

Weekly Market Updates

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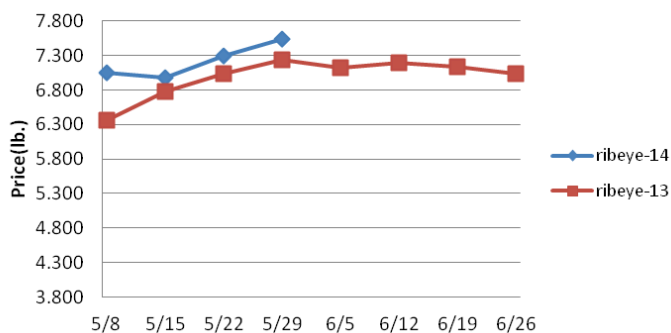
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Beef- Beef output last week rose 1.3% but was still 7.8% less than the same week a year ago. Although cattle supplies may be closer to 2013 levels this summer, beef production is still expected to be historically constrained. The USDA is forecasting third quarter 2014 beef output to be 4.5% smaller than the previous year and at its lowest level since 1993. Thus, relatively inflated beef prices are expected to persist. Some seasonal price weakness is likely to take hold, however. The five year average price move for the 81-19 ground beef market during the next 10 weeks is 19.4% lower. Still, any ground beef market declines this year could be tempered. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

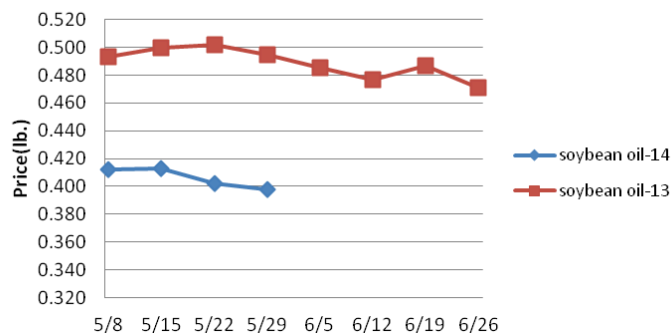
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Live Cattle	1.452	1.460	-.008	1.251
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.919	1.879	+.040	1.321
Ground Beef 81/19	2.215	2.126	+.089	1.866
Ground Chuck	2.348	2.506	-.158	1.976
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.696	6.613	+.083	6.394
109e Export Rib (prime)	9.944	10.007	-.063	8.662
112a Ribeye (choice)	7.539	7.291	+.248	7.232
112a Ribeye (prime)	10.516	10.504	+.012	8.805
116 Chuck (select)	2.635	2.579	+.056	2.203
116 Chuck (choice)	2.710	2.676	+.034	2.333
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.460	2.413	+.047	2.136
120 Brisket (choice)	2.873	2.900	-.027	1.992
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	5.949	5.789	+.160	4.491
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.224	4.106	+.118	3.774
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.535	2.478	+.057	2.289
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.156	2.191	-.035	2.057
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	6.260	6.211	+.049	7.055
174 Short Loin (prime)	9.277	9.134	+.143	7.419
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	5.700	5.632	+.068	7.385
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.545	9.569	-.024	8.059
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	6.514	6.016	+.498	8.029
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.570	3.460	+.110	3.325
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	4.101	4.031	+.070	3.761
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	5.224	5.249	-.025	5.344
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	3.694	3.751	-.057	3.607
189a Tender (select)	10.604	10.278	+.326	9.071
189a Tender (choice)	10.731	10.864	-.133	10.206
189a Tender (prime)	14.315	14.396	-.081	11.632
193 Flank Steak (choice)	5.838	5.744	+.094	4.656
50% Trimmings	1.274	1.263	+.011	.884
65% Trimmings	1.642	1.595	+.047	1.281
75% Trimmings	1.921	1.893	+.028	1.649
85% Trimmings	2.118	2.109	+.009	1.888
90% Trimmings	2.447	2.438	+.009	1.989
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.098	2.133	-.035	1.948
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.280	2.285	-.005	2.158
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	8.900	8.900	-	8.275
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	15.125	15.125	-	14.925

112a Choice Beef Ribeye (heavy)



progressing. However, tight domestic soybean and soybean meal supplies and elevated price levels may persist for the next few months. Prices USDA, FOB

Soybean Oil



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Soybeans, bushel	15.115	14.925	+.190	15.328
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.398	.402	-.004	.495
Soybean Meal, ton	524.700	518.700	+6.000	485.800
Corn, bushel	4.644	4.644	-	7.205
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.405	.413	-.008	.440
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.149	.149	-	.200
Distillers Grain, Dry	206.250	208.750	-2.500	222.500
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.354	.358	-.004	.347
HRW Wheat, bushel	7.340	7.640	-.300	7.440
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	7.580	7.780	-.200	8.410
Durum Wheat, bushel	6.871	6.908	-.037	8.038
Pinto Beans, lb.	.391	.316	+.075	.328
Black Beans, lb.	.380	.380	-	.348
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.287	.287	-	.290
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	1.755	1.834	-.079	1.275
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.251	.248	+.003	.195
Honey (Clover), lb.	2.058	2.072	-.014	1.953

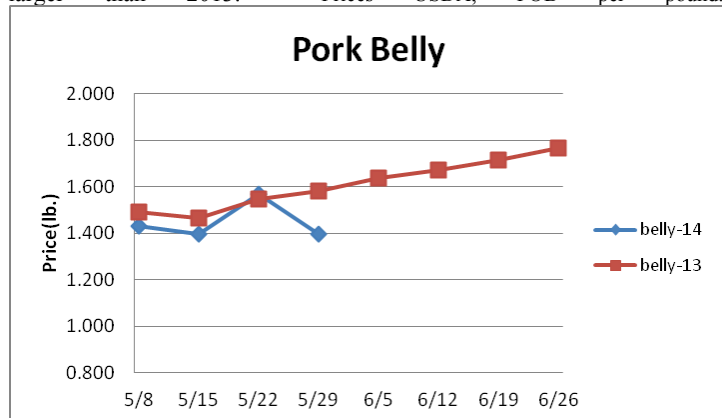
Dairy- The CME butter market continues to trade at elevated levels due to tight supplies. April 30th butter stocks were 48% less than the previous year and the second smallest for the date since 2005. Further, the net decline in stocks during April was the third largest for the month on record. With butter prices near 10 year highs, the upside price risk is almost certainly nominal. Further, butter production is seasonally expanding which may put downward pressure on butter prices. The CME cheese markets have firmed during the last week but a top is likely close at hand. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.945	1.960	-.015	1.708
Cheese Blocks (CME)	2.000	1.960	+.040	1.740
American Cheese	2.085	2.073	+.012	1.928
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.067	2.088	-.021	2.145
Mozzarella Cheese	2.207	2.228	-.021	1.988
Provolone Cheese	2.565	2.585	-.020	2.340
Parmesan Cheese	3.913	3.933	-.020	3.688
Butter (CME)	2.295	2.163	+.132	1.540
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.945	1.955	-.010	1.716
Whey, Dry	.692	.693	-.001	.572
Class I Base	22.860	24.47	-1.610	18.930
Class II Cream, heavy	2.817	2.866	-.049	1.972
Class III Milk (CME)	21.030	20.210	+.820	17.910
Class IV Milk (CME)	22.600	22.050	+.550	19.080

Oil, Grains, Misc.- Oil, Grains, Misc- Soybean plantings is

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Pork - Pork production last week declined 1.4% but was .3% larger than the same week a year ago. Hog slaughter was the smallest for any non-holiday week in 11 months. Hog supplies are anticipated to tighten considerably in the pending weeks which should limit pork output and be supportive of the pork markets. April 30th cold storage total pork stocks were 17% less than last year. However, pork belly holdings were 47% larger than 2013. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Live Hogs	.784	.819	-.035	.673
Belly (bacon)	1.396	1.567	-.171	1.635
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.755	1.808	-.053	1.477
Ham (20-23 lb.)	1.147	1.169	-.022	.664
Ham (23-27 lb.)	1.045	1.057	-.012	.658
Loin (bone-in)	1.177	1.165	+.012	1.007
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.588	2.644	-.056	2.444
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.771	2.797	-.026	2.738
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	1.379	1.353	+.026	1.001
Picnic, untrmd.	.933	.959	-.026	.614
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.089	1.153	-.064	.813
42% Trimmings	.679	.655	+.024	.463
72% Trimmings	1.142	1.077	+.065	.606

Tomato Products,Canned- The California tomato for canning harvest should get underway in just over month. The canned tomato markets remain firm. Prices per case (6/10).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
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- April 30th frozen green bean and green pea stocks were both less than a year ago by 23% and 1% respectively. The processed vegetable markets should remain firm in June. Prices per case (6/10) FOB, unless noted from ARA

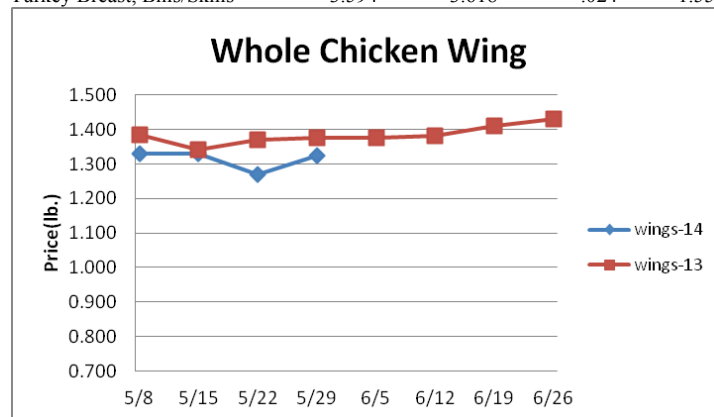
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Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	19.656	19.656	-	19.656
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	19.250	19.250	-	19.250
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	20.750	20.750	-	20.750
Corn, Cob- froz 96 ct.	14.750	14.750	-	14.750
Corn, Kernel- froz 12/2.5#	19.500	19.500	-	19.500
Green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

Poultry- Chicken output for the week ending May 17th was 2.6% below a year ago. Fairly tempered chicken production could occur in the near term. Broiler chick placements during April were .3% less than the previous year. The USDA is projecting chicken output this summer to track 1.5% above 2013. Pullet placements during April were 7.8% larger than the prior year which suggests that producers are planning to expand production more intensely later this year. The chicken breast markets continue to firm climbing to their highest price levels in nearly a year.

Usually the chicken breast markets form a top shortly and then begin a downward trek that carries deep into the fall. Last year the weekly ARA Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast index declined 12% during the next eight weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.095	1.090	+.005	1.050
Wings (whole)	1.325	1.270	+.055	1.375
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.162	1.140	+.022	1.402
Breast, Bone In	1.295	1.270	+.025	1.345
Breast, Bnless Skinless	2.205	2.140	+.065	2.250
Tenderloin (random)	1.780	1.780	-	1.790
Tenderloin (sized)	2.040	2.040	-	1.820
Legs (whole)	.693	.675	+.018	.819
Leg Quarters	.550	.550	-	.550
Thighs, bone in	.870	.800	+.070	.844
Thighs, boneless	1.398	1.358	+.040	1.457

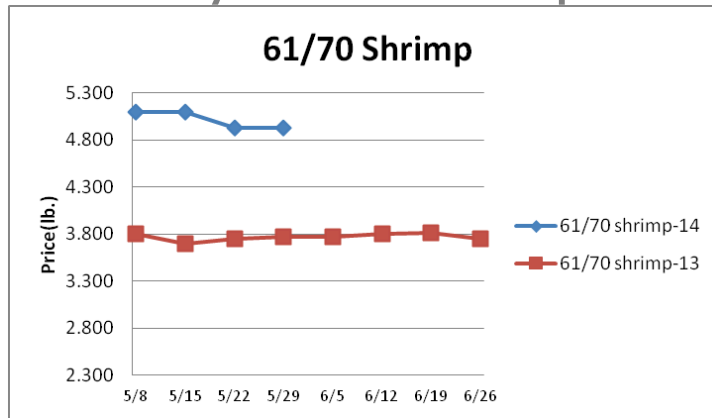
Eggs and Others	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Large (dozen)	1.247	1.200	+.047	1.287
Medium (dozen)	1.175	1.098	+.077	1.058
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.981	.984	-.003	.648
Egg Whites- Liquid	1.266	1.266	-	.713
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.668	.668	-	.658
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.060	1.060	-	.965
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	3.594	3.618	-.024	1.550



Seafood - Newfoundland snow crab fishing is progressing with 50% of the quota landed to date. Canada Gulf of St. Lawrence landings are at 45% of quota to date. This year the combined Newfoundland and Gulf of St. Lawrence snow crab quota is 5% less than the previous year. Relatively inflated snow crab leg prices could persist through the spring. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Salmon (wh. Atl., 10-12 lb.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Catfish Filets	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Trout (dm. 8-14 oz.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	7.975	7.975	-	6.520
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	4.925	4.925	-	3.766
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	7.200	7.200	-	5.233
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.200	5.175	+.025	4.700
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.400	5.475	-.075	5.375
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.063	3.063	-	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.025	3.025	-	3.013
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.167	6.167	-	5.458
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.750	1.750	-	1.775

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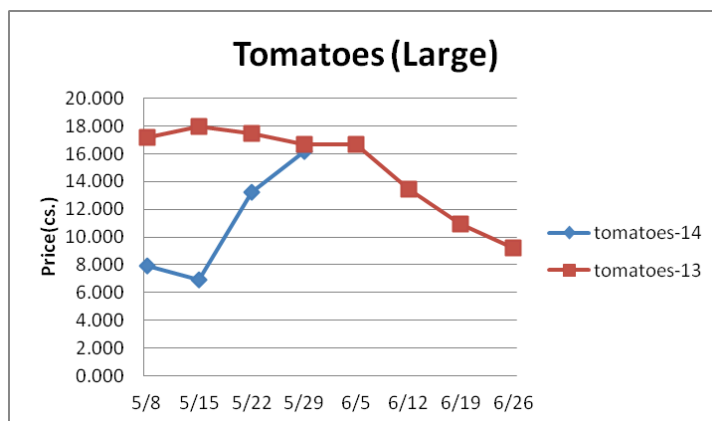
Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	104.110	102.440	+1.670	95.010
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	4.505	4.552	-.047	4.174
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.939	2.949	-.010	2.907
Electricity, mwh- nymex	51.080	61.840	-10.760	80.830
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.995	2.964	+.031	2.853
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.925	3.934	-.009	3.880
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.300	2.215	+.085	2.570
Canadian \$	1.086	1.091	-.005	1.037
Japanese Yen	101.941	101.057	+.884	101.162
Mexican Peso	12.877	12.907	-.030	12.647
Euro	.734	.731	+.003	.772
Brazilian Real	2.238	2.216	+.022	2.077
Chinese Yuan	6.255	6.236	+.019	6.129

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

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	n/a	n/a	-	930.000
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	n/a	n/a	-	763.756
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.330-1.370	1.330-1.370	-	1.160-1.200
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.120-1.140	1.120-1.140	-	1.120-1.140
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	1.010-1.040	1.010-1.040	-	.920-.950

Produce- Lettuce supplies remained historically limited last week due to shortened yields brought on by challenging weather. With more seasonable temperatures, lettuce production could expand during the next few weeks which should cause overall lettuce supplies to improve. The upside price risk in the lettuce markets from here may only be modest. The principal tomato harvest areas are transitioning north. Some tomato supply gaps could occur in June during these harvest area shifts which could be accompanied with erratic pricing. The Idaho potato markets remain firm. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Limes (150 ct.)	32.500	42.500	-10.000	17.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	26.850	26.350	+.500	21.025
Lemons (200 ct.)	36.350	26.350	+10.000	15.775
Honeydew (6 ct.)	10.225	10.125	+.100	5.975
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	6.700	5.500	+1.200	7.450
Blueberries (12 count)	18.833	20.333	-1.500	24.083
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	13.000	14.000	-1.000	11.750
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	38.750	38.250	+.500	35.750
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.513	14.591	-.078	15.338
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	13.781	13.865	-.084	14.000
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	15.000	14.250	+.750	10.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	15.000	14.250	+.750	10.000
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	18.831	18.125	+.706	13.854
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	11.500	11.250	+.250	9.750
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	9.500	8.000	+1.500	7.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	10.000	10.000	-	6.500
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	7.200	7.333	-.133	10.500
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	12.729	13.646	-.917	14.612
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	16.688	14.500	+2.188	15.250
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	15.900	16.188	-.288	18.166
Tomatoes (large- case)	16.200	13.200	+3.000	16.700
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	13.708	12.619	+1.089	20.076
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	8.950	7.390	+1.560	11.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	9.260	8.750	+.510	12.287
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	9.625	8.630	+.995	12.956
Green Peppers (large- case)	27.350	28.913	-1.563	15.150
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	17.950	12.950	+5.000	11.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	16.388	17.263	-.875	7.217
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	25.167	24.500	+.667	14.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	17.410	20.188	-2.778	6.325
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	18.307	20.063	-1.756	6.425
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.750	6.750	-	6.468
Broccoli (14 ct.)	10.588	12.975	-2.387	12.322
Squash (1/2 bushel)	17.475	20.475	-3.000	5.600
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	16.817	18.975	-2.158	5.600
Green Beans (bushel)	17.600	28.600	-11.000	14.100
Spinach, Flat 24's	15.750	16.400	-.650	9.945
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.146	15.472	-.326	15.145
Cucumbers (bushel)	20.928	18.811	+2.117	12.100
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	36.054	35.750	+.304	24.156
Asparagus (small)	13.500	14.000	-.500	14.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	6306.250	6037.500	+268.75	6615.000

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

	Apr-14	Mar-14	Feb-14	Jan-14
Beef and Veal	+2.970	+1.924	+4.000	-.132
Dairy	+.497	+.997	+.683	+.452
Pork	+3.097	+1.901	+.324	+.596
Chicken	-.813	+.887	-.557	-.311
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+1.028	-.744	+1.194	+2.816
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+1.119	+.156	+.073	-1.233