

The South Dakota Economy

October 30, 2012

Employment growth in South Dakota

- On an annual basis during 2011, South Dakota nonfarm employment levels were 3,000 jobs higher than 2010, or an increase of 0.7%. The growth in 2011 represents the first annual gain in South Dakota employment since the 2007-2009 national recession ended. South Dakota's nonfarm employment has grown on a year-over-year basis for 26 of the past 27 months, an encouraging trend in employment gains.
- In September 2012, total SD nonfarm employment was up 3,500 jobs or 0.9%, compared to September 2011.
 - Sectors that are currently experiencing year-over-year growth (September 2012 compared to September 2011 levels) include: leisure and hospitality (+3.9%); manufacturing (+3.1%); financial activities (+2.9%); education and health services (+2.3%); and, trade, transportation, and utilities (+0.6%). Professional and business services employment was unchanged from the previous year (0.0%).
 - Sectors that are experiencing year-over-year declines in September include: other services (-0.4%); mining, logging, and construction (-5.3%); and, government (-0.4%).

The unemployment rate continues to be one of the lowest in the nation.

- The unemployment rate in South Dakota was the third lowest in the nation in September at 4.4%.
 - South Dakota's unemployment rate in September 2012 was 0.1% lower than last month and 0.2% lower than a year ago.
- The U.S. unemployment rate was 7.8% in September 2012.

Income growth in South Dakota.

- South Dakota's revised personal income for 2011 increased 12.8% over 2010, which was the highest growth rate of all 50 states in 2011. In comparison, the total US personal income grew 5.2% over the same time period.
 - In 2011, SD farm income grew by 103% compared to 2010, which was the primary reason for the large growth in total personal income in 2011. SD nonfarm income grew by 5.7% in 2011 over 2010.
- Over the past three years (2008-2011), the average annual growth of South Dakota's personal income was 4.2%, which ranked second of all states. This was much higher than that national average growth in personal income of 1.3% over the same time period.
- South Dakota's per capita personal income grew 11.8% in 2011, which was the highest growth rate of all states.
 - South Dakota's per capita personal income in 2011 was \$44,217, which ranked 12th in the nation. This is an improvement from South Dakota's 20th ranking from 2010.
- South Dakota's 2nd quarter personal income for 2012 increased 2.0% compared to the first quarter of 2012. This growth rate was ranked 2nd among all states.

The housing market.

- In the last twelve months (October 2011 – September 2012) there were 655 more total family housing units authorized by building permits in South Dakota than there were the same period before.*
- The value of total family housing building permits is \$77.11 million higher in the last twelve months compared to the same period the year before. *

The agricultural economy.

- The October 1, 2012 corn production forecast for South Dakota is estimated at 502.9 million bushels, a 23% decrease from last year's production. Yield is forecast at 94 bushels per acre, down 38 bushels from last year.
- As of October 1st, Soybean production is forecast at 130.2 million bushels, down 14% from last year's production. Yield is estimated at 28 bushels per acre, down 9 bushels from a year ago.
- Crop prices received by SD farmers continue to be higher than a year ago for most crops. In September, corn prices received were \$7.00/bushel, up \$0.38 compared to a year ago; soybean prices were \$16.00/bushel, up \$4.50 from a year ago; wheat prices were \$8.33/bushel, up \$0.33 compared to a year ago; and, hay prices were \$206/ton, up \$83/ton from a year ago.
- As of October 21st, topsoil moisture conditions were rated 86% short to very short and subsoil moisture conditions were rated 91% short to very short.
- As of October 21st, range and pasture conditions were rated 80% poor to very poor.
- As of October 1st, South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 195,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market. This was down 10,000 from a year ago but up 10,000 from last month.

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Economic Indicators for the State of South Dakota for the latest 12 Month Period

Category	Time Period												12 Month Avg/Total
	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Jul-12	Aug-12	Sep-12	
Nonfarm Employment Data (information is seasonally adjusted by BLS and expressed in thousands)													
Total Nonfarm	405.10	405.30	408.00	406.90	407.50	408.00	408.80	408.80	411.00	409.90	408.70	407.60	407.97
change from prior year	(0.10)	0.20	2.80	1.90	1.90	1.70	2.40	2.20	3.90	2.80	2.70	3.50	2.16
% change from prior year	(0.02)	0.05	0.69	0.47	0.47	0.42	0.59	0.54	0.96	0.69	0.67	0.87	0.53
N.R., Mining & Const.	20.70	20.60	21.00	21.60	20.80	21.00	21.00	21.10	20.00	19.60	19.20	19.60	20.52
change from prior year	(0.80)	(0.80)	(0.20)	0.70	(0.10)	0.00	0.30	0.00	(1.20)	(1.10)	(1.50)	(1.10)	(0.48)
% change from prior year	(3.72)	(3.74)	(0.94)	3.35	(0.48)	0.00	1.45	0.00	(5.66)	(5.31)	(7.25)	(5.31)	(2.30)
Manufacturing Employment	39.00	39.30	38.90	39.30	39.60	39.40	40.00	40.20	40.20	40.10	39.40	40.10	39.63
change from prior year	1.80	1.90	1.20	1.30	1.40	0.90	1.20	0.90	1.10	1.10	0.10	1.20	1.18
% change from prior year	4.84	5.08	3.18	3.42	3.66	2.34	3.09	2.29	2.81	2.82	0.25	3.08	3.06
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	82.90	82.70	83.20	82.50	82.40	82.30	82.00	82.70	83.80	83.50	83.60	83.00	82.88
change from prior year	1.90	1.70	2.30	1.40	1.00	0.90	0.30	1.10	2.20	0.60	0.60	0.30	1.19
% change from prior year	2.35	2.10	2.84	1.73	1.23	1.11	0.37	1.35	2.70	0.72	0.72	0.36	1.46
Financial Activities	27.60	27.50	28.20	27.50	28.10	28.10	28.10	28.50	28.60	28.20	28.20	28.00	28.05
change from prior year	(1.10)	(1.10)	(0.30)	(0.90)	(0.40)	(0.20)	(0.20)	0.40	0.60	0.30	1.00	0.80	(0.09)
% change from prior year	(3.83)	(3.85)	(1.05)	(3.17)	(1.40)	(0.71)	(0.71)	1.42	2.14	1.08	3.68	2.94	(0.33)
Prof. and Business Services	29.00	29.20	29.50	28.90	29.20	30.40	30.20	28.90	29.20	29.50	29.40	28.70	29.34
change from prior year	0.90	1.20	1.50	0.90	1.10	2.10	1.90	0.50	0.80	1.30	1.40	0.00	1.13
% change from prior year	3.20	4.29	5.36	3.21	3.91	7.42	6.71	1.76	2.82	4.61	5.00	0.00	4.02
Educ. & Health Services	65.80	65.80	66.00	65.90	66.50	66.40	66.90	67.10	67.30	67.60	67.60	67.00	66.66
change from prior year	1.10	1.10	1.20	1.00	1.60	1.40	1.80	1.80	1.80	1.70	2.00	1.50	1.50
% change from prior year	1.70	1.70	1.85	1.54	2.47	2.15	2.76	2.76	2.75	2.58	3.05	2.29	2.30
Leisure & Hospitality	40.70	41.00	41.30	41.50	40.90	41.20	41.40	41.70	43.10	43.10	43.40	42.90	41.85
change from prior year	(2.70)	(2.40)	(2.10)	(1.70)	(2.30)	(2.00)	(1.80)	(1.30)	0.30	0.40	0.50	1.60	(1.12)
% change from prior year	(6.22)	(5.53)	(4.84)	(3.94)	(5.32)	(4.63)	(4.17)	(3.02)	0.70	0.94	1.17	3.87	(2.62)
Other Services	15.20	15.40	15.70	15.50	16.10	15.40	15.30	15.20	15.50	15.40	15.10	15.20	15.42
change from prior year	(0.40)	(0.10)	0.10	(0.10)	0.60	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.40)	(0.10)	(0.20)	(0.40)	(0.20)	(0.13)
% change from prior year	(2.56)	(0.65)	0.64	(0.64)	3.87	(1.28)	(1.29)	(2.56)	(0.64)	(1.28)	(2.58)	(1.30)	(0.86)
Government	77.80	77.50	77.90	78.00	77.60	77.70	77.80	77.30	77.20	76.80	76.70	77.00	77.44
change from prior year	(0.80)	(1.10)	(0.70)	(0.50)	(0.90)	(0.80)	(0.60)	(0.50)	(1.30)	(0.90)	(0.70)	(0.30)	(0.76)
% change from prior year	(1.02)	(1.40)	(0.89)	(0.64)	(1.15)	(1.02)	(0.77)	(0.64)	(1.66)	(1.16)	(0.90)	(0.39)	(0.97)
NonFarm (excluding Govt.)	327.3	327.8	330.1	328.9	329.9	330.3	331.0	331.5	333.8	333.1	332.0	330.6	330.53
change from prior year	0.7	1.3	3.5	2.4	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.7	5.2	3.7	3.4	3.8	2.92
% change from prior year	0.21	0.40	1.07	0.74	0.86	0.76	0.91	0.82	1.58	1.12	1.03	1.16	0.89

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Number of Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits (information is not seasonally adjusted):													
One-Family Units - S.D. Total	162	67	60	67	80	178	208	232	226	213	221	255	1,969
change from prior year	(15)	(44)	(7)	22	37	39	47	70	27	66	51	93	386
Total Family Units - S.D. Total	232	88	77	131	92	217	263	257	443	355	265	532	2,952
change from prior year	10	(54)	7	74	(11)	22	77	(36)	221	127	(1)	219	655
Total Family Units - Minnehaha Co.	73	21	28	19	43	85	84	109	278	121	114	268	1,243
change from prior year	6	(25)	10	-	38	(6)	12	(28)	205	17	(24)	129	334
Total Family Units - Pennington Co.	19	11	25	21	21	23	48	26	48	34	38	31	345
change from prior year	(28)	(12)	10	6	(56)	(8)	23	5	8	7	14	1	(30)
Value of Building Permits Issued (information is not seasonally adjusted and is expressed in millions of dollars):													
One-Family units - S.D. Total	25.71	11.22	9.94	11.88	13.77	29.20	34.21	38.10	37.04	35.89	40.17	40.69	327.82
change from prior year	(5.14)	(7.65)	(1.21)	4.58	5.73	6.72	9.18	11.98	1.66	11.32	11.50	12.52	61.18
Total Family units - S.D. Total	30.71	12.84	11.92	15.68	14.44	31.69	37.54	39.60	52.74	46.55	44.59	61.76	400.06
change from prior year	(3.17)	(8.42)	0.58	7.50	(0.18)	4.68	9.46	4.98	16.18	14.55	9.13	21.81	77.11
Total Family Units - Minnehaha Co.	11.84	3.71	4.74	3.34	5.92	13.47	12.64	16.68	28.78	17.10	16.09	29.82	164.12
change from prior year	1.52	(2.56)	1.65	0.17	4.88	2.44	1.63	2.35	17.56	4.39	0.72	15.10	49.85
Total Family Units - Pennington Co.	3.10	1.76	3.74	3.62	3.57	3.82	6.96	5.06	7.66	6.43	5.67	6.22	57.60
change from prior year	(3.34)	(1.77)	1.49	1.53	(5.97)	(1.68)	3.23	1.66	(0.08)	2.69	1.86	0.74	0.36

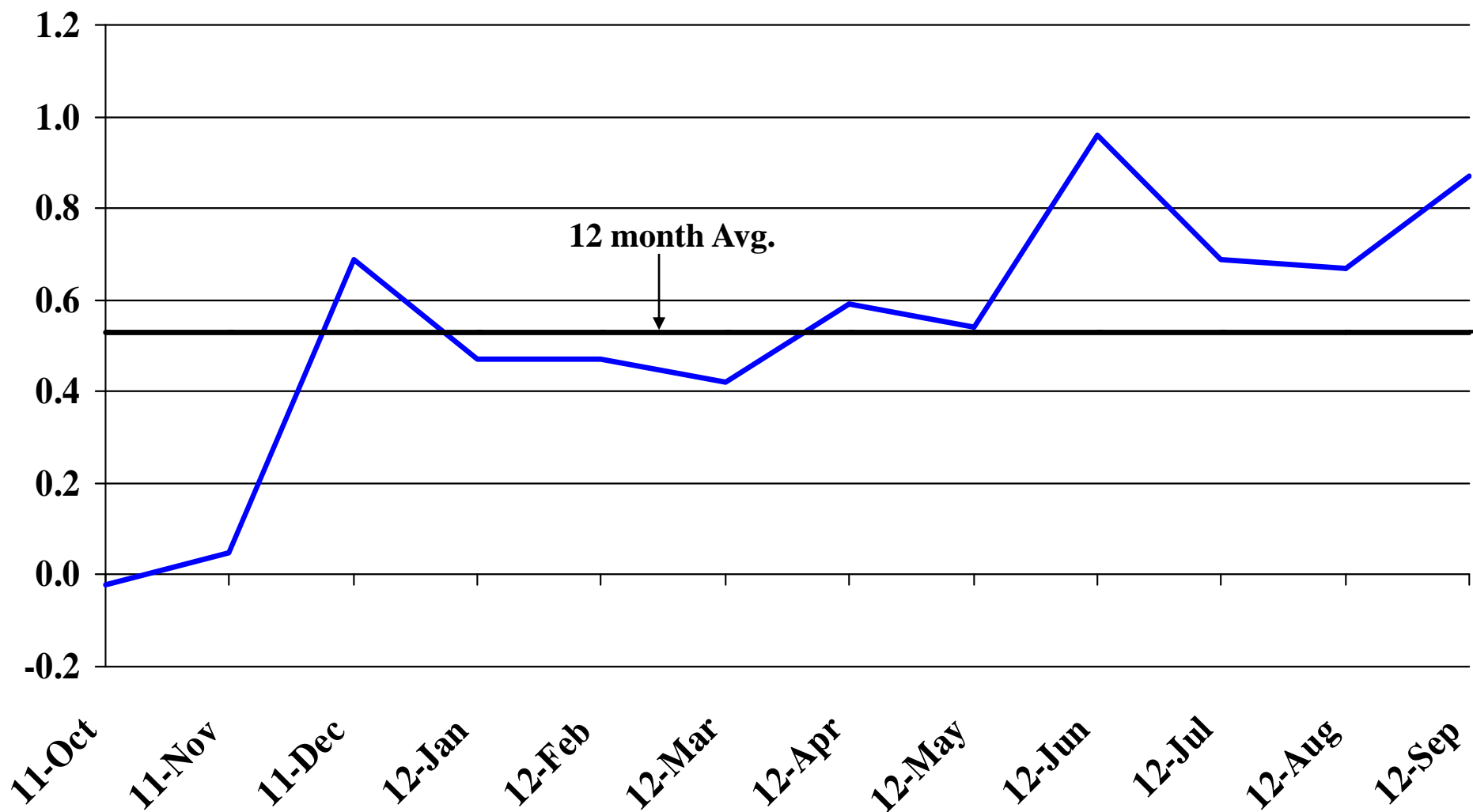
Automobile Data (information is not seasonally adjusted)													
New Non-Comm. Veh. Titled	3,133	2,678	3,209	3,723	2,424	2,925	3,427	3,581	3,472	3,878	3,358	3,055	38,863
change from prior year	509	170	476	852	237	(135)	659	334	158	1,103	121	180	4,664

Agriculture (information is not seasonally adjusted)													
Wheat	7.83	7.94	7.85	6.99	7.25	7.24	6.96	7.12	7.29	8.03	8.23	8.33	7.59
change from prior year	1.69	1.48	1.02	(0.42)	(0.88)	(1.46)	(1.83)	(2.61)	(1.98)	0.22	0.47	0.62	(0.31)
Corn	5.67	5.68	5.65	5.93	6.06	6.17	6.07	6.10	6.15	6.73	7.39	7.00	6.22
change from prior year	1.65	1.44	1.12	1.45	0.74	0.73	(0.02)	0.07	(0.02)	0.66	0.64	0.38	0.74
Soybeans	11.50	11.50	11.10	11.60	12.00	12.80	13.70	13.30	13.50	14.90	16.00	16.00	13.16
change from prior year	1.62	0.90	0.10	0.30	(0.60)	0.30	1.00	0.40	0.60	2.10	3.00	4.50	1.19
Hay	127.00	125.00	136.00	122.00	123.00	122.00	127.00	123.00	142.00	171.00	204.00	206.00	144.00
change from prior year	50.00	47.00	56.00	39.00	43.00	41.00	47.00	28.00	47.00	69.00	102.00	83.00	54.33

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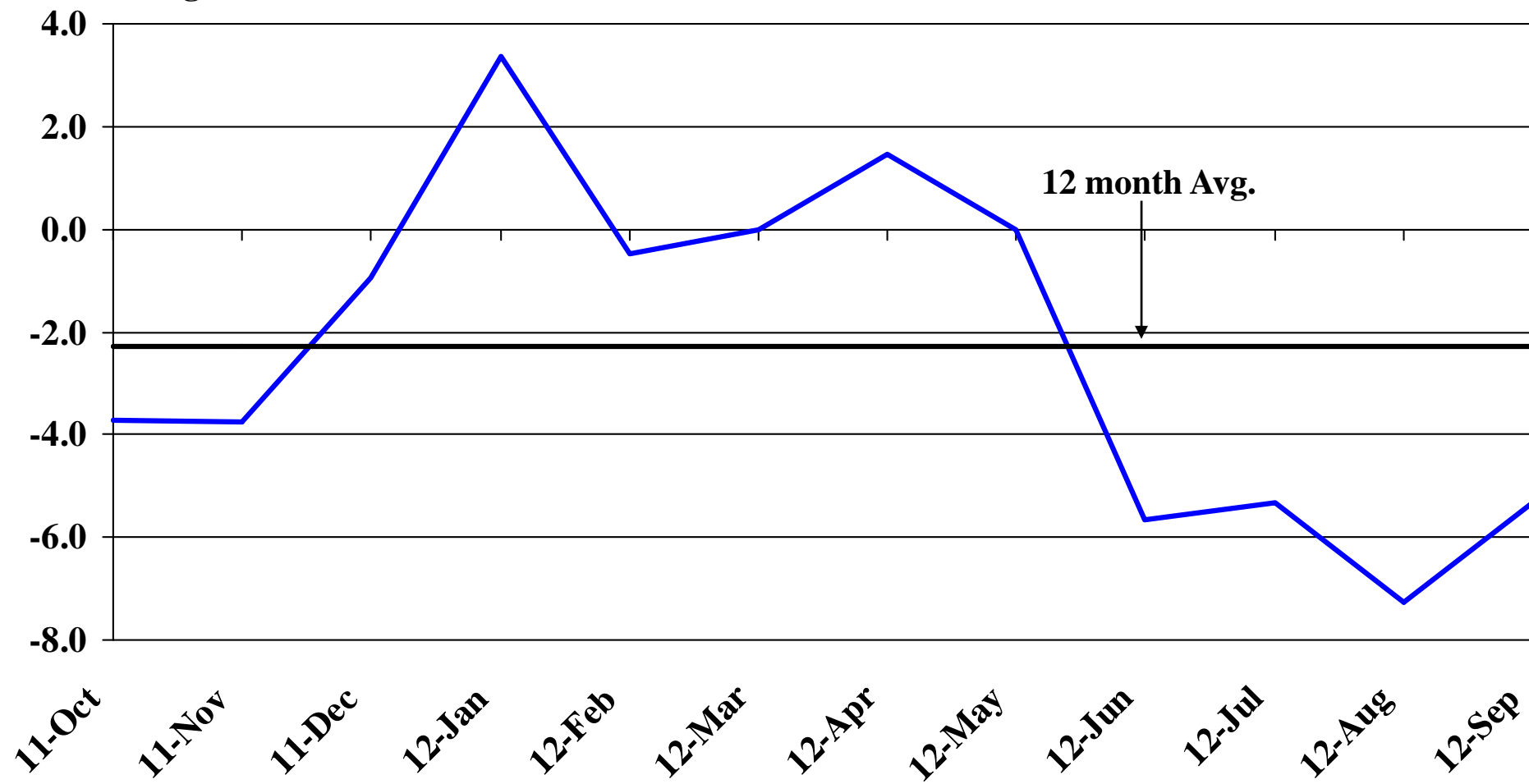
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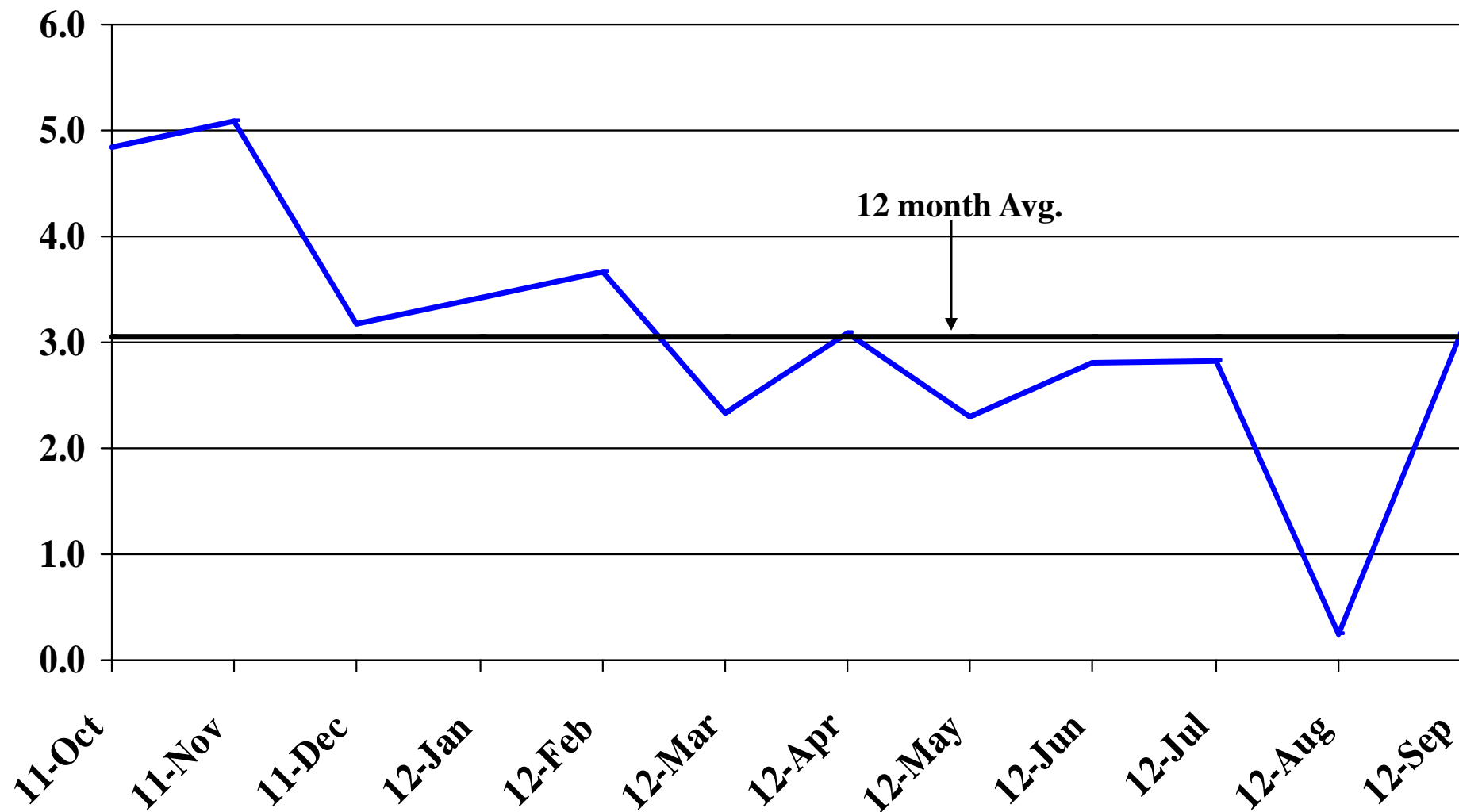
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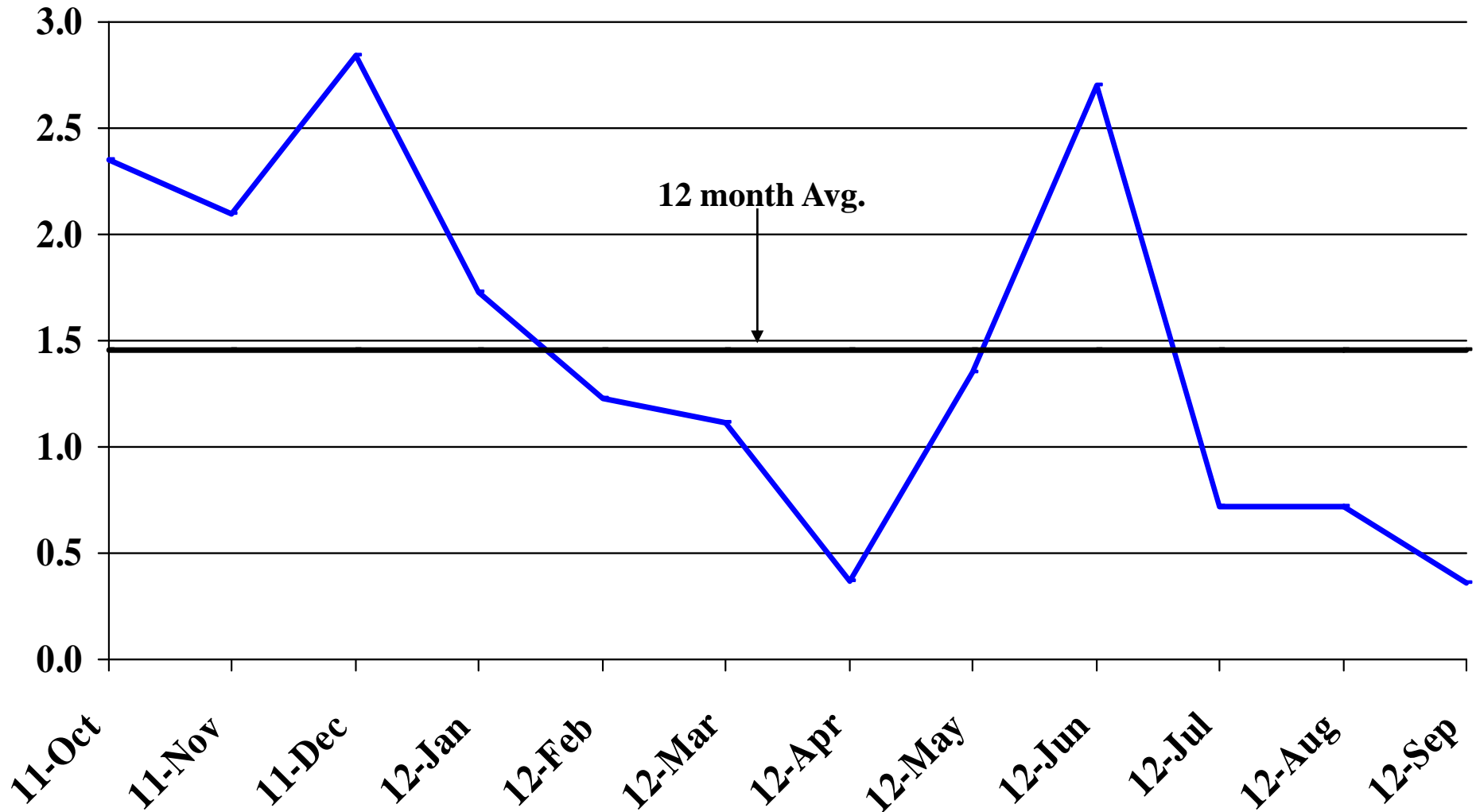
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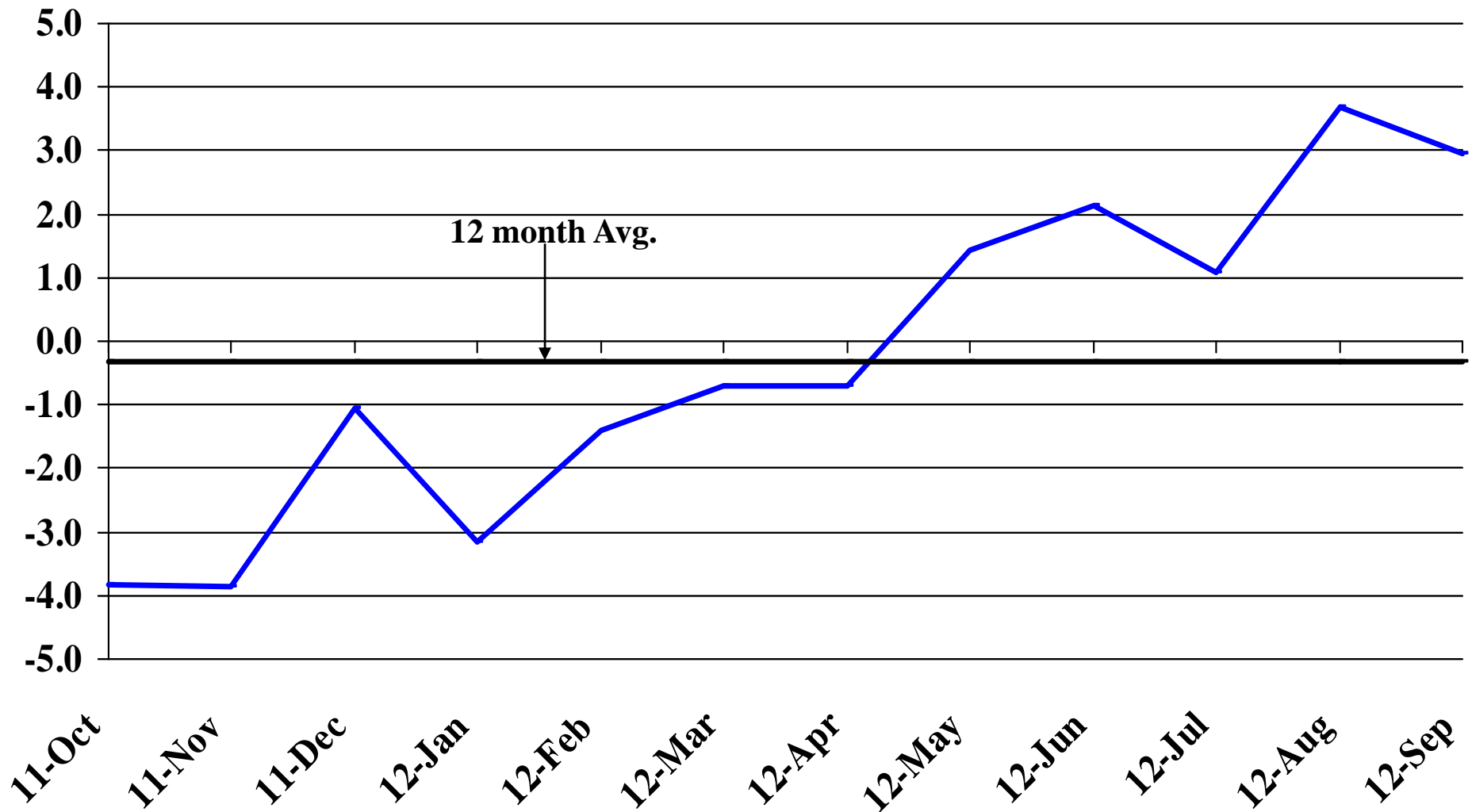
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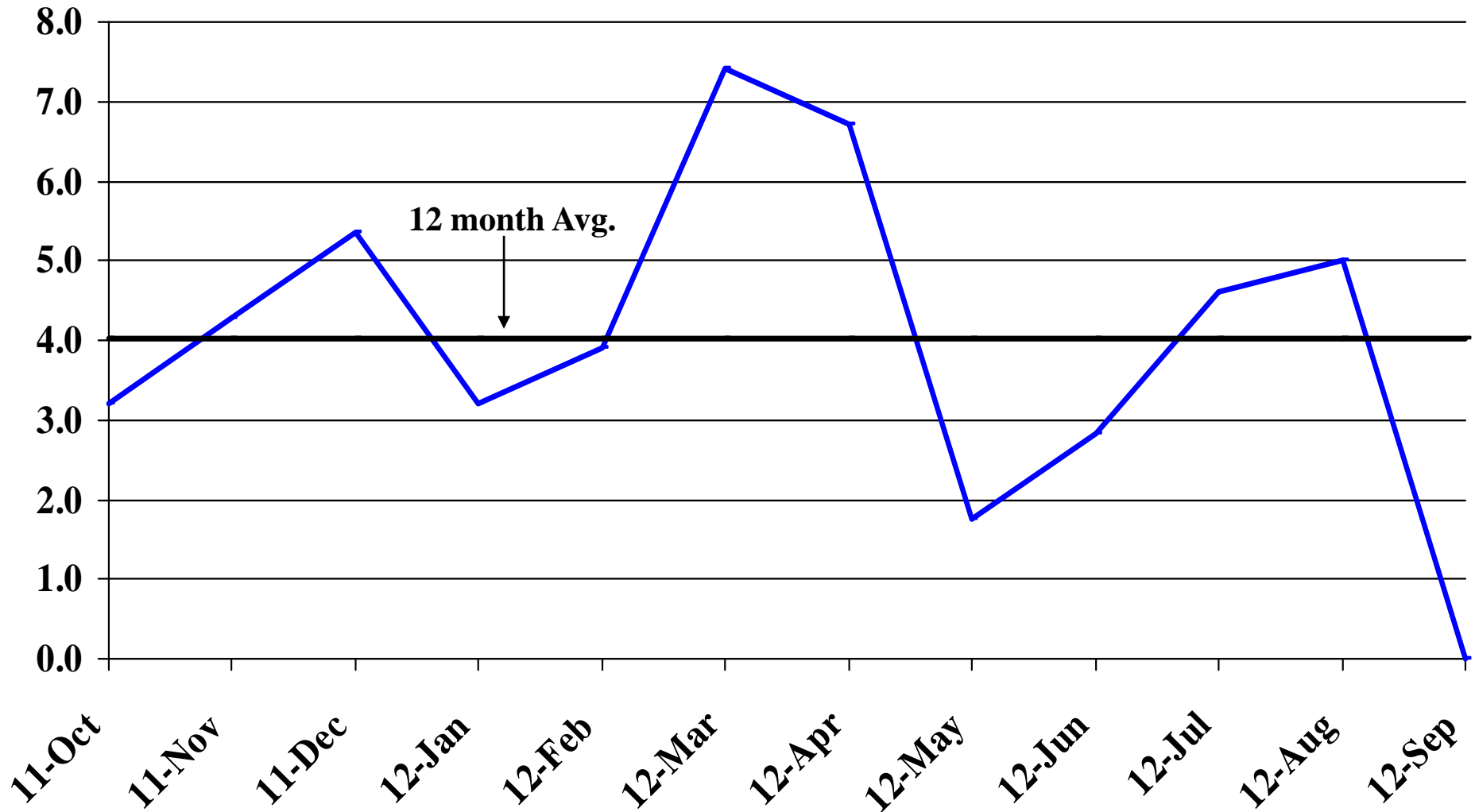
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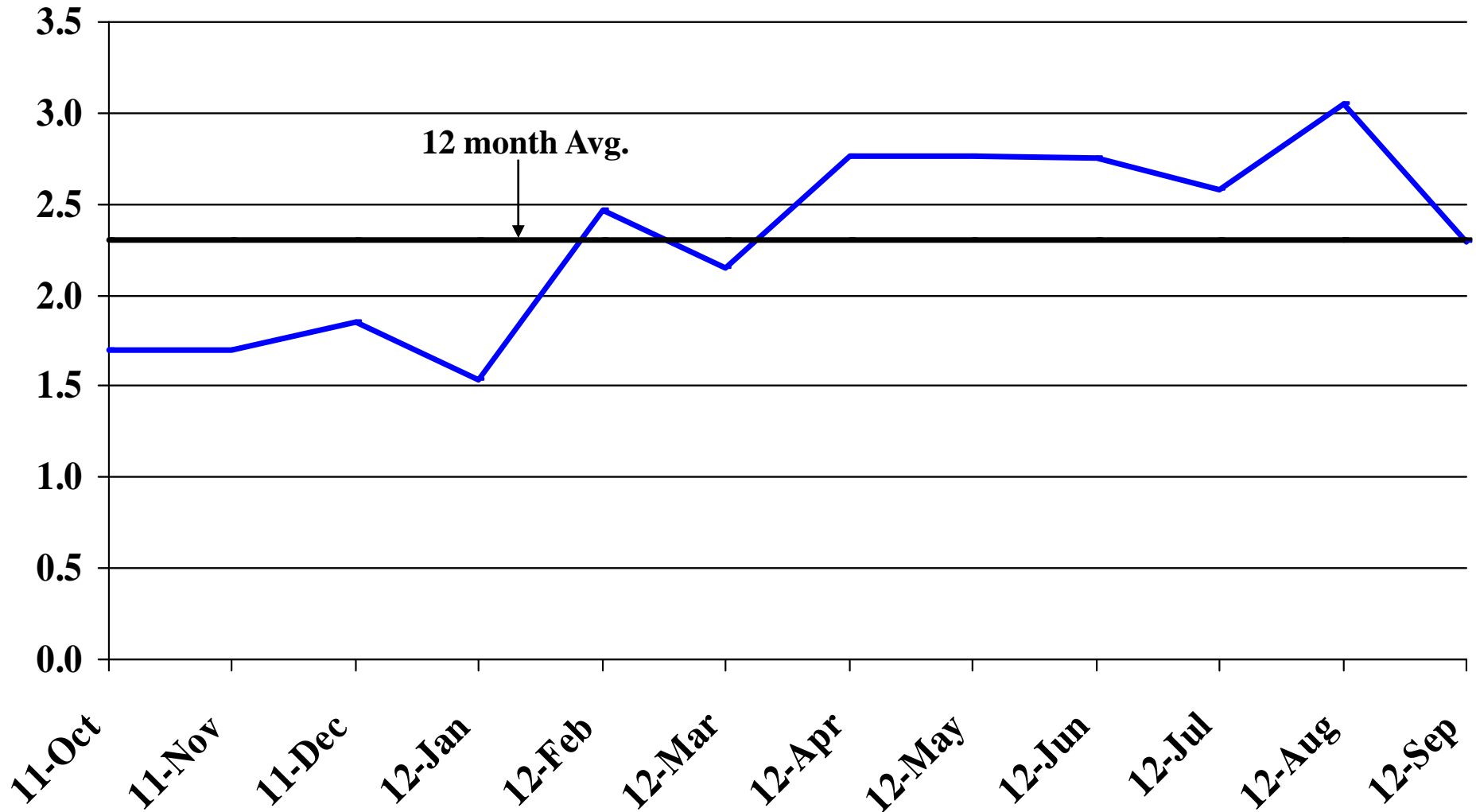
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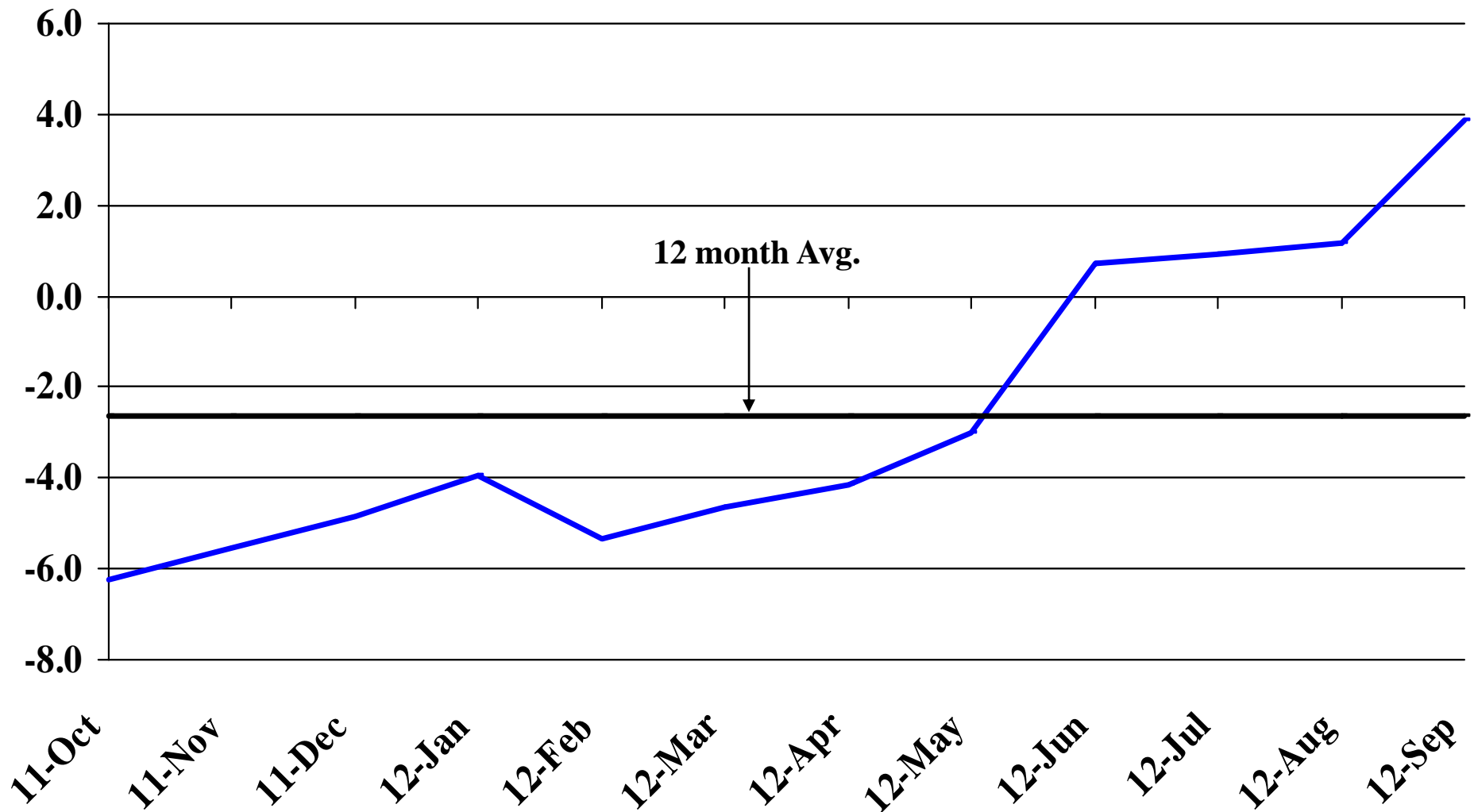
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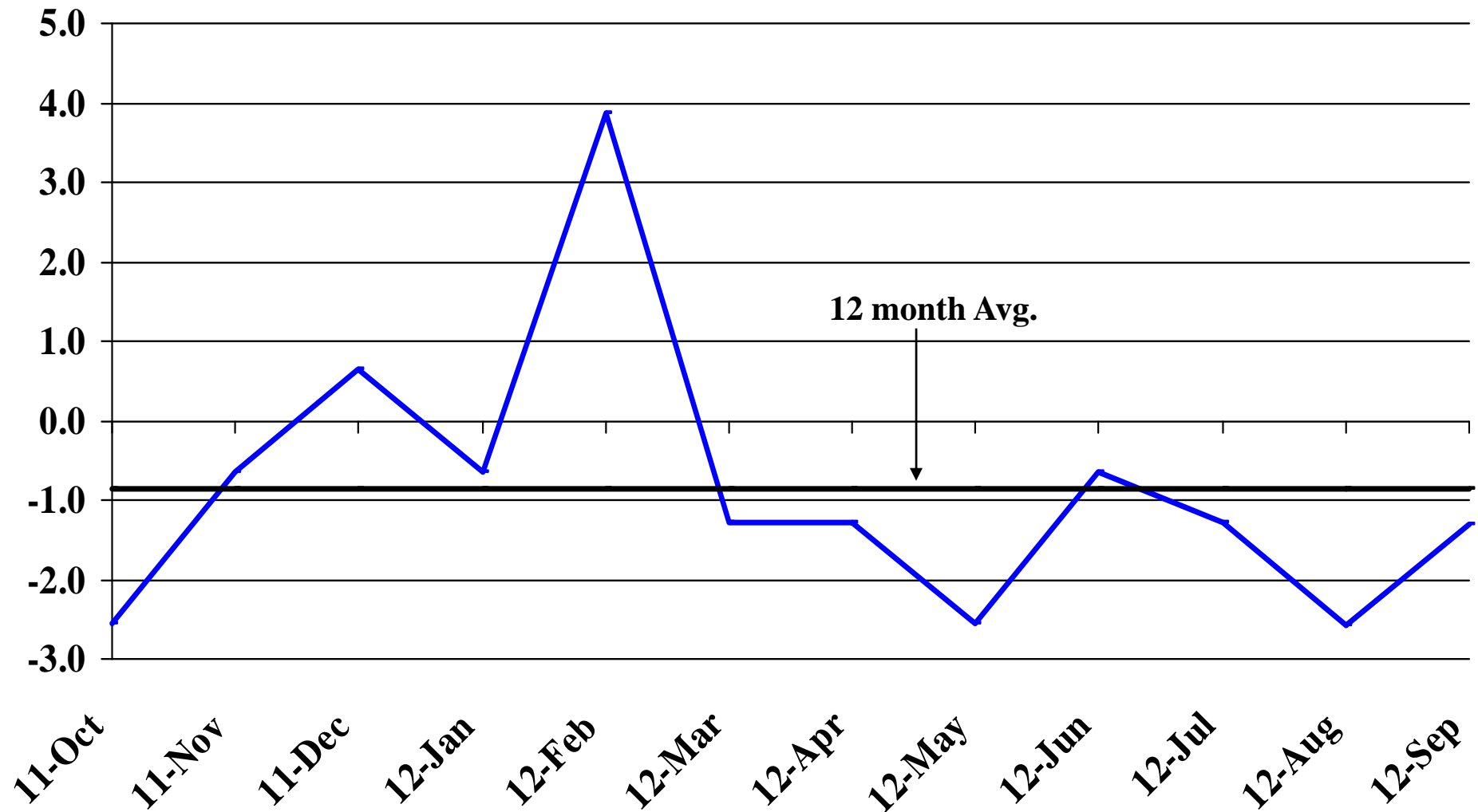
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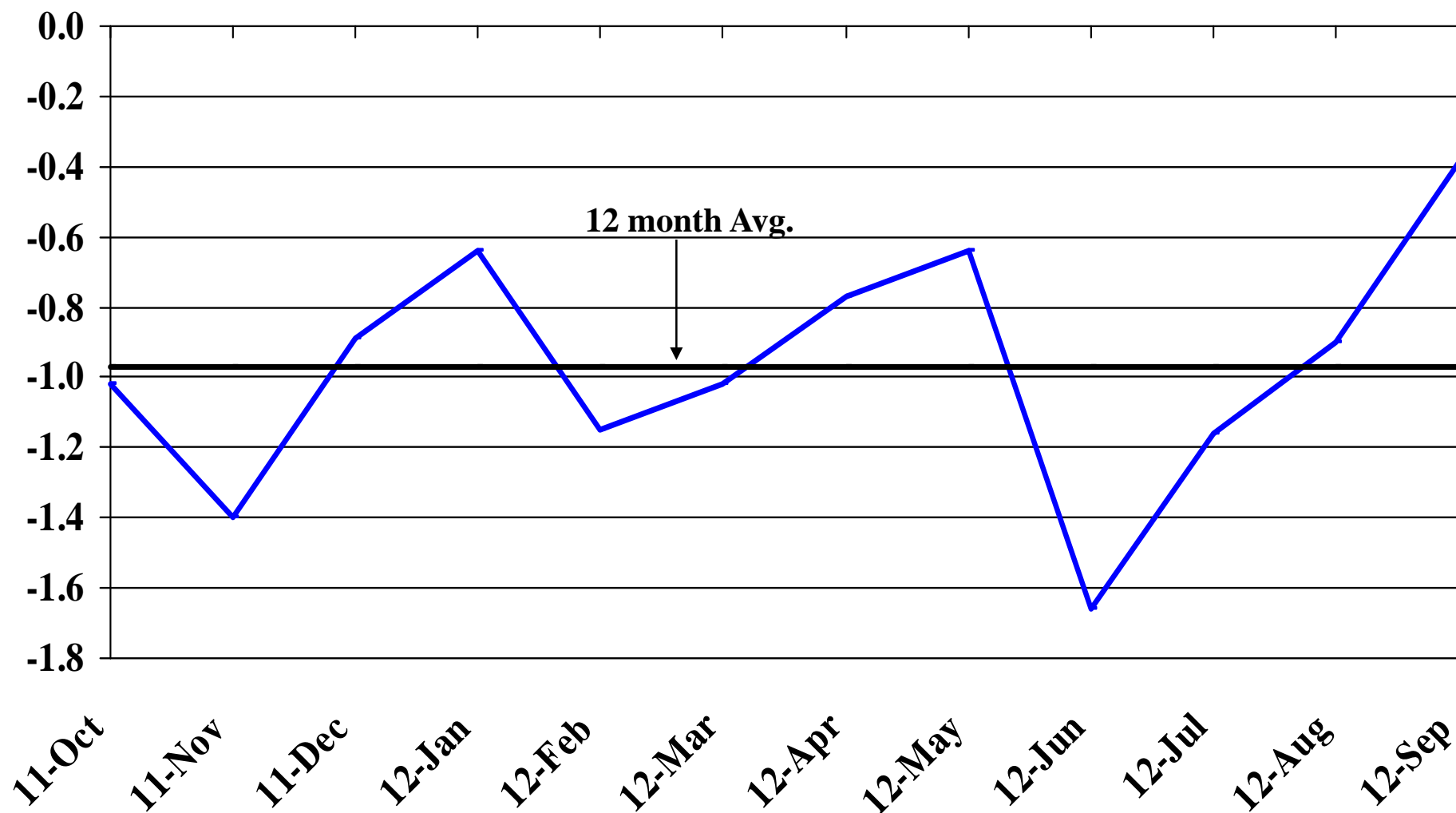
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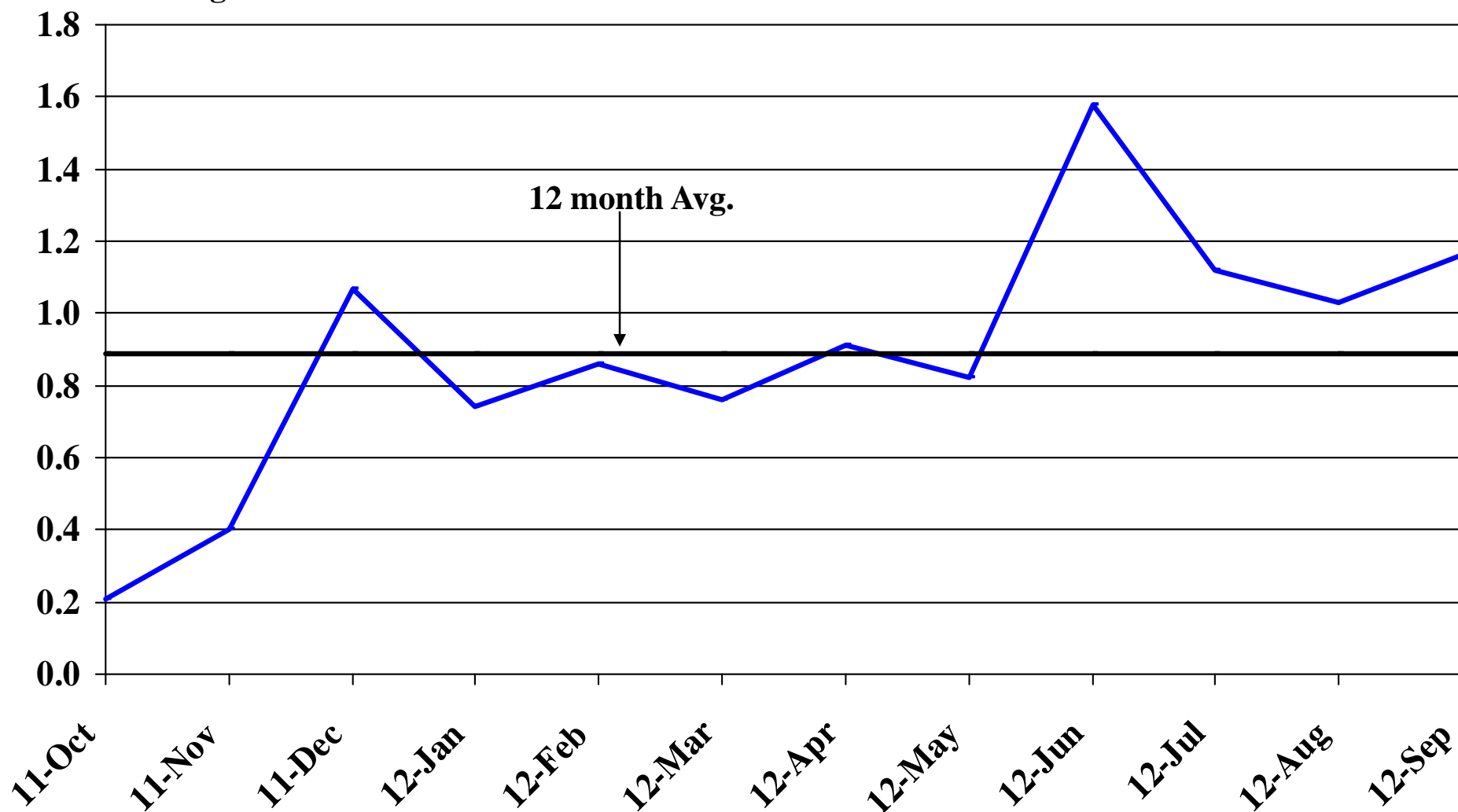
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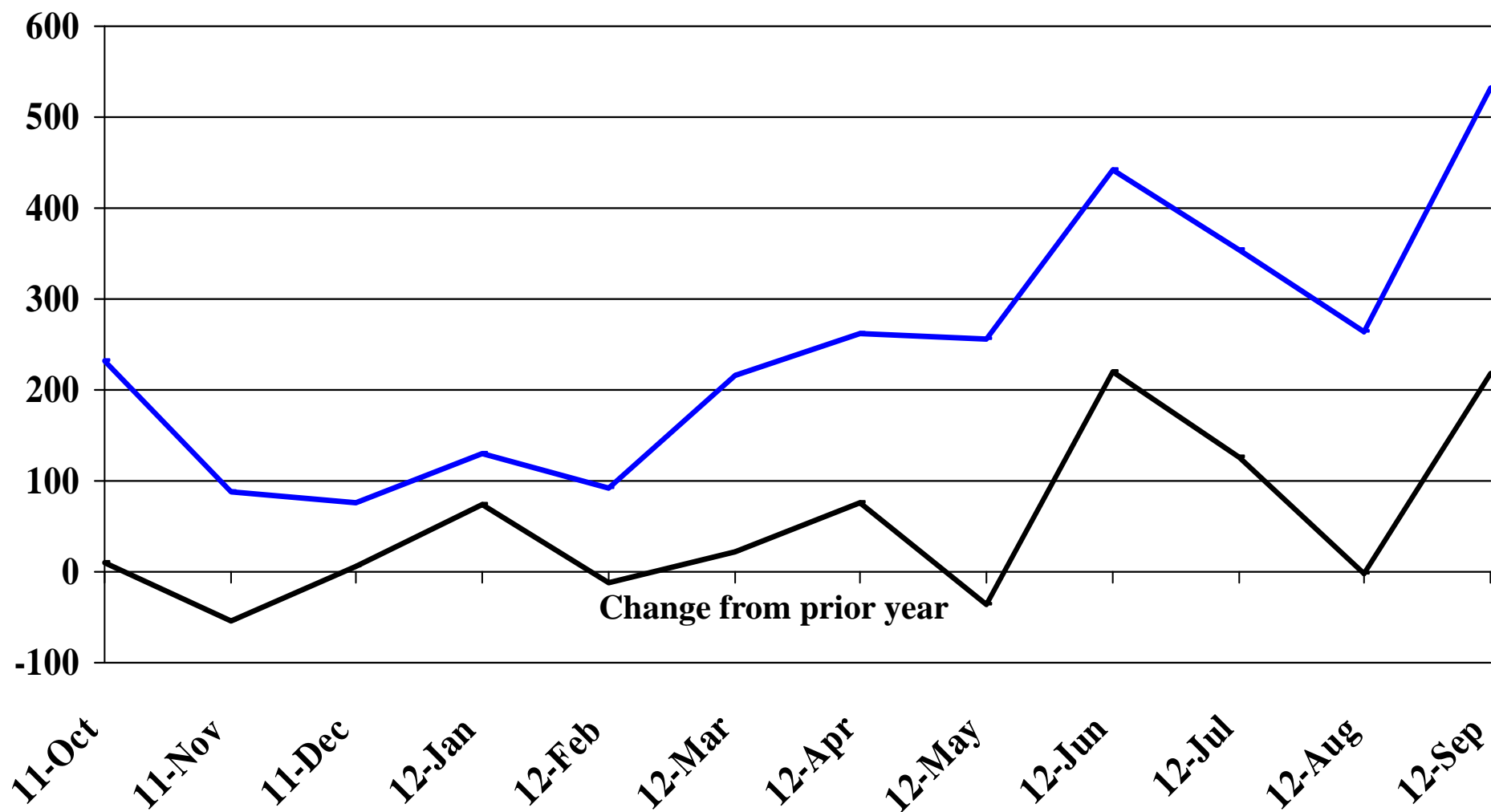


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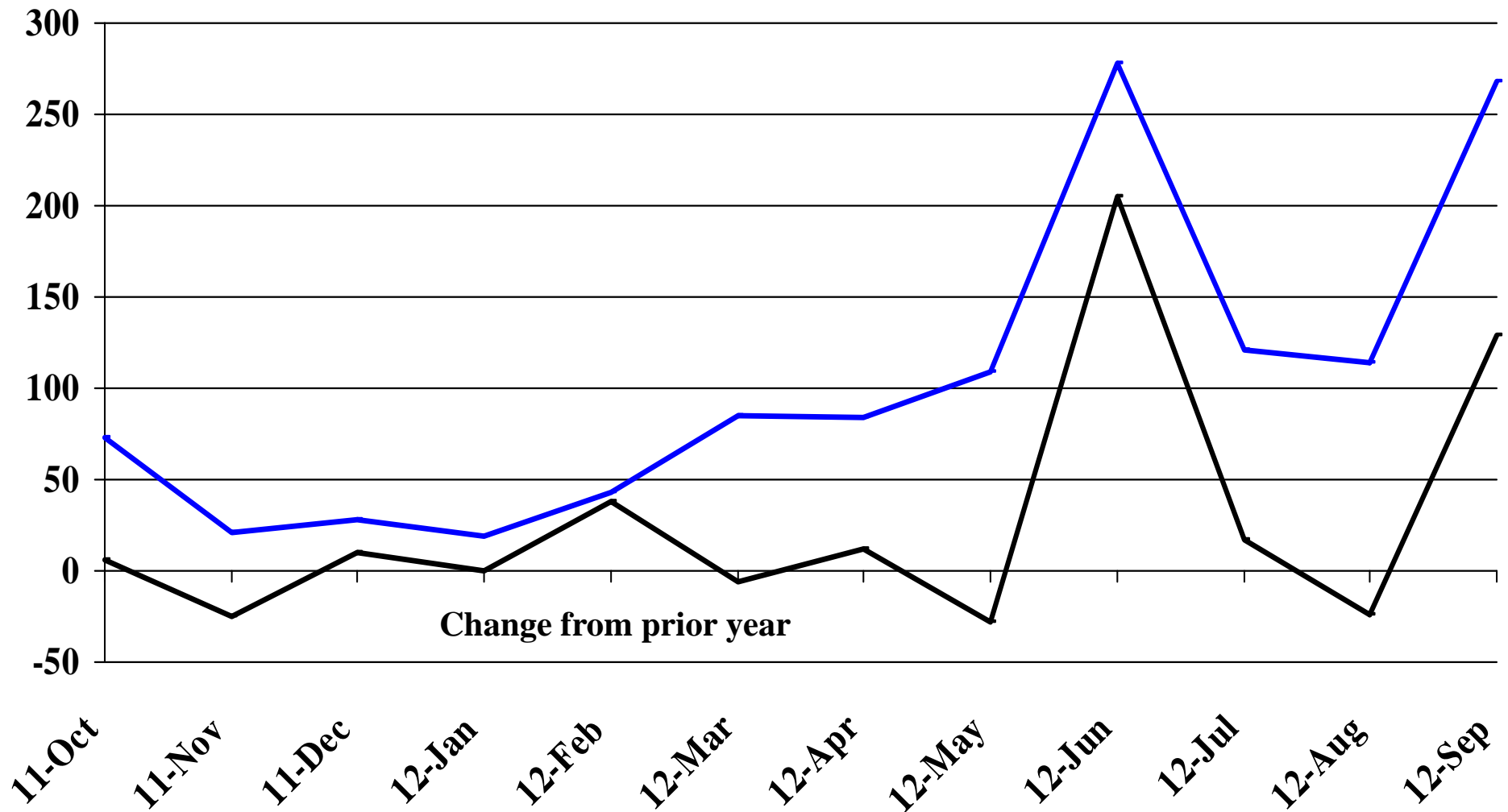
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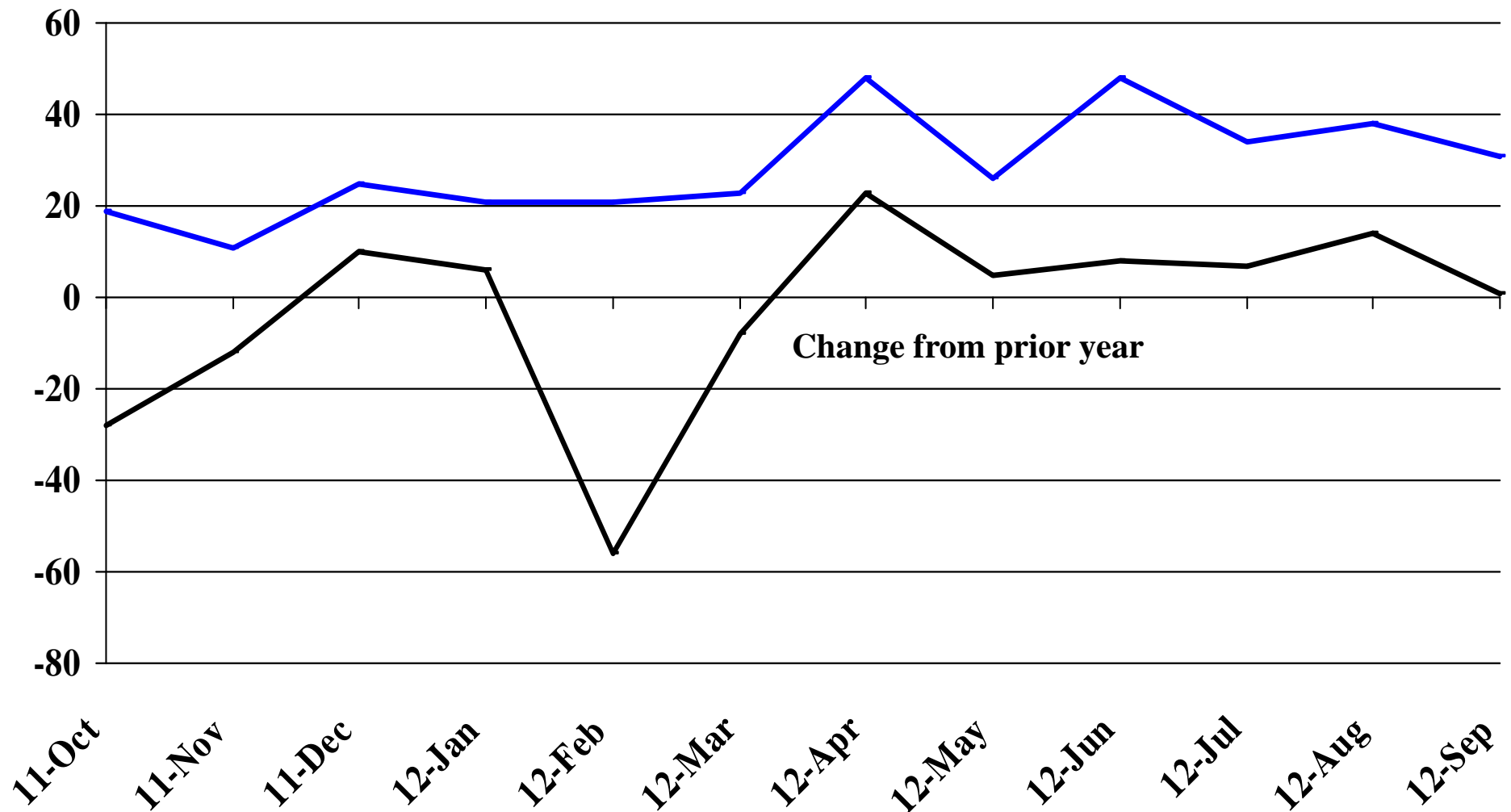
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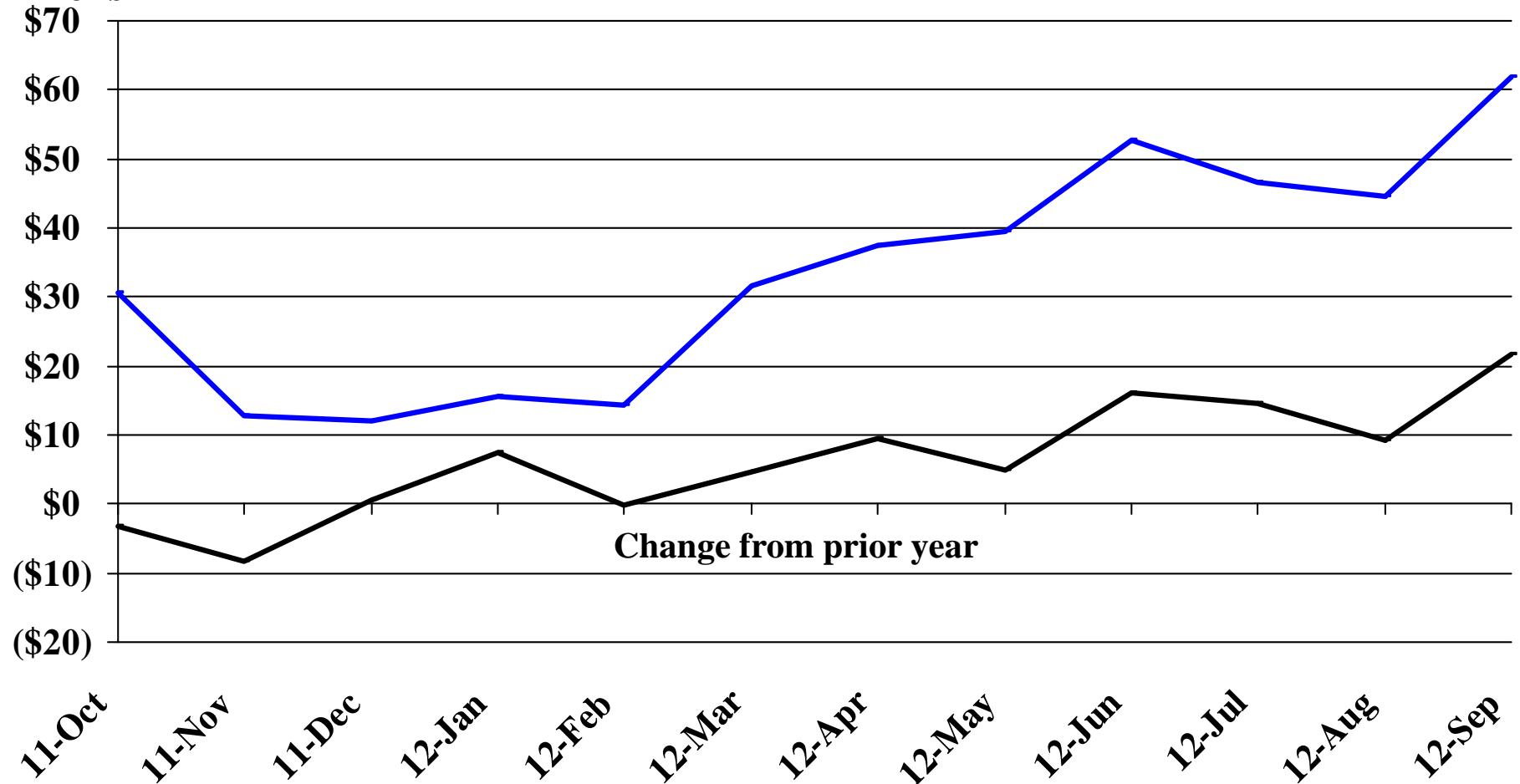


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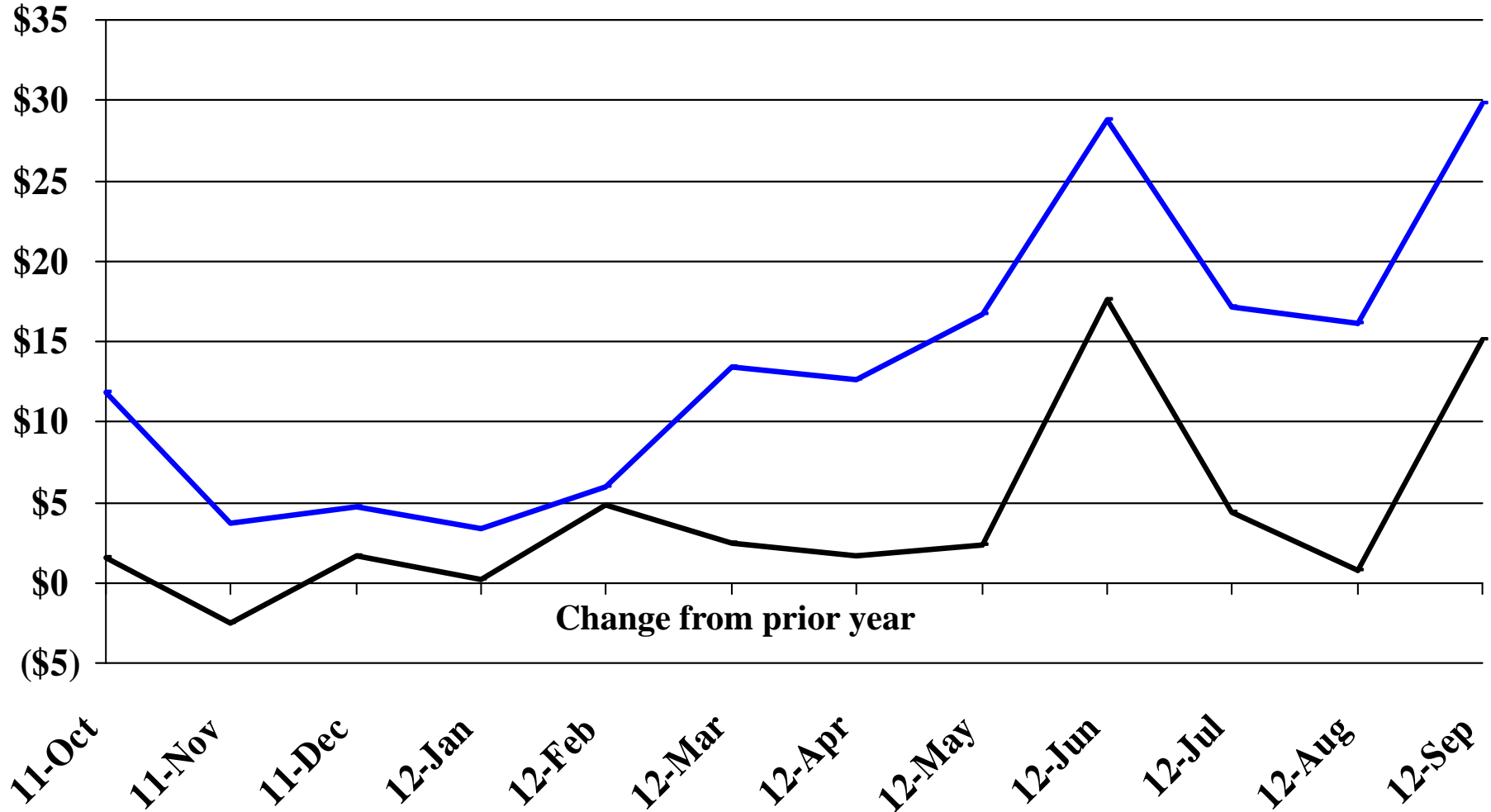
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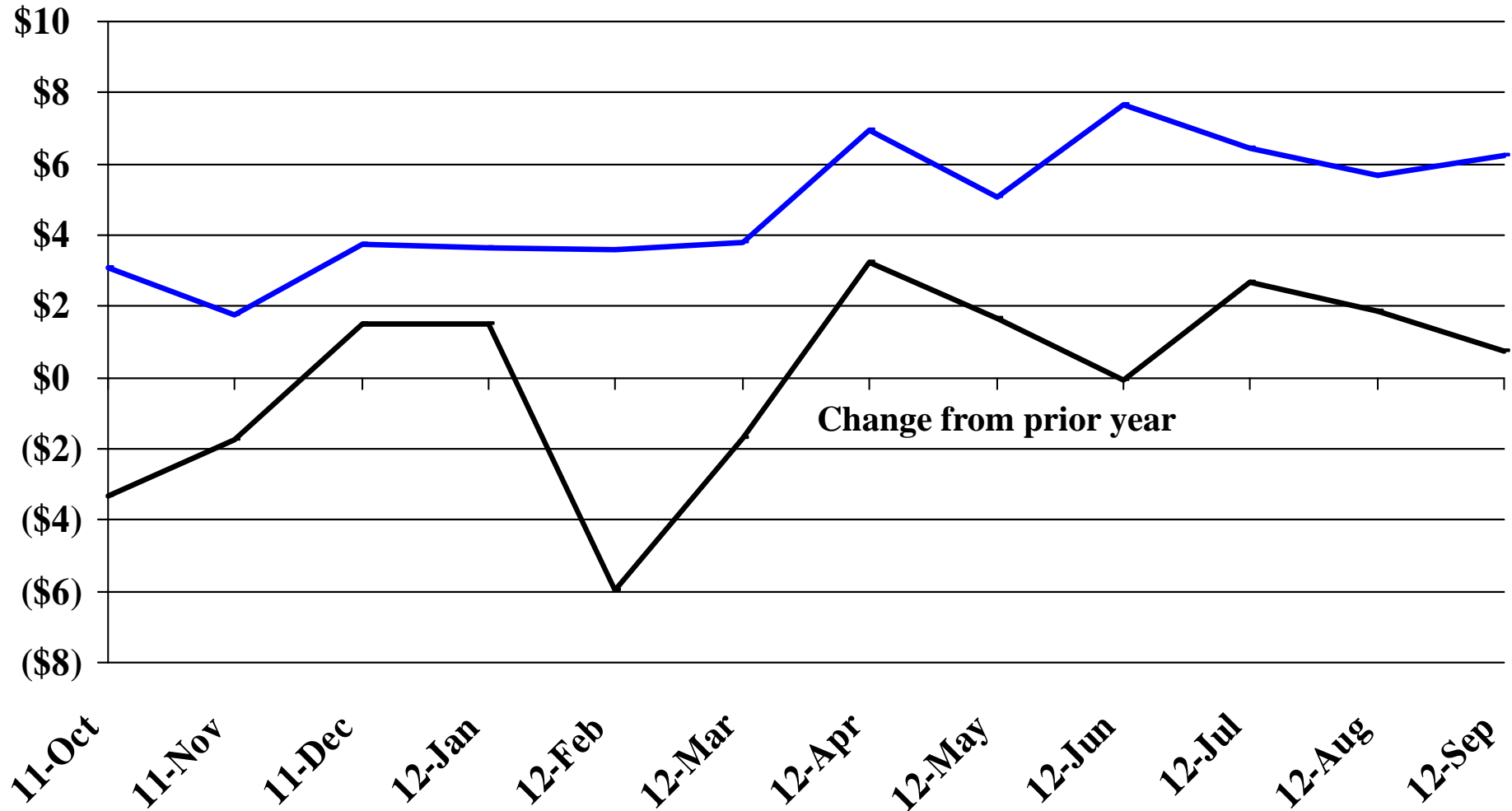
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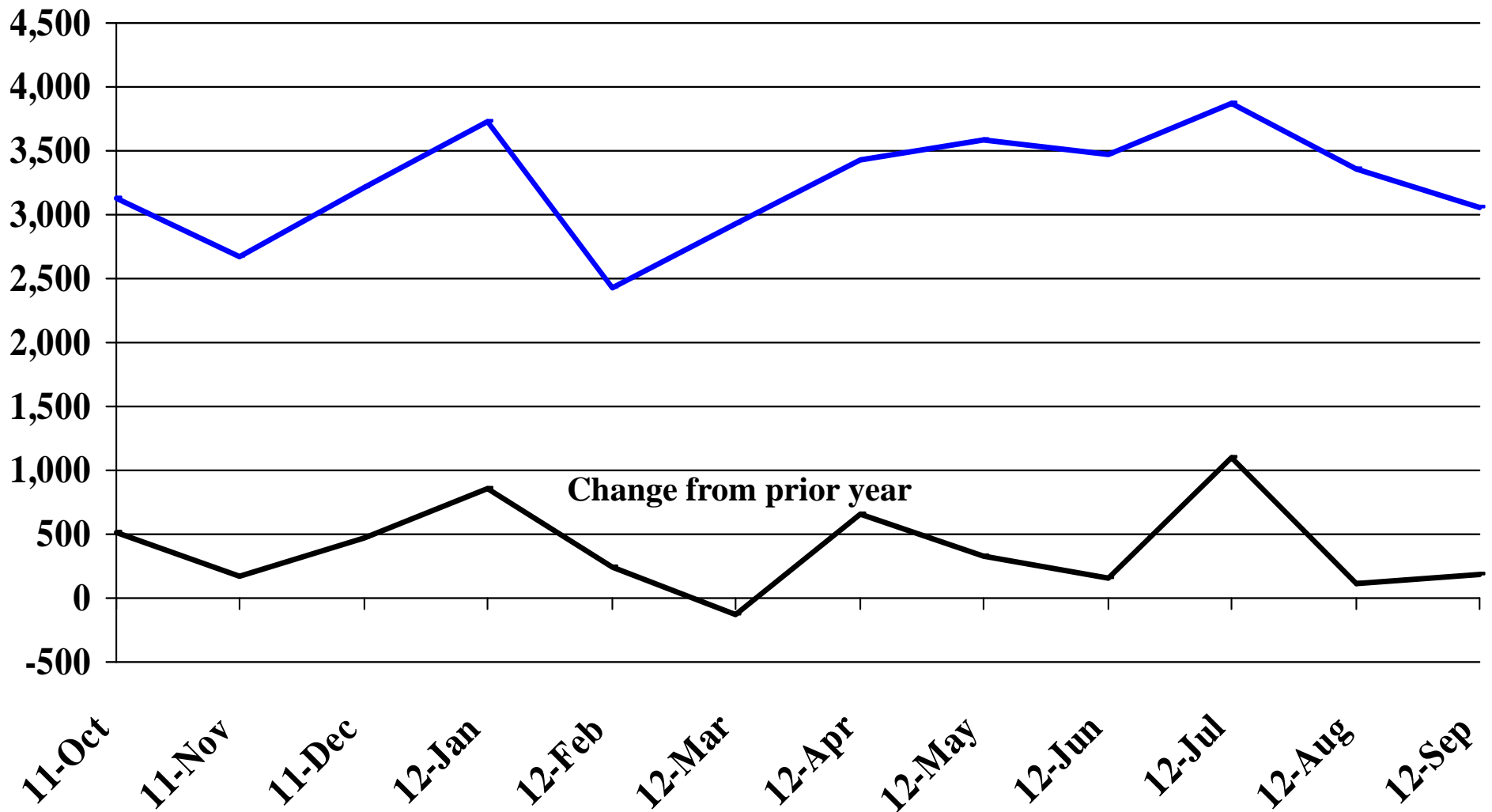


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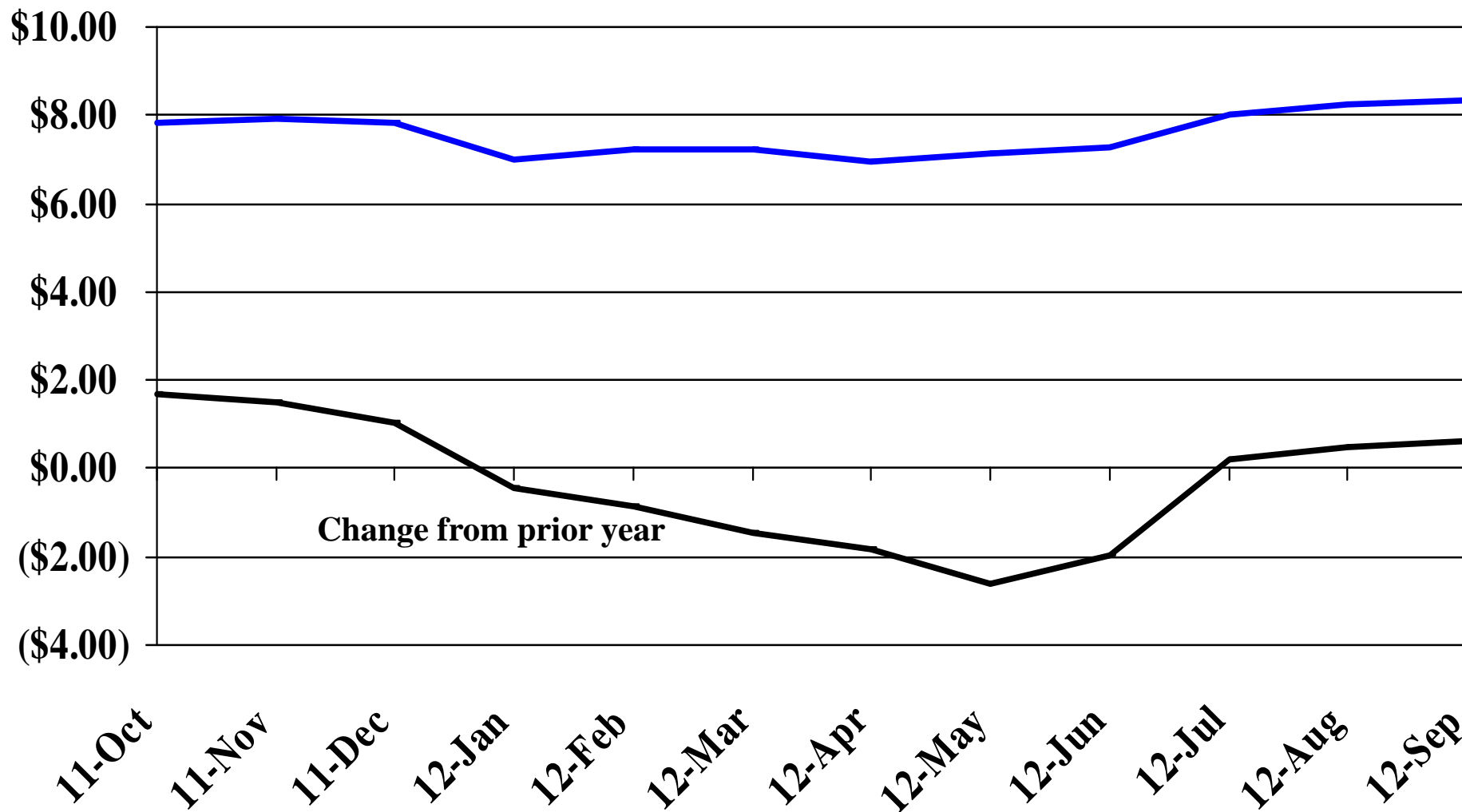


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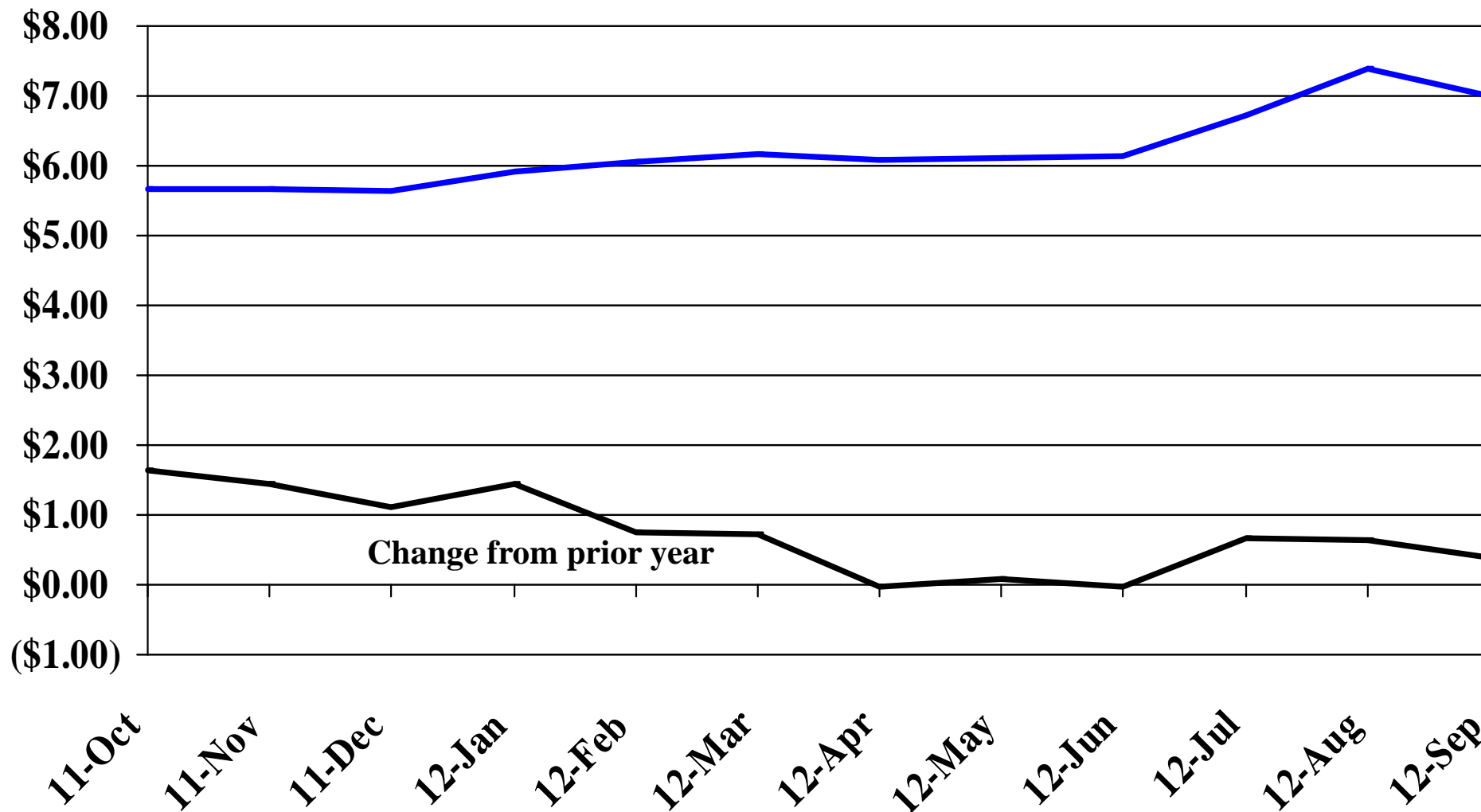
Recent Trends in the Price of Wheat

\$'s Per Bushel

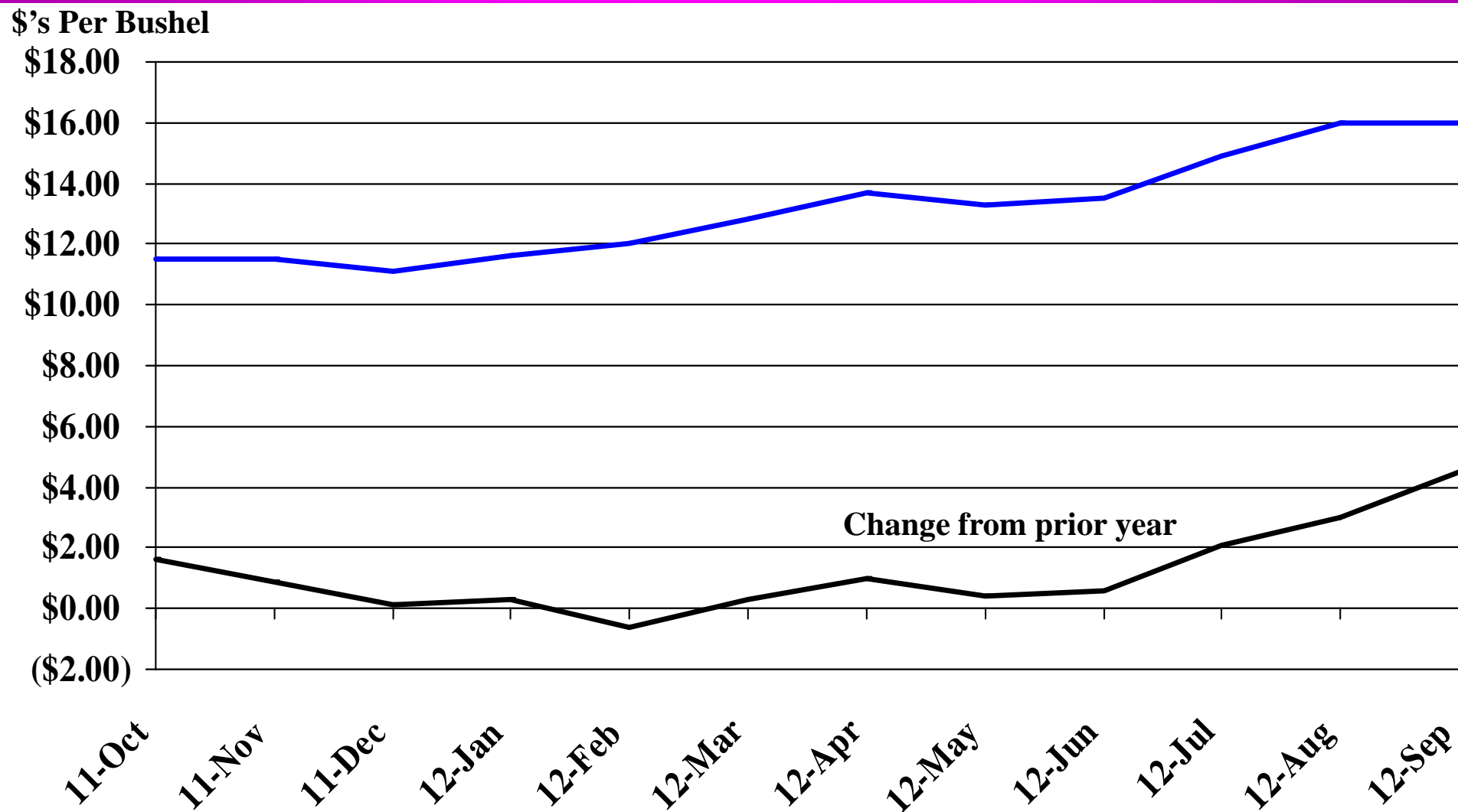


Recent Trends in the Price of Corn

\$'s Per Bushel



Recent Trends in the Price of Soybeans



Recent Trends in the Price of Hay

\$'s Per Ton

\$250.00

\$200.00

\$150.00

\$100.00

\$50.00

\$0.00

Change from prior year

11-Oct

11-Nov

11-Dec

12-Jan

12-Feb

12-Mar

12-Apr

12-May

12-Jun

12-Jul

12-Aug

12-Sep

