



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↓

Soymeal: ↑

Corn: ↔

Cdn Dollar: ↑

Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash market prices opened the week lower, with packers holding back on higher bids despite the shrinking supplies of live hogs. Hog supplies normally tighten by more than 15% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd, normally triggering a rally in packer bids. However, meat demand in general is still in question as prices have yet to see any reaction to the tighter hog supplies. Lean Hog futures are expected to come under pressure this week, as they maintain nearly a \$20/cwt premium over the cash market. This is significantly larger than the normal premium of about \$12/cwt that the June contract normally holds at this time of year. Forward contract prices compare favourably to last year's prices for the May – December timeframe.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Yesterday's USDA Export Inspections for soybeans were relatively level with the previous week, with roughly a 3% drop this week. Funds continue to be buyers—but a rising Canadian Dollar is helping to somewhat temper the rallies for the soy complex.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened steady this morning. Rallies for other grains as well as moderate strength for crude oil overnight helped corn close marginally higher. USDA's first Crop Progress Report of the season showed 2% of the total US corn crop planted as of Sunday—the bulk of which is in Texas.

US Slaughter
420,000—Monday's
435,000—Monday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$55.46
Western Corn Belt \$55.69
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$124.66
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2212 CAD / \$0.8189 US
Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending Apr 10th, 2009
57.33 / 126.39 Signature #3
56.20 / 123.89 MPMC Cash
53.78 / 118.56 Springhill

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	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range		153.15	157.63	158.17	156.61	147.13	138.80	130.44	120.96
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated Hog Margin	-9.46	6.27	10.63	10.75	11.55	7.63	5.80	4.72	7.19
Soymeal Delivered	456	469	454	452	428	411	407	401	404
Corn Delivered	178	180	182	184	186				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$620/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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