Weekly Market Updates

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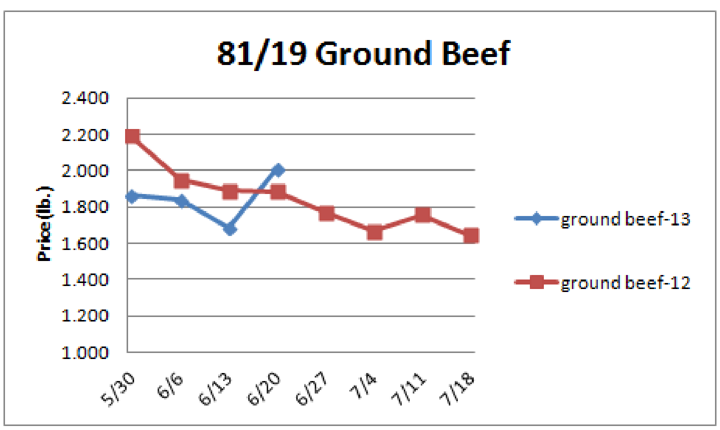
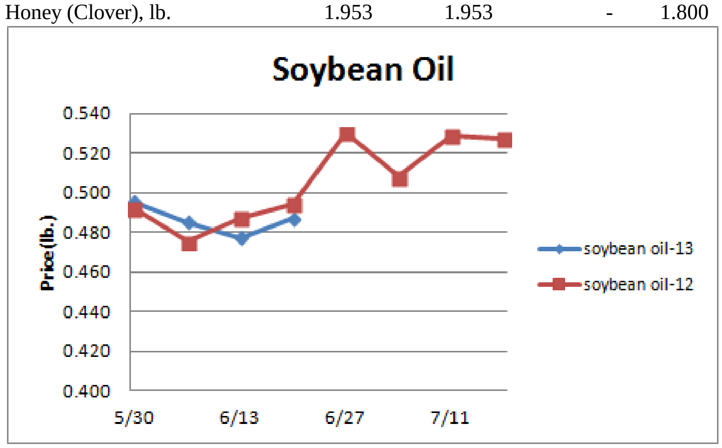
Beef- Beef output last week rose .4% but was 2% less than the same week a year ago. Tight cattle supplies are expected to cause beef production to remain below 2012 levels this summer. The beef markets have weakened as of late due in part to a temporary slowdown in retail feature activity. Still, the lower wholesale beef prices are encouraging buyers to source product with total shipments last week climbing to six month highs. Considerably slower demand is anticipated next month which should weigh on beef prices. Last year, the USDA choice boxed beef cutout declined 9.5% during July. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Cattle	1.219	1.234	-.015	1.2070
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.365	1.356	+.009	1.5380
Ground Beef 81/19	2.008	1.687	+.321	1.8860
Ground Chuck	1.735	1.735	-	1.9270
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.394	6.504	-.110	6.4360
109e Export Rib (prime)	7.946	8.936	-.990	8.9790
112a Ribeye (choice)	7.142	7.197	-.055	7.2430
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.046	8.998	+.048	9.5820
116 Chuck (select)	2.180	2.146	+.034	2.1040
116 Chuck (choice)	2.228	2.191	+.037	2.1820
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.029	2.054	-.025	2.141
120 Brisket (choice)	2.012	2.000	+.012	2.1980
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.598	4.502	+.096	5.4150
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.777	3.821	-.044	3.583
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.051	2.069	-.018	2.1120
168 Inside Round (ch.)	1.897	1.853	+.044	1.9950
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	6.351	6.933	-.582	6.8860
174 Short Loin (prime)	7.422	7.371	+.051	8.5520
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	6.276	6.989	-.713	6.9390
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	8.112	8.288	-.176	9.8910
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	7.301	7.826	-.525	7.9840
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.223	3.364	-.141	3.4940
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.662	3.771	-.109	3.7920
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	5.268	5.379	-.111	3.6520
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	3.669	3.613	+.056	3.6520
189a Tender (select)	8.297	8.589	-.292	9.6830
189a Tender (choice)	9.394	9.655	-.261	9.6830
189a Tender (prime)	12.190	11.974	+.216	13.7840
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.811	4.748	+.063	4.6590
50% Trimmings	.952	.887	+.065	.4920
65% Trimmings	1.263	1.265	-.002	.9950
75% Trimmings	1.642	1.639	+.003	1.6330
85% Trimmings	1.848	1.889	-.041	2.0380
90% Trimmings	1.970	1.976	-.006	2.2140
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.845	1.915	-.070	2.0500
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.025	2.075	-.050	2.2150
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	8.350	8.350	-	7.8000
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	15.150	15.150	-	14.0500



Oil, Grains, Misc.- U.S. corn and soybean country officially climbed out of drought status in May which bodes well for pending crop yields. The markets should remain inflated next month. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Soybeans, bushel	15.416	15.553	-.137	14.415
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.487	.477	+.010	.494
Soybean Meal, ton	490.300	502.900	-12.600	428.900
Corn, bushel	7.296	7.111	+.185	6.398
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.428	.430	-.002	.525
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.202	.199	+.003	.183
Distillers Grain, Dry	232.500	228.250	+4.250	213.000
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.355	.355	-	.429
HRW Wheat, bushel	7.190	7.315	-.125	6.550
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	8.250	8.450	-.200	8.390
Durum Wheat, bushel	8.225	8.163	+.062	6.950
Pinto Beans, lb.	.347	.336	+.011	.491
Black Beans, lb.	.305	.305	-	.420
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.291	.293	-.002	.254
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	1.227	1.243	-.016	1.512
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.195	.189	+.006	.285
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.953	1.953	-	1.800



Dairy- The CME butter market has been steady to soft during the last week. Existing butter stocks are ample which continues to weigh on prices. However, a strong discount in the U.S. butter market compared to international butter should encourage exports in the coming months. This factor and seasonally declining dairy output may pressure butter prices modestly higher next month. The CME butter market rose 9% during July of last year. The cheese markets are steady to soft as well but history points to moderate cheese market inflation during the next several weeks. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.750	1.773	-.023	1.610
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.725	1.733	-.008	1.620
American Cheese	1.965	1.920	+.045	1.750
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.120	2.115	+.005	2.033
Mozzarella Cheese	1.963	1.958	+.005	1.878
Provolone Cheese	2.318	2.313	+.005	2.228
Parmesan Cheese	3.665	3.660	+.005	3.308
Butter (CME)	1.508	1.540	-.032	1.545
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.725	1.720	+.005	1.215
Whey, Dry	.573	.578	-.005	.495
Class 1 Base	18.930	18.930	-	15.240
Class II Cream, heavy	2.133	2.065	+.068	1.999
Class III Milk (CME)	18.030	18.080	-.050	16.670
Class IV Milk (CME)	19.220	19.330	-.110	14.210

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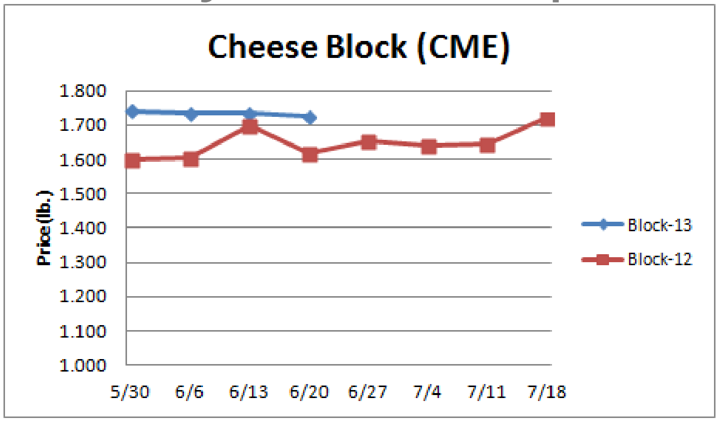
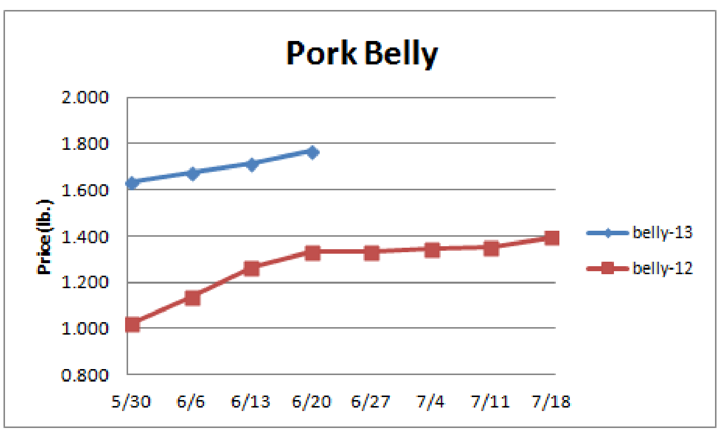


Pork- Pork production last week declined 3.5% but was flat with the same week a year ago due to heavier hog weights. Hog slaughter last week was the smallest for any non-holiday week since May 2010 due to poor pork packer margins. Continued challenged profitability for pork packers may limit pork output for the next week or two. The pork markets are firm in response to the curbed output with belly prices setting a new record high this week. Better pork production later this year should lead to sharply lower belly prices. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Hogs	.734	.724	+.010	.726
Belly (bacon)	1.766	1.714	+.052	1.330
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.579	1.498	+.081	1.800
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.787	.698	+.089	.770
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.805	.695	+.110	.781
Loin (bone-in)	1.185	1.059	+.126	1.200
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.506	2.452	+.054	2.800
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.743	2.773	-.030	3.067
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	1.126	1.074	+.052	1.057
Picnic, untrmd.	.731	.689	+.042	.620
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.936	.901	+.035	.770
42% Trimmings	.637	.527	+.110	.540
72% Trimmings	.861	.768	+.093	.820



Tomato Products, Canned- Historically inflated raw product costs for canners with the new crop should cause elevated canned tomato prices to persist. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

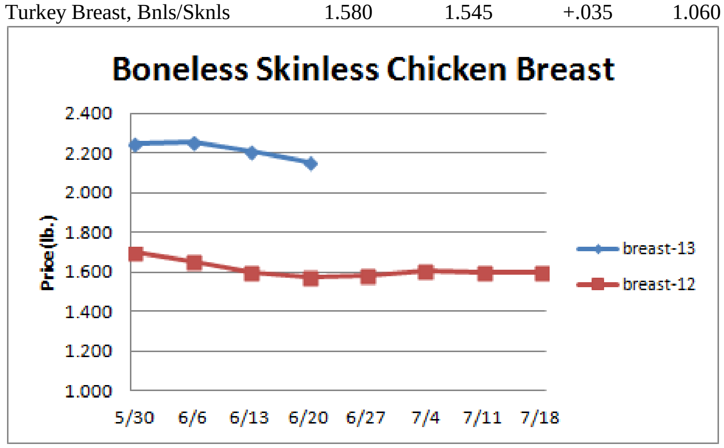
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.250	12.250	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.750	12.750	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.438	13.438	-	13.438
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.398	.398	-	.398

Processed Vegetables- The major green pea for processing harvest will expand in the coming weeks. The processed vegetable markets remain relatively firm. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

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

Poultry- Chicken output for the week ending June 8th was just .1% larger than a year ago. Broiler egg sets continue trend above last year with the six week moving average currently 1% larger than 2012. This, along with heavier bird weights, should fuel solid chicken production expansion versus last year in the coming months. Still, any chicken output gains are anticipated to be tempered by persisting elevated feed costs this summer. Spot feed costs for chicken producers recently climbed to ten month highs. The chicken breast markets are seasonally weakening with the ARA boneless skinless chicken breast index off nearly $.20 a pound from the peak. Chicken breast prices may find support soon. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.058	1.055	+.003	.945
Wings (whole)	1.410	1.380	+.030	1.040
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.459	1.424	+.035	1.830
Breast, Bone In	1.320	1.330	-.010	1.786
Breast, Bnless Skinless	2.155	2.210	-.055	1.005
Tenderloin (random)	1.700	1.850	-.150	1.570
Tenderloin (sized)	2.110	2.260	-.150	1.490
Legs (whole)	.810	.799	+.011	2.220
Leg Quarters	.545	.545	-	.624
Thighs, bone in	.865	.878	-.013	.545
Thighs, boneless	1.406	1.463	-.057	.737
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	.897	1.087	-.190	1.256
Medium (dozen)	.772	.952	-.180	.990
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.643	.644	-.001	.695
Egg Whites- Liquid	.744	.716	+.028	.460
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.750	.750	-	.433
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	.965	.965	-	.656
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	1.580	1.545	+.035	1.060



Seafood- The Canadian snow crab harvest is progressing with 80% of the quota landed in Newfoundland and nearly 90% fished in St. Lawrence. The combined Newfoundland and St. Lawrence snow crab quota this year is 4.6% bigger than 2012. A depreciating Japanese yen and higher U.S. dollar are expected to direct more Canadian snow crab to the U.S. This may weigh on domestic snow crab prices this summer. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

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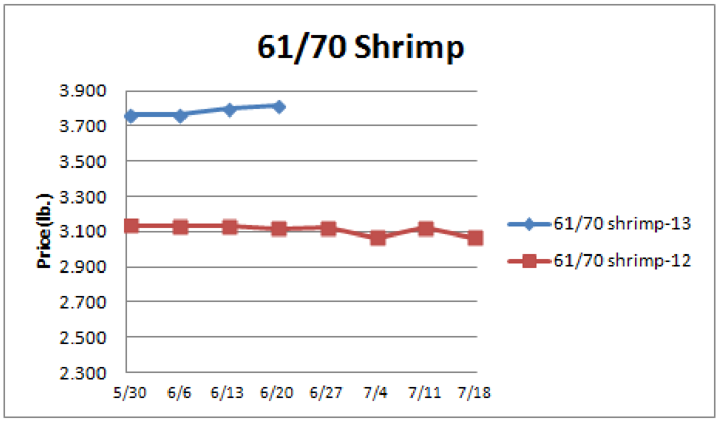
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Catfish Filets	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Trout (drn. 8-14 oz.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	6.735	6.650	+.085	5.609
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.816	3.800	+.016	3.117
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	5.650	5.400	+.250	4.725
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	4.850	4.800	+.050	4.900
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.650	5.375	+.275	5.163
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.088	3.088	-	3.500
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.000	3.013	-.013	3.588
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	5.458	5.458	-	5.833
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.775	1.775	-	1.775



Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

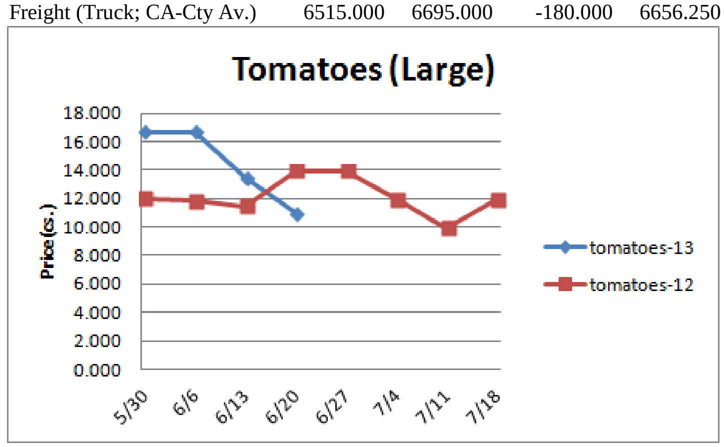
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	97.770	95.380	+2.390	84.030
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.875	3.724	+.151	2.545
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.950	2.858	+.092	2.634
Electricity, mwht- nymex	54.190	47.910	+6.280	54.250
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.856	2.823	+.033	2.642
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.841	3.849	-.008	3.729
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.560	2.590	-.030	1.975
Canadian $	1.022	1.018	+.004	1.021
Japanese Yen	95.390	96.557	-1.167	78.905
Mexican Peso	12.901	12.740	+.161	13.746
Euro	.746	.753	-.007	.792
Brazilian Real	2.179	2.138	+.041	2.048
Chinese Yuan	6.130	6.133	-.003	6.356

Paper/Plastic-Provided by; resin- www.plasticsnews.com, pulp- www.paperage.com.

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	938.210	937.420	+.790	900.000
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	797.533	789.797	+7.736	676.479
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.180-1.220	1.180-1.220	-	1.150-1.190
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.010-1.030	1.010-1.030	-	1.060-1.080
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.920-.950	.920-.950	-	.870-.900

Produce- The tomato markets have depreciated during the last week as supplies improve from California. Better tomato shipments are anticipated next month from the eastern growing areas. The iceberg lettuce market remains fairly flat but continues to trend above 2012 levels. History suggests that modestly higher iceberg lettuce prices may be impending. The iceberg lettuce markets have appreciated in each of the last three Julys by an average of 37%. Solid avocado demand is supporting avocado prices. Avocado shipments this season are trending 40% above last year. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Limes (150 ct.)	8.000	8.000	-	6.500
Lemons (95 ct.)	22.525	22.025	+.500	18.740
Lemons (200 ct.)	15.775	14.775	+1.000	20.740
Honeydew (6 ct.)	4.862	4.250	+.612	6.250
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	5.500	6.975	-1.475	6.000
Blueberries (12 count)	17.583	18.000	-.417	16.733
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	12.000	10.000	+2.000	10.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	36.000	36.750	-.750	32.000
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.854	15.213	-.359	15.511
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	12.708	13.437	-.729	13.542
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	10.750	10.750	-	8.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	10.750	10.750	-	8.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	16.406	15.270	+1.136	14.521
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	10.750	10.750	-	6.500
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	7.500	7.500	-	10.750
Processing Potato (cwt.)	6.500	6.500	-	10.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	9.000	10.666	-1.666	6.625
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	14.125	13.796	+.329	11.177
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	13.958	14.500	-.542	16.313
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	17.854	17.937	-.083	17.875
Tomatoes (large- case)	10.950	13.450	-2.500	13.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	15.731	19.383	-3.652	14.942
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	8.970	9.950	-.980	9.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	10.712	12.291	-1.579	15.050
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	10.950	12.966	-2.016	15.133
Green Peppers (large- case)	10.787	14.950	-4.163	14.067
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	18.950	18.950	-	14.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	10.057	10.324	-.267	7.688
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	19.333	21.000	-1.667	18.000
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	8.725	7.325	+1.400	7.153
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	10.100	8.137	+1.963	7.500
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.906	6.750	+.156	6.906
Broccoli (14 ct.)	8.982	10.187	-1.205	14.700
Squash (1/2 bushel)	11.025	8.600	+2.425	9.550
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	11.300	7.050	+4.250	9.600
Green Beans (bushel)	33.300	19.300	+14.000	12.255
Spinach, Flat 24's	10.195	10.475	-.280	11.225
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.145	14.916	+.229	16.985
Cucumbers (bushel)	11.532	10.960	+.572	8.750
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	21.875	23.875	-2.000	22.806
Asparagus (small)	11.250	10.500	+.750	15.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	6515.000	6695.000	-180.000	6656.250



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

	May-13	Apr-13	Mar-13	Feb-13
Beef and Veal	+.459	-.005	+.067	+.398
Dairy	-.532	+.008	-.639	-.359
Pork	+.578	-.630	+.646	+.807
Chicken	-.063	+1.030	+.548	-.852
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-1.414	+2.623	+1.680	-.770
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+.314	-1.594	-.835	-.025