

Friday, June 19, 2009

Hog Prices: ↓↑

Soymeal: ↑

Corn: ↑

Cdn Dollar: ↑

Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened mixed this morning.

Cash bids in the US are finishing the week near steady as packers intend to increase their Saturday hog slaughter over levels seen last week. Hog supplies are nearing their lowest levels for the year, but have still averaged 1-2% higher than what the USDA had projected on their March Report. Lean Hog futures have maintained their steady trend despite Tuesday's \$3.00/cwt drop to the pork cut-out. The summer month futures are seeing weakness this morning as traders identify that upside potential to the summer market is limited given the weak packer margins and talk of increased production due to a spike in sow slaughter. The Canadian Dollar is maintaining a steady trend at slightly over US \$0.88, down almost 5 cents from two weeks ago.

Weekly Comparison

WCB Cash (cwt)	+ \$1.95
ISM Cash (cwt)	+ \$1.68
Forward Prices (ckg)	- \$0-2
CDN Dollar (Per US\$)	+ 0.0291

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Yesterday saw a reversal from trends earlier in the week, with old crop soybeans gaining over new crop. The weather outlook remains favourable, with a high pressure system bringing warmer temperatures over the next few days. The spot price is unchanged from last Friday.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Corn futures traded lower yesterday, but closed marginally higher overnight due to the US Dollar weakening early this morning. After a rather volatile week, crude oil continued to climb overnight—pushing above \$72US. The cash price has dropped roughly \$8/MT from one week ago.

US Slaughter
408,000—Thursday's
405,000—Thursday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Southern MN \$57.02
Western Corn Belt \$57.35
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$118.50
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.1273 CAD / \$0.8871 US
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending June 19th, 2009
53.24 / 117.38 Signature #3
51.88 / 114.38 MPMC Cash
49.41 / 108.94 Springhill

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	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range		115.60	115.60	109.92	109.41	104.74	104.51	115.90	126.57
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		118.70	118.70	115.09	112.00	109.93	114.87	126.26	130.20
Estimated Hog Margin	-21.65	-22.35	-22.12	-22.44	-19.82	-17.48	-11.00	-1.37	2.90
Soymeal Delivered	546	549	560	569	430	430	430	432	448
Corn Delivered	184	186	188	189	186				

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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)