

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Hog Prices: ↓

Soymeal: ↓

Corn: ↔

Cdn Dollar: ↓

US Slaughter
412,000—Wednesday's
410,000—Wednesday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Southern MN \$57.27
Western Corn Belt \$57.29
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$119.41
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.1371 CAD / \$0.8794 US
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending June 12th, 2009
51.02 / 112.48 Signature #3
49.66 / 109.48 MPMC Cash
47.50 / 104.72 Springhill

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Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened lower this morning. Packers have been steadily increasing their bids as live supplies are approaching the tightest time of the year, despite running over the USDA's expectations on its last Hogs and Pigs report. The pork cut-out experienced a significant setback yesterday with hams dropping about 15% of their value with a possible cause being a significant drop in Mexican demand. Lean Hog futures are taking back some of yesterday's gains as traders have been content with following the lead of the cash market, with yesterday's weaker product markets triggering the sell-off. The Canadian Dollar is seeing a significant increase in volatility over the last several weeks, recent talk of a slow Canadian economy due to poor exports has helped to weaken our currency when compared to the US Dollar.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. After two weeks of negative Export Sales Reports, soybeans made a modest move out of the red—but sales are still lower this week than analysts had forecasted. Producers who have yet to take advantage of this slump are encouraged to consider pricing out loads for the short term.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened steady this morning. Export sales came in lower than expected for corn this week, helping maintain the bearish tone from overnight which pushed corn marginally lower. Weather remains supportive of the recent adjustment downwards, with scattered precipitation and above normal temperatures finishing off the week for the majority of the Corn Belt.

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range		114.75	114.75	110.07	109.49	104.93	103.06	114.43	124.25
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		117.70	117.84	115.23	112.18	110.11	113.39	124.76	127.87
Estimated Hog Margin	-20.16	-22.63	-22.57	-23.81	-20.11	-16.56	-9.55	0.40	4.52
Soymeal Delivered	540	547	555	563	436	436	438	435	436
Corn Delivered	182	184	186	187	184				

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July 13—Grandview (St. Elias Hall)

July 14—Portage La Prairie (Portage Fairboard Centre)

July 15—Altona (Millennium Exhibition Centre)

July 16—Steinbach (Mennonite Heritage Village)

July 17—Arborg (Arborg GO Office)