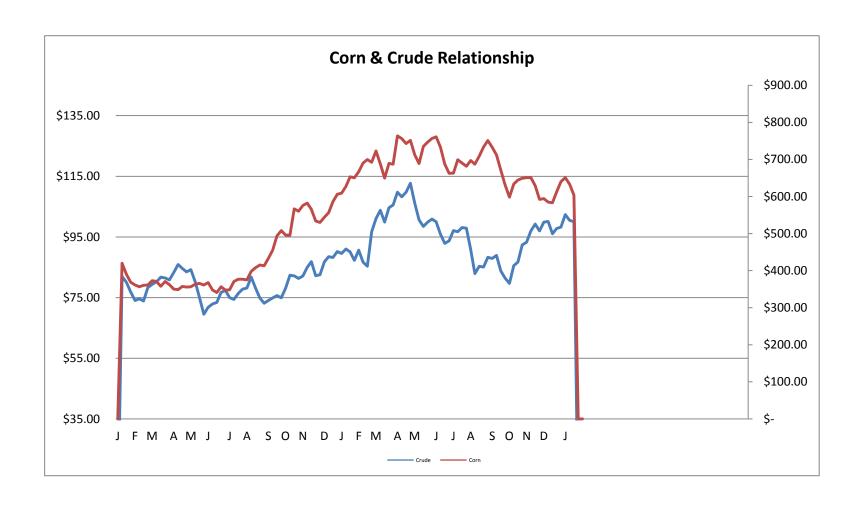


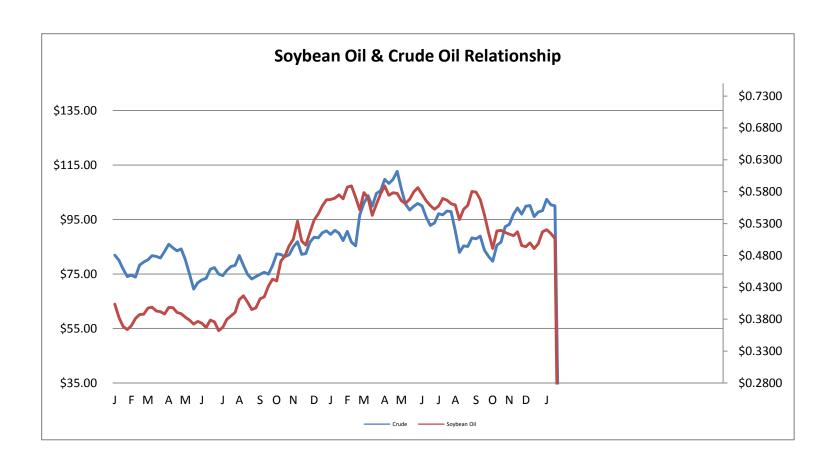
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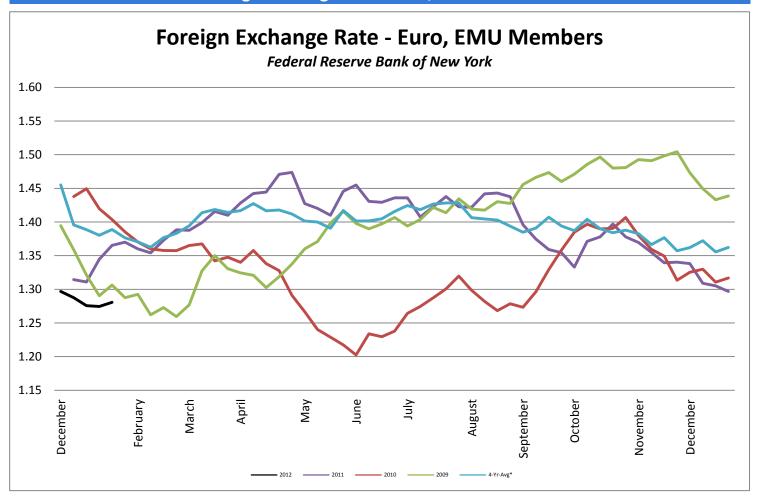




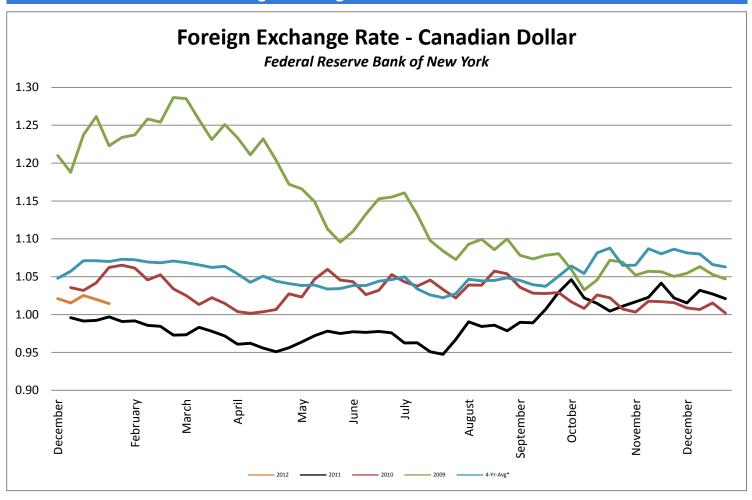




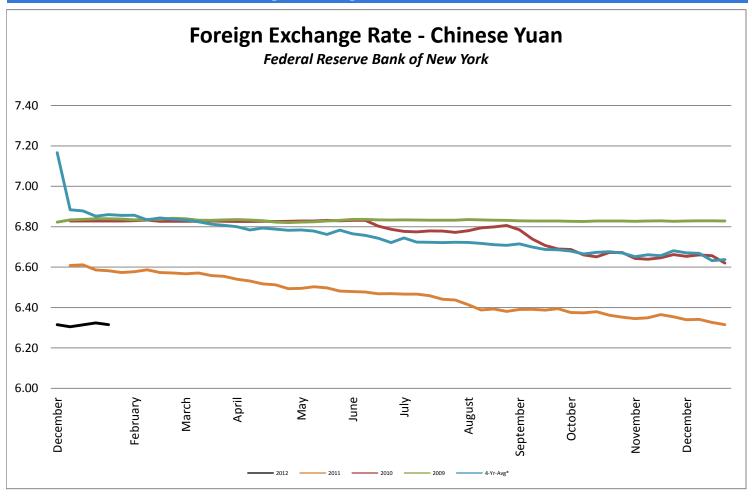
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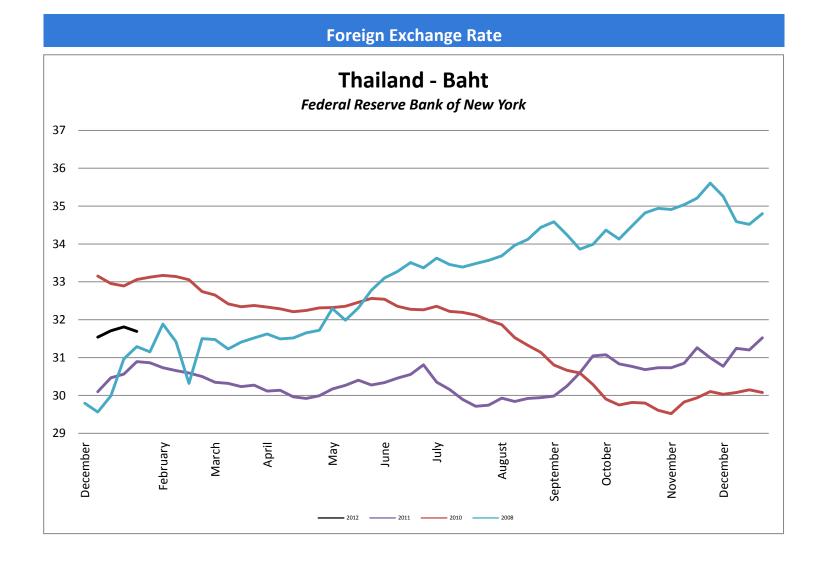


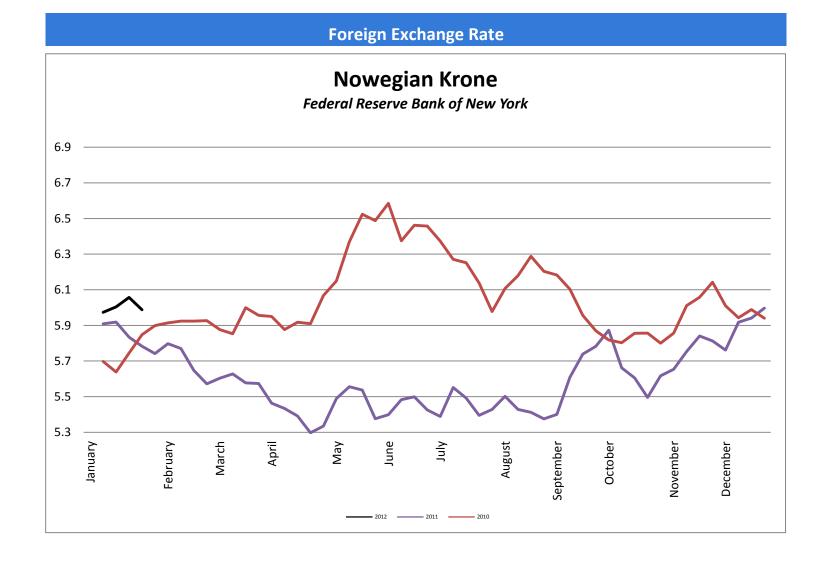
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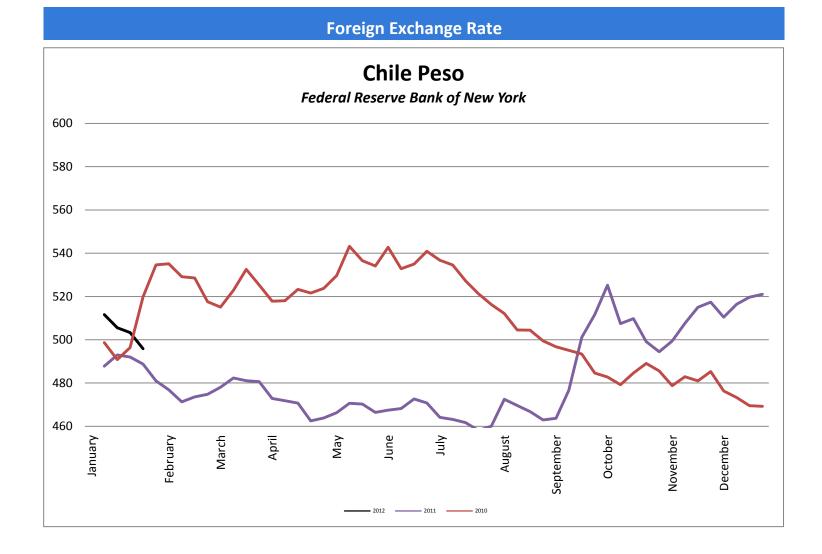


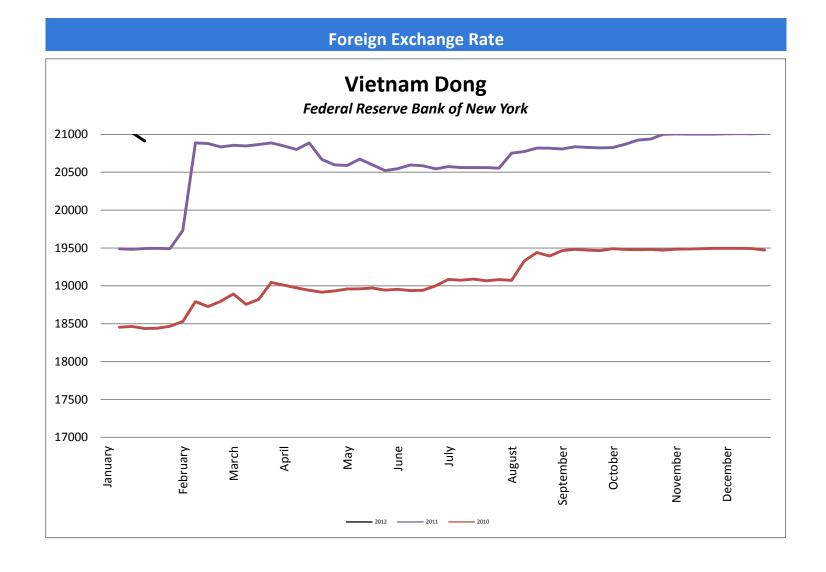


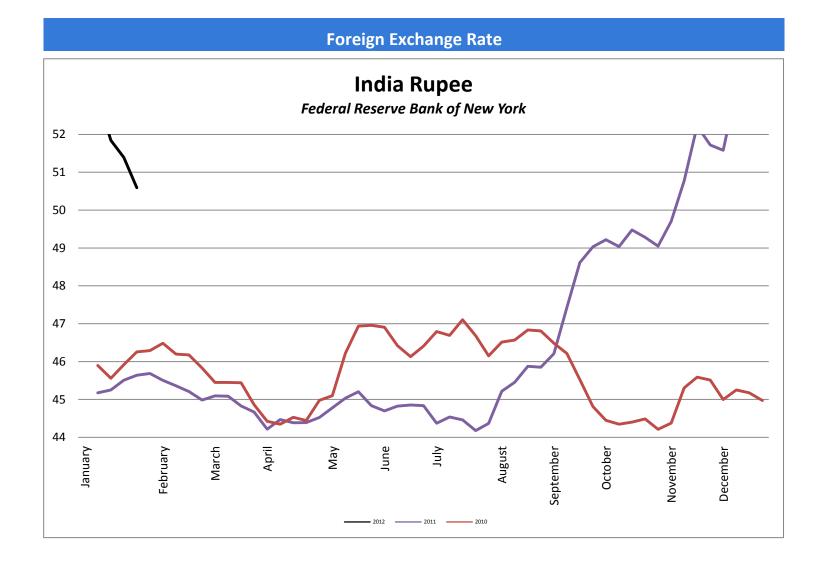


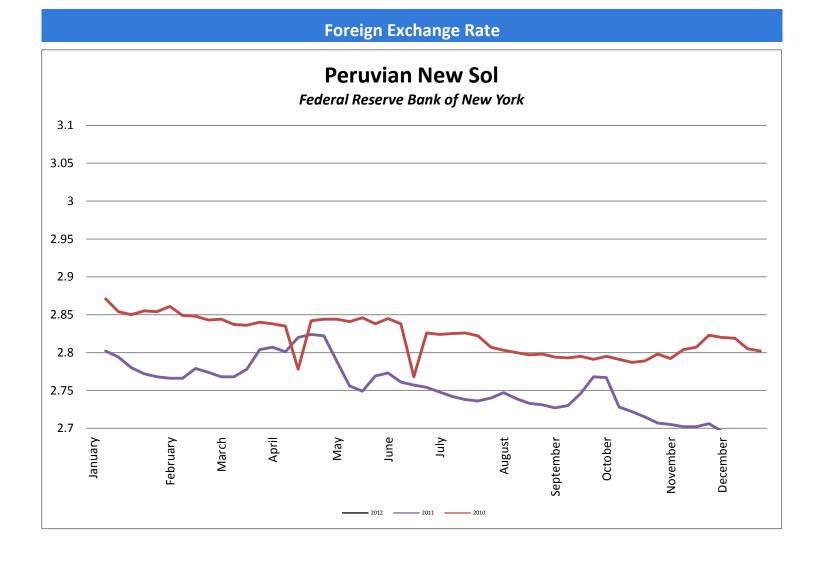












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