

Friday, January 07, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
424,000 – Thursday's	
326,000 – Thursday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$71.90
Western Corn Belt	\$71.58
Daily National Price	\$73.36
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$130.60
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$129.62
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$148.03
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$37.75 cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9954CAD / \$1.0046US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending January 7th, 2011	
58.56/129.10 Signature #3	
58.46/128.89 Signature #4	
57.52/126.80 MPMC Cash	
55.62/122.61 Springhill	

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. Hog markets are finishing the week firm, despite this week historically proving to be among the weakest over the year. The pork carcass cut-out is being supported by higher prices for loins, butts and ribs, cuts that typically sell as fresh pork in stores, which may indicate that retailers are restocking for some features in the coming weeks. Technical indicators support a firming trend in hog futures in the near term, which could lead to some fund buying in the nearby contracts. The Canadian Dollar is finishing the week near U.S.\$1.01, with today's trade being dominated by this morning's release of employment reports for both the U.S. and Canada. The Reports showed that Canada added 22,000 new jobs while the U.S. added about 100,000. Canadian numbers were near analysts expectations, however, the U.S. Report came in well below expectations.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Increased rainfall over the past week in soybean producing areas of Argentina have prices moving lower this morning as traders work to reduce their risk exposure. As well, beginning of the year fund rebalancing, which is expected to lead to selling of agricultural products, is putting pressure on prices.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. After decreasing 2.8% yesterday, corn prices are expected to continue their downward movement due to recent rainfall in Argentina. Traders are nervous ahead of Wednesday's USDA Supply and Demand Report; in which global corn supply forecasts are expected to be decreased as a result of increased global demand.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		137.79 140.06	139.24 142.88	143.65 153.68	158.92 162.11	159.83 165.76	162.96 164.79	151.06 163.69	147.40 148.32	145.32 148.55
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		135.81 137.75	139.07 141.01	141.32 148.38	153.10 156.28	157.16 159.81	157.45 159.04	152.67 157.98	145.58 147.53	144.74 145.63
Soymeal Delivered	415	418	422	427	427	433	433	441	443	424
Corn Delivered	236	236	238	240	242	244				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$768/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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