

Hog Prices: ↑
Soymeal: ↑
Corn: ↑
Cdn Dollar: ↑

Monday, December 14, 2009

Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened higher this morning. US cash markets are trading steady to lower this morning but continue to far exceed expectations as wholesale pork prices continue to defy normal seasonal trends by climbing steadily for the past month. The pork carcass cut-out broke through US\$70/cwt on Friday with excellent demand combined with tightening supplies driving the trend. Lean Hog futures continue to be cautious in factoring in the recent cash market strength. Concern over Russia's decision to ban an increasing number of US plants from shipping pork has also slowed the gains in the nearby contract months. The Canadian Dollar is starting out this week steady to higher as oil prices rally and there is little new economic data to impact the market.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. After trading mixed on Friday, soybeans went on to trade lower in the overnight session, despite a weaker US Dollar. Argentina is expected to see rain later this week, which will be welcomed as most of its major growing areas are on the drier side. Producers are reminded this is the last full week available for soymeal deliveries before Christmas.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Corn futures advanced sharply on Friday, with fund buying helping the March contract push above 400. Crude oil is trading under \$70US at open, providing a bearish influence. The Canadian Dollar is sitting at roughly \$0.94US at open, decreasing purchasing power from Friday.

US Slaughter	
2.215 Mill—Last Week's	
2.339 Mill—Last Week's (Year Ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$63.93
Western Corn Belt	\$63.94
Daily National Price	\$63.49
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$124.06
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$119.29
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$126.22
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$29.05/cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0585 CAD / \$0.9447 US	
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg)	
Cash prices for week ending December 11th, 2009	
53.94 / 118.91 Signature #3	
52.41 / 115.55 Signature #4	
51.96 / 114.55 MPMC Cash	
50.52 / 111.37 Springhill	

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	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		118.49	121.31	121.79	126.65	139.09	141.66	141.46	136.45
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		119.47	125.20	125.20	134.23	142.97	146.38	143.12	141.46
Estimated Hog Margin	-3.49	-1.72	2.58	3.58	8.26	15.89	17.25	15.65	10.88
Soymeal Delivered	403	395	391	391	385	385	384	384	382
Corn Delivered	172	174	176	178	180	182	184	186	188



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$513/tonne ↓ (2 – 19 mt)

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