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# Hog Margin Outlook

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**Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened higher this morning.** US packers continue to pull back on the cash bids despite an improvement in the carcass cut-out that measures the aggregate value of the primal cuts. Cash markets are down close to 10% from the highs just a couple of weeks ago, despite the firming wholesale pork prices. US pork export sales for September were released earlier this week and revealed growth of 3.8% over year ago levels. Specifically, increased sales to Mexico, China and Canada were enough to offset weaker sales to Japan and Russia. December and February futures reacted very positively to the news, but further gains could be limited by the growing premium that futures holds to the current cash market. The Canadian Dollar is seeing some weakness as fears of inflation have dissipated and this could delay a rate hike by the Bank of Canada.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** Soybeans continued yesterday's rally overnight, with firm support coming from a weak US Dollar, strong outside markets and heavy fund buying. Continued strength in soybean exports over the last few weeks has sustained buying interest. Cash soymeal is up roughly \$5/MT from yesterday's open.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** After trading relatively flat yesterday, corn went on to see moderate gains overnight. Parts of the US Midwest are expected to see showers this week, though any possible delays in harvest created by this precipitation should be tempered by harvest focus beginning to switch from soybeans to corn.

US Slaughter	
433,000—Tuesday's	
434,000—Tuesday's (Year Ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$50.48
Western Corn Belt	\$50.92
Daily National Price	\$56.28
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$98.86
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$105.82
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$115.10
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$37.50/cwt	
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b>	
\$1.0592 CAD / \$0.9441 US	
<b>Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg)</b>	
Cash prices for week ending November 13th, 2009	
47.02 / 103.67 Signature #3	
48.48 / 106.87 Signature #4	
45.77 / 100.90 MPMC Cash	
43.25 / 95.34 Springhill	

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	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		97.96	106.68	114.73	116.12	121.91	133.10	137.92	138.94
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		102.32	116.37	120.25	118.60	129.24	138.89	142.26	139.33
Estimated Hog Margin	-13.01	-15.64	-6.97	-1.57	-0.15	5.38	13.66	14.89	13.80
Soymeal Delivered	410	405	391	387	387	375	375	382	382
Corn Delivered	178	180	182	184	186	188	190	192	194



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