

Thursday, January 06, 2011

Hog Prices: ↑ Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↓ Cdn Dollar: ↔

US Slaughter	
421,000 – Wednesday's	
425,000 – Wednesday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$72.09
Western Corn Belt	\$71.78
Daily National Price	\$72.69
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$130.88
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$128.34
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$148.84
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$37.75 cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9947CAD / \$1.0053US	
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 higher this morning. U.S. cash markets surged higher yesterday, and are called to move higher again today as packers are coming up short to meet their projected slaughter schedules. U.S. packers were attempting a large slaughter for the first full week back after the holidays, but producers effectively managed their marketings over the last several weeks to minimize the impact of the smaller production run. Lean hog futures are seeing some influence from the higher cash market, but there remains some uncertainty as to whether the summer month contracts can maintain their healthy premium. Heavy producer hedging could pressure these prices in the short term. The Canadian Dollar is trading at better than par value against the U.S. Dollar as traders anticipate a favorable employment report from Stats Canada tomorrow.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. The soybean complex opened steady today despite bullish long range outlooks for prices. Amid strong global demand and decreasing supplies, traders are reluctant to push the market with prices holding at historically high levels. Increased buying from China is also expected to underpin prices in the New Year.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Spillover support from other markets, and concerns regarding dryness in Argentina moved corn prices 1.8% higher yesterday. Today, however, prices are expected to lose some strength as weekly corn export sales from the U.S. were reported at 369,000 tons, which was lower than analyst projections.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		139.54	139.69	144.22	159.64	160.56	163.94	152.03	148.35	145.72
		141.83	143.35	154.32	162.85	166.52	165.78	164.72	149.27	148.95
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		137.52	139.52	141.88	154.32	158.23	158.76	154.34	147.22	145.85
		139.47	141.47	148.99	157.34	161.07	160.36	159.51	149.18	146.56
Soymeal Delivered	417	420	424	430	430	434	434	442	444	431
Corn Delivered	239	239	241	243	245	247				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$768/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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