

Tuesday, January 04, 2011

Hog Prices: ↓ Soymeal: ↓
Corn: ↓ Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter	
423,000 – Monday's	
424,000 – Monday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$70.09
Western Corn Belt	\$70.04
Daily National Price	\$72.66
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$127.69
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$128.28
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$146.24
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$38.00 cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9946CAD / \$1.0054US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending December 31st, 2010	
59.07/130.22 Signature #3	
57.30/126.32 Signature #4	
57.61/127.00 MPMC Cash	
56.21/123.91 Springhill	

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. U.S. cash markets started the week and the new year by taking back some of last week's gains. Packers typically have the upper hand in the first full slaughter week after the holidays, so gains in the cash market are unlikely until next week. Wholesale pork prices will likely provide some support to packer margins as retailers look to replenish inventory, especially if the optimism in this week's employment report transfers into more consumer spending. Lean hog futures are seeing some weakness, as traders follow the cash market trend by paring back some of last week's gains. The Canadian Dollar is trading over par value with the U.S. Dollar and at its highest level in more than 2 ½ years. The Loonie may see additional strength leading up to Friday's employment reports for both Canada and the U.S.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Forecasts for rain in the next 11-15 days for Argentina has soybean prices moving lower this morning. The bearish movement comes despite traders' expectations that the USDA Quarterly Supply and Demand Report, released next week, will decrease ending stocks, thereby underpinning prices.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Profit taking after reaching new highs yesterday is expected to put pressure on corn prices this morning. As well, cooler and wetter weather in Argentina, the second largest exporter of corn, is contributing to the bearish movement.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		135.95	137.29	141.80	157.32	158.23	160.96	150.03	146.37	144.36
		138.24	140.95	151.90	160.53	164.20	162.79	161.96	147.28	147.59
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		134.05	137.20	139.54	152.07	155.98	155.86	152.37	145.28	144.53
		136.00	139.15	146.65	155.09	158.83	157.46	156.84	147.23	145.24
Soymeal Delivered	415	417	420	426	426	428	428	434	437	423
Corn Delivered	240	240	242	244	246	248				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$718/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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