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October 2024 Market Update: Food, Beverage and Agribusiness

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October recap

Mesirow All-Food Equity Composite **+1.97%** for the month ended 10/31*

Mesirow All-Grain Commodity Composite **-1.68%** for the month ended 10/31*

S&P 500 **+0.35%** for the month ended 10/31*

NASDAQ Composite **+1.84%** for the month ended 10/31*

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