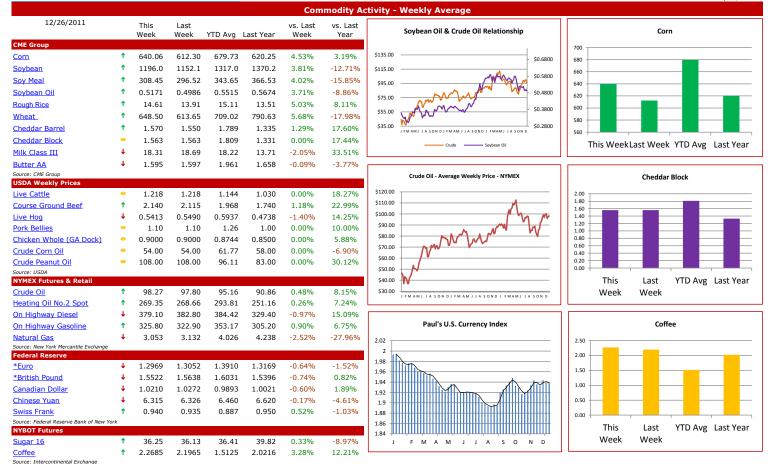
#### **Key Commodity Report Weekly**

January 2, 2012



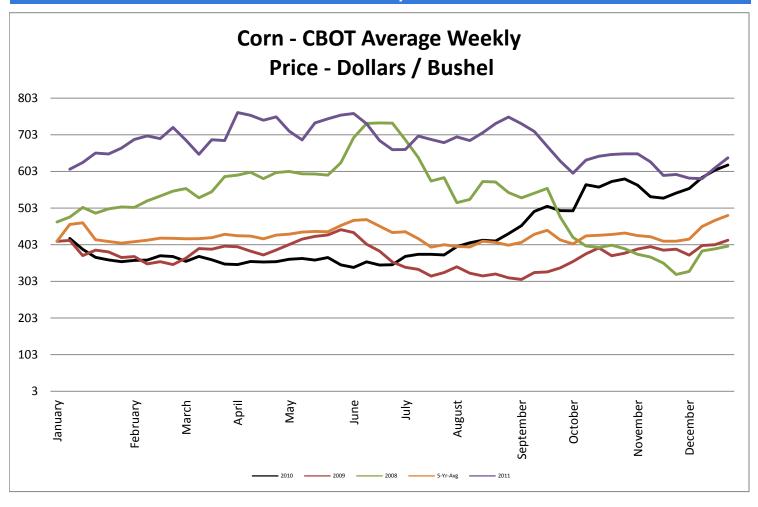
#### **Market Commentary**

Commentary: Happy New Year! Last year ended with a pretty strong rally in most commodities. The last two weeks saw an upward trend for crude oil, corn, the soybean complex, rice, wheat, and etc. It appears that the U.S. dollar has continued to improve versus the Euro. Usually, when the U.S. dollar improves, commodities go down, so what is the story here? The reality is that the dollar is not improving overall. If you look at the dollar index above you will see it is actually trending downward. It is improving versus the Euro, and other European currencies, but it is still losing ground to China, India, etc. So, up goes the commodities. The U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency. It is actually in terrible shape. Many nations want to do away with the dollar as the reserve currency. If this happens, inflation in the U.S. will skyrocket overnight. Enough about the dollar. Currencies are likely to continue a long-term upward trend. The corn/soybean acre war will be in full swing very soon. What will win? As I have written in the past, neither can afford to lose any ground to the other, but corn is in worse shape and a likely overall winner. This activity usually means that some crop(s) outside of corn and beans will lose also. Still in the news is very dry and hot weather in South America which also lends support to the upward trend in futures pricing. No big news from the Australian wheat crop, which is good news.

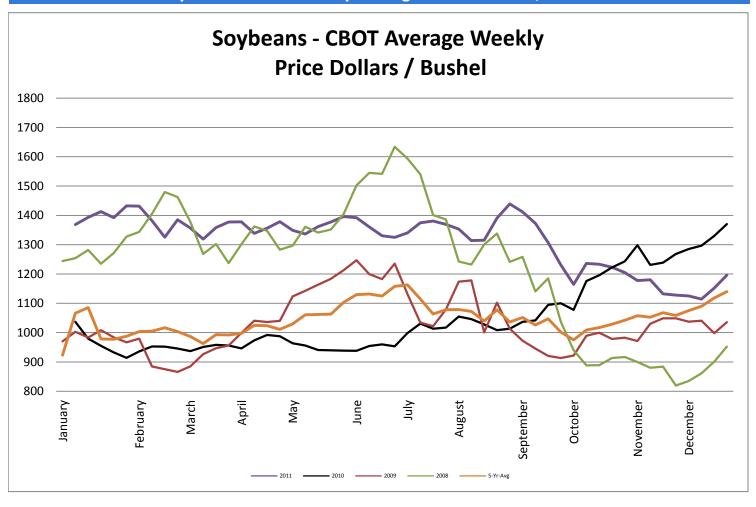
Corn futures closed between \$6.19-1/2 and \$6.46-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.46-1/2. Soybean futures closed between \$11.63 and \$11.98-1/2 per bushel, ending the week at \$11.98-1/2. Soybean meal futures closed between \$297.00 and \$310.10 per short ton, ending the week at \$310.10. Soybean oil futures closed between \$0.5096 and \$0.5209 per pound, ending the week at \$0.5209. Wheat futures closed between \$6.22 and \$6.52-3/4 per bushel, ending the week at \$6.52-3/4.

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

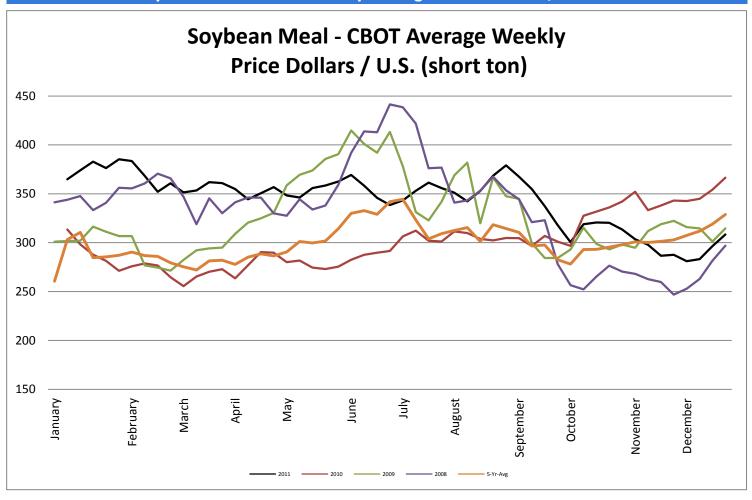
#### **Corn - CBOT Weekly Futures Price**



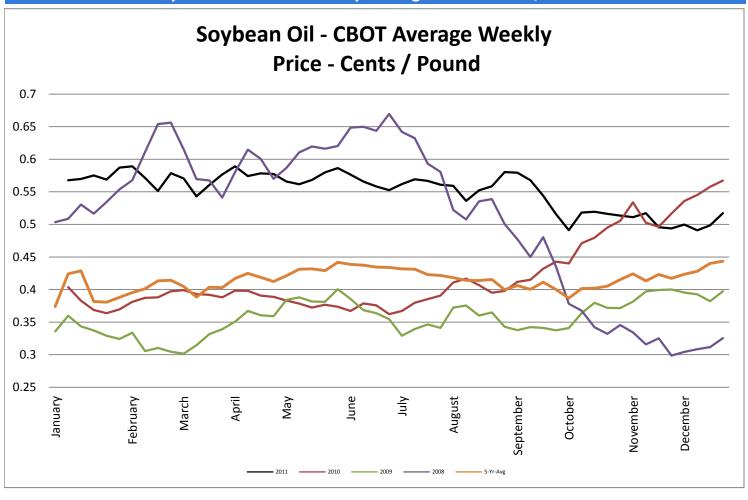
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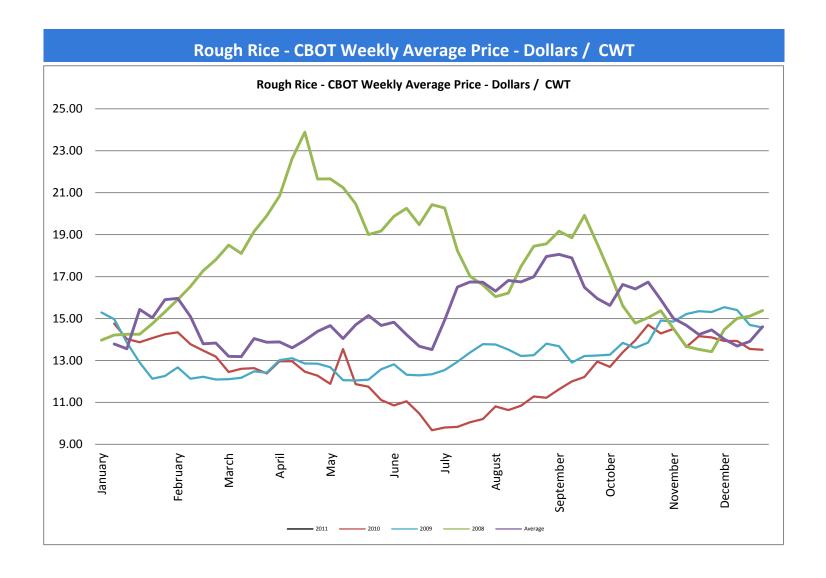


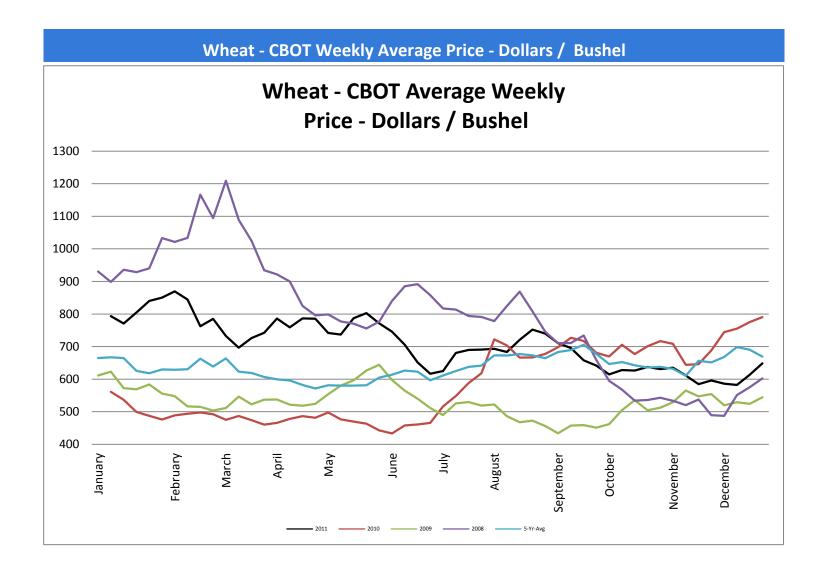


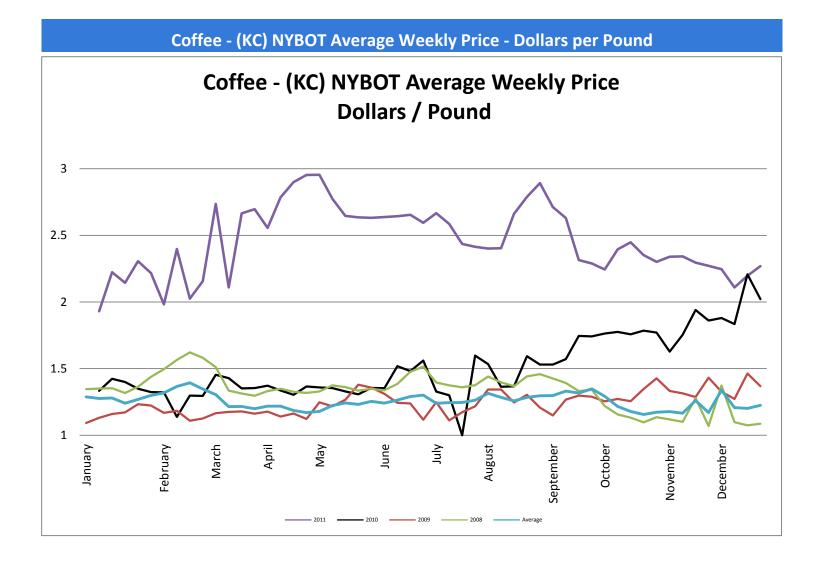




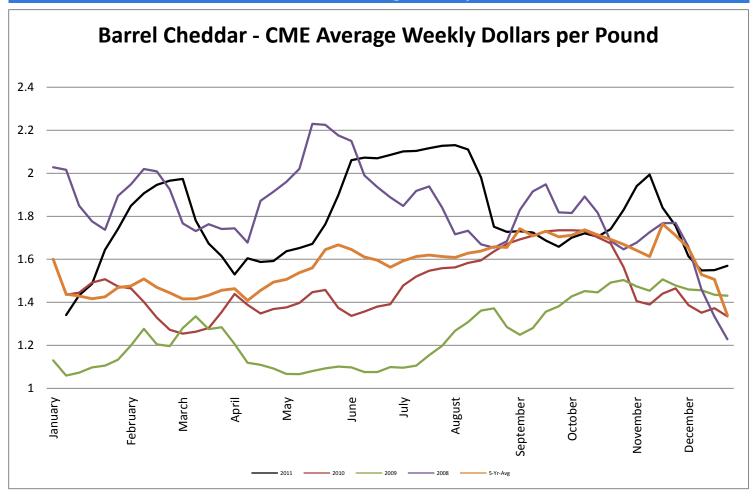




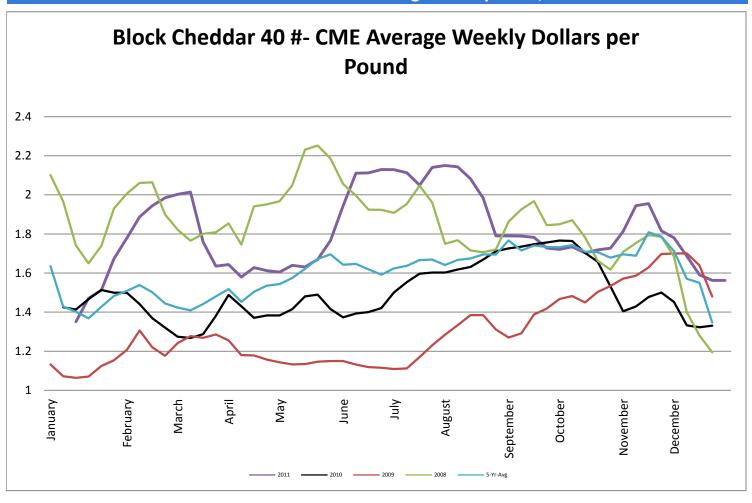


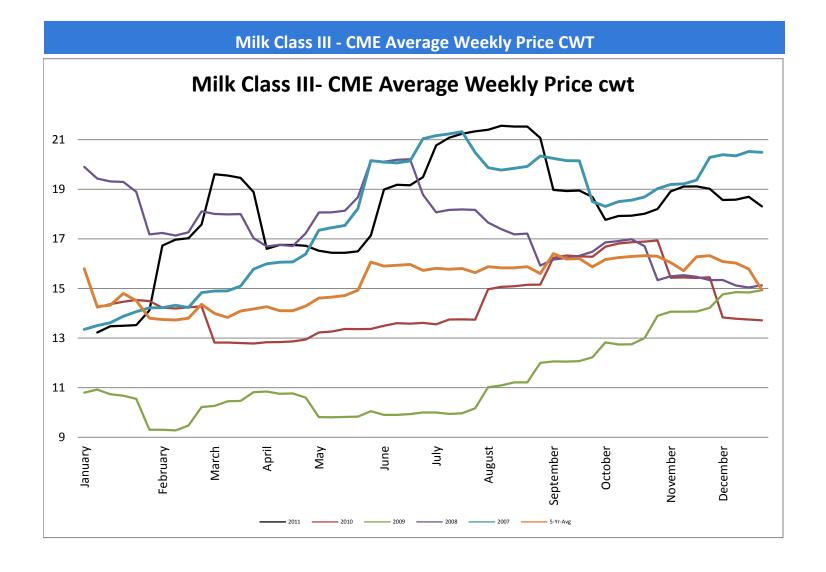


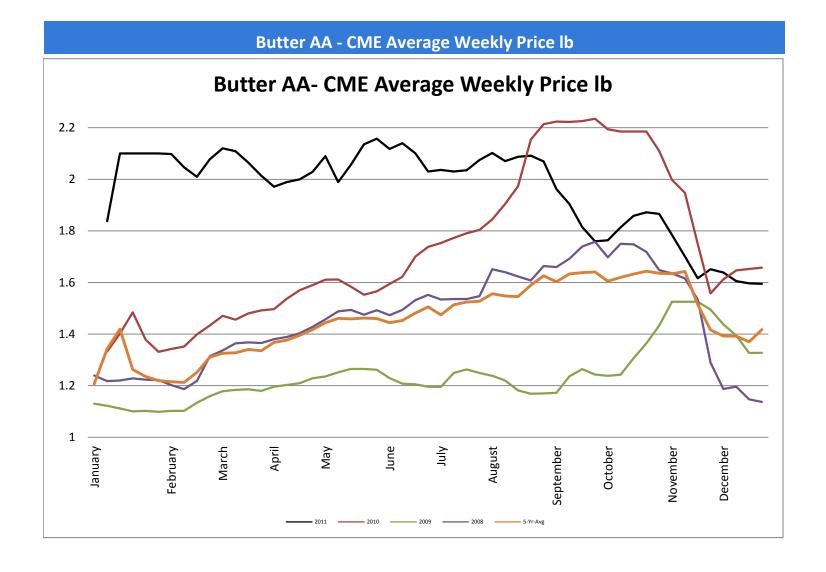
#### **Barrel Cheddar - CME Average Weekly Price / Pound**



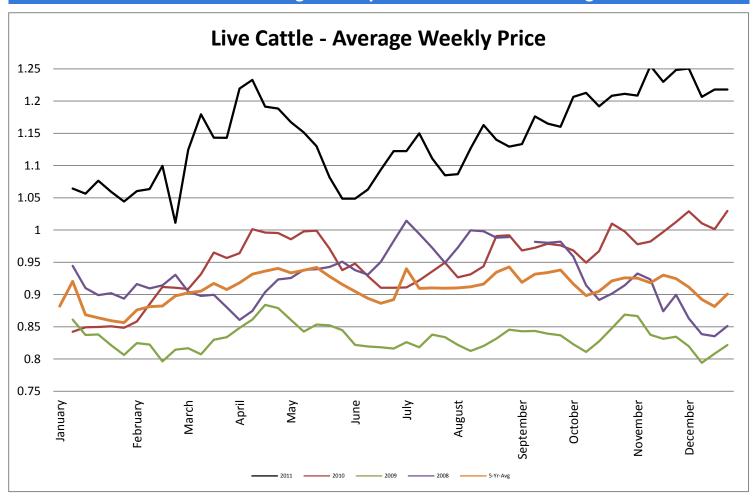
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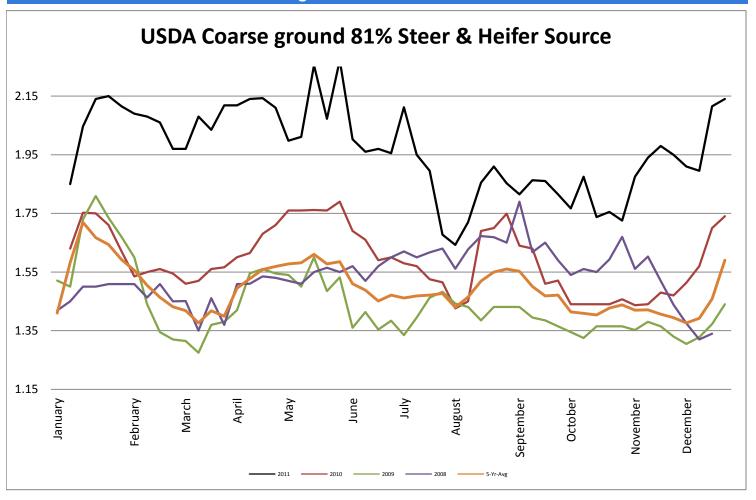


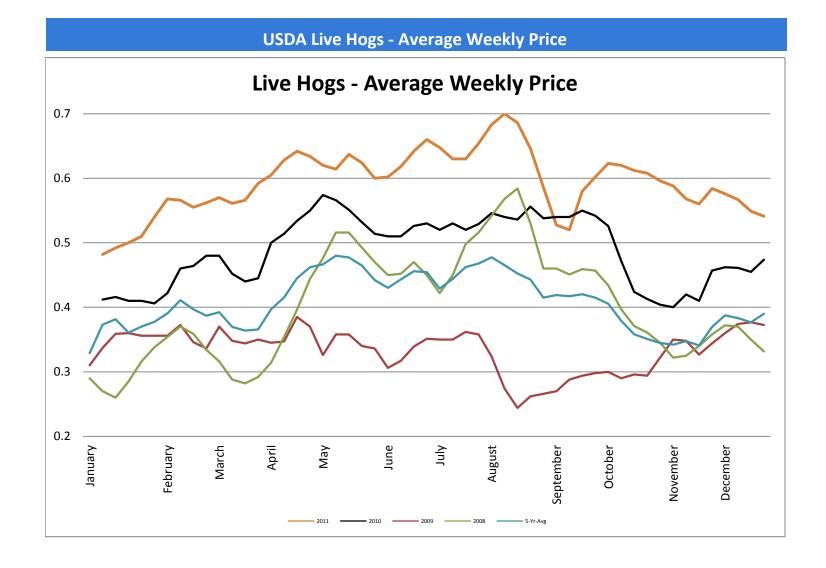


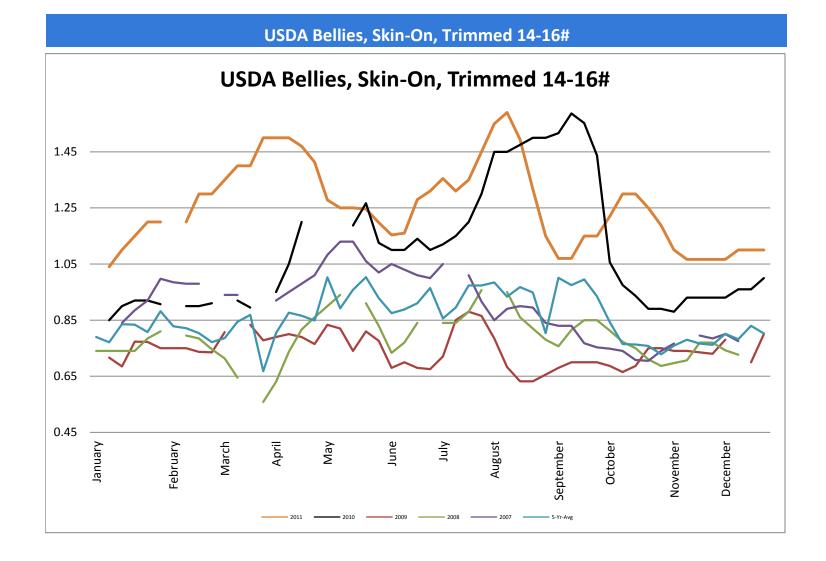
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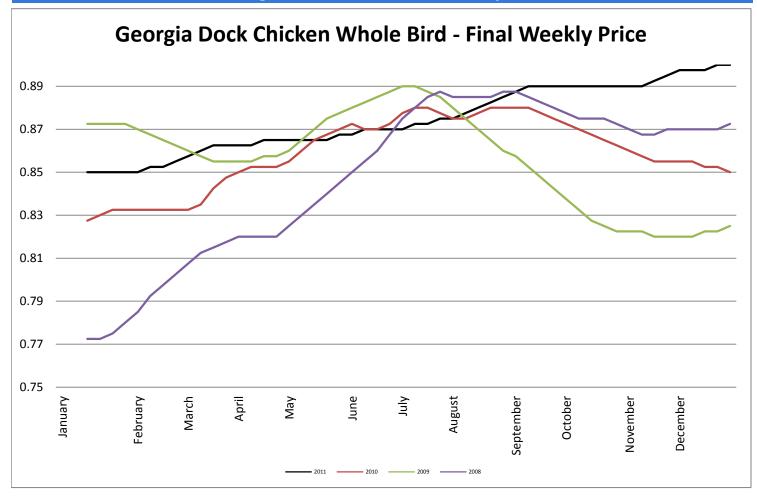
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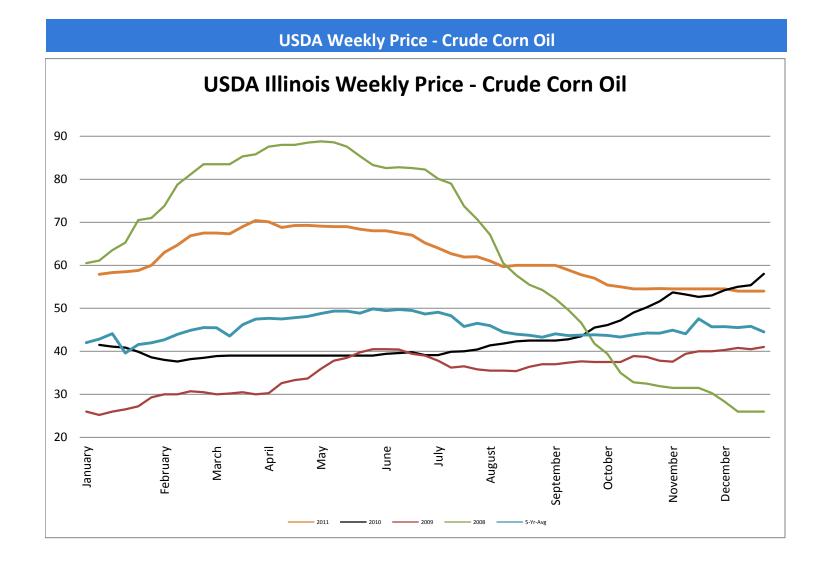


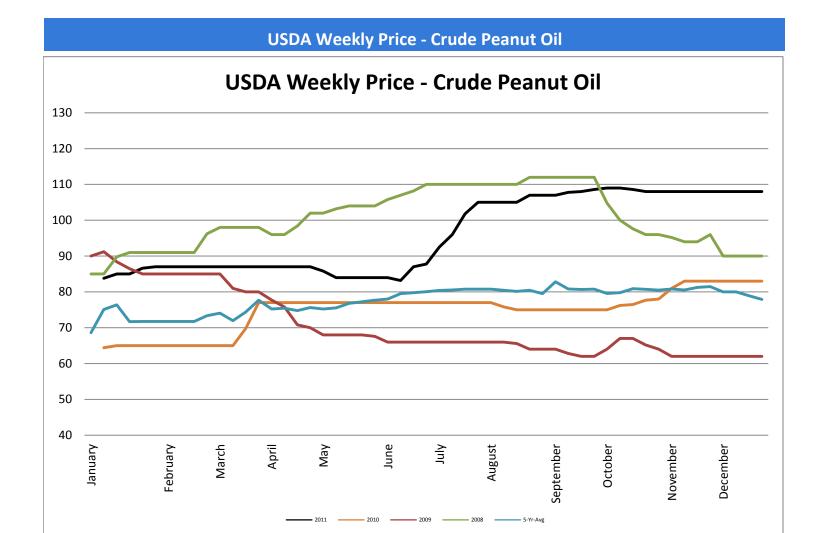




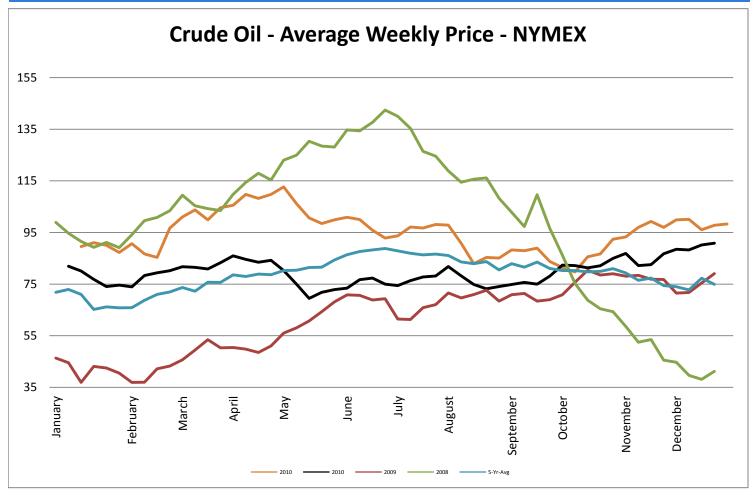


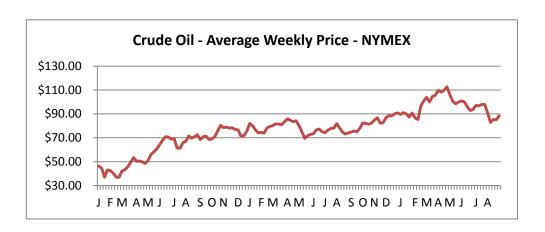




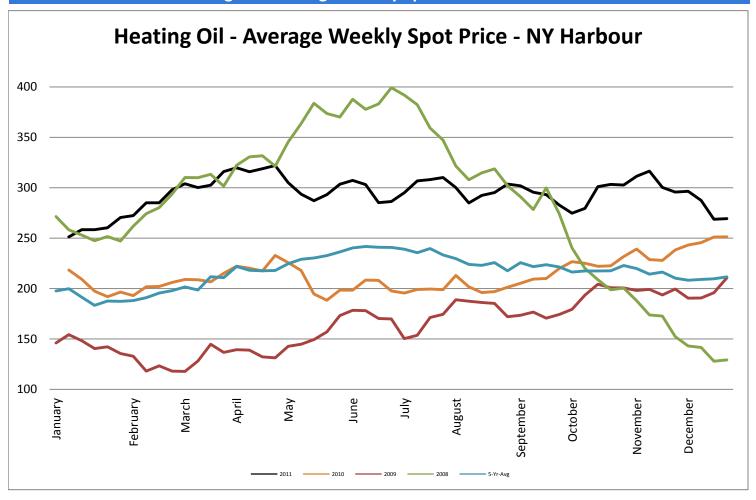


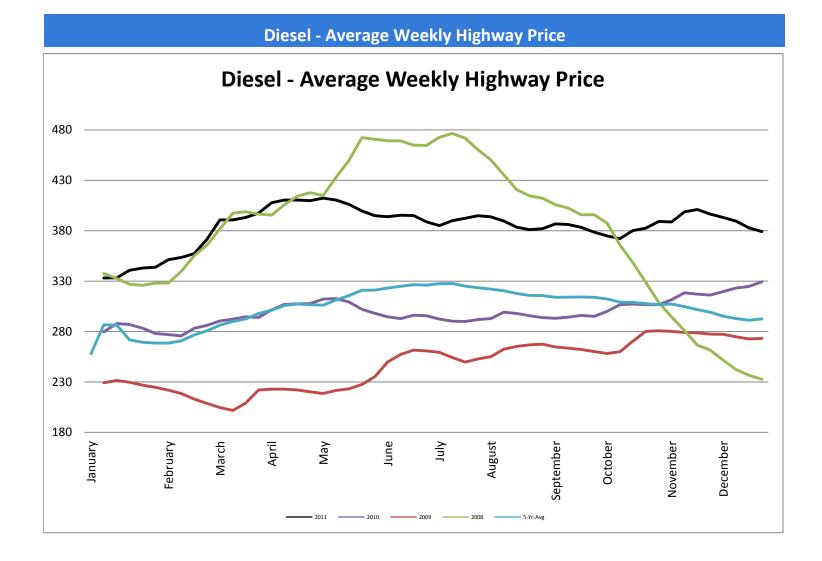




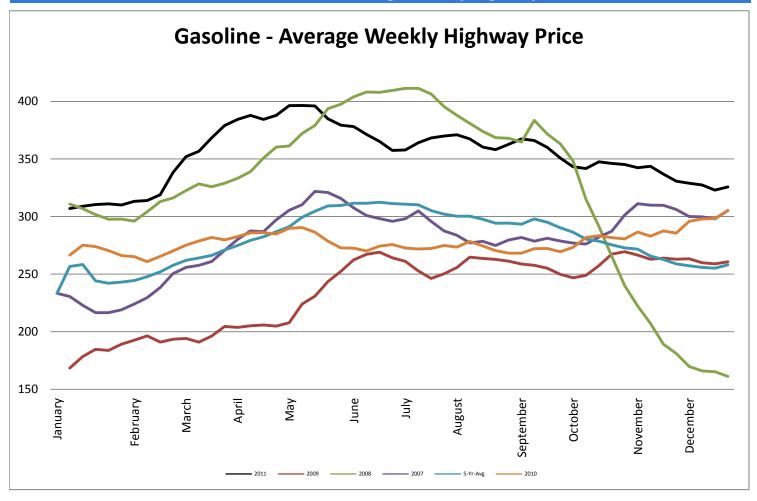


## **Heating Oil - Average Weekly Spot Price - NY Harbour**

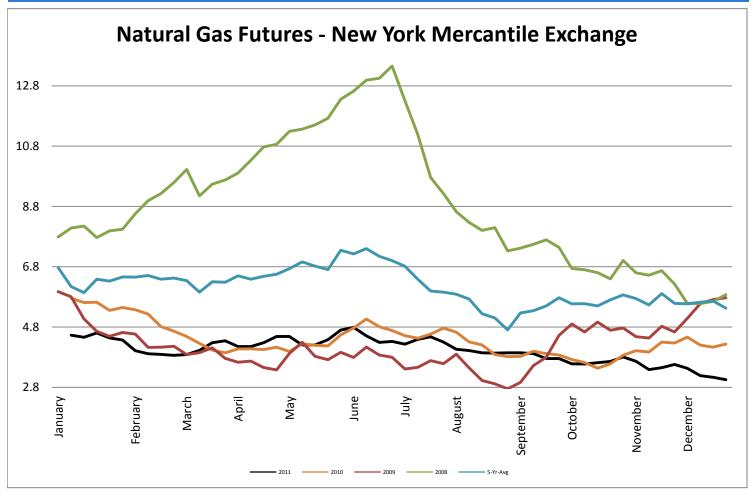




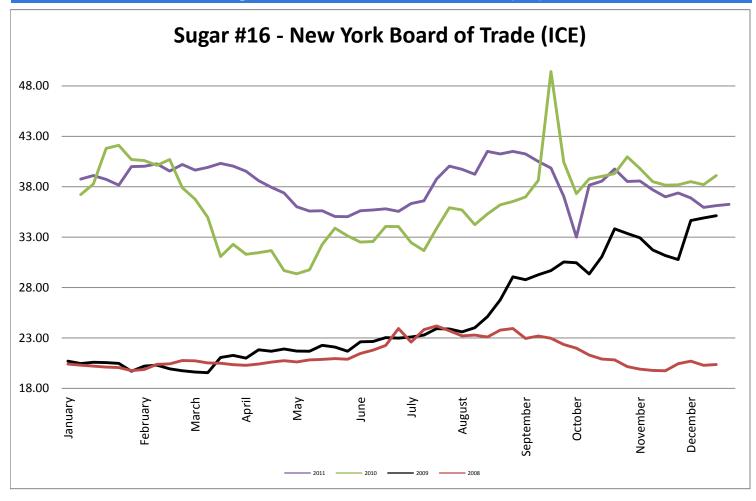
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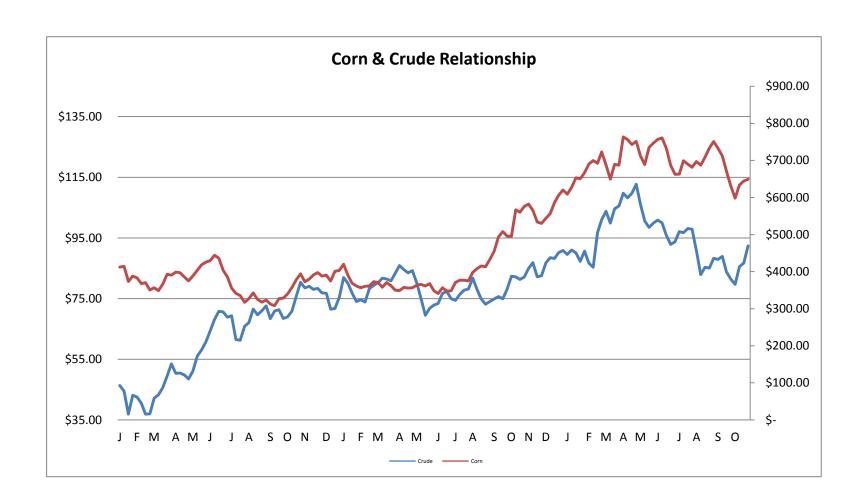


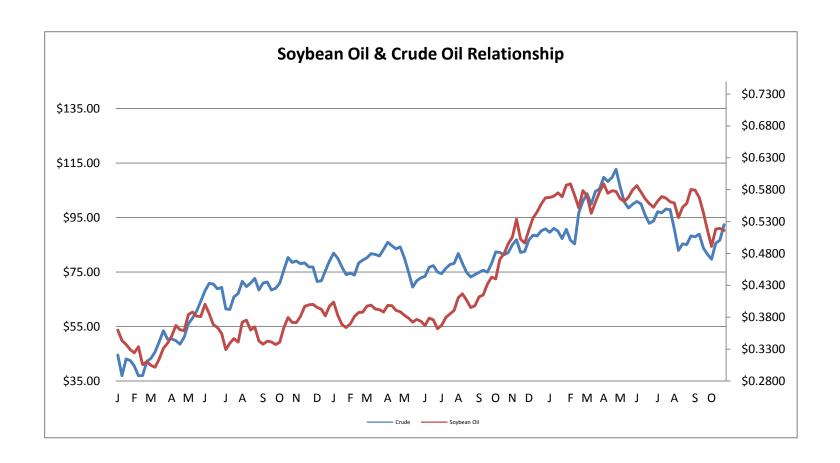




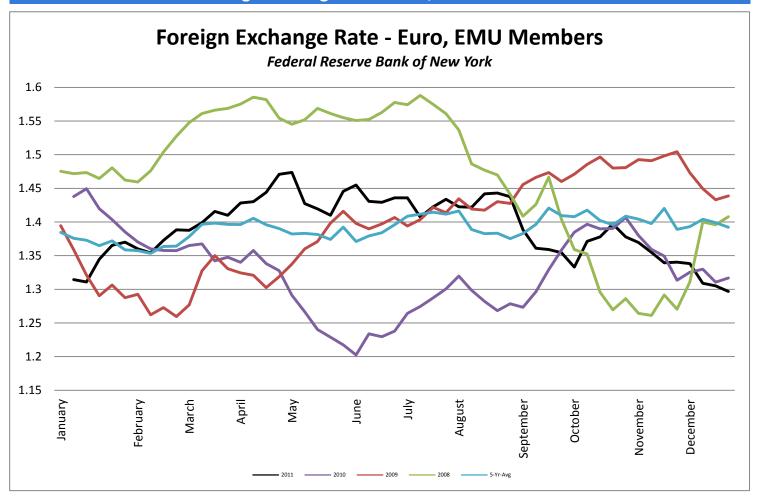








#### **Foreign Exchange Rate - Euro, EMU Members**



#### Foreign Exchange Rate - Canadian Dollar

