



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↑

Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↔

Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter
425,000—Tuesday's
429,000—Tuesday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$55.32
Western Corn Belt \$55.43
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$125.39
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2341 CAD / \$0.8103 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 higher this morning. US cash markets continue to trade weaker despite the normal seasonal trend of higher cash bids for this time of year. Last year, over April - May, the pork cut-out gained 40% triggering a large rally in packer bids over the same timeframe. This rally came in large part due to a substantial increase in pork exports, as there was little change in domestic pork demand. Summer month Lean Hog futures currently hold a 33% premium over the current cash market, a comparable premium to last year's cash rally. However, this year, US pork exports are lagging last year's levels as the US Dollar is stronger and pork importing nations are dealing with an economic recession. Forward contract prices still represent good value when these factors are considered in combination with the outlook of a stronger Canadian Dollar.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. The soy complex saw a selloff late in yesterday's session, and continued to sell mostly lower overnight—with a late surge helping it end with marginal gains. Soybeans could see a bullish tone throughout today's session as traders anticipate that tomorrow's WASDE Report will show a decrease in ending stocks.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened steady this morning. Fund selling and a further drop in crude oil pricing helped corn close lower yesterday and overnight. The cash price is holding today as an expected reduction in ending stocks tomorrow is helping corn to make minimal gains.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range		152.82	157.34	159.52	158.84	149.21	141.21	132.73	123.95
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		156.21	162.35	163.03	164.16	155.44	146.18	138.95	140.08
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				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$590/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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