

Thursday, August 20, 2009

Hog Prices: ↓↑

Soymeal: ↓↑

Corn: ↑

Cdn Dollar: ↑

**Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened mixed this morning.** Cash prices are holding steady despite huge numbers moving to slaughter facilities this week. This week's slaughter numbers could approach last week's level of 2.24 million hogs, a number that was approximately 5% larger than the same week last year. Wholesale pork prices are finding little support from both foreign and domestic consumers in order to offset the recent increase in supplies. Currently, pork prices are running about 25% lower than they were at this time last year. Lean Hog futures are experiencing significant volatility with yesterday's trade, seeing the nearby contracts make good gains while the 2010 contracts were lower. The Canadian Dollar saw little reaction from yesterday's CPI data on inflation, which showed a decline in consumer prices.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened mixed this morning.** Soymeal closed mixed yesterday, with old crop closing higher while new crop closed marginally lower. The USDA Export Sales Report showed a modest increase for soybean sales this past week. The ten-month average for delivered new crop soymeal is running around \$377/MT.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** Export sales remain strong for corn—up 6% from the previous 4-week average. Corn futures saw some strength yesterday from a sharp rally in crude oil pricing and continued light farmer selling, but not enough to neutralize the underlying bearish tone that remains from an increasingly favourable weather outlook.

<b>US Slaughter</b>	
428,000—Wednesday's	
419,000—Wednesday's (Year Ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$47.14
Western Corn Belt	\$47.28
Daily National Price	\$51.30
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf)	\$95.06
Daily Sig #4 Est. (M.Leaf)	\$99.88
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b>	
\$1.0969 CAD / \$0.9177 US	
<b>Cash Price (\$/cwt/kg)</b>	
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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	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fixed Forward Range		88.49	84.47	75.94	74.14	85.19	94.63	96.64	103.17
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		89.49	87.48	81.93	82.97	95.23	99.25	98.65	113.41
Estimated Hog Margin	-28.79	-35.14	-31.18	-31.59	-25.02	-13.65	-8.88	-8.15	-2.12
Soymeal Delivered	470	496	380	380	380	376	372	372	374
Corn Delivered	150	153	156	150	152	154	156	158	160



**Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat**

**\$631/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)**

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