

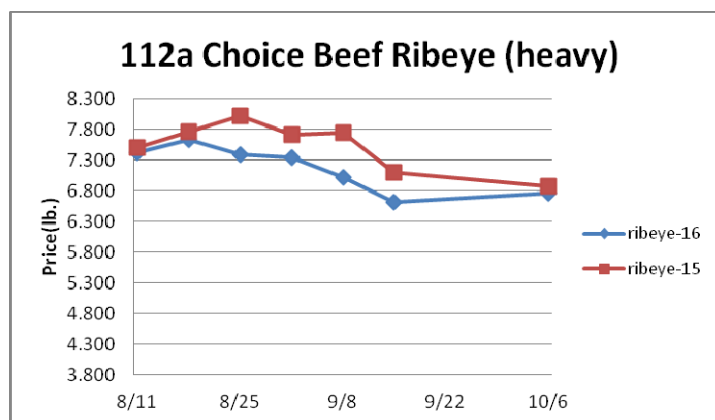
# Weekly Market Updates



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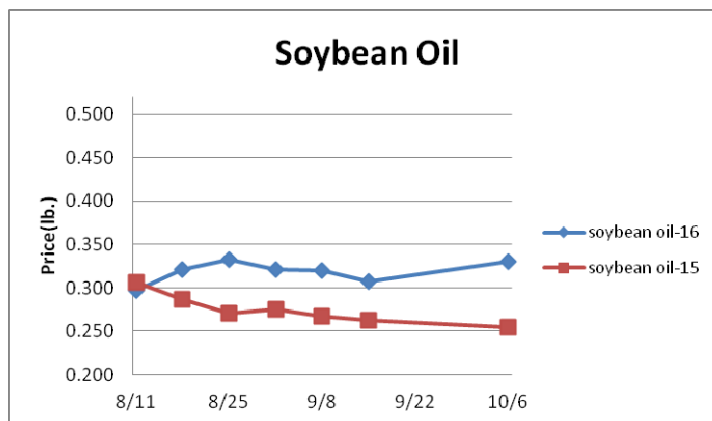
**Beef-** Beef production last week rose 3.5% and was 5.5% larger than the same week last year. This is due in part to spot cattle and cattle futures prices falling to levels not experienced in nearly six years. Slaughter ready cattle supplies are expected to remain adequate too ample during the next few months which should encourage strong beef output. Beef demand for various holiday beef cuts including ribeyes and tenderloins is building. The five-year average move for the heavy choice 112a ribeye and 189a tender markets are increases of 22% and 10% respectively. However, any further price appreciation this fall for any beef markets is likely to be tempered by solid year over year gains in production. Price USDA, FOB per pound.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 15</u>
Live Cattle	1.002	1.059	-.057	1.159
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	1.313	1.368	-.055	1.823
Ground Beef 81/19	1.485	1.532	-.047	1.870
Ground Chuck	1.482	1.522	-.040	1.781
109e Export Rib (choice)	5.805	6.185	-.380	5.857
109e Export Rib (prime)	8.416	8.913	-.497	8.745
112a Ribeye (choice)	6.524	7.011	-.487	6.598
112a Ribeye (prime)	9.096	9.350	-.254	8.526
116 Chuck (select)	2.959	2.946	+.013	2.784
116 Chuck (choice)	3.072	3.015	+.057	2.918
116b Chuck Tdnr (choice)	2.076	2.108	-.032	2.519
120 Brisket (choice)	2.046	2.087	-.041	2.131
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	4.855	4.938	-.083	6.582
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	2.932	3.041	-.109	3.935
167a Knuckle, Trm. (ch.)	2.206	2.223	-.017	2.545
168 Inside Round (ch.)	2.008	2.008	-	2.064
174 Short Loin (ch. 0x1)	4.411	4.459	-.048	4.963
174 Short Loin (prime)	7.617	9.802	-2.185	9.479
180 1x1 Strp (choice)	4.415	4.370	+.045	4.737
180 1x1 Strp (prime)	7.679	9.045	-1.366	10.334
180 0x1 Strp (choice)	4.474	4.814	-.340	5.246
184 Top Butt, bnls (ch.)	2.970	3.107	-.137	3.468
184 Top Butt, bnls (prime)	3.396	3.472	-.076	4.579
185a Sirloin Flap (choice)	4.010	4.464	-.454	4.146
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (choice)	2.241	2.272	-.031	2.331
189a Tender (select)	8.713	9.555	-.842	10.726
189a Tender (choice)	9.010	9.072	-.062	10.787
189a Tender (prime)	11.683	11.850	-.167	16.079
193 Flank Steak (choice)	4.347	4.380	-.033	4.078
50% Trimmings	.341	.342	-.001	0.352
65% Trimmings	.689	.718	-.029	0.963
75% Trimmings	1.417	1.600	-.183	2.020
85% Trimmings	1.709	1.717	-.008	1.920
90% Trimmings	1.951	1.986	-.035	2.434
90% Imported Beef (frz.)	1.990	2.010	-.020	2.320
95% Imported Beef (frz.)	2.215	2.240	-.025	2.590
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	7.825	7.825	-	9.875
Veal Top Rnd. (cp. off)	13.950	13.950	-	17.850



**Oil, Grains, Misc-** September 1<sup>st</sup> domestic wheat stocks were the biggest for the date in the last 29 years due in part to record wheat crop yields. Ample wheat supplies are expected to persist this fall which should cause relatively engaging wheat prices to persist. Still, the downside price risk from here is likely only modest. Prices USDA, FOB

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 15</u>
Soybeans, bushel	9.324	9.338	-.014	8.730
Crude Soybean Oil, lb.	.321	.324	-.003	.276
Soybean Meal, ton	324.300	328.300	-4.000	328.600
Corn, bushel	3.091	2.935	+.156	3.636
Crude Corn Oil, lb.	.383	.380	+.003	.368
High Fructose Corn Syrup	.119	.115	+.004	.132
Distillers Grain, Dry	114.563	119.063	-4.500	121.521
Crude Palm Oil, lb. BMD	.281	.291	-.010	.246
HRW Wheat, bushel	3.230	3.390	-.160	4.800
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	5.270	5.070	+.200	5.500
Durum Wheat, bushel	5.500	5.125	+.375	6.234
Pinto Beans, lb.	.297	.297	-	.204
Black Beans, lb.	.330	.333	-.003	.233
Rice, Long Grain, lb.	.219	.219	-	.234



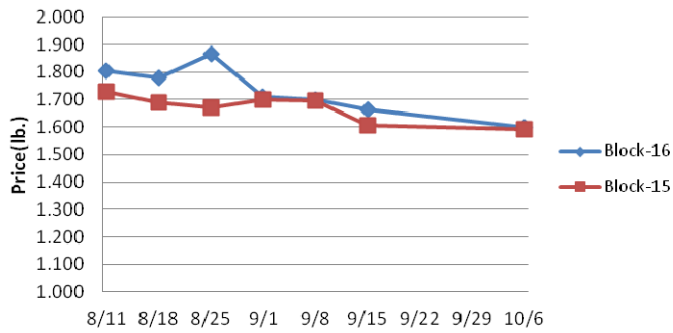
**Dairy-** The butter market this week fell to a 14-month low as supplies remain burdensome. As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, butter holdings were 52% larger than the prior year and the biggest for the month since 1993. History suggests that even lower butter prices may be forthcoming. The five-year average move for the CME butter market from this week until the end of the year is a decline of 22%. August 31<sup>st</sup> cheese stocks were 6% bigger than 2015 and a record for the month. Cheese prices usually move downward during the fall as well but better export interest may temper any declines. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA.

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Price 15</u>
Cheese Barrels (CME)	1.478	1.460	+.018	1.620
Cheese Blocks (CME)	1.533	1.535	-.002	1.728
American Cheese	1.573	1.595	-.022	1.665
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	1.633	1.675	-.042	1.773
Mozzarella Cheese	1.705	1.748	-.043	1.845
Provolone Cheese	2.075	2.075	-	2.283
Parmesan Cheese	3.490	3.533	-.043	3.630
Butter (CME)	1.863	1.935	-.072	2.370
Nonfat Dry Milk	.998	.966	+.032	.979
Whey, Dry	.339	.337	+.002	.226
Class I Base	16.600	16.600	-	15.840
Class II Cream, heavy	2.411	2.529	-.118	3.621
Class III Milk (CME)	15.240	15.210	+.030	15.660
Class IV Milk (CME)	14.370	14.730	-.360	16.090

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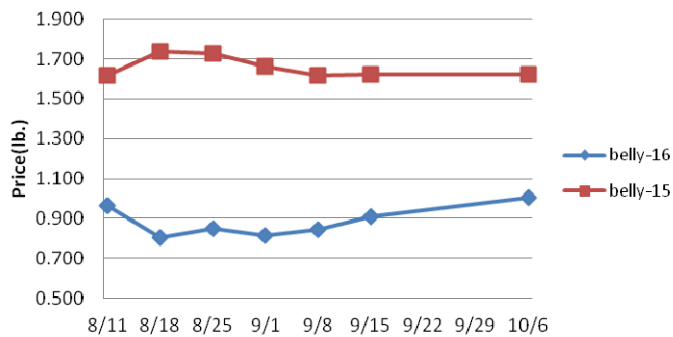
## Cheese Block (CME)



**Pork-** Pork output last week declined .9% but was 6.4% bigger than last year. Solid year over year gains in pork production are anticipated to persist at least into the winter as affirmed by the most recent USDA hog and pigs inventory data. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> the total U.S. hog and pig inventory was 2.4% more than 2015 with the heaviest hogs up 4.1%. The swine breeding herd was .5% bigger than the previous year marking the third largest summer build in the last nine years. Lower pork prices are anticipated in the coming weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
Live Hogs	.358	.378	-.020	.525
Belly (bacon)	1.083	1.057	+.026	1.568
Sparerib (4.25 lb. & down)	1.208	1.283	-.075	1.463
Ham (20-23 lb.)	.498	.631	-.133	.680
Ham (23-27 lb.)	.444	.545	-.101	.680
Loin (bone-in)	.797	.852	-.055	.855
Bbyck Rib (1.75 lb. & up)	2.222	2.198	+.024	2.156
Tenderloin (1.25 lb.)	2.138	2.184	-.046	2.128
Boston Butt, untrmd. (4-8 lb.)	.864	.974	-.110	.855
Picnic, untrmd.	.553	.546	+.007	.511
SS Picnic, smoker trm. bx.	.801	.751	+.050	.688
42% Trimmings	.232	.278	-.046	.375
72% Trimmings	.448	.498	-.050	.624

## Pork Belly



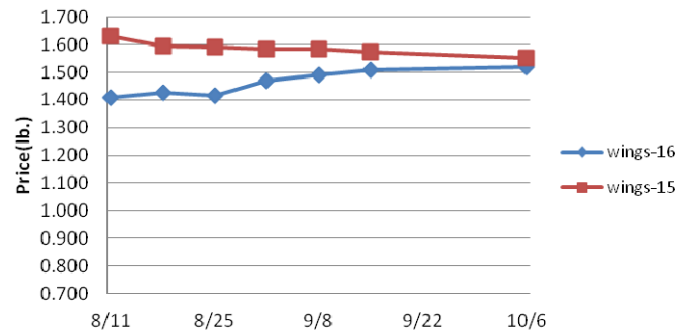
**The Kitchen Sink (Various Markets)-** Orange juice futures last month rose to their most expensive level in over four years and remain historically inflated. Hurricane Matthew is raising crop concerns in Florida. Orange juice prices may remain volatile. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	11.985	11.985	-	11.937
Tomato Paste- Industrial (lb.)	.444	.444	-	.442
Coffee, lb., ICE	1.475	1.537	-.062	1.259
Sugar, lb., ICE	.280	.282	-.002	.254
Cocoa, mt., ICE	2815.000	2868.000	-53.000	3049
Orange Juice, lb., ICE	2.022	2.093	-.071	1.071
Honey (Clover), lb.	1.694	1.694	-	1.974

**Poultry-** Chicken production for the week ending September 24<sup>th</sup> was flat with the prior week and .3% less than the same week a year ago. Chicken output during the six-week period ending September 24<sup>th</sup> was .9% less than 2015. Better margins are expected to lead to year over year chicken production expansion this fall. The USDA is forecasting Q4 chicken output to be 2.2% larger than last year. Despite the tempered chicken production, chicken breast and tender prices are falling. Last week the ARA Chicken Tender Index declined by the sharpest amount for the last week of September in six years. Further chicken breast and tender market decreases are anticipated. Last year the ARA Chicken Tender Index fell 20% during the next six weeks. Prices USDA, FOB per pound except when noted.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
<b>Chicken</b>				
Whole Birds (2.5-3 lb.-GA)	1.100	1.100	-	1.145
Wings (whole)	1.535	1.515	+.020	1.545
Wings (jumbo, cut)	1.823	1.828	-.005	1.702
Breast, Bone In	.930	.965	-.035	1.145
Breast, Bnless Skinless	1.555	1.560	-.005	1.740
Tenderloin Index- (ARA)	1.867	1.997	-.130	1.500
Legs (whole)	.463	.501	-.038	.324
Leg Quarters	.310	.336	-.016	.450
Thighs, bone in	.613	.587	+.026	.505
Thighs, boneless	1.244	1.243	+.001	.885
<b>Eggs and Others</b>				
Large (dozen)	.533	.610	-.077	1.917
Medium (dozen)	.382	.382	-	1.607
Whole Eggs- Liquid	.475	.475	-	1.635
Egg Whites- Liquid	.470	.470	-	1.505
Egg Yolks- Liquid	.875	.893	-.018	3.288
Whole Turkeys (8-16 lb.)	1.290	1.290	-	1.360
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	2.134	2.150	-.016	5.767

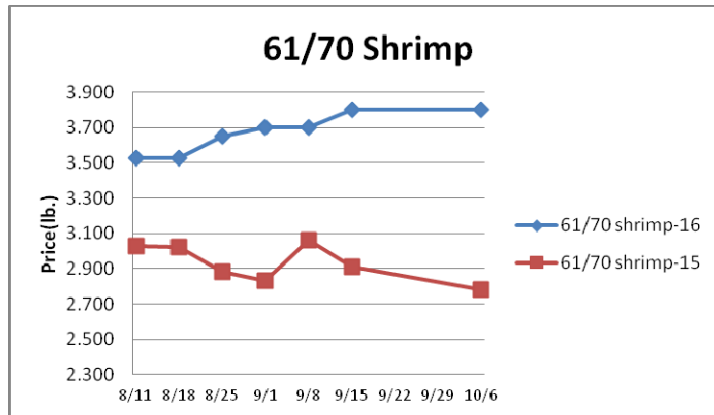
## Whole Chicken Wing



**Seafood-** The shrimp markets continue to mostly trade above 2015 levels. However, if the U.S. dollar remains relatively inflated this fall as expected it should cause solid shrimp imports to continue. Thus, the upside price risk for the shrimp markets may only be modest for the next several months. Prices for fresh product, unless noted, per pound from Fisheries Market News

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
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	6.363	6.346	+.017	6.094
Shrimp (61/70), Frz.	3.850	3.850	-	3.030
Shrimp, Tiger (26/30), Frz.	6.200	6.217	-.017	4.700
Snow Crab, Legs 5-8 oz, Frz	7.550	7.275	+.275	4.925
Snow Crab, Legs 8 oz/ up, Fz	7.650	7.525	+.125	5.600
Cod Tails, 3-7 oz., Frz.	2.550	2.550	-	2.825
Cod Loins, 3-12 oz., Frz	2.975	2.975	-	3.088
Salmon Portions, 4-8 oz, Frz	6.292	6.067	+.225	5.900
Pollock, Alaska, Deep Skin	1.765	1.765	-	1.800

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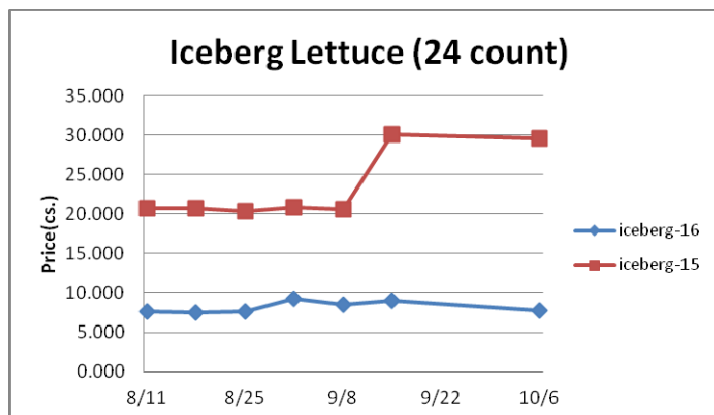


**Energy & Currency-** OPEC members and Russia are reported to have agreed to a crude oil production cap. Still, past production ceiling agreements have had trouble sticking. Crude oil prices may remain firm in the near term. Currency US dollar is worth

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
Crude Oil, barrel- nymex	49.620	44.940	+4.680	49.480
Natural Gas, mbtu- nymex	2.933	2.977	-.044	2.518
Heating Oil, gal- nymex	1.581	1.431	+.150	1.631
Electricity, mwhwt- nymex	34.480	33.450	+1.030	38.200
Gasoline, gal- nymex	1.507	1.386	+.121	1.443
Diesel Fuel, gal- eia	2.389	2.382	+.007	2.492
Ethanol, gal- usda	1.518	1.493	+.025	1.485
Canadian \$	1.319	1.323	-.004	1.299
Japanese Yen	103.064	100.615	+2.449	119.896
Mexican Peso	19.266	19.438	-.172	16.516
Euro	.892	.891	+.001	.891
Brazilian Real	3.241	3.248	-.007	3.804
Chinese Yuan	6.670	6.674	-.004	6.357

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

Wood Pulp/ Plastic Resin	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
WP; NBSK (napkin, towel)	914.703	914.703	-	966.252
WP; 42 lb. Linerboard (corr.)	681.634	681.634	-	679.071
Res; PS-CHH (cup, cont.)	1.01-1.05	1.01-1.05	-	1.150
Res; PP-HIGP (hvy utensil)	.695-.715	.635-.655	+.675	.850-.870
Res; PE-LLD (cn liner, film)	.680-.710	.630-.660	+.670	.880-.910



**Produce-** The lettuce markets continue to trade at relatively engaging levels for buyers as supplies remain at least sufficient for today's demand. The chief lettuce production area will begin to transition south to Huron, California in just a few weeks and then on to the Yuma- Imperial Valley area shortly thereafter. No major lettuce supply gaps are anticipated during the output region shift but the move could be accompanied with some market volatility. Heavy precipitation in Florida over the last couple of weeks could shorten the tomato harvest this fall. History suggests that higher tomato prices could be forthcoming. Price bases noted below.

	Price	Last Week	Difference	Price 15
Limes (150 ct.)	17.000	18.000	-1.000	13.000
Lemons (95 ct.)	30.050	33.050	-3.000	35.850
Lemons (200 ct.)	29.050	29.550	-.500	21.850
Honeydew (6 ct.)	7.500	5.000	+2.500	8.250
Cantaloupe (15 ct.)	5.250	5.250	-	7.250
Blueberries (12 count)	37.500	36.500	+1.000	33.500
Strawberries (12 pnts.)	10.000	7.500	+2.500	13.000
Avocados (Hass 48 ct.)	54.250	55.250	-1.000	22.250
Bananas (40 lb.)- Term.	14.314	14.314	-	15.243
Pineapple (7 ct.)- Term.	13.063	13.938	-.875	21.000
Idaho Potato (60 ct., 50 lb.)	6.500	5.750	+.750	5.750
Idaho Potato (70 ct., 50 lb.)	6.500	5.750	+.750	6.375
Idaho Potato (70 ct.)-Term.	14.115	14.938	-.823	15.297
Idaho Potato (90 ct., 50 lb.)	6.375	6.000	+.375	7.250
Idaho Pot. # 2 (6 oz., 100 lb.)	10.750	9.500	+1.250	11.250
Processing Potato (cwt.)	7.680	9.250	-1.570	8.750
Yellow Onions (50 lb.)	7.188	7.250	-.062	5.833
Yell Onions (50 lb.)-Term.	12.219	12.349	-.130	12.459
Red Onions (25 lb.)- Term.	10.839	11.542	-.703	11.938
White Onions (50 lb.)- Term.	18.406	18.896	-.490	20.948
Tomatoes (large- case)	7.450	8.450	-1.000	19.950
Tomatoes (5x6-25 lb.)-Term	14.500	16.483	-1.983	20.500
Tomatoes (4x5 vine ripe)	9.950	10.950	-1.000	14.950
Roma Tomatoes (large- case)	15.575	12.575	+3.000	14.075
Roma Tomatoes (xlarge-cs)	16.575	13.575	+3.000	14.575
Green Peppers (large- case)	15.300	14.517	+.783	13.483
Red Peppers (large 15lb. cs.)	15.450	14.950	+.500	20.020
Iceberg Lettuce (24 count)	7.763	7.815	-.052	13.162
Iceberg Lettuce (24)-Term.	15.250	14.750	+.500	28.500
Leaf Lettuce (24 count)	8.677	8.760	-.083	7.725
Romaine Lettuce (24 cnt.)	8.033	7.852	+.181	15.166
Mesculin Mix (3 lb.)-Term.	6.281	6.281	-	6.813
Broccoli (14 ct.)	7.750	8.575	-.825	13.765
Squash (1/2 bushel)	8.975	9.263	-.288	8.350
Zucchini (1/2 bushel)	5.650	5.842	-.192	8.675
Green Beans (bushel)	19.350	20.000	-.650	11.600
Spinach, Flat 24's	13.975	13.775	+.200	18.775
Mushrms (10 lb, lg.)-Term.	16.375	16.375	-	15.667
Cucumbers (bushel)	12.165	14.132	-1.967	12.987
Pickles (200-300 ct.)- Term.	28.500	29.500	-1.000	30.959
Asparagus (small)	14.250	14.500	-.250	13.500
Freight (Truck; CA-Cty Av.)	5158.333	5247.222	-88.889	5871.429

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

	Aug-16	Jul-16	Jun-16	May-16
Beef and Veal	+.154	-1.402	-.667	+.195
Dairy	+.420	-.098	-.605	-1.005
Pork	+.491	+.597	+1.244	-.330
Chicken	-.225	-.055	-.889	-.173
Fresh Fish and Seafood	-.647	+.552	+.688	-.858
Fresh Fruits and Veg.	+.362	-.460	-1.410	-.079