

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

US Slaughter	
428,000	—Wednesday's
433,000	—Wednesday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$65.80
Western Corn Belt	\$65.94
Daily National Price	\$66.39
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$124.91
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$121.78
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$129.85
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$31.25/cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0334 CAD / \$0.9677 US	
Cash Price (S/cwt/kg)	
Cash prices for week ending January 1st, 2010	
53.58 / 118.13	Signature #3
52.98 / 116.80	Signature #4
51.50 / 113.54	MPMC Cash
49.19 / 108.44	Springhill

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# Hog Margin Outlook

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## Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.

Packers are starting to find enough supplies to meet their production schedule, as evidenced by the weaker cash market seen yesterday. Packer margins had come under pressure early in the week due to the higher cash bids that packers were paying. Wholesale pork prices continue to hold firm with most cuts moving higher based on reduced inventories. Lean Hog futures took back some of the early week gains, but this is unlikely to be a trend as most traders are optimistic that cash prices will continue to climb as hog supplies diminish. The Canadian Dollar continues its climb, trading close to 97 cents this morning. Our currency is moving higher in step with commodity prices as the global market appears to be demanding more of the raw materials that Canada produces.

## Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.

A sharply higher US Dollar created a strong bearish tone for the soy complex in the overnight session. The Brazilian Government has upped its 2009/2010 soybean production estimate today, pegging it at 8 million tonnes higher than this period last year, adding to the negative pressure and spurring selling.

## Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.

News from China that it's Banks are looking to tighten lending is creating a negative tone for outside markets this morning. Losses overnight for corn futures are further accentuated by the recent gains made by the Canadian Dollar, helping to push down the cash price.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		121.19	121.40	126.13	138.53	139.96	139.14	134.56	126.51
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		124.98	124.98	133.80	142.32	145.63	140.43	138.20	128.04
Estimated Hog Margin	0.09	3.47	5.10	9.62	17.14	18.73	17.37	14.52	8.68
Soymeal Delivered	394	381	381	378	378	370	370	374	371
Corn Delivered	170	172	174	176	178	180	182	184	186



## Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$573/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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