



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↓ Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↑ Cdn Dollar: ↔

US Slaughter	
2.073 Mill. — Last Week's	
2.137 Mill. — Last Week's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$80.35
Western Corn Belt	\$80.33
Daily National Price	\$81.78
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$147.64
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$145.55
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$148.11
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$50.50 cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	\$1.0027CAD / \$0.9973 US
Cash Prices: Week Ending April 23rd, 2010	
67.36/148.51 Signature #3	
64.60/142.41 Signature #4	
65.54/144.50 MPMC Cash	
63.96/141.00 Springhill	

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash markets are opening steady this morning as packers are attempting to slow the gains in their bids even as hog supplies diminish. Packers are benefitting from excellent operating margins, estimated at better than \$18.00/hog. Strong wholesale pork prices have been the primary factor driving packer profitability with the carcass cut-out valued at \$90.30/cwt, the highest level in more than 18 months. Lean Hog futures experienced a decline on Friday as traders factored in the recent weakness in the cash market. The Canadian Dollar is trading near steady with Friday's close, hovering near par value with the US Dollar. Currency traders are awaiting Friday's release of the February GDP growth, which could show Canada's economy growing at a fast pace, resulting in a bullish trend to the loonie.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. The soybean complex is trading near steady this morning with the predominant factors impacting the market being strong global demand for soybeans and its products, and slow producer selling. Technical indicators suggest a continuation of the bullish trend in soybean meal, contrary to the normal seasonal trend at this time of year.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Corn markets continue to see a bearish influence from the progress made in planting over the last week. The forecast for rain is being received positively by the market, as the large corn producing states already have the majority of their corn crop planted (e.g. Iowa – 70% complete).

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Fixed Forward Range: (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		148.98	151.01	148.81	136.89	133.33	124.59	117.04	122.11
		152.39	152.76	151.38	139.49	138.11	131.95	129.19	129.02
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		145.15	147.84	144.99	136.11	131.42	123.77	121.37	120.92
		148.01	148.72	148.72	141.08	135.52	129.82	129.82	126.28
Estimated Hog Margin	19.15	21.79	21.69	19.61	12.12	9.65	5.10	5.0	5.0
Soymeal Delivered	358	354	355	366	358	338	334	334	338
Corn Delivered	149	151	153	155	157	159	157	157	157



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$588/tonne ↓ (2 – 19 mt)

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