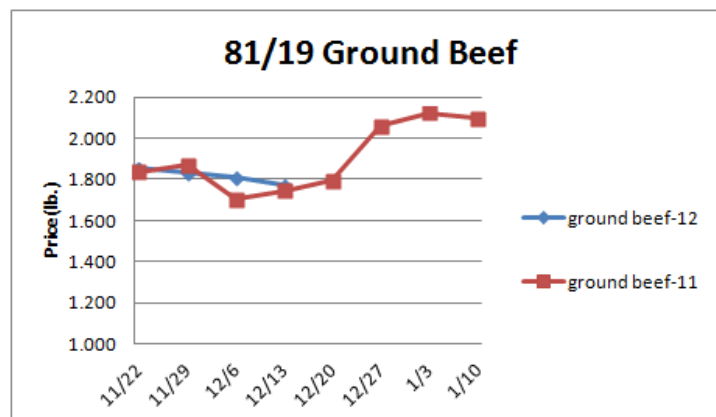


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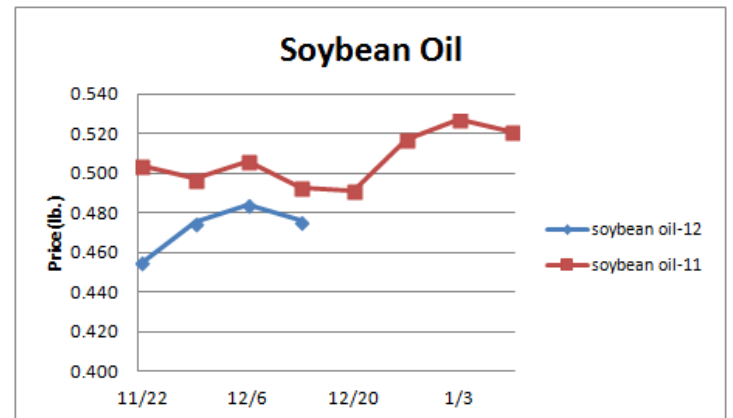
**Beef-** Beef output last week increased .9% and was 1.3% larger than the same week in '11. Beef production is being curbed this week which is supporting beef prices. In Oct, U.S. beef exports were down 3.4% but were 14% larger than the previous month. Russia may restrict U.S. beef imports due in part to an ongoing trade dispute. In '11, beef exports to Russia were 5% of total U.S. beef exports but only .4% of the U.S. beef output. This shouldn't have a major impact on overall beef prices but could be slightly negative for typical beef trade items with Russia including fat trim, inside rounds and knuckles. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Live Cattle	1.256	1.256	-	1.209
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.472	1.458	+.014	1.452
Ground Beef 81/19	1.773	1.812	-.039	1.745
Ground Chuck	1.866	1.800	+.066	1.728
109e Export Rib (choice)	7.159	7.090	+.069	6.945
109e Export Rib (prime)	9.458	9.427	+.031	9.956
112a Ribeye (choice)	8.228	7.905	+.323	7.037
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.799	9.853	-.054	11.475
116 Chuck (select)	2.240	2.252	-.012	2.220
116 Chuck (choice)	2.248	2.306	-.058	2.205
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	1.256	1.256	-	1.209
120 Brisket (choice)	2.108	2.075	+.033	2.159
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.580	4.546	+.034	3.880
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.321	3.268	+.053	3.128
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.109	2.060	+.049	2.146
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.098	2.101	-.003	2.081
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	5.053	5.081	-.028	4.531
174 Short Loin (prime)	8.063	8.526	-.463	9.116
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.543	4.564	-.021	4.295
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.106	9.163	-.057	10.377
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.981	4.994	-.013	4.796
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.020	3.027	-.007	2.832
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.306	3.456	-.150	3.221
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.651	3.668	-.017	3.064
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.655	2.612	+.043	2.795
189a Tender (select)	8.012	8.463	-.451	7.847
189a Tender (choice)	12.232	12.389	-.157	9.889
189a Tender (prime)	13.924	13.864	+.060	14.269
193 Flank Steak (choice)	3.823	3.655	+.168	3.325
50% Trimmings	.759	.771	-.012	1.004
65% Trimmings	1.197	1.189	+.008	1.440
75% Trimmings	1.471	1.471	-	1.552
85% Trimmings	1.869	1.872	-.003	1.798
90% Trimmings	2.076	2.090	-.014	1.905
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.125	2.158	-.033	2.040
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.340	2.340	-	2.135
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	8.120	8.120	-	6.675
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	14.900	14.900	-	13.450



**Oil, Grains, Misc.-** The National Weather Service is calling for dry conditions to persist through Feb for U.S. winter wheat country. This could support wheat prices this winter. Prices USDA, FOB.

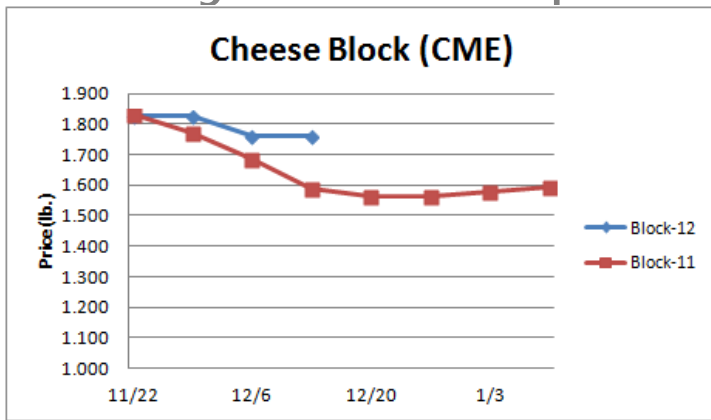
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Soybeans, bushel	14.845	14.866	-.021	11.380
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.476	.484	-.008	.493
Soybean Meal, ton	466.100	464.300	+1.800	272.400
Corn, bushel	7.347	7.708	-.361	5.940
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.515	.515	-	.530
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.204	.211	-.007	.183
Distillers Grain, Dry	255.000	258.750	-3.750	192.666
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.318	.329	-.011	.433
HRW Wheat, bushel	8.385	8.645	-.260	6.310
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	9.260	9.420	-.160	8.850
Durum Wheat, bushel	8.188	8.200	-.012	9.275
Pinto Beans, lb.	.342	.345	-.003	.443
Black Beans, lb.	.310	.330	-.020	.470
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.273	.273	-	.288
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	1.479	1.505	-.026	2.156
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.220	.225	-.005	.355
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.809	1.833	-.024	1.675



**Dairy-** The CME butter market is steady. Butter exports in Oct were up 48% and the highest since May. International butter prices have risen recently which is supportive of U.S. butter exports. The butter market may make an early bottom this year. The CME cheese markets are soft. Oct cheese exports were 13% above '11 and a new record for the month. Since Oct, the export environment for U.S. cheese has become more favorable. The CME cheese market typically falls 8.7% over last two weeks of the year. Any further declines this year should be less intense. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

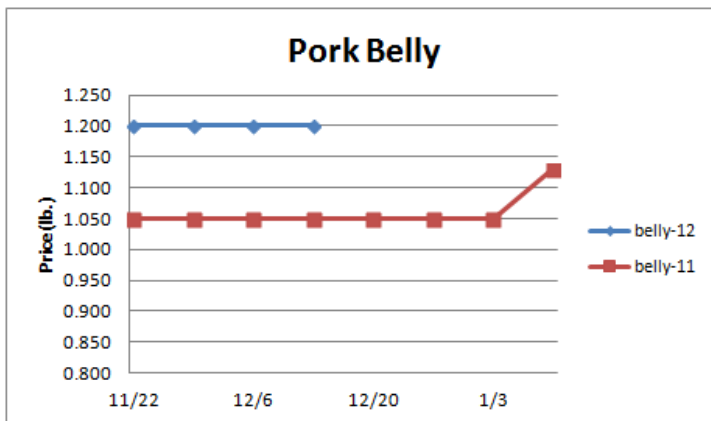
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.650	1.680	-.030	1.540
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.760	1.760	-	1.588
American Cheese	1.870	1.940	-.070	1.973
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.150	2.023	-.127	2.193
Mozzarella Cheese	1.995	2.048	-.053	2.038
Provolone Cheese	2.345	2.398	-.053	2.183
Parmesan Cheese	3.693	3.745	-.052	3.263
Butter (CME)	1.595	1.585	+.010	1.590
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.581	1.572	+.009	1.483
Whey, Dry	.651	.650	+.001	.653
Class I Base	21.390	21.390	-	18.470
Class II Cream, heavy	1.762	1.883	-.121	2.138
Class III Milk (CME)	18.150	18.170	-.020	16.640
Class IV Milk (CME)	18.250	18.410	-.160	16.900

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**Pork-** Pork production last week declined 1.3% and was .2% larger than the same week last year. Pork exports during Oct were up 3.4% versus a year ago and were the second highest since Nov '11. Russia may be curbing pork imports from the U.S. Domestic pork trade with Russia last year was 4% of total U.S. pork exports but only .6% of U.S. pork output. Restricted pork trade with Russia could slightly improve supplies of usual pork export items including hams, trim, loins and butts. The ham markets are seasonally declining. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Live Hogs	.577	.630	-.053	.608
Belly (bacon)	1.200	1.200	-	1.050
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.327	1.316	+.011	1.528
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.795	.850	-.055	.863
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.797	.838	-.041	.840
Loin (bone-in)	.861	.870	-.009	.982
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	1.969	1.966	+.003	2.587
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.025	2.000	+.025	2.436
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	.844	.858	-.014	1.007
Picnic, untrmd.	.722	.739	-.017	.707
SS Picnic, smoker trim. bx.	.990	.996	-.006	1.040
42% Trimmings	.397	.470	-.073	.470
72% Trimmings	.610	.574	+.036	.750



**Tomato Products, Canned-** Existing canned tomato supplies are adequate. Canned tomato prices could remain relatively steady through the winter. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

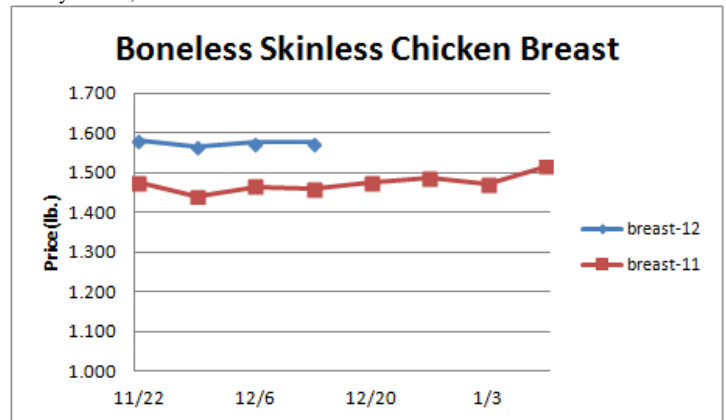
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.250	12.250	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.750	12.750	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.438	13.438	-	13.438
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.398	.398	-	.398

**Processed Vegetables-** Raw product costs for vegetable processors are expected to remain high next year. The processed vegetable markets are firm. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	19.656	19.656	-	18.406
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	19.250	19.250	-	18.000
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	20.750	20.750	-	18.750
Corn, Cob- froz 96 ct.	14.750	14.750	-	14.000
Corn, Kernel- froz 12/2.5#	19.500	19.500	-	14.250
Green Beans Cut- froz 12/2#	15.300	15.300	-	12.900
Green Peas- froz 12/2.5#	26.250	26.250	-	20.250
Potatoes, FF Fncy- froz 6/5#	14.000	14.000	-	13.000

**Poultry-** U.S. chicken exports in Oct were 6% less than the prior year but the largest in twelve months due in part to a relatively deflated U.S. dollar. If a weaker U.S. dollar persists into next year, it could support chicken leg quarter prices. The USDA is forecasting 1st quarter '13 chicken production to be 1% less than '12. Broiler egg set data as of late has not established a clear trend which conflicts with the USDA's output projection for this winter. The chicken wing markets typically remain sideways during the next two weeks but then rise 10% in Jan. The boneless skinless chicken breast markets usually appreciate next month as well but any increases this year may be tempered. The liquid egg markets may have peaked. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

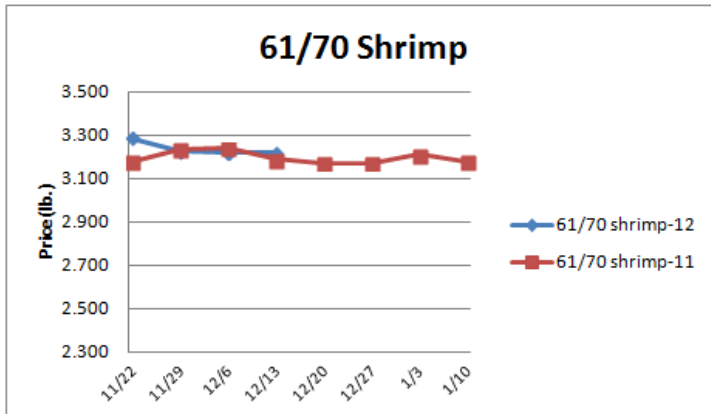
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 11
<b>Chicken</b>				
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	.975	.975	-	.898
Whole Birds (LA)	1.070	1.060	+.010	.990
Wings (whole)	1.850	1.835	+.015	1.445
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.922	1.907	+.015	1.434
Breast, Bone In	.975	.975	-	.830
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.575	1.575	-	1.460
Tenderloin (random)	1.240	1.240	-	1.280
Tenderloin (sized)	1.870	1.870	-	1.880
Legs (whole)	.648	.656	-.008	.677
Leg Quarters	.535	.535	-	.530
Thighs, bone in	.790	.789	+.001	.726
Thighs, boneless	1.267	1.297	-.030	1.267
<b>Eggs and Others</b>				
Large (dozen)	1.353	1.353	-	1.257
Medium (dozen)	1.063	1.065	-.002	1.028
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.809	.809	-	.580
Egg Whites- Liquid	.515	.540	-.025	.550
Egg Yolks- Liquid	1.130	1.209	-.079	.732
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.005	1.040	-.035	1.085
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	1.996	2.050	-.054	2.690



**Seafood-** Most shrimp markets remain below year ago levels. In Oct, U.S. total shrimp imports and shell-on shrimp imports were down 20% and 16% respectively versus last year. Year-to-date U.S. shrimp imports through Oct were down roughly 8% compared to '11. If the U.S. dollar continues to trade at relatively weak levels, it could cause fairly lackluster shrimp imports to persist, bringing support to the shrimp markets in Q1. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

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	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 11</u>
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	3.000	3.000	-	2.750
Catfish Filets	4.500	4.500	-	5.400
Trout (drm. 8-14 oz.)	3.700	3.700	-	3.500
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	5.321	5.259	+.062	6.225
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.216	3.216	-	3.187
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.375	4.375	-	4.880
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.025	5.025	-	5.350
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.800	5.800	-	6.100
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.175	3.175	-	3.280
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.325	3.325	-	3.680
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	5.125	5.125	-	6.354
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.925	1.925	-	1.800



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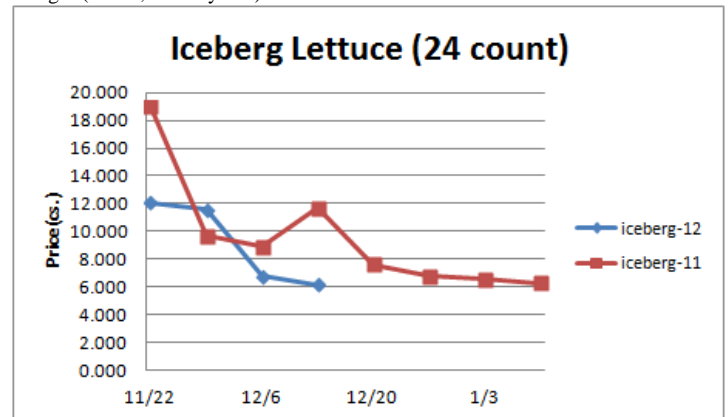
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 11</u>
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	85.790	88.500	-2.710	94.960
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.412	3.539	-.127	3.279
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.927	3.004	-.077	2.929
Electricity, mwht- nymex	39.970	41.050	-1.080	36.320
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.611	2.689	-.078	2.625
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.991	4.027	-.036	3.894
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.330	2.340	-.010	2.225
Canadian \$	.986	.993	-.007	1.026
Japanese Yen	82.877	82.070	+.807	77.840
Mexican Peso	12.760	12.940	-.180	13.781
Euro	.767	.765	+.002	.759
Brazilian Real	2.079	2.105	-.026	1.843

## Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com), pulp- [www.paperage.com](http://www.paperage.com).

<u>Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 11</u>
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	870.000	867.320	+2.680	890.000
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	763.108	764.728	-1.620	715.095
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.180-1.220	1.180-1.220	-	1.100-1.140
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	.960-.980	.960-.980	-	.960-.980
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.850-.880	.850-.880	-	.830-.860

**Produce-** Iceberg lettuce prices have fallen sharply recently due to strong Southwest lettuce production. Yuma and Imperial Valley lettuce shipments last week were 22% above a year ago. The downside risk for the iceberg lettuce markets from here may now only be modest. Tomato shipments from FL last week were 37% below '11. Cool overnight temperatures in FL have slowed tomato growth. Still, mature green tomato supplies are expected to pick up from FL and Mexico during this month which could place downward pressure on the various tomato markets. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 11</u>
Limes (150 ct.)	9.000	9.000	-	8.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	13.275	14.025	-.750	15.740
Lemons (200 ct.)	15.275	13.775	+1.500	18.240
Honeydew (6 ct.)	7.166	6.500	+.666	10.050
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	12.475	12.950	-.475	11.200
Blueberries (12 count)	26.833	22.333	+4.500	18.000
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	24.000	24.000	-	23.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	18.250	18.250	-	24.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.520	16.302	-1.782	14.598
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	9.177	8.656	+.521	9.791
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	4.375	5.000	-.625	8.750
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	4.375	5.000	-.625	8.625
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	10.781	10.718	+.063	15.037
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	5.625	6.750	-1.125	8.625
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	6.000	6.500	-.500	14.250
Processing Potato (cwt.)	6.000	6.000	-	7.500
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	8.166	8.500	-.334	6.250
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	15.066	14.192	+.874	10.787
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	12.390	12.499	-.109	8.671
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	20.400	20.125	+.275	17.508
Tomatoes (large- case)	13.200	13.200	-	9.200
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	18.200	22.218	-4.018	10.968
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	15.950	13.975	+1.975	10.000
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	14.159	11.290	+2.869	11.950
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	14.460	11.956	+2.204	12.325
Green Peppers (large- case)	7.090	6.931	+.159	8.166
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	14.950	15.450	-.500	18.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	6.170	6.815	-.645	11.690
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	14.250	17.000	-2.750	15.166
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	6.580	6.684	-.104	10.933
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	6.576	9.308	-2.732	10.008
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.687	6.614	+.073	6.968
Broccoli (14 ct.)	6.781	7.222	-.441	19.646
Squash (1/2 bushel)	11.350	6.425	+4.925	5.350
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	7.350	5.425	+1.925	8.175
Green Beans (bushel)	13.350	15.605	-2.255	14.550
Spinach, Flat 24's	8.100	8.250	-.150	12.550
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.145	15.625	-.480	15.145
Cucumbers (bushel)	12.625	9.925	+2.700	10.946
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	19.875	20.531	-.656	22.906
Asparagus (small)	17.500	16.500	+1.000	19.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5005.555	5005.555	-	5325.000



## Retail Prices-CPI, Percent compared to prior month from BLS.

	<u>Oct-12</u>	<u>Sep-12</u>	<u>Aug-12</u>	<u>Jul-12</u>
Beef and Veal	+.541	-.309	-.402	+.590
Dairy	+.823	+.355	+.054	-.487
Pork	+.184	-1.108	+1.563	+.403
Chicken	+1.920	-.393	+.481	+1.310
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-.322	+.289	-.206	-.010
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+1.012	+.769	+.042	-1.303