Weekly Market Updates

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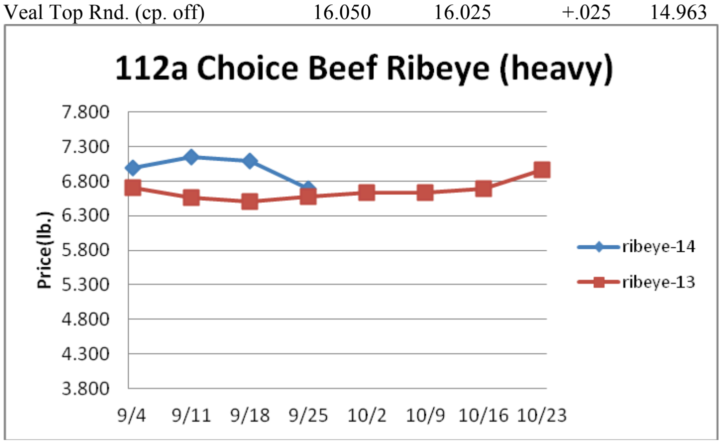
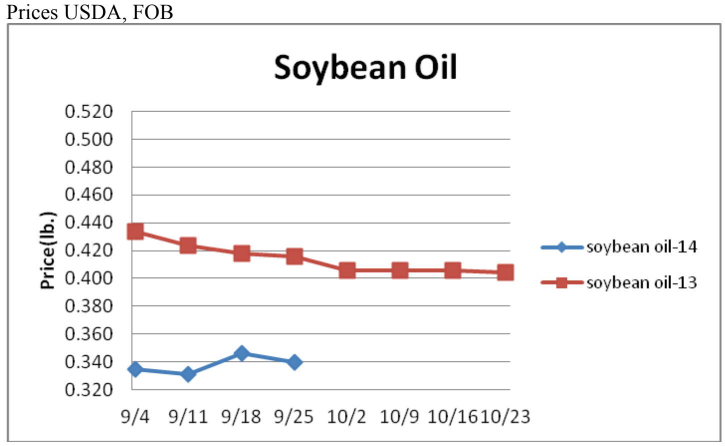
Beef - Beef output last week declined 3.3% and was 7.5% less than the same week a year ago. The September 1 cattle on feed inventory was .8% smaller than the previous year while cattle placements into feedlots during August were down 2.9% vs. 2013. However, the near slaughter ready cattle inventory model suggests that cattle supplies could be closer to 2013 levels for the next few months than experienced this summer which could temper seasonal beef price increases. Inflated retail prices could also soothe wholesale beef price inflation this fall. Retail beef prices in August were 15% more expensive than last year, a record and up 43% from the same month in 2009. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Live Cattle	1.565	1.603	-.038	1.206
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	2.304	2.301	+.003	1.571
Ground Beef 81/19	2.498	2.552	-.054	1.829
Ground Chuck	2.512	2.748	-.236	1.811
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.309	6.719	-.410	6.109
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.727	10.604	-1.877	10.056
112a Ribeye (choice)	6.696	7.088	-.392	6.576
112a Ribeye (prime)	10.347	10.285	+.062	10.010
116 Chuck (select)	3.052	3.068	-.016	2.421
116 Chuck (choice)	3.092	3.169	-.077	2.535
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	3.061	3.072	-.011	2.266
120 Brisket (choice)	2.985	2.966	+.019	1.961
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	5.821	5.770	+.051	3.874
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.597	3.926	-.329	3.422
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.982	3.054	-.072	2.396
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.652	2.796	-.144	2.019
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	5.033	5.239	-.206	5.056
174 Short Loin (prime)	9.780	10.058	-.278	8.678
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.228	5.065	-.837	4.000
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	10.111	10.347	-.236	10.569
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.785	5.325	-.540	4.928
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.368	3.330	+.038	2.997
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	4.045	3.543	+.502	4.084
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	4.318	4.629	-.311	3.690
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	3.931	3.762	+.169	2.617
189a Tender (select)	10.411	10.502	-.091	8.247
189a Tender (choice)	12.176	12.419	-.243	10.157
189a Tender (prime)	15.285	15.432	-.147	13.502
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.443	4.699	-.256	4.422
50% Trimmings	1.057	1.145	-.088	.942
65% Trimmings	1.884	1.882	+.002	1.308
75% Trimmings	2.274	2.171	+.103	1.603
85% Trimmings	2.802	2.823	-.021	1.854
90% Trimmings	3.007	3.009	-.002	2.035
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	3.050	3.000	+.050	1.960
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	3.270	3.180	+.090	2.059
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	9.725	9.725	-	8.350
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	16.050	16.025	+.025	14.963



Oil, Grains, Misc.- Oil, Grains, Misc- U.S. winter wheat planting is progressing with 25% being completed last week under some of the best conditions in years. Still, the wheat markets could find support soon. Prices USDA, FOB



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Soybeans, bushel	9.505	10.255	-.750	13.108
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.340	.346	-.006	.416
Soybean Meal, ton	454.600	607.300	-152.700	462.600
Corn, bushel	2.901	3.225	-.324	4.417
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.345	.345	-	.385
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.114	.121	-.007	.144
Distillers Grain, Dry	115.292	120.167	-4.875	210.500
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.297	.299	-.002	.327
HRW Wheat, bushel	5.470	5.680	-.210	7.025
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	5.640	6.000	-.360	7.450
Durum Wheat, bushel	9.450	9.309	+.141	6.917
Pinto Beans, lb.	.270	.275	-.005	.400
Black Beans, lb.	.280	.285	-.005	.400
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.263	.268	-.005	.290
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	1.884	1.841	+.043	1.190
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.251	.250	+.001	.209
Honey (Clover), lb.	2.074	2.074	-	2.058

Dairy - U.S. milk production during August was 2.5% more than the prior year due to a 2% gain in milk per cow yields and a .5% larger milk cow herd. Producers reduced the herd by a net 1,000 head during the month interrupting an eight consecutive month trend of dairy cow herd expansion. Dairy cow herd growth is expected to resume in the coming months. The butter market continues to trade at record levels. History indicates that lower butter prices can be expected in the coming months. Significant cheese market depreciation should be forthcoming as well. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Cheese Barrels (CME)	2.490	2.423	+.067	1.720
Cheese Blocks (CME)	2.348	2.410	-.062	1.770
American Cheese	2.507	2.430	+.077	1.973
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	2.485	2.427	+.058	2.183
Mozzarella Cheese	2.625	2.567	+.058	2.025
Provolone Cheese	2.983	2.925	+.058	2.380
Parmesan Cheese	4.330	4.273	+.057	3.728
Butter (CME)	3.060	3.010	+.050	1.610
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.479	1.597	-.118	1.877
Whey, Dry	.643	.660	-.017	.569
Class 1 Base	24.190	23.630	+.560	19.200
Class II Cream, heavy	4.080	4.076	+.004	2.094
Class III Milk (CME)	25.000	24.680	+.320	17.940
Class IV Milk (CME)	22.600	22.250	+.350	20.190

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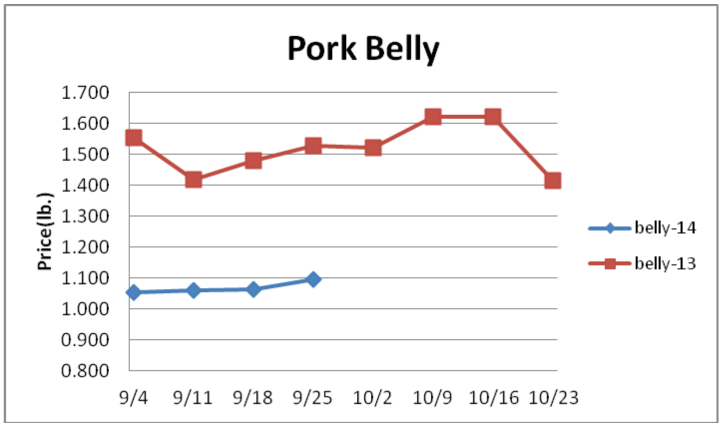
Pork - Pork production last week declined .2% and was 2.4% smaller than the same week a year ago. Hog supplies are seasonally improving but pork output is anticipated to remain below 2013 levels. The USDA is projecting fall pork production to track 3.7% below last year. The pork belly market remains well below its summer peak levels. This August had the largest drawdown in pork belly stocks for the month in six years. Belly prices could bottom soon. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.



	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Live Hogs	.765	.751	+.014	.683
Belly (bacon)	1.094	1.062	+.032	1.523
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.573	1.554	+.019	1.485
Ham (20-23 lb.)	1.275	1.225	+.050	.918
Ham (23-27 lb.)	1.266	1.123	+.143	.887
Loin (bone-in)	1.334	1.235	+.099	1.055
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.296	2.328	-.032	2.164
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.862	2.761	+.101	2.427
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	1.393	1.332	+.061	1.042
Picnic, untrmd.	.916	.886	+.030	.652
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.154	1.109	+.045	.833
42% Trimmings	.552	.596	-.044	.557
72% Trimmings	1.027	1.012	+.015	.712

Tomato Products, Canned The USDA is forecasting the 2014 tomato for canning harvest to be adequate. Yet, the markets are likely to remain firm. Prices FOB per case from ARA.

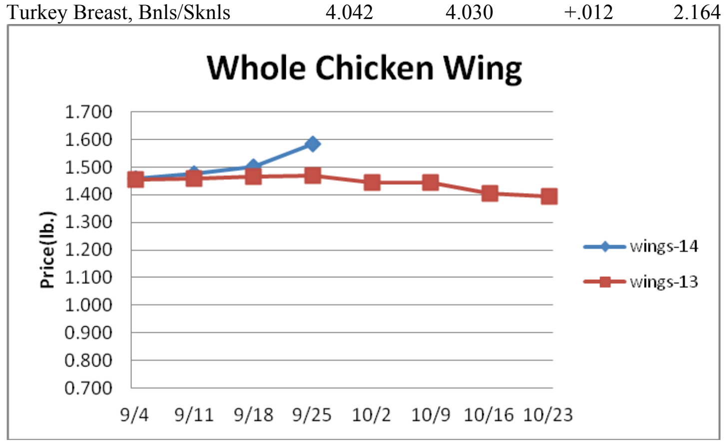
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Whole Peeled, Standard	n/a	12.250	-	12.250
Diced, Fancy	n/a	12.750	-	12.750
Ketchup, 33%	n/a	13.438	-	13.438
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	n/a	.398	-	.398

Processed Vegetables- The corn for processing harvest is expected to progress in the coming weeks. Canned corn prices are likely to remain steady into next month. Prices FOB per case from ARA

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Corn, Fcy whl kern- can 6/10	n/a	19.656	-	12.250
Green Beans Fcy- can 6/10	n/a	19.250	-	12.750
Green Peas, Fcy- can 6/10	n/a	20.750	-	13.438
Corn, Cob- froz 96 ct.	n/a	14.750	-	.398
Corn, Kernel- froz 12/2.5#	n/a	19.500	-	19.656
Green Beans Cut- froz 12/2#	n/a	15.300	-	19.250
Green Peas- froz 12/2.5#	n/a	26.250	-	19.500
Potatoes, FF Fncy- froz 6/5#	n/a	14.000	-	15.300

Poultry- Chicken output for the week ending September 13th was 3.7% larger than the same week a year ago. Chicken production expansion could be noteworthy this fall. The broiler type chick hatch during August was 1.5% more than the previous year. The USDA is projecting fourth quarter 2014 chicken output to track 1.7% above last year but the increase may be understated. Pullet placements into the broiler hatchery flock were 4.3% larger than 2013. The broiler hatchery flock is expected to trend 2% plus above the previous year levels into 2015 which is a positive sign for chicken output. The chicken breast markets have firmed as of late. However, the breast markets usually move lower soon. Last year, boneless skinless chicken breast prices declined 10% during the next four weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.137	1.137	-	1.060
Wings (whole)	1.585	1.500	+.085	1.470
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.608	1.511	+.097	1.556
Breast, Bone In	1.250	1.255	-.005	1.150
Breast, Bnless Skinless	2.195	2.165	+.030	1.925
Tenderloin (random)	1.830	1.830	-	1.800
Tenderloin (sized)	2.090	2.090	-	2.020
Legs (whole)	.533	.543	-.010	.755
Leg Quarters	.520	.520	-	.535
Thighs, bone in	.750	.800	-.050	.829
Thighs, boneless	1.275	1.271	+.004	1.539
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	1.137	1.273	-.136	1.103
Medium (dozen)	.905	.925	-.020	.868
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.749	.756	-.007	.776
Egg Whites- Liquid	1.210	1.236	-.026	.851
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.655	.648	+.007	.763
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.130	1.120	+.010	1.025
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	4.042	4.030	+.012	2.164



Seafood - Elevated price levels are encouraging U.S. shrimp fishing. During August, U.S. Gulf of Mexico shrimp landings were 6.3% more than the previous year and the largest for the month since at least 2010. A rising U.S. dollar is anticipated to encourage solid U.S. shrimp imports in the coming months. Modestly lower shrimp prices may be impending. 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 (drn. 8-14 oz.)	n/a	n/a	-	n/a
Shrimp (16/20), Frz	8.160	8.050	+.110	7.957
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	4.400	4.334	+.066	5.200
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	6.550	6.617	-.067	6.100
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	5.400	5.400	-	5.300
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.625	5.625	-	6.250
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	3.013	3.063	-.050	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.050	3.025	+.025	2.950
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.242	6.225	+.017	5.592
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.750	1.750	-	1.775

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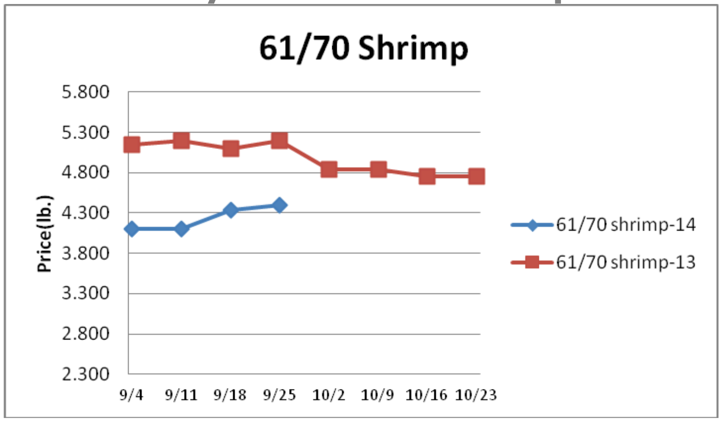


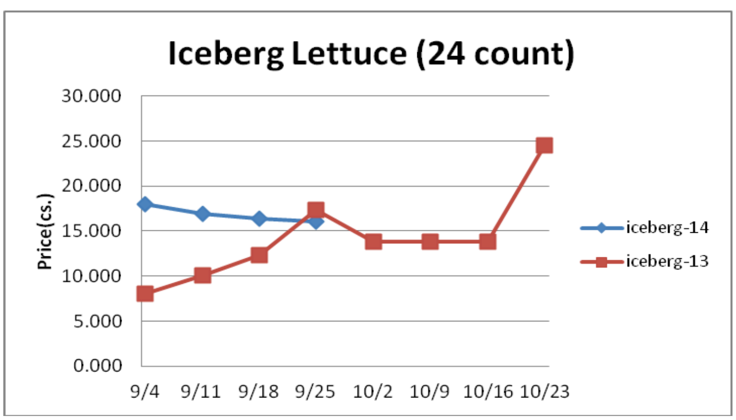
Energy & Currency-Currency US dollar is worth.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	91.510	94.560	-3.050	103.130
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.884	4.076	-.192	3.492
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.664	2.751	-.087	2.961
Electricity, mwht- nymex	40.700	42.450	-1.750	35.090
Gasoline, gal- nymex	2.496	2.513	-.017	2.659
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.778	3.801	-.023	3.949
Ethanol, gal- usda	1.623	1.872	-.249	2.100
Canadian $	1.108	1.096	+.012	1.031
Japanese Yen	108.578	107.215	+1.363	98.530
Mexican Peso	13.284	13.162	+.122	12.987
Euro	.778	.771	+.007	.740
Brazilian Real	2.417	2.328	+.089	2.197
Chinese Yuan	6.136	6.141	-.005	6.121

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)	994.096	994.096	-	998.040
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	671.095	671.095	-	800.197
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.370-1.410	1.370-1.410	-	1.170-1.210
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.130-1.150	1.130-1.150	-	1.090-1.110
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	1.010-1.040	1.010-1.040	-	.920-.950

Produce- The lettuce markets continue to trend at relatively inflated levels due in part to earlier weather challenges. Iceberg lettuce shipments are tracking about 3% below year ago levels. The lettuce crops remain ahead of schedule which is raising concern of supply gaps when the chief harvest areas transition south this fall. The lettuce markets could be erratic during the next few months. The tomato markets have remained relatively engaging during the last few weeks but supplies could tighten in the near term. The greater price risk in the tomato markets is to the upside. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).



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Limes (150 ct.)	7.500	11.000	-3.500	11.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	39.850	39.850	-	29.775
Lemons (200 ct.)	28.900	28.900	-	20.775
Honeydew (6 ct.)	6.250	6.250	-	7.250
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	6.500	7.250	-.750	7.250
Blueberries (12 count)	24.00	20.334	+3.666	23.700
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	19.000	19.000	-	14.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	33.750	36.800	-3.050	44.500
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	15.865	14.459	+1.406	14.645
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	13.118	15.375	-2.257	12.817
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	7.750	7.750	-	10.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	7.750	7.750	-	10.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	14.652	14.059	+.593	19.130
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	6.000	6.250	-.250	8.500
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	11.500	11.500	-	17.000
Processing Potato (cwt.)	7.125	7.125	-	4.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	6.084	6.000	+.084	6.625
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	13.844	14.159	-.315	14.020
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	12.486	12.479	+.007	10.635
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	21.678	20.605	+1.073	20.559
Tomatoes (large- case)	6.950	10.950	-4.000	7.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	11.748	11.977	-.229	16.226
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	9.475	9.500	-.025	12.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	13.713	15.594	-1.881	18.331
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	13.838	15.844	-2.006	18.255
Green Peppers (large- case)	11.310	11.963	-.653	11.950
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	10.200	22.950	-12.750	11.475
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	16.030	16.400	-.370	17.315
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	24.625	26.250	-1.625	23.333
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	9.677	10.115	-.438	9.391
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	12.450	11.663	+.787	11.710
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.813	6.813	-	6.562
Broccoli (14 ct.)	15.013	14.425	+.588	17.225
Squash (1/2 bushel)	14.300	12.850	+1.450	5.050
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	12.500	9.800	+2.700	5.700
Green Beans (bushel)	21.750	17.175	+4.575	12.000
Spinach, Flat 24's	16.575	15.975	+.600	20.925
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.146	15.146	-	15.625
Cucumbers (bushel)	15.208	13.953	+1.255	15.650
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	36.615	26.598	+10.017	28.875
Asparagus (small)	12.500	12.500	-	12.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5675.000	5681.250	-6.250	5670.000

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

	Aug-14	Jul-14	Jun-14	May-14
Beef and Veal	+4.217	+.435	+.104	+.072
Dairy	+.555	+.275	-.430	+.589
Pork	+2.147	+.715	+.536	+3.186
Chicken	+.658	+.527	+.507	+1.125
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+.570	-.233	+.367	+2.151
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	-.339	-.730	-1.498	+1.368