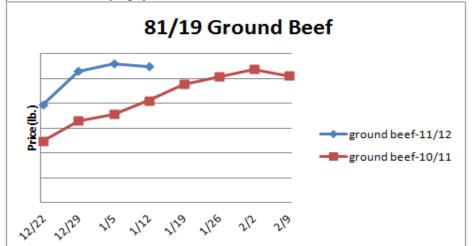
# **Beef, Veal and Lamb Report**

**Beef, Veal & Lamb-** Beef output has been running behind last year levels in recent weeks. Beef trimming prices have been firm so far '12. Lean beef trimming prices have moved up an average of 6% in Jan since '07. This is due in part to seasonally expensive end cut products including chucks and rounds supporting less expensive beef trimmings. Due to an inflated Australian dollar, future beef exports from that country to the US may remain historically light. This may support lean boneless beef trimming markets in the coming months. US retail beef demand could be tested this year due to historically high prices.

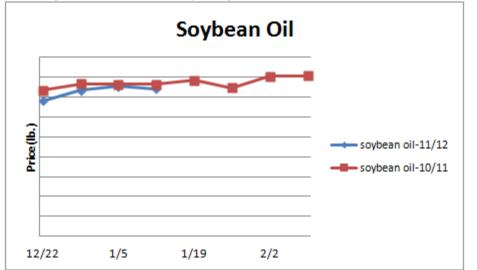


	<u>Market Trend</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Price vs. Last Year</u>
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Increasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel.)	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knckle, Trimmed (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (choice 0x1)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (prime 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 1x1 Strip (prime)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (choice)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (prime)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (select, 5 lb & up)	Increasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (choice, 5 lb &up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (prime, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (choice)	Increasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frozen)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Higher
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Increasing	Good	Higher

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## **Oil and Grains Report**

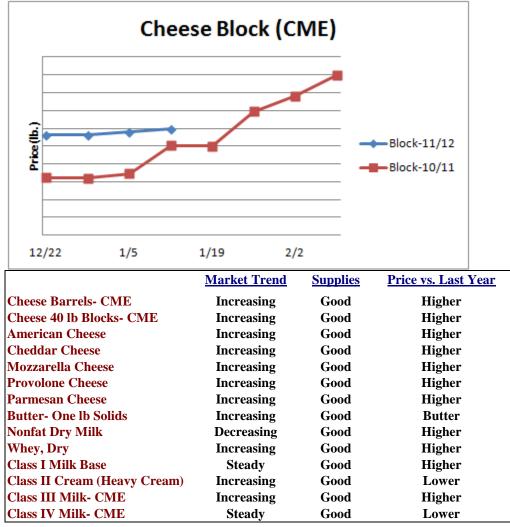
**Oil & Grains-** The grain markets have appreciated in recent weeks. Grain prices may be near a top unless there's a bullish surprise in the Jan 12th USDA grain reports.



	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil	Increasing	Good	Lower
Soymeal	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Corn	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Crude Corn Oil	Increasing	Good	Lower
Distillers Grain, Dry	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Crude Palm Oil	Increasing	Good	Lower
Hard Red Winter Wheat	Increasing	Good	Lower
Dark Northern Spring Wheat	Decreasing	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Durum Wheat	Steady	Good	Lower

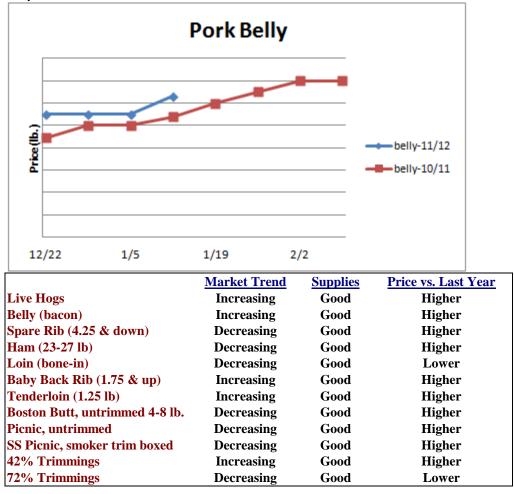
## **Dairy Report**

**Dairy**- The CME spot butter market appears to be firming. The butter market may have established a bottom following a seasonal trend. The 3 year average price move for CME butter in Jan is a 7% increase. This is important to the dairy complex because as of the last year the butter market has been a lead price indicator. The cheese markets are relatively steady. History suggests that higher cheese prices may be forthcoming. Since '09, the CME spot cheese market increased an average of 15% during the next 4 weeks. The international dairy markets are moderately stable.



### **Pork Report**

**Pork**- Pork production last week was 6% less than '11. Hog prices are mixed but pork producer margins have been profitable. This may support pork output in the coming weeks. Export and retail pork demand have been reported to be modest at best. Higher ham prices this winter may be forthcoming. Since '07, during the first 8 weeks of the year, ham prices have risen an average of 16%. But, unless pork demand improves any ham price rise could be tempered this year.



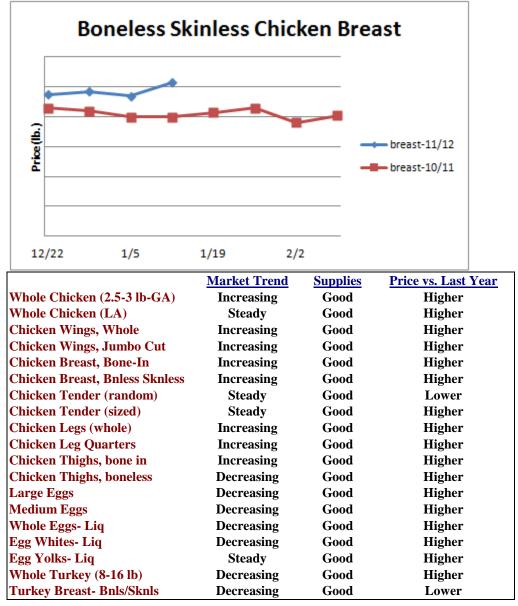
## **Canned Tomato Report**

**Tomato Products, Canned**- The canned tomato markets are steady to firm. Dec 1 processed tomato supplies were 2% less than '10 according to the CLFP.

	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Peeled Standard	Steady	Good	Higher
Diced, Fancy	Steady	Good	Higher
Ketchup, 33%	Steady	Good	Higher
Tomato Paste- Ind.	Steady	Good	Higher

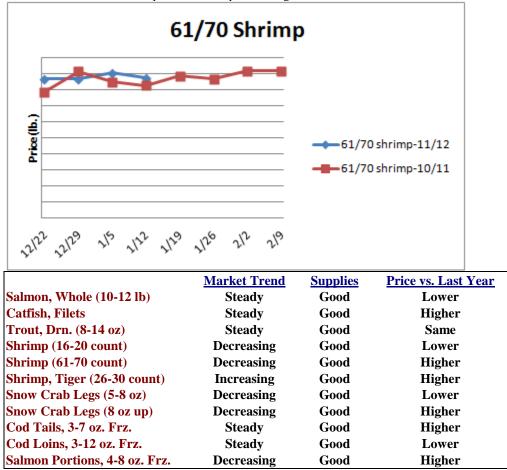
### **Poultry Report**

**Poultry**- The 6 week moving average for broiler type egg sets is trending 4.6% below the same week in '11. Chicken producers continue to limit pending chicken supplies causing the chicken markets to firm. Chicken prices tend to appreciate in Jan with history showing increases for chicken breasts at 6%, chicken wings at 8% and chicken leg quarters at 4%. The chicken markets this month are following this same trend. Other than a modest price decline expected for chicken wings next month, chicken prices are projected to remain strong this winter. In fact, if the average price increase for analog years are matched there is potential for record high wing prices this winter and \$2 boneless skinless chicken breast prices this summer.



### **Seafood Report**

**Seafood**- The Alaskan Bering Sea snow crab fishing season may be hindered due to high winds and sea ice. This coincides with the peak weeks of the season but crabbers were able to begin their catch early this year. Plus, this year's snow crab catch quota was raised to 80 million lbs, which if met, would be 48% higher than last year's catch of 54 million lbs. Lower snow crab prices are anticipated during the next several months.



### **Bean, Rice, Coffee and Sugar Report**

	<b>Market Trend</b>	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Pinto Beans	Increasing	Good	Higher
Black Beans	Steady	Good	Higher
Rice, Long Grain	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Coffee Beans	Increasing	Good	Higher
Sugar	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Honey	Steady	Good	Higher

### **Paper Product Report**

Wood Pulp (paper)	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
NBSK- Paper napkin	Decreasing	Good	Lower
42 lb. Linerboard-corrugated box	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Plastic Resins (plastic, foam)			
PS-CHH-utensils, cups, to-go cont.	Steady	Good	Higher
<b>PP-HIGP-</b> heavy grade utensils	Steady	Good	Higher
<b>PE-LLD-</b> can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Same

## **Retail Price Change from Prior Month**

	Nov-11	Oct-11	Sep-11
Beef and Veal	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing
Dairy	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Pork	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Chicken	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Decreasing	Decreasing	Increasing

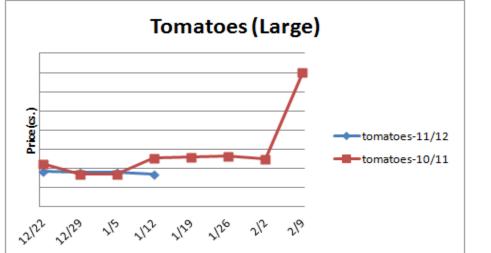
## **Processed Fruits and Vegetables Report**

**Processed Fruits and Vegetables-** Existing canned vegetable supplies are modestly tight. Processors are starting to visit acreage for the upcoming year. Processed vegetable prices are steady.

Canned 6/10	Market Trend	<b>Supplies</b>	Price vs. Last Year
Corn, Fancy Whole Kernel	Steady	Good	Higher
Green Beans, Fancy 4 sv	Steady	Good	Higher
Green Peas, Fancy 4 sv/blend	Steady	Good	Higher
<u>Frozen</u>			
Corn, Cob 96 count	Steady	Good	Higher
Corn, Kernel 12/2.5 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Green Beans, Cut 12/2 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Green Peas, 12/2.5 lb.	Steady	Good	Same
Potatoes, FF Fancy, 6/5 lb.	Steady	Good	Higher

#### **Produce Report**

**Produce-** Favorable weather conditions in the Southwest should help the start of the Mexican tomato harvest this week. Meanwhile, moderate temperatures in Florida are expected to keep that region's tomato harvest in good shape as well. Better tomato supplies could be impending. Warmer temperatures in the Southwestern lettuce growing area have caused the lettuce crops to improve. Demand for iceberg lettuce has been weak and lettuce prices are currently below their 3 year average So, downside lettuce price risk is probably limited. The Hass avocado market is firm.



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	Market Trend	Supplies	<u>Price vs. Last Year</u>
Limes (150 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Lemons (95 count)	Steady	Good	Higher
Lemons (200 count)	Steady	Good	Higher
Honeydew (6 ct.)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Cantaloupe (15 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Blueberries (12 count)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Strawberries (12 pints)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Avocados, Hass (48 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Bananas (40 lb)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Lower
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Idaho Potato (60 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Idaho Potato (70 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Idaho Potato (70 count)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Lower
Idaho Potato (90 count)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Idaho Potato #2 (6 oz. min.)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Processing Potato (100 lb)	Steady	Good	Lower
Yellow Onions (50 lb)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Yellow Onions (50 lb)-Term.	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Red Onions (25 lb)-Term.	Decreasing	Good	Lower
White Onions (50 lb)-Term.	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Tomatoes, (large- case)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tomatoes, (5x6, 25 lb.)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tomatoes, Vine Ripe, (4x5)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge- case)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Green Peppers (large- case)	Increasing	Good	Higher

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Red Peppers (large- 15 lb. cs.)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Iceberg Lettuce (24 cnt)-Term.	Decreasing	Good	Lower

# **Produce Report (continued)**

Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Romaine Lettuce (24 count)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Mesculin Mix (3 lb)-Term.	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Broccoli (14 cnt.)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Squash (case)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Zucchini (case)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Green Beans (bushel)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Spinach, Flat 24's	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Mushrooms (large), Term.	Steady	Good	Higher
Cucumbers, Bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Pickles (200-300 ct.)-Term.	Increasing	Good	Higher
Asparagus (small)	Steady	Good	Higher
Freight (CA to City Avg.)	Increasing	Good	Higher