



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↓

Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↓

Cdn Dollar: ↓

US Slaughter
420,000—Monday's
435,000—Monday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$55.59
Western Corn Belt \$56.08
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$127.76
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2429 CAD / \$0.8046 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. US cash markets started the week lower and are trading lower again this morning as packers attempt another return to profitable margins. Packers are committing to purchase prices sometimes days in advance of delivery and have had difficulty gauging the product market. Typically a 6% drop in pork production, due to the tighter hog supplies, results in prices responding with a strong rally. However, the demand for pork appears to have shifted lower as well, resulting in only a steady price trend. Lean Hog futures paired back the gains seen last Friday, but still hold a better than average premium over the current cash market for this time of year. The Canadian Dollar is seeing conflicting fundamentals. The bullish factor of greater stability in financial markets is offsetting the bearish factor of there being a possible substantial increase in Canada's money supply.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. The soy complex started yesterday on a sharp rally, but a higher US Dollar and a move downward for the stock market helped spur funds to sell. USDA's Export Inspections Report showed a drop of 38% from last week.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. The Export Inspections Report had an 11% increase for corn, but this wasn't bullish enough to keep corn from a move lower in the overnight session. Crude oil made a move sharply lower yesterday, and after a modest recovery and stable pricing overnight—has dipped below \$49.50US in early trading today.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range		152.55	157.12	157.75	157.07	147.43	139.77	131.27	122.23
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		155.97	160.59	161.05	162.18	153.67	144.37	137.51	138.64
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	185	187	189	191	193				

MAFRI has rescheduled the **"Saving our Bacon"** seminar that was cancelled in Starbuck on March 25th.

It will be held at the **Starbuck Community Hall** at **1:00 pm April 15th**.

Florian Possberg will not be speaking due to scheduling conflicts.