

Monday, January 10, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
2.189 Mill. – Last Week's	
2.097 Mill. – Last Week's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$70.67
Western Corn Belt	\$70.52
Daily National Price	\$73.50
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$128.41
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$129.60
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$152.33
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$37.75 cwt
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b>	\$0.9934CAD / \$1.0066US
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending January 7th, 2011</b>	
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 higher this morning.** U.S. cash markets are trading steady to start the week as packers have attempted to limit their slaughter requirements in an effort to prevent a bidding war that will cut into their operating margins. Last week's slaughter came in at 2.189 million hogs, about 4% larger than the same week in 2010 and when combined with the still heavy carcass weights, total production was up 6.2%. Wholesale pork prices have been firm despite the heavy supplies, the carcass cut-out is trading at \$78.55/cwt, approximately 13% higher than year ago levels. Lean hog futures are between \$0.40 and \$0.80 higher this morning as the charts reflect a continuation of the bullish trend. The Canadian Dollar remains at slightly better than parity with the U.S. Dollar, after seeing weakness due to concerns of the ongoing European debt crisis.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** In an effort to reduce risk exposure ahead of Wednesday's government Crop Report, the soybean complex is trading higher. Concerns that Argentina still has a below optimal level of moisture for normal crop development is also contributing to the bullish movement together with increases in crude oil futures.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** U.S. corn futures are trading higher today as traders prepare for a reduction in corn supply estimates in Wednesday's USDA Crop Report. Projections in last month's Report had ending stocks falling to a 15-year low by the end of August 31. Hot temperatures in Argentina are continuing to stress corn at the pollination stage of development

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		142.30 143.22	141.94 145.59	146.66 156.75	161.76 164.98	162.68 168.65	165.07 166.90	152.12 165.30	148.45 149.37	145.67 148.88
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		139.57 140.81	141.69 143.64	144.24 151.35	155.85 159.05	159.94 162.60	159.49 161.09	153.69 159.54	146.59 148.55	145.06 145.95
Soymeal Delivered	420	423	427	426	426	434	434	442	444	427
Corn Delivered	240	240	242	244	246	248				



**Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat**

**\$768/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)**

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