

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
420,000	— Monday's
361,000	— Monday's (year ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$74.22
Western Corn Belt	\$74.00
Daily National Price	\$76.66
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$134.75
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$135.17
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$160.49
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$38.25 cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$0.9934CAD / \$1.0066US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending January 21st, 2011	
60.97/134.42	Signature #3
60.26/132.85	Signature #4
59.78/131.78	MPMC Cash
57.91/127.66	Springhill

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Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. U.S. cash markets started the week lower as packers are content with the stable trend in both product and live hog values. Hog prices at this time of year typically see only minor support from tightening hog supplies. However, there is increased optimism for a bull trend to develop further in the cash market, reflecting increasing demand from export markets. April lean hog futures confirm the market's optimistic view, as this contract is trading at close to a \$10/cwt premium to the current cash market while the average is closer to half this value. The Canadian Dollar will see influence from this morning's release of December's Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures Canada's inflation rate.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. The crop outlook in Argentina is continuing to improve this week, weighing on soybean prices despite yesterday's major export sale to China. A strong U.S. Dollar and weakness in metal markets are also contributing to the bearish movement. Weekly export inspections came in at 42.08 million bushels, which was well above analyst expectations.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Weaker energy markets and increased strength in the U.S. Dollar are moving corn prices lower today. Other short term bearish factors include higher interest rates in India and the continued inflation fight in China. Weakness in the soybean complex and slightly improved crop conditions in Argentina are also contributing to the downside movement.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)			146.15	150.62	168.15	169.06	171.86	159.41	155.72	152.19
			149.81	160.71	171.36	175.03	173.70	172.50	156.65	155.41
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)			145.78	148.07	162.03	166.12	166.06	160.80	153.65	151.39
			147.73	155.18	165.23	168.78	167.67	166.51	155.62	152.28
Soymeal Delivered	409	412	415	436	439	445	445	465	468	445
Corn Delivered	254	254	256	258	260	262				



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$813/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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