

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Hog Prices: ↓ **Soymeal:** ↓

Corn: ↓ **Cdn Dollar:** ↓

US Slaughter	
423,000 – Wednesday's	
419,000 – Wednesday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$74.02
Western Corn Belt	\$73.90
Daily National Price	\$75.99
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$134.63
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$134.06
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$157.35
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$38.25 cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9939CAD / \$1.0061US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending January 14th, 2011	
58.82/129.68 Signature #3	
58.70/129.42 Signature #4	
57.77/127.36 MPMC Cash	
55.97/123.40 Springhill	

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. The U.S. cash market is trading higher this morning despite flat packer bids yesterday. Packers appear to have sufficient supplies for this week, and are booking additional loads for delivery next week. Lean hog futures closed lower, as near term pork demand concerns and long position profit taking put pressure on prices. The market is continuing to trade at a stiff premium to the cash market, and higher than normal weights are seen as an indication that short term supplies may be higher than expected. Estimated hog slaughter for yesterday was 423,000 head, which brings the weekly total up to 1.202 million head, which is down from 1.221 million head at this time last year. The Canadian Dollar moved back below par this morning, trading at U.S.\$0.99.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Profit taking from prior gains is expected to put pressure on soybean prices today. Increased strength in the U.S. Dollar, along with lower crude oil futures is also contributing to the bearish movement. Improved moisture conditions in Argentina, due to recent rains, has had a positive effect on soybean development.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Strength in the U.S. Dollar is putting pressure on corn prices; however, downside movement is expected to be limited as supply concerns continue to be a major focus. The decreases also come as a result of a large sale of feed grade wheat to China from Australia. The sale is seen as unsupportive as Chinese producers will need less corn to feed their livestock.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		143.01 143.01	145.54 149.22	150.01 160.14	165.85 169.07	166.77 172.76	169.74 171.59	157.64 170.21	153.94 154.87	151.09 154.33
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		140.62 140.62	145.21 147.17	147.49 154.63	159.80 163.01	163.90 166.58	164.02 165.63	159.10 164.29	151.94 153.91	150.35 151.24
Soymeal Delivered	418	420	424	442	442	446	446	453	456	446
Corn Delivered	253	253	255	257	259	261				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$813/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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*Price quoted is FOB Southeast Manitoba

