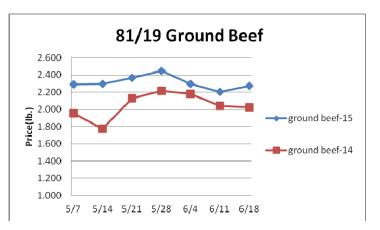
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**Beef-** Beef production last week declined 1.6% and was 8.5% less than the same week last year. Despite this, beef prices have been moving lower as demand seasonally wanes. However, strong forward beef sales last week suggest that the downside price risk in beef prices from here may be limited especially for ground beef and trimmings. Forward beef sales last week for delivery 22-90 days out were the largest in almost four years. Ground beef forward sales were the biggest since the summer of 2010. Look for the ground beef markets to rise around the Fourth of July and Labor Day holidays. However, the most expensive ground beef prices are likely behind us. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

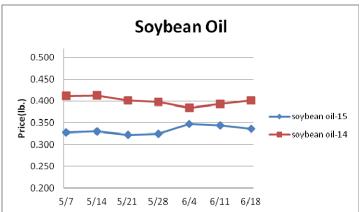
	<b>Price</b>	Last Week	<b>Difference</b>	Price 14
Live Cattle	1.556	1.574	018	1.499
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	2.267	2.259	+.008	2.034
Ground Beef 81/19	2.273	2.205	+.068	2.024
Ground Chuck	2.569	2.502	+.067	2.166
109e Export Rib (choice)	6.907	7.138	231	7.305
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.836	8.782	+.054	9.940
112a Ribeye (choice)	7.729	8.152	423	8.189
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.993	9.983	+.010	10.379
116 Chuck (select)	3.079	2.845	+.234	2.811
116 Chuck (choice)	3.077	2.861	+.216	2.911
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	3.000	2.855	+.145	2.627
120 Brisket (choice)	2.679	2.593	+.086	3.056
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	5.948	6.793	845	6.061
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	6.083	6.040	+.043	4.415
167a Knckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.856	2.686	+.170	2.639
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.983	2.809	+.174	2.353
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	6.661	7.123	462	6.417
174 Short Loin (prime)	8.467	8.004	+.463	9.349
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	6.823	7.993	-1.170	5.981
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	9.961	9.878	+.083	9.577
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	7.410	8.895	-1.485	6.409
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.742	4.042	300	3.611
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	4.446	4.793	347	4.361
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	5.851	6.179	328	5.335
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	4.501	4.503	002	3.647
189a Tender (select)	10.434	10.740	306	9.699
189a Tender (choice)	10.641	10.956	315	10.147
189a Tender (prime)	15.538	15.486	+.052	14.427
193 Flank Steak (choice)	6.975	6.693	+.282	6.036
50% Trimmings	.786	.901	115	1.276
65% Trimmings	1.467	1.401	+.066	1.682
75% Trimmings	2.064	2.069	005	1.832
85% Trimmings	2.641	2.692	051	2.175
90% Trimmings	2.917	2.983	066	2.479
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.258	2.270	012	2.140
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.450	2.440	+.010	2.303
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	9.950	9.950	-	8.925
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	17.850	17.850	-	15.150





Oil, Grains, Misc- Recent rainfall is causing corn and soybean crop concerns in the Midwest. As of June 14th, both the corn and soybean crops were rated below year ago levels. Still, the margin of error with these crops is the best that it's been in years. The upside price risk in the corn and soybean markets may be only modest. Prices USDA, FOB

	<u>Price</u>	Last Week	<u>Difference</u>	Price 14
Soybeans, bushel	9.701	9.607	+.094	14.066
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.336	.344	008	.401
Soybean Meal, ton	335.800	323.500	+12.300	480.200
Corn, bushel	3.494	3.575	081	4.378
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.403	.395	+.008	.398
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.127	.128	001	.143
Distillers Grain, Dry	146.208	164.083	-17.875	155.000
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.277	.281	004	.342
HRW Wheat, bushel	5.180	5.590	410	7.020
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	5.720	6.050	330	7.230
Durum Wheat, bushel	7.655	7.712	057	7.711
Pinto Beans, lb.	.233	.233	-	.316
Black Beans, lb.	.340	.340	-	.390
Rice Long Grain lb 3.281 ong Grain 34	.238	.238	-	.287

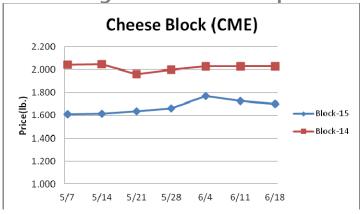


**Dairy**- The cheese markets have remained relatively range-bound as of late. Milk supplies in the heavy cheese producing region Midwest have been ample and pricing well below government class. This is fueling strong cheese output and supplies. Also weighing on the cheese markets has been lethargic export demand. Usually cheese prices are fairly flat from now through mid-July before beginning a cyclical move upward. CME butter prices have been range-bound also. Slowed milk output in California could contribute to limited butter supplies during the next few months. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA

	<u>Price</u>	Last week	Difference	Price 14
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.665	1.673	008	2.003
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.700	1.725	025	2.030
American Cheese	1.805	1.740	+.065	2.065
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	1.848	1.775	+.073	2.120
Mozzarella Cheese	1.920	1.848	+.072	2.260
Provolone Cheese	2.323	2.250	+.073	2.618
Parmesan Cheese	3.670	3.598	+.072	3.965
Butter (CME)	1.895	1.860	+.035	2.253
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.001	1.022	021	1.897
Whey, Dry	.429	.436	007	0.680
Class 1 Base	16.140	16.140	-	22.860
Class II Cream, heavy	2.490	2.371	+.119	2.996
Class III Milk (CME)	16.700	17.480	780	21.760
Class IV Milk (CME)	14.170	14.400	230	22.800

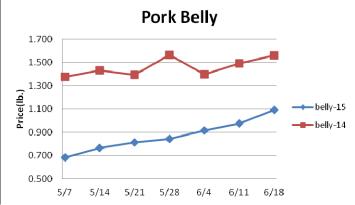
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**Pork-** Pork output last week rose .6% and was 10.3% more than the same week last year. Solid pork production expansion compared to 2014 is expected to persevere. The USDA is forecasting summer pork output to be 8.9% more than last year. Generally any further seasonal pork market appreciation in the coming months is expected to be limited. However, concerns are building around strong ham demand during the fall due to the avian flu depleted turkey supply. Ham prices could be volatile later this year. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	<u>Price</u>	Last Week	<u>Difference</u>	Price 14
Live Hogs	.568	.576	008	.871
Belly (bacon)	1.090	.977	+.113	1.611
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	2.161	2.101	+.060	1.792
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.636	.626	+.010	1.247
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.623	.597	+.026	1.265
Loin (bone-in)	.926	.970	044	1.262
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.940	3.001	061	2.826
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.467	2.446	+.021	2.830
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	1.016	1.130	114	1.452
Picnic, untrmd.	.643	.614	+.029	.966
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.865	.813	+.052	1.107
42% Trimmings	.472	.490	018	.657
72% Trimmings	.829	.771	+.058	1.337

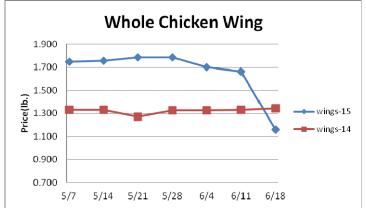


**The Kitchen Sink (Various Markets)-** The chief tomato for processing harvest is set to get underway in just a few weeks. The USDA is forecasting California output, which typically accounts for 96% of U.S. production to rise 2.4% to a record high. Still, canned tomato prices may remain elevated. Price bases noted below

	<b>Price</b>	Last Week	<b>Difference</b>	Price 14
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	12.713	12.737	024	12.498
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.471	.472	001	.463
Coffee, lb., ICE	1.272	1.372	100	1.664
Sugar, lb., ICE	.247	.245	+.002	.254
Cocoa, mt., ICE	3232.000	3107.000	+125.000	2787.000
Orange Juice, lb., ICE	1.194	1.247	053	1.247
Honey (Clover) 1h	2 210	2 210		2.058

**Poultry-** Chicken output for the week ending June 6th was 3.8% larger than the same week last year. Solid chicken production gains compared to 2014 are likely to occur in the coming months. The six week moving average for broiler chick placements is 3.6% more than last year marking the biggest expansion since the fall. The USDA recently reduced their 2015 egg and turkey production estimates due to avian flu. Both egg (4.1%) and turkey (2.6%) output this year are now projected to decline from 2014. Egg production this summer is projected to be 8% less than the previous year. Egg and turkey prices could be especially erratic into 2016. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

<u>Price</u>	Last Week	<b>Difference</b>	Price 14
1.160	1.160	-	1.113
1.670	1.660	+.010	1.345
1.757	1.757	-	1.196
1.270	1.310	040	1.260
1.945	2.055	110	2.230
1.750	1.800	050	1.830
2.150	2.200	050	2.090
.441	.387	+.054	.688
.460	.475	015	.555
.681	.682	001	.894
1.111	1.116	005	1.392
2.387	2.461	074	1.267
1.993	2.185	192	1.153
2.285	2.210	+.075	.889
2.050	2.055	005	1.262
2.230	2.153	+.077	.617
1.185	1.140	+.045	1.075
4.604	4.161	+.443	3.746
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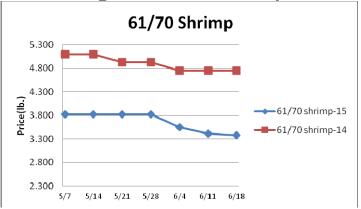


**Seafood-** Solid U.S. salmon imports continue. During April, the world shipped 8.7% more salmon to the U.S. than the previous year. Salmon imports during the month were the largest for the period since at least 2010. Relatively adequate salmon supplies are expected to persist. Thus, the salmon markets are anticipated to remain below 2014 this summer. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u> Price 14</u>
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	7.073	7.067	+.006	8.153
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.380	3.410	030	4.750
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	5.280	5.275	+.005	6.800
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	4.950	4.925	+.025	5.250
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.525	5.325	+.200	5.450
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	2.763	2.763	-	3.063
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.075	3.075	-	3.025
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.113	6.113	-	6.225
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	1.750

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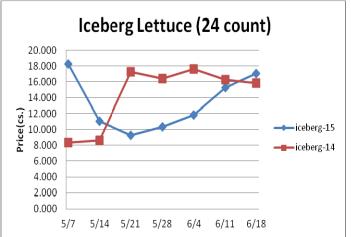


**Energy & Currency -** The ongoing challenges in the European economy with Greece are brining support to the U.S. dollar. A higher dollar is bearish for commodities. Currency US dollar is worth.

<u>Price</u>	Last Week	<u>Difference</u>	Price 14
60.050	60.180	130	106.360
2.893	2.832	+.061	4.709
1.886	1.925	039	3.018
54.500	57.450	-2.950	64.630
2.893	2.071	+.822	3.091
2.835	2.884	049	3.882
1.442	1.462	020	2.225
1.122	1.233	111	1.086
123.374	124.372	998	102.212
15.408	15.575	167	13.090
.890	.889	+.001	.737
3.092	3.105	013	2.262
6.209	6.205	+.004	6.230
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Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	<b>Price</b>	Last Week	<b>Difference</b>	Price 14
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	976.787	970.391	+6.396	997.482
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	678.786	679.356	570	671.095
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.230-1.270	1.230-1.270	-	1.360-1.400
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	.870890	.870890	-	1.110-1.130
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.930960	.930960	-	1.010-1.040



**Produce**- Lettuce demand has been robust during the last week. Further, the lettuce harvests in California have face a few challenges including drought. Iceberg lettuce supplies did improve last week but were still 4.6% less than the same week a year ago. History suggests that lettuce prices could remain firm into July. The five year average move for the iceberg lettuce market during the next five weeks is higher by 29%. Despite the drought in California, avocado shipments have been solid trending 3.4% above last year. Still, larger sized avocado supplies are reported to be limited. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Limes (150 ct.)	6.500	8.000	-1.500	11.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	37.850	37.350	+.500	30.650
Lemons (200 ct.)	25.850	25.850	-	27.650
Honeydew (6 ct.)	7.113	4.625	+2.488	10.075
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	5.500	5.500	-	10.450
Blueberries (12 count)	12.500	13.084	584	16.833
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	8.500	9.000	500	13.500
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	33.000	29.625	+3.375	37.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	16.084	16.163	079	15.146
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	9.844	10.730	886	12.203
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	17.000	17.250	250	12.250
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	14.500	14.750	250	12.250
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	20.750	21.238	488	22.656
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	6.000	6.000	-	9.000
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	6.500	6.500	-	13.500
Processing Potato (cwt.)	9.000	8.670	+.330	11.000
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	10.000	14.750	-4.750	7.583
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	21.050	20.605	+.445	13.333
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	15.360	15.250	+.110	10.775
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	24.084	22.875	+1.209	17.394
Tomatoes (large- case)	13.950	13.950	-	15.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	15.000	16.056	-1.056	19.313
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	7.950	8.950	-1.000	15.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	8.463	9.950	-1.487	8.635
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	8.525	10.700	-2.175	8.888
Green Peppers (large- case)	13.988	12.000	+1.988	15.775
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	11.950	17.950	-6.000	15.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	17.078	15.275	+1.803	15.850
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	26.917	21.250	+5.667	24.333
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	10.800	14.750	3950	7.525
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	16.803	17.303	500	9.438
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.407	6.407	-	6.688
Broccoli (14 ct.)	8.288	9.878	-1.590	13.313
Squash (1/2 bushel)	8.800	8.000	+.800	9.300
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	7.567	6.500	+1.067	7.700
Green Beans (bushel)	17.013	16.513	+.500	20.050
Spinach, Flat 24's	8.000	7.350	+.650	6.975
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	16.250	17.000	750	15.146
Cucumbers (bushel)	11.400	10.550	+.850	15.486
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	24.657	27.723	-3.066	29.250
Asparagus (small)	14.000	18.500	-4.500	10.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5755.000	5705.000	+50.000	6468.750

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

<u>Apr-15</u>	<u>Mar-15</u>	<u>Feb-15</u>	<u>Jan-15</u>
+.373	+.094	+.666	+.119
783	482	994	900
-2.750	-1.656	-1.138	131
+.029	+.321	286	+.416
054	+.953	619	+.842
+.044	-2.164	-1.576	+.105
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