

# Weekly Market Updates

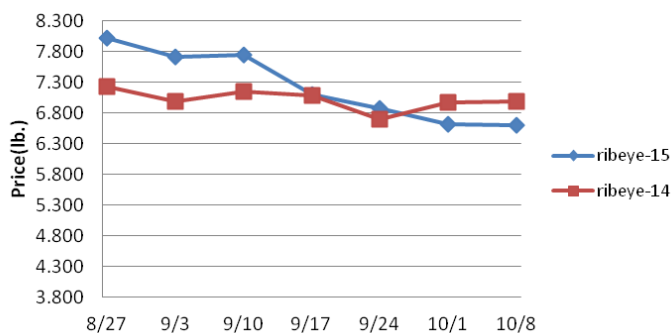


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**Beef-** Beef output last week was essentially flat with the prior week and was 1.6% better than the same week a year ago. Cattle supplies remain backlogged in feedlots which is depressing cattle prices. Thus, live cattle prices are trending at some of their lowest levels in over two years. The beef markets are moving downward as well with the USDA choice boxed beef cutout this week falling to a 19 month low. Beef demand is seasonally escalating. Further, retailers appear to be scheduling beef feature activity as forward sales have been trending at their highest levels for the early fall since 2012. This could bring support to several of the beef markets in the coming weeks. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Live Cattle	1.159	1.289	-.130	1.606
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.823	1.905	-.082	2.376
Ground Beef 81/19	1.870	1.999	-.129	2.559
Ground Chuck	1.781	2.042	-.261	2.617
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.857	6.149	-.292	6.240
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.745	8.552	+.193	5.816
112a Ribeye (choice)	6.598	6.612	-.014	6.984
112a Ribeye (prime)	8.526	9.657	-1.131	10.243
116 Chuck (select)	2.784	2.857	-.073	3.314
116 Chuck (choice)	2.918	2.658	+.260	3.389
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.519	2.658	-.139	3.206
120 Brisket (choice)	2.131	2.371	-.240	3.073
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	6.582	6.509	+.073	5.735
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	3.935	3.848	+.087	3.594
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.545	2.714	-.169	3.117
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.064	2.230	-.166	2.777
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.963	5.001	-.038	5.235
174 Short Loin (prime)	9.479	9.361	+.118	8.922
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.737	4.773	-.036	4.850
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	10.036	9.665	+.371	9.401
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	5.246	5.303	-.057	5.135
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	3.468	3.906	-.438	3.259
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	4.579	4.218	+.361	3.655
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	4.146	4.355	-.209	4.607
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.331	2.421	-.090	3.482
189a Tender (select)	10.726	11.369	-.643	10.721
189a Tender (choice)	10.787	11.439	-.652	11.818
189a Tender (prime)	16.079	16.112	-.033	15.179
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.078	4.218	-.140	4.120
50% Trimmings	.352	.389	-.037	1.064
65% Trimmings	.963	1.059	-.096	1.780
75% Trimmings	2.020	2.006	+.014	2.298
85% Trimmings	1.920	2.088	-.168	2.747
90% Trimmings	2.434	2.715	-.281	2.965
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.320	2.355	-.035	2.980
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.590	2.615	-.025	3.165
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	9.875	9.875	-	9.850
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	17.850	17.850	-	16.225

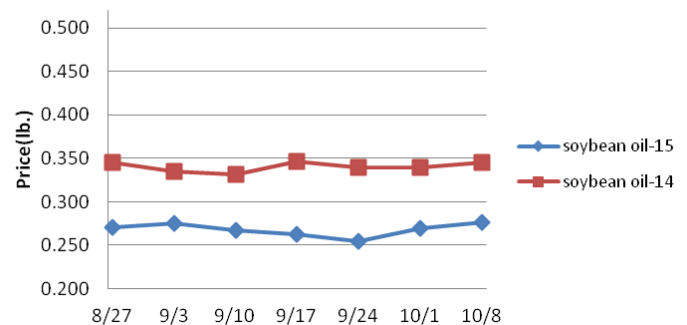
## 112a Choice Beef Ribeye (heavy)



**Oil, Grains, Misc-** The domestic corn and soybean harvests are progressing under continued favorable conditions. 2015 corn and soybean yields are anticipated to be at least the second best on record. Still, seasonal pressure could push these markets upward this fall. Further, poor margins for farmers could lead to smaller grain production next year. Prices USDA, FOB.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Soybeans, bushel	8.730	8.690	+.040	9.129
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.276	.270	+.006	.345
Soybean Meal, ton	328.600	329.200	-.600	358.500
Corn, bushel	3.636	3.543	+.093	2.887
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.368	.360	+.008	.345
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.132	.130	+.002	.113
Distillers Grain, Dry	121.521	135.833	-14.312	102.667
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.246	.249	-.003	.303
HRW Wheat, bushel	4.800	4.540	+.260	5.680
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	5.500	5.300	+.200	5.950
Durum Wheat, bushel	6.234	6.139	+.095	11.244
Pinto Beans, lb.	.204	.204	-	.249
Black Beans, lb.	.233	.233	-	.295
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.234	.234	-	.263

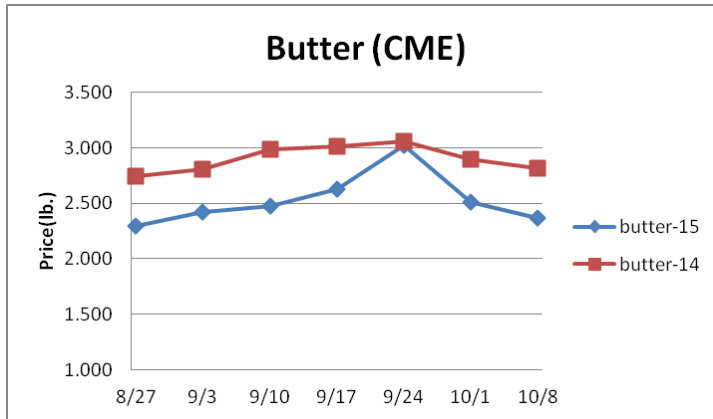
## Soybean Oil



**Dairy-** The CME cheese block market touched an 11 month high earlier this week before softening once again. CME cheese prices are usually weak during the next few months. The five year average move for the CME cheese block market during the next 11 weeks is a decline of 14%. But class IV milk prices carrying a premium to class III which could temper cheese output this fall. This may moderate any pending cheese market depreciation. Further, it may signal that a longer term price bottom is being made in cheese. The butter market is falling sharply with further declines are likely. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

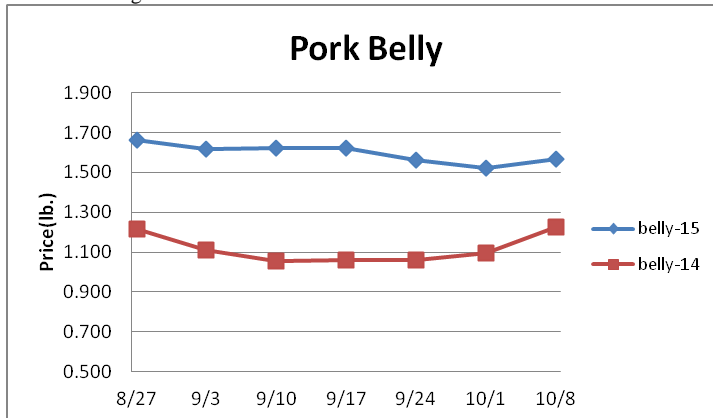
	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.620	1.563	+.057	2.100
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.728	1.670	+.058	2.160
American Cheese	1.665	1.618	+.047	2.272
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	1.773	1.705	+.068	2.260
Mozzarella Cheese	1.845	1.778	+.067	2.400
Provolone Cheese	2.283	2.215	+.068	2.757
Parmesan Cheese	3.630	3.563	+.067	4.105
Butter (CME)	2.370	2.510	-.140	2.820
Nonfat Dry Milk	.979	.959	+.020	1.469
Whey, Dry	.226	.231	-.005	.633
Class I Base	15.840	15.840	-	24.190
Class II Cream, heavy	3.621	3.994	-.373	3.533
Class III Milk (CME)	15.660	15.560	+.100	21.300
Class IV Milk (CME)	16.090	16.350	-.260	19.170

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**Pork-** Pork production declined .1% last week but was 7% more than the same week last year. Pork output should seasonally escalate during the next several weeks but production growth is anticipated to be slower in 2016. The pork belly markets are trading near record high levels for the early fall due in a large part to strong demand. History still suggests that lower pork belly prices are likely. The last time the pork belly cutout was this high in early October the market fell 34% through the end of the year. Prices USDA, FOB per pound

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Live Hogs	.525	.508	+.017	.780
Belly (bacon)	1.568	1.522	+.046	1.209
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.463	1.425	+.038	1.631
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.680	.680	-	1.348
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.680	.637	+.043	1.387
Loin (bone-in)	.855	.841	+.014	1.353
Bbybck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.156	2.221	-.065	2.328
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.128	1.981	+.147	3.007
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8lb.)	.855	.869	-.014	1.358
Picnic, untrmd.	.511	.481	+.030	.999
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.688	.691	-.003	1.220
42% Trimmings	.375	.333	+.042	.608
72% Trimmings	.624	.602	+.022	1.137



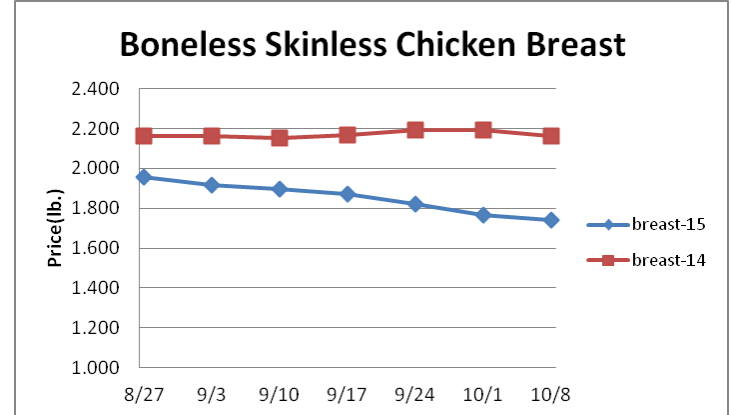
**The Kitchen Sink (Various Markets)** - The 2015 tomato for processing harvest is entering its final stages with record output anticipated. However, relatively elevated raw product costs for canners could keep the canned tomato markets firm this fall. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	12.737	12.737	-	12.545
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.472	.472	-	.467
Coffee, lb., ICE	1.259	1.211	+.048	2.189
Sugar, lb., ICE	.254	.242	+.012	.270
Cocoa, mt., ICE	3091.000	3141.000	-50.000	3127.000
Orange Juice, lb., ICE	1.079	1.071	+.008	1.364
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.974	1.974	-	2.074

**Poultry-** Chicken output for the week ending September 26<sup>th</sup> declined 3.2% from the previous week but was 4.5% larger than the same week a year ago. Chicken production growth versus 2014 is expected to decelerate as the fall progresses with the USDA forecasting an increase of just 2.4%. To date, chicken output expansion is tracking at 4.5%. Due to the strong gains in chicken production this year, the chicken breast markets have fallen to some of their lowest levels in the last six years. Cyclical charts suggest that another \$.10 to \$.15 could come out of boneless skinless chicken breast pricing between now and the end of the year. Slower chicken production growth in 2016 is expected to be generally supportive of the chicken breast markets. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted

Chicken	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.145	1.148	-.003	1.137
Wings (whole)	1.545	1.550	-.005	1.650
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.702	1.702	-	1.745
Breast, Bone In	1.145	1.185	-.040	1.270
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.740	1.765	-.025	2.160
Tenderloin (random)	1.400	1.400	-	1.880
Tenderloin (sized)	1.800	1.800	-	2.140
Legs (whole)	.324	.400	-.076	.544
Leg Quarters	.450	.450	-	.520
Thighs, bone in	.505	.512	-.007	.712
Thighs, boneless	.885	.928	-.043	1.284

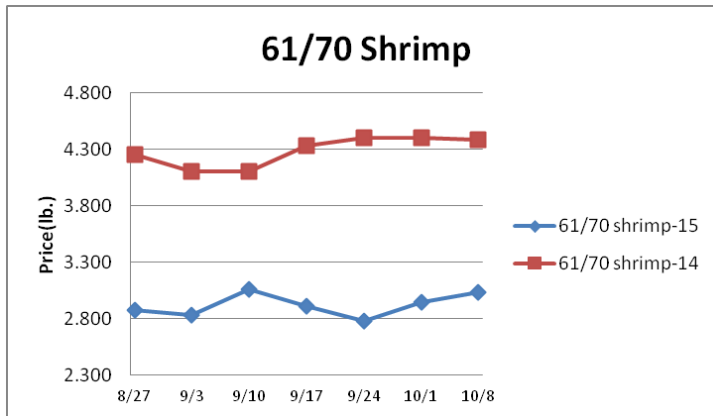
Eggs and Others	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Large (dozen)	1.917	2.073	-.156	1.035
Medium (dozen)	1.607	1.617	-.010	.778
Whole Eggs- Liquid	1.635	1.660	-.025	1.162
Egg Whites- Liquid	1.505	1.540	-.035	.630
Egg Yolks- Liquid	3.288	3.265	+.023	1.145
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.360	1.360	-	4.023
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknls	5.767	5.770	-.003	1.650



**Seafood-** The shrimp markets remain well below 2014 levels due in part to strong imports. During August, the U.S. imported 10.7% less shrimp than last year. However, 2015 to date shrimp imports are 3.6% better than a year ago. The downside may be limited from here in the shrimp markets. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
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	6.094	6.209	-.115	8.284
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.030	2.950	+.080	4.388
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	4.700	4.830	-.130	6.613
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	4.925	4.925	-	5.400
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	5.600	5.600	-	5.625
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	2.825	2.825	-	3.013
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	3.088	3.088	-	3.050
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	5.900	5.900	-	6.242
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.800	1.800	-	1.750

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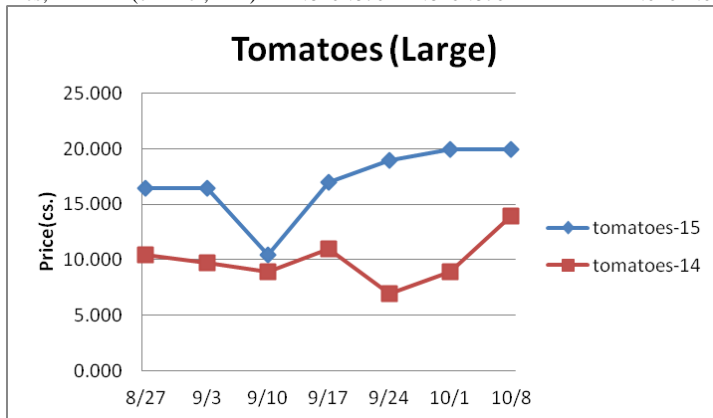


**Energy & Currency-** The crude oil markets have been relatively range-bound. Domestic crude oil production is declining which may keep a floor under prices this fall. Currency US dollar is worth

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	49.480	45.050	+4.430	87.870
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	2.518	2.609	-.091	3.918
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	1.631	1.523	+.108	2.584
Electricity, mwht- nymex	38.200	39.050	-.850	43.150
Gasoline, gal- nymex	1.443	1.342	+.101	2.330
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	2.492	2.476	+.016	3.733
Ethanol, gal- usda	1.485	1.471	+.014	1.478
Canadian \$	1.299	1.340	-.041	1.116
Japanese Yen	119.896	120.327	-.431	108.096
Mexican Peso	16.516	16.911	-.395	13.469
Euro	.891	.892	-.001	.790
Brazilian Real	3.804	4.056	-.252	2.396
Chinese Yuan	6.357	6.355	+.002	6.140

**Paper/Plastic-** Provided by: resin- [www.plasticsnews.com](http://www.plasticsnews.com), pulp- [www.paperage.com](http://www.paperage.com).

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	968.133	968.133	-	995.601
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	678.786	678.786	-	672.235
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.13-1.17	1.22-1.26	-.090	1.370-1.390
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	.840-.860	.840-.860	-	1.080-1.110
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.840-.870	.840-.870	-	1.010-1.040



**Produce-** Lettuce supplies are improving which is putting downward pressure on pricing. Lettuce shipments last week rose 11% and were on par with a year ago. The principal lettuce harvest region will shift south during the next few weeks with no major supply gaps anticipated. Thus, additional modest lettuce price depreciation may be forthcoming. The Idaho potato harvest is progressing achieving 59% complete as of Sunday which compares to the five year average for the date of 52%. History indicates that fairly engaging potato prices are likely to persevere throughout the fall. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 14
Limes (150 ct.)	13.000	15.500	-2.500	6.500
Lemons (95 ct.)	35.850	35.850	-	39.850
Lemons (200 ct.)	21.850	21.850	-	28.900
Honeydew (6 ct.)	8.250	8.375	-.125	7.460
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	7.250	7.500	-.250	9.975
Blueberries (12 count)	33.500	31.500	+2.000	30.500
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	13.000	11.667	+1.333	19.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	22.250	23.750	-1.500	26.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	15.243	15.454	-.211	15.475
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	21.000	21.438	-.438	11.625
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	5.750	5.750	-	8.438
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	6.375	6.375	-	8.438
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	15.297	15.172	+.125	13.258
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	7.250	7.125	+.125	6.875
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	11.250	11.250	-	12.250
Processing Potato (cwt.)	8.750	8.750	-	7.250
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	5.833	6.250	-.417	5.792
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	12.459	13.594	-1.135	13.651
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	11.938	13.688	-1.750	12.386
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	20.948	21.500	-.552	20.982
Tomatoes (large- case)	19.950	19.950	-	13.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	20.500	25.167	-4.667	12.863
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	14.950	13.950	+1.000	12.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	14.075	13.910	+.165	16.700
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	14.575	14.340	+.235	16.454
Green Peppers (large- case)	13.483	13.200	+.283	11.425
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	20.020	17.950	+2.070	10.950
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	13.162	8.317	+4.845	15.448
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	28.500	34.438	-5.938	25.000
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	7.725	8.259	-.534	8.498
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	15.166	13.927	+1.239	14.627
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.813	7.000	-.187	6.782
Broccoli (14 ct.)	13.765	14.078	-.313	9.335
Squash (1/2 bushel)	8.350	4.238	+4.112	16.600
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	8.675	5.825	+2.850	16.800
Green Beans (bushel)	11.600	14.009	-2.409	19.317
Spinach, Flat 24's	18.775	21.500	-2.725	14.225
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	15.667	15.667	-	15.146
Cucumbers (bushel)	12.987	14.200	-1.213	18.125
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	30.959	30.438	+.521	32.042
Asparagus (small)	13.500	12.500	+1.000	15.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5871.429	5170.000	+701.429	5628.125

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

	Aug-15	Jul-15	Jun-15	May-15
Beef and Veal	-.581	-.385	+.888	-.075
Dairy	-.328	+.795	-.608	-.742
Pork	+.874	+1.107	+.262	-.096
Chicken	-.409	-.665	+1.716	-2.391
Fresh Fish and Seafood	+2.226	-1.644	-1.170	-.848
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+1.655	-.678	-1.745	+.828