



Hog Margin Outlook

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Hog Prices: ↓

Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↓

Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter
427,000—Tuesday's
430,000—Tuesday's (Year Ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$55.74
Western Corn Belt \$55.86
Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$123.81
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2092 CAD / \$0.8270 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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Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash markets are trading steady as packers are hesitant to chase hogs by increasing their bids as their margins have only recently returned to normal levels. Pork product values have made marginal but steady gains over the last several days, reacting to the 6% drop in pork production so far this year. Lean Hog futures were sharply lower yesterday as April's expiration shifted the focus to the summer month contracts and traders could not rationalize the huge premium that the futures held over the cash market. The Canadian Dollar is also negatively impacting forward contract prices as our currency climbs to its highest level in almost 3 months. Our currency has gained against the US Dollar due to greater stability in world markets which has investors starting to venture into more "risky" investments and currencies.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. Strength in outside markets helped push the soy complex to trade moderately higher overnight. Farmer selling continued to be light despite yesterday's rally. A higher Canadian Dollar is helping to avoid a jump in the cash price this morning.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Fund buying early in the day helped corn start yesterday off with a rally—which eased throughout the session, and finished only marginally up. Farmer selling has been reliably fair for the beginning of this week, and will likely accelerate if futures can find support at or above 400.

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range		148.75	153.45	154.57	153.02	144.63	136.20	127.88	119.19
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		152.33	157.35	158.46	159.57	149.69	140.75	133.98	135.09
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	453	453	436	411	407	403	405
Corn Delivered	177	179	181	183	185				

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.