

Tuesday, February 08, 2011

**Hog Prices:** ↔ **Soymeal:** ↓

**Corn:** ↓ **Cdn Dollar:** ↓

US Slaughter	
412,000 – Monday's	
422,000 – Monday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$82.71
Western Corn Belt	\$82.28
Daily National Price	\$81.81
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$149.10
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$143.56
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$167.81
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$39.75 cwt	
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b> \$0.9886CAD / \$1.0115US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending February 4th, 2011</b>	
66.10/145.72 Signature #3	
64.33/141.82 Signature #4	
64.75/142.75 MPMC Cash	
63.05/139.01 Springhill	

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**Forward contract prices opened steady this morning.** U.S. packers are chasing hogs by bidding up the cash market as frigid temperatures in some parts of the Midwest are impacting producer marketings. Wholesale pork prices have climbed about 10% of their value so far in 2011; however, these gains have not kept pace with what packers have been paying for the live hogs, resulting in tighter margins. Lean hog futures are trading lower in early morning trade, as traders are cautious in adding more value to the contracts while they hold a larger than average premium to the cash market. The Canadian Dollar could see some weakness this morning after China increased their interest rates in an effort to slow growth and minimize the risk of inflation. The price of oil and other commodities dropped in response to the news from China, which negatively impacts the loonie.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.** Profit taking on yesterday's gains, along with renewed concerns regarding Chinese government policies is moving soybean prices lower this morning. Reports that China will work to reduce inflation by increasing their lending rates, for the second time in a month, could slow Chinese imports of U.S. soybeans.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.** An increase in China's interest rate is putting pressure on corn prices this morning, despite ongoing concerns regarding low ending stocks. With prices at their highest level since the spike in 2008, traders are especially wary of new USDA supply updates in tomorrow's Supply and Demand Report.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		151.77 153.14	156.14 167.05	172.00 175.18	172.91 177.91	175.41 176.32	159.16 174.31	154.60 155.51	148.58 154.51	139.00 144.56
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		150.14 151.37	152.52 160.09	165.15 168.32	169.02 171.84	169.50 170.48	159.16 167.82	151.92 154.04	146.35 150.77	136.63 141.76
Soymeal Delivered	417	416	438	443	449	449	467	471	449	449
Corn Delivered	261	263	265	267	269					



**Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat**

**\$778/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)**

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