

Hog Prices: $\downarrow \uparrow$ Soymeal: \downarrow

Corn: ↓

Cdn Dollar: ↑

2.240 Mill-Last Week's

2.144 Mill—Last Week's (Year Ago)

US Iowa/Sthrn MN \$46.29

Western Corn Belt \$48.19

Daily National Price \$52.03

Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$93.51

Daily Sig #4 Est. (M.Leaf) \$101.32

B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0971 CAD / \$0.9155 US

Cash Price (S/cwt/ckg)

Cash prices for week ending August 14th, 2009

41.94 / 92.45 Signature #3

47.11 / 103.85 Signature #4

40.57 / 89.45 MPMC Cash

38.00 / 83.77 Springhill

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Hog Margin Outlook

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Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. US cash markets are expected to trade firmer this week, as last week's slaughter of 2.24 million hogs helped producers become more current with their hog marketings. US producers had been falling behind in their marketings as carcass weights were running as much as 10 pounds over last year's levels despite prices running below cost of production. Wholesale pork prices are expected to see further weakness this week, as the growing supply combined with increased competition from other meats has allowed wholesalers and processors to hold out for lower prices. The Canadian Dollar is trading just above 90 cents US, but threatens to rebound from last week's declines, as some analysts say the Loonie was oversold against the US dollar.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. A higher US Dollar and general weakness in outside markets helped the soy complex close dramatically lower overnight. Cash soymeal is now down roughly \$20/MT from one week ago. The weather outlook remains favourable with normal to slightly below normal temperatures and scattered showers expected over the next week.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Crude oil continued its sharp losses from Friday in the overnight session, trading as low as \$65.32US. Farmer selling is expected to increase as harvest nears and general concerns about the possibility of a decrease in feed demand are further amplifying the bearish tone.

| | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Fixed Forward Range | | 85.89 | 82.33 | 75.42 | 76.41 | 87.52 | 99.63 | 102.27 | 108.83 |
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| (Maple Leaf Sig. #3) | | 86.91 | 85.08 | 81.52 | 82.97 | 97.61 | 104.27 | 104.28 | 119.73 |
| Estimated Hog Margin | -28.79 | -35.14 | -31.18 | -31.59 | -25.02 | -13.65 | -8.88 | -8.15 | -2.12 |
| Soymeal Delivered | 474 | 505 | 383 | 383 | 383 | 385 | 382 | 382 | 382 |
| Corn Delivered | 150 | 153 | 156 | 150 | 152 | 154 | 156 | 158 | 160 |







