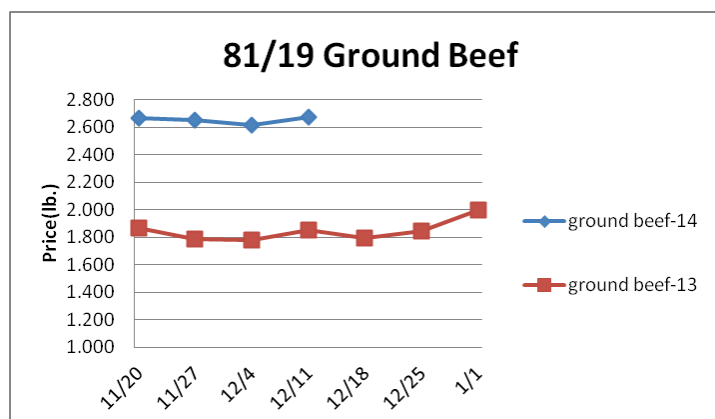


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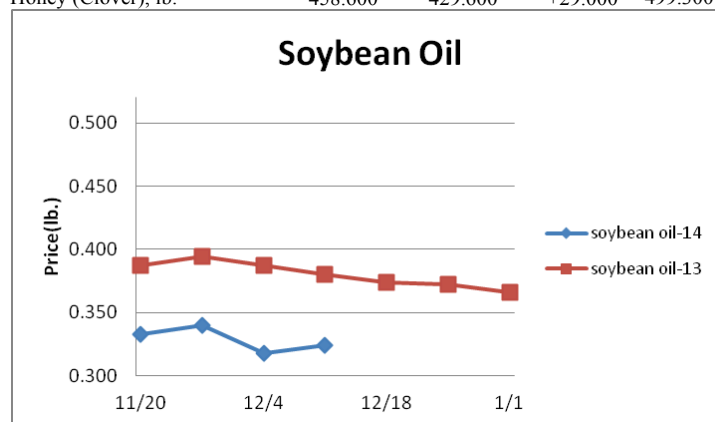
Beef-Beef production last week was 7.9% less than the same week a year ago. Cattle supplies remain limited however beef demand during the last few weeks has been disappointing especially for the holiday season. Beef packer margins have deteriorated as a result and have slowed output which is supporting beef prices. Demand for holiday beef cuts will wane in the coming weeks as retailers shift to more end cut products. Typically the beef round and brisket markets move upward from now through the end of the month. Still, less expensive pork and chicken could temper any winter beef price gains as there will be an unprecedented financial incentive for consumers to switch out of beef. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Cattle	1.673	1.702	-.029	1.320
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	2.417	2.439	-.022	1.662
Ground Beef 81/19	2.675	2.619	+.056	1.855
Ground Chuck	2.760	2.823	-.063	1.957
109e Export Rib (choice)	7.991	7.889	+.102	7.296
109e Export Rib (prime)	9.072	9.028	+.044	10.860
112a Ribeye (choice)	8.212	8.767	-.555	7.860
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.907	9.925	-.018	11.342
116 Chuck (select)	3.021	3.248	-.227	2.454
116 Chuck (choice)	3.061	3.277	-.216	2.492
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	3.204	3.224	-.020	2.252
120 Brisket (choice)	3.243	3.221	+.022	2.013
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	5.545	5.236	+.309	3.908
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.428	4.366	+.062	3.206
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	3.210	3.391	-.181	2.291
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.815	2.989	-.174	2.157
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	5.401	5.423	-.022	4.478
174 Short Loin (prime)	7.809	8.206	-.397	8.830
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	5.044	4.807	+.237	4.272
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	8.202	7.857	+.345	9.402
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	5.389	5.516	-.127	4.642
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.483	3.640	-.157	2.496
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.560	3.887	-.327	2.984
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	4.320	4.201	+.119	3.574
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	3.388	3.351	+.037	2.892
189a Tender (select)	9.835	11.302	-1.467	10.062
189a Tender (choice)	10.949	12.104	-1.155	12.966
189a Tender (prime)	15.169	15.076	+.093	14.549
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.654	4.585	+.069	3.675
50% Trimmings	1.123	1.143	-.020	0.918
65% Trimmings	1.729	1.804	-.075	1.310
75% Trimmings	2.297	2.280	+.017	1.688
85% Trimmings	2.751	2.776	-.025	1.850
90% Trimmings	2.982	2.968	+.014	1.964
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.800	2.850	-.050	2.065
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.998	3.048	-.050	2.160
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	9.950	9.950	-	8.475
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	16.450	16.450	-	15.065



Oil, Grains, Misc.-Crop challenges both in Canada and the U.S. limited the durum wheat harvests this fall. Consequently, the available durum wheat supply is historically limited. Relatively inflated durum wheat prices are anticipated to persist this winter. Prices USDA, FOB

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Soybeans, bushel	10.336	9.777	+.559	13.222
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.324	.318	+.006	.380
Soybean Meal, ton	458.600	429.600	+29.000	499.300
Corn, bushel	3.658	3.474	+.184	4.281
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.335	.335	-	.385
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.132	.130	+.002	.142
Distillers Grain, Dry	129.375	118.292	+11.083	215.500
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.276	.284	-.008	.369
HRW Wheat, bushel	6.140	6.440	-.300	6.830
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	6.280	6.520	-.240	7.230
Durum Wheat, bushel	11.477	11.545	-.068	6.650
Pinto Beans, lb.	.243	.243	-	.385
Black Beans, lb.	.305	.303	+.002	.415
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.257	.257	-	.286
Coffee, lb. NYBOT	10.336	9.777	+.559	13.222
Sugar, lb. NYBOT	.324	.318	+.006	.380
Honey (Clover), lb.	458.600	429.600	+29.000	499.300



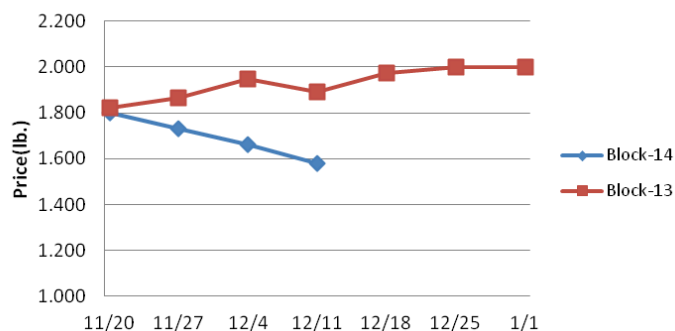
Dairy- The butter market remains inflated due in part to last minute wholesale buying for the holidays. However, milk production continues to track above year ago levels. Further, the abnormally large discount in international butter prices is discouraging butter exports. The U.S. exported 80% less butter in October compared to the prior year. Further, the U.S. was the smallest net exporter of butter during the month since August 2009. The greater price risk in butter remains to the downside. The CME cheese markets remain soft but could find support fairly soon. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.475	1.580	-.105	1.885
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.580	1.660	-.080	1.948
American Cheese	1.690	1.797	-.107	1.868
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	1.732	1.792	-.060	1.942
Mozzarella Cheese	1.872	1.932	-.060	2.082
Provolone Cheese	2.230	2.290	-.060	2.440
Parmesan Cheese	3.577	3.637	-.060	3.788
Butter (CME)	1.920	1.985	-.065	1.640
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.330	1.395	-.065	1.982
Whey, Dry	.579	.588	-.009	.562
Class I Base	22.530	22.530	-	20.370
Class II Cream, heavy	2.515	2.462	+.053	2.349
Class III Milk (CME)	15.890	16.690	-.800	18.720
Class IV Milk (CME)	15.920	15.920	-	21.500

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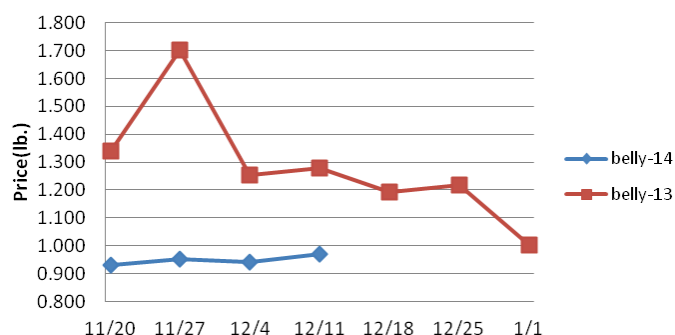
Cheese Block (CME)



Pork- Pork output last week was 2.7% less than the same week a year ago. Hog supplies remain seasonally adequate but will begin to wane as the winter gets underway. The USDA is projecting first quarter 2015 pork output to be down 1.7% from the fall but this will mark the smallest decline in pork production between the two quarters in over a decade. This could temper any seasonal pork market appreciation in the coming months. Ham demand is starting to fade which should influence ham prices lower in the near term. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Live Hogs	.618	.636	-.018	.575
Belly (bacon)	.971	.941	+.030	1.193
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.639	1.689	-.050	1.372
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.973	.967	+.006	.918
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.894	.892	+.002	.889
Loin (bone-in)	.966	.969	-.003	.880
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.270	2.233	+.037	2.180
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.594	2.585	+.009	2.332
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	1.046	1.085	-.039	.920
Picnic, untrmd.	.873	.761	+.112	.744
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	1.241	1.148	+.093	.972
42% Trimmings	.391	.284	+.107	.329
72% Trimmings	.783	.721	+.062	.709

Pork Belly



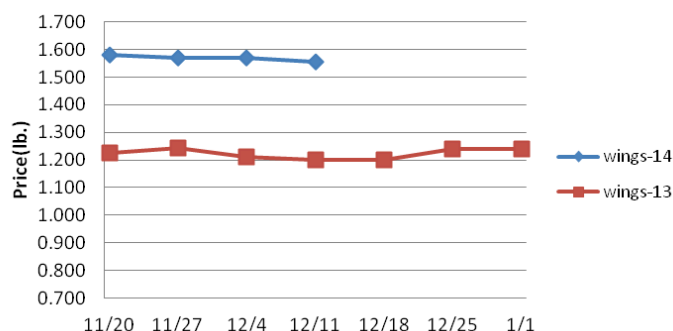
The Kitchen Sink (Various Markets)- The cocoa markets have been under pressure due to demand concerns in 2015. Ten of the top 11 largest per capita chocolate consumption countries are located in Europe which is facing significant financial headwinds. This may continue to weigh heavy on cocoa futures. Price bases noted below

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 13
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	12.633	12.633	-	12.529
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.468	.468	-	.464
Coffee, lb., ICE	1.768	1.851	-.083	1.107
Sugar, lb., ICE	.245	.242	+.003	.201
Cocoa, mt., ICE	2946.000	2860.000	+86.000	2787.000
Orange Juice, lb., ICE	1.498	1.463	+.035	1.247
Honey (Clover), lb.	2.057	2.057	-	2.088

Poultry- Chicken production for the week ending November 29th was 4.3% larger than the same week a year ago. Bird weights remain heavy up 3.5% compared to the prior year during the week. Chicken producers have started to increase broiler egg sets but it will be mid-winter before it translates into a seasonal increase in output. The USDA is projecting first quarter 2015 chicken production to be 2.1% less than the fall. This factor and better demand could lift the chicken breast markets higher shortly. Typically the boneless skinless chicken breast markets rise 18% from the start of the year through March. Modest chicken wing price increases are likely in January as well. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.137	1.137	-	1.043
Wings (whole)	1.555	1.570	-.015	1.200
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.761	1.757	+.004	1.168
Breast, Bone In	1.185	1.185	-	1.015
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.850	1.920	-.070	1.780
Tenderloin (random)	1.580	1.580	-	1.310
Tenderloin (sized)	1.840	1.840	-	1.740
Legs (whole)	.535	.546	-.011	.561
Leg Quarters	.515	.515	-	.495
Thighs, bone in	.739	.730	+.009	.746
Thighs, boneless	1.255	1.236	+.019	1.275
Eggs and Others				
Large (dozen)	2.167	2.153	+.014	1.610
Medium (dozen)	1.405	1.405	-	1.148
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.971	.956	+.015	.779
Egg Whites- Liquid	1.023	1.005	+.018	.915
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.758	.669	+.089	.643
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.065	1.125	-.060	1.010
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	3.850	3.920	-.070	2.155

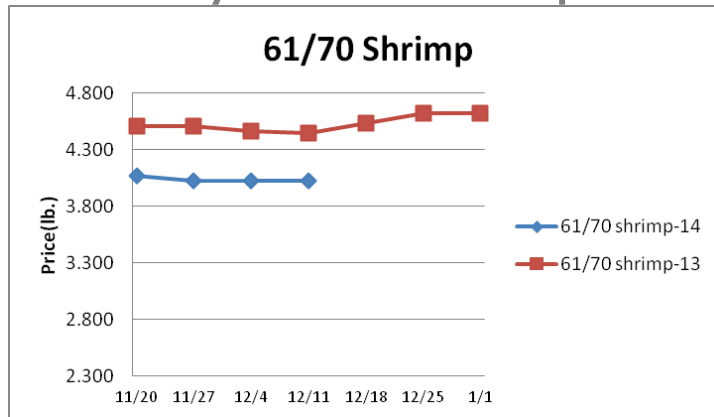
Whole Chicken Wing



Seafood- Elevated prices and a rising U.S. dollar valuation continue to fuel strong shrimp imports. During October, the U.S. imported 14.5% more shrimp than the previous year marking the largest total for the month since 2008. U.S. shrimp imports from Thailand were the biggest since December. Modestly lower shrimp prices may be forthcoming. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News

	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	7.575	7.821	-.246	8.490
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	4.022	4.022	-	4.450
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	6.700	6.613	+.087	7.650
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.	3.062	3.062	-	3.088
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.050	3.050	-	3.025
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.275	6.275	-	5.958
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.750	1.750	-	1.775

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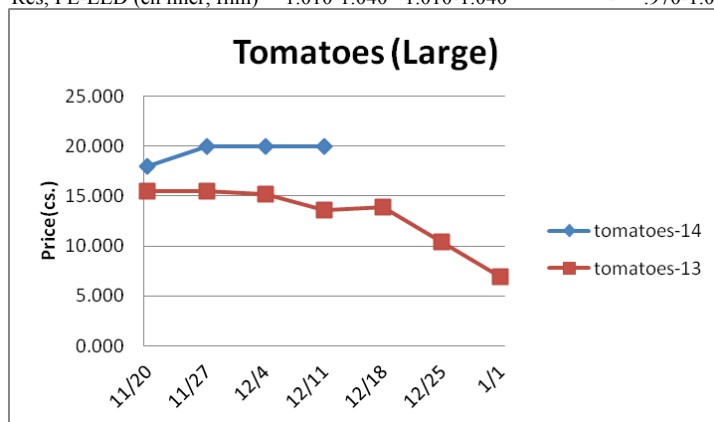


Energy & Currency- - Crude oil prices fell to a fresh five year low this week as the OPEC cartel has decided not to cut output. Still, crude oil prices may find support shortly. Currency US dollar is worth

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	62.960	67.250	-4.290	98.510
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	3.648	3.837	-.189	4.237
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	2.048	2.157	-.109	3.017
Electricity, mwht- nymex	68.400	70.500	-2.100	51.530
Gasoline, gal- nymex	1.696	1.810	-.114	2.683
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	3.535	3.605	-.007	3.879
Ethanol, gal- usda	2.248	2.447	-.199	2.400
Canadian \$	1.145	1.138	+.007	1.059
Japanese Yen	119.467	119.396	+.071	102.494
Mexican Peso	14.418	14.113	+.305	12.869
Euro	.808	.811	-.003	.727
Brazilian Real	2.593	2.575	+.018	2.312
Chinese Yuan	6.188	6.147	+.040	6.071

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)	988.075	988.075	-	995.224
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	671.950	671.950	-	669.386
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.300-1.340	1.310-1.350	-.010	1.170-1.210
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	1.120-1.140	1.120-1.140	-	1.090-1.110
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	1.010-1.040	1.010-1.040	-	.970-1.000



Produce- The Yuma-Imperial Valley region lettuce harvest is in full swing with supplies improving. Iceberg lettuce shipments last week rose 21% from the week prior and were 10% larger than the same week a year ago. Relatively engaging lettuce prices for buyers could persist during the next few weeks assuming favorable weather persists as forecasted. Tomato supplies, on the other hand, remain limited due in part to earlier adverse weather in Mexico. Tomato prices could remain elevated into the new year. Prices USDA FOB shipping point unless noted (terminal).

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 12
Limes (150 ct.)	15.000	16.000	-1.000	10.500
Lemons (95 ct.)	27.850	27.850	-	22.350
Lemons (200 ct.)	19.850	19.950	-.100	20.350
Honeydew (6 ct.)	13.450	11.400	+2.050	10.450
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	8.500	8.500	-	5.450
Blueberries (12 count)	25.625	25.500	+.125	23.875
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	19.000	19.000	-	23.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	28.250	28.250	-	26.750
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.730	14.813	-.083	15.129
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	10.042	12.095	-2.053	9.968
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	13.875	13.625	+.250	8.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	13.875	13.625	+.250	8.500
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	17.829	14.943	+2.886	15.452
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	8.625	8.750	-.125	8.500
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	11.375	12.875	-1.500	10.750
Processing Potato (cwt.)	8.750	8.500	+.250	6.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	5.500	3.750	+1.750	7.500
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	11.469	11.000	+.469	13.588
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	9.896	9.416	+.480	10.458
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	21.396	20.896	+.500	26.104
Tomatoes (large- case)	19.943	19.950	-.007	13.616
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	30.025	30.407	-.382	18.500
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	26.950	29.950	-3.000	18.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	24.283	29.600	-5.317	17.450
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	25.263	30.784	-5.521	18.116
Green Peppers (large- case)	12.583	8.871	+3.712	9.083
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	19.950	19.950	-	17.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	8.325	9.900	-1.575	5.900
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	18.000	16.000	+2.000	14.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	8.748	11.319	-2.571	7.341
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	8.175	10.944	-2.769	7.830
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.719	6.782	-.063	6.593
Broccoli (14 ct.)	8.458	8.800	-.342	8.015
Squash (1/2 bushel)	18.350	18.600	-.250	9.350
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	18.585	18.600	-.015	4.175
Green Beans (bushel)	21.600	29.717	-8.117	16.933
Spinach, Flat 24's	12.150	14.130	-1.980	10.415
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.646	15.488	+.158	14.729
Cucumbers (bushel)	11.774	10.210	+1.564	11.010
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	28.313	22.500	+5.813	25.635
Asparagus (small)	17.000	14.500	+2.500	15.000
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5612.500	5537.500	+75.000	5225.000

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

	Oct-14	Sep-14	Aug-14	Jul-14
Beef and Veal	+.324	+1.973	+4.217	+.435
Dairy	+.539	+.536	+.555	+.275
Pork	-.781	+.073	+2.147	+.715
Chicken	-.746	-.113	+.658	+.527
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-1.945	+1.072	+.570	-.233
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+.183	+1.088	-.339	-.730