



Hog Margin Outlook

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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Hog Prices: ↔

Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↑

Cdn Dollar: ↓

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| US Slaughter |
| 425,000—Tuesday's |
| 425,000—Tuesday's (Year Ago) |
| US Iowa/Sthrn. MN \$62.17 |
| Western Corn Belt \$61.92 |
| Daily Sig #3 Est. (M.Leaf) \$140.26 |
| B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.2358 CAD / \$0.8092 US |
| Cash Price (\$/cwt/ckg) Cash prices for week ending Apr 17th, 2009 |
| 56.74 / 125.09 Signature #3 |
| 55.61 / 122.59 MPMC Cash |
| 53.32 / 117.55 Springhill |

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Manitoba Pork Marketing's forward contract prices opened steady this morning. Packers increased their cash bids dramatically yesterday, as live supplies are diminishing as we see the normal seasonal tightening of supplies over the next month. In addition, packers typically approach the summer months more aggressively, as they expect a tighter pork supply to translate into higher pork prices. Yesterday's USDA Cold Storage Report revealed some optimism, the amount of pork in freezers dropped by about 10% compared to last year's levels. However, this is largely explained by the 6% drop in weekly slaughter numbers that were seen in March compared to March of 2008. Lean Hog futures are trading higher this morning, in response to yesterday's cash gains, and greater optimism on pork demand in the near term.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. The soy complex rallied throughout the day yesterday and went on to trade marginally higher in the overnight session. Increased farmer selling is partially being offset by strong fund buying. A lack of news for the soybean complex is keeping the focus on outside markets for today.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. After sharp losses early in the week, crude oil traded fairly even overnight, which along with a weaker US Dollar and light farmer selling, helped corn maintain its rally from yesterday and close slightly higher overnight. Traders are anticipating that they'll see another week of strong export sales—further bolstering gains for corn.

| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Fixed Forward Range | | 152.89 | 155.72 | 158.02 | 159.25 | 148.49 | 140.65 | 132.14 | 122.83 |
| (Maple Leaf Sig. #3) | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 154.59 | 160.29 | 162.78 | 163.91 | 154.72 | 146.08 | 138.38 | 139.52 |
| Estimated Hog Margin | -9.53 | 3.52 | 6.73 | 7.03 | 8.32 | 4.87 | 3.73 | 2.98 | 5.05 |
| Soymeal Delivered | 478 | 475 | 468 | 469 | 469 | 447 | 394 | 400 | 400 |
| Corn Delivered | 184 | 186 | 188 | 190 | 192 | | | | |



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$620/tonne ↔ (2 – 19 mt)

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