



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↓

Soymeal: ↑

Corn: ↑

Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter
2.164 Mill—Last Week's
2.283 Mill—Last Week's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$56.53
Western Corn Belt \$56.85
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$128.56
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2337 CAD / \$0.8106 US
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending Apr 3rd, 2009
59.43 / 131.03 Signature #3
58.07 / 128.03 MPMC Cash
55.22 / 121.74 Springhill

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Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened lower this morning. Cash hog markets are starting the week higher as packers are finding it difficult to maintain production levels with diminishing live supplies. Compared to last year, pork production has been running about 5% smaller, with most of this change coming from reduced slaughter levels. However, pork prices have failed to respond to the tight supplies, with most of the primal cuts priced at the same or lower levels than a year ago levels. Lean Hog futures saw an increase late last week, triggering a \$5.00/kg rally in the summer months. The Canadian Dollar is expected to weaken in the coming weeks as the market expects the Bank of Canada to implement a new policy of injecting "new" money into the economy. Forward contract prices represent good value for the summer and fall, as there is still great uncertainty in the demand for pork.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Buying by funds, light farmer selling, and decreased yield expectations in South America are supporting the soy complex. Cool and wet weather continues field work delays for the US—leading to later plantings, or even a possible decrease in corn acres in favour of soybeans.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Despite strong rallies for other grains, corn took a modest move higher overnight, even with crude oil trading mostly higher and the US Dollar moving lower. Traders appear convinced that a strong rally pushing corn well above the 400 mark would cause a wave of farmer selling.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range		153.06	157.57	157.95	157.05	147.49	139.97	131.53	122.62
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		156.45	160.77	161.10	162.23	153.68	144.70	137.72	138.85
Estimated Hog Margin	-11.51	3.87	8.26	7.75	9.66	7.14	4.14	4.63	7.11
Soymeal Delivered	458	461	453	152	433	412	406	407	410
Corn Delivered	187	189	191	193	195				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$590/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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