Weekly Market Updates

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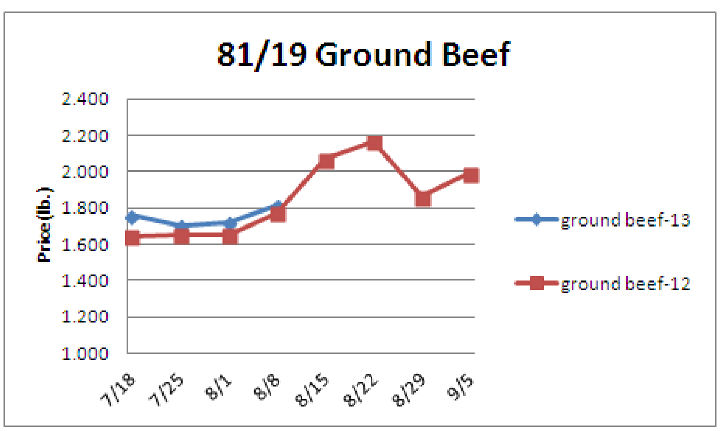
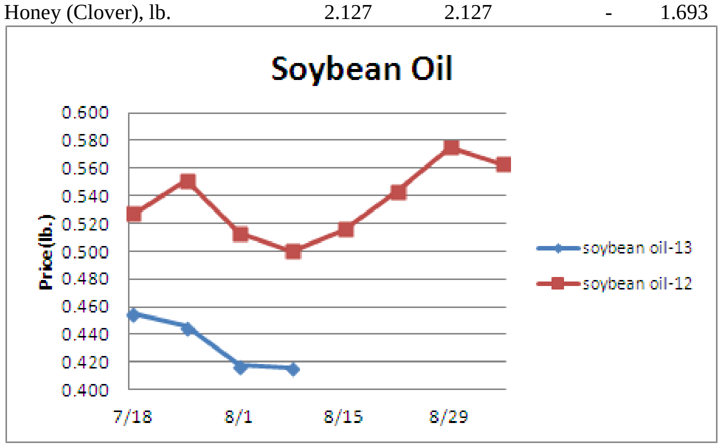
Beef- Beef output last week declined 1.7% and was 2% less than the same week a year ago. Cattle slaughter last week was the smallest for any non-holiday week since early May as lower beef prices have caused beef packers to curb output. Slowed beef production is persisting this week. Beef demand is relatively quiet with choice loin prices falling 25% since their peak this spring to their lowest level in five months. Labor Day holiday demand is expected to bring some support to the beef markets shortly. Last year the choice 0x1 beef strip market increased 7% during the next two weeks. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Cattle	1.225	1.211	+.014	1.179
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.498	1.483	+.015	1.374
Ground Beef 81/19	1.812	1.718	+.094	1.774
Ground Chuck	1.845	1.856	-.011	1.803
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.457	5.236	+.221	5.392
109e Export Rib (prime)	9.308	9.280	+.028	8.944
112a Ribeye (choice)	5.916	5.774	+.142	6.114
112a Ribeye (prime)	8.870	9.176	-.306	9.098
116 Chuck (select)	2.173	2.202	-.029	2.192
116 Chuck (choice)	2.233	2.247	-.014	2.184
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.043	2.051	-.008	2.139
120 Brisket (choice)	1.979	1.987	-.008	2.025
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.163	4.054	+.109	5.421
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.839	3.802	+.037	3.486
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.187	2.150	+.037	2.257
168 Inside Round (ch.)	1.992	1.937	+.055	2.007
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.841	4.407	+.434	5.123
174 Short Loin (prime)	7.966	7.814	+.152	8.302
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.236	4.461	-.225	4.671
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.380	9.566	-.186	9.546
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.839	4.811	+.028	5.189
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.976	2.919	+.057	3.077
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.834	3.891	-.057	3.791
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	3.332	3.556	-.224	4.253
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.424	2.415	+.009	3.124
189a Tender (select)	8.578	8.454	+.124	8.730
189a Tender (choice)	9.188	9.032	+.156	9.157
189a Tender (prime)	12.452	12.532	-.080	13.181
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.736	4.733	+.003	4.883
50% Trimmings	1.104	1.103	+.001	.425
65% Trimmings	1.382	1.430	-.048	1.029
75% Trimmings	1.610	1.605	+.005	1.527
85% Trimmings	1.863	1.956	-.093	1.901
90% Trimmings	2.006	1.990	+.016	2.075
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.903	1.885	+.018	2.035
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.020	2.010	+.010	2.155
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	8.350	8.350	-	7.725
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	15.050	15.150	-.100	13.950



Oil, Grains, Misc.- Soybean oil prices are trading near three year lows due in part to ample world food oil stocks. The downside price risk in soybean oil from here may be nominal. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Soybeans, bushel	12.967	13.151	-.184	16.096
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.416	.418	-.002	.500
Soybean Meal, ton	417.600	475.200	-57.600	545.300
Corn, bushel	5.712	5.796	-.084	7.910
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.395	.380	+.015	.563
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.171	.173	-.002	.215
Distillers Grain, Dry	227.000	231.00	-4.000	295.625
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.312	.310	+.002	.412
HRW Wheat, bushel	7.080	7.020	+.060	8.685
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	7.790	7.770	+.020	9.310
Durum Wheat, bushel	7.100	7.813	-.713	7.725
Pinto Beans, lb.	.414	.401	+.013	.460
Black Beans, lb.	.395	.395	-	.420
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.293	.293	-	.259
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	1.204	1.178	+.026	1.715
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.198	.201	-.003	.295
Honey (Clover), lb.	2.127	2.127	-	1.693



Dairy- The CME butter market continues to trend well below year ago levels due to ample U.S. supplies. Typically the butter market moves modestly upward during August. The CME cheese markets are edging higher. The international dairy markets have been historically elevated as of late however they have been impacted by a Chinese ban on various New Zealand whey products. As New Zealand is the largest dairy exporting country there is concern that China and other countries could look to the U.S. for more dairy products influencing prices higher here. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.793	1.760	+.033	1.825
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.793	1.770	+.023	1.850
American Cheese	1.963	1.928	+.035	1.870
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.155	2.140	+.015	2.095
Mozzarella Cheese	1.998	1.983	+.015	1.940
Provolone Cheese	2.353	2.338	+.015	2.290
Parmesan Cheese	3.700	3.685	+.015	3.370
Butter (CME)	1.420	1.430	-.010	1.735
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.808	1.801	+.007	1.313
Whey, Dry	.575	.577	-.002	.522
Class 1 Base	18.880	18.880	-	16.550
Class II Cream, heavy	2.112	2.188	-.076	2.592
Class III Milk (CME)	18.000	18.710	-.710	19.200
Class IV Milk (CME)	19.790	19.820	-.030	16.800

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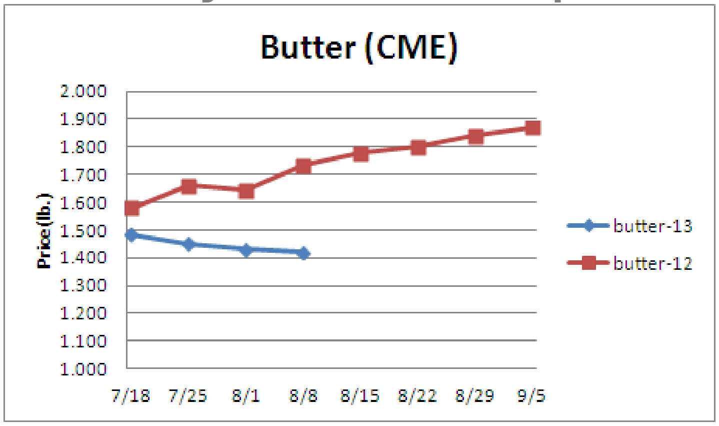
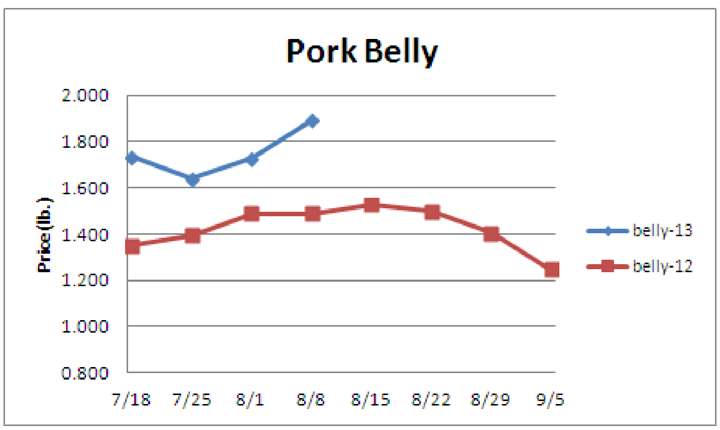


Pork- Pork production last week rose 1.5% and was .6% above a year ago. Pork output should begin to seasonally build later this month and is expected to continue to trend above 2012 levels. The pork markets are generally moving upward due in part to better retail feature activity this month. History suggests that the USDA pork cutout index should peak during the next few weeks. Pork belly prices could top relatively soon as well. Last year belly prices depreciated 8% during the last two weeks of August. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Hogs	.720	.697	+.023	0.655
Belly (bacon)	1.893	1.731	+.162	1.527
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.450	1.441	+.009	1.323
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.847	.830	+.017	.830
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.844	.820	+.024	.830
Loin (bone-in)	1.064	1.045	+.019	.988
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.264	2.281	-.017	2.149
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.540	2.642	-.102	2.560
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	.920	.895	+.025	.839
Picnic, untrmd.	.735	.699	+.036	.676
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.894	.897	-.003	.823
42% Trimmings	.893	.777	+.116	.618
72% Trimmings	1.000	.984	+.016	.720



Tomato Products, Canned- Midwestern tomato for canning supplies will become more available in the coming weeks. The canned tomato markets are steady. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA.

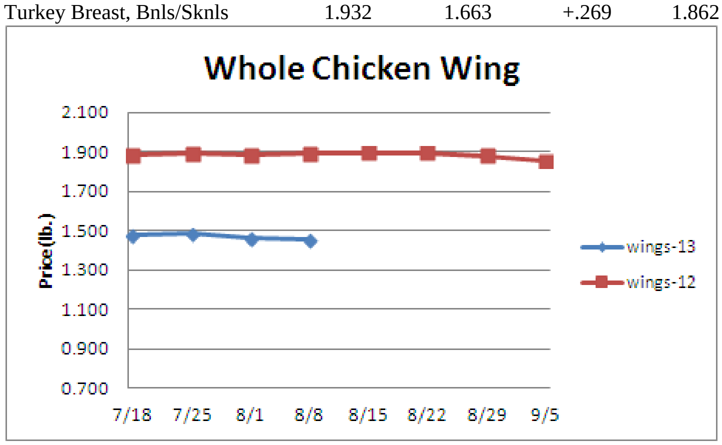
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Whole Peeled, Standard	12.250	12.250	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	12.750	12.750	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	13.438	13.438	-	13.438
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.398	.398	-	.398

Processed Vegetables- The green bean and corn for processing harvests will advance in the coming weeks. The processed vegetable markets are 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 July 27th was 3.9% larger than the same week a year ago. 2013 chicken production is now trending 3.2% above the prior year. Lower feed costs for chicken producers should encourage strong chicken output expansion in the coming months. Spot feed costs for chicken producers last week fell to their lowest level in thirteen months. The weekly ARA chicken cutout index has fallen to four week lows. Usually the ARA chicken cutout index appreciates 8% during the next four weeks due in part to Labor Day holiday feature activity and better wing demand for the beginning of the football season. The five year average more for the jumbo cut chicken wing market during the next ten weeks is up 8%. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.065	1.065	-	.948
Wings (whole)	1.455	1.465	-.010	1.890
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.493	1.592	-.099	1.838
Breast, Bone In	1.240	1.255	-.015	1.030
Breast, Bnless Skinless	2.095	2.100	-.005	1.605
Tenderloin (random)	1.730	1.730	-	1.290
Tenderloin (sized)	2.050	2.050	-	1.920
Legs (whole)	.684	.803	-.119	.638
Leg Quarters	.535	.540	-.005	.510
Thighs, bone in	.865	.868	-.003	.793
Thighs, boneless	1.543	1.537	+.006	1.289
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	1.110	1.123	-.013	1.503
Medium (dozen)	.798	.780	+.018	1.068
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.771	.732	+.039	.714
Egg Whites- Liquid	.789	.758	+.031	.507
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.767	.756	+.011	.956
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.015	.980	+.035	1.075
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	1.932	1.663	+.269	1.862



Seafood- The shrimp markets continue to trend well above year ago levels due in part to disease challenges with Thailand shrimp production. U.S. shrimp imports in June were down 19% from the previous year. Thailand is the largest shrimp exporting country accounting for 25% of U.S. shrimp imports in 2012. Better Thailand shrimp output is anticipated later this year. The upside price risk in shrimp from here may be limited. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

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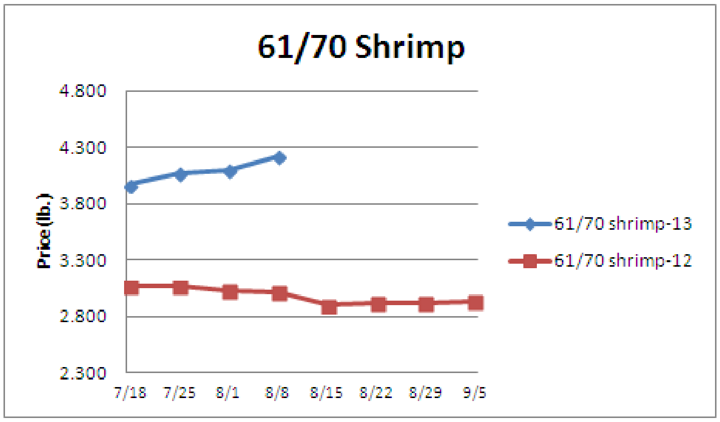
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Catfish Filets	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Trout (drn. 8-14 oz.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	7.304	7.285	+.019	5.465
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	4.216	4.100	+.116	3.017
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	6.100	5.900	+.200	4.725
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.200	5.100	+.100	4.725
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	6.200	6.025	+.175	5.000
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.088	3.088	-	3.475
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.000	3.000	-	3.425
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	5.458	5.458	-	5.083
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.775	1.775	-	1.775



Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

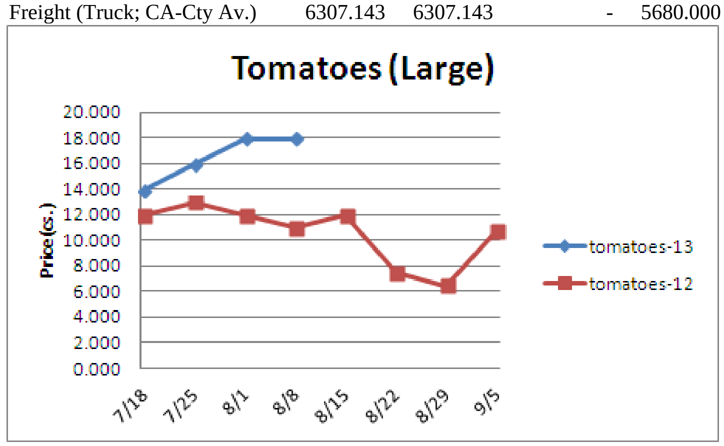
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	105.300	103.080	+2.220	93.670
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.318	3.432	-.114	2.964
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	3.001	3.007	-.006	2.998
Electricity, mwht- nymex	41.980	36.050	+5.930	46.020
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.915	3.019	-.104	2.991
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.909	3.915	-.006	3.850
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.260	2.305	-.045	2.740
Canadian $	1.037	1.029	+.008	.997
Japanese Yen	97.276	97.697	-.421	78.456
Mexican Peso	12.618	12.797	-.179	13.240
Euro	.751	.754	-.003	.810
Brazilian Real	2.298	2.280	+.018	2.030
Chinese Yuan	6.121	6.131	-.010	6.364

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)	947.710	946.180	+1.530	861.390
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	793.522	792.089	+1.433	671.197
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.180-1.220	1.180-1.220	-	1.130-1.170
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.040-1.060	1.040-1.060	-	.910-.930
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.920-.950	.920-.950	-	.800-.830

Produce- The Idaho potato markets continue to trade at some of their highest levels since the summer of 2011. Existing Idaho potato storage supplies are seasonally tight. The chief Idaho potato harvest has gotten underway and potato supplies should begin to improve shortly. Still, relatively elevated Idaho potato markets could persist through the end of the month. Iceberg lettuce supplies remain limited due in part to recent adverse weather. Romaine and leaf lettuce prices are tracking below iceberg which signals that some iceberg lettuce market relief may be pending soon. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Limes (150 ct.)	7.500	8.000	-.500	9.500
Lemons (95 ct.)	25.275	25.275	-	18.240
Lemons (200 ct.)	17.525	17.515	+.010	20.740
Honeydew (6 ct.)	5.250	5.250	-	6.000
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	4.000	4.000	-	3.750
Blueberries (12 count)	13.000	11.966	+1.034	18.333
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	11.500	10.500	+1.000	11.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	37.500	35.750	+1.750	24.750
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	15.879	12.625	+3.254	15.384
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	15.447	15.770	-.323	15.472
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	18.500	18.500	-	11.250
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	18.500	18.500	-	11.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	24.974	24.912	+.062	15.625
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	18.500	18.500	-	9.500
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	14.000	14.000	-	17.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	7.000	7.000	-	7.500
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	7.250	7.750	-.500	10.167
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	11.479	12.687	-1.208	16.094
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.427	9.255	+.172	15.250
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	13.297	17.546	-4.249	18.000
Tomatoes (large- case)	17.950	17.950	-	10.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	18.374	18.312	+.062	13.583
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	14.950	14.950	-	8.450
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	13.068	12.830	+.238	11.163
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	13.108	12.458	+.650	10.960
Green Peppers (large- case)	17.712	15.437	+2.275	7.690
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	23.950	20.950	+3.000	15.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	23.487	22.077	+1.410	10.328
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	31.500	32.250	-.750	17.333
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	11.752	14.000	-2.248	9.763
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	11.637	13.090	-1.453	11.335
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.625	6.812	-.187	6.875
Broccoli (14 ct.)	14.850	13.525	+1.325	6.835
Squash (1/2 bushel)	17.425	18.425	-1.000	7.925
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	14.462	14.462	-	8.425
Green Beans (bushel)	19.000	19.000	-	22.700
Spinach, Flat 24's	16.240	19.305	-3.065	11.045
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.611	15.145	+.466	15.000
Cucumbers (bushel)	15.975	13.517	+2.458	9.932
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	32.083	32.000	+.083	23.188
Asparagus (small)	15.500	18.500	-3.000	16.750
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	6307.143	6307.143	-	5680.000



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

	Jun-13	May-13	Apr-13	Mar-13
Beef and Veal	+.358	+.459	-.005	+.067
Dairy	-1.230	-.532	+.008	-.639
Pork	+.722	+.578	-.630	+.646
Chicken	+1.900	-.063	+1.030	+.548
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+.626	-1.414	+2.623	+1.680
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-1.265	+.314	-1.594	-.835