

Tuesday, March 08, 2011

Forward contract prices opened steady this morning. U.S. cash markets were steady in yesterday's trade, but there is talk that some packers may be short of supplies for Saturday's kill, which could result in higher bids by the end of the week. Lean hog futures fell sharply yesterday as sell stops just under the opening prices triggered the declines. The market also saw influence from higher energy prices with the nearby crude oil futures hitting the highest level since September 2008. Traders are growing concerned that the higher energy costs could threaten consumer demand for pork and limit the potential of the cash market to rally up to the level that the futures currently hold. The Canadian Dollar is not helping Canadian hog prices, trading just shy of \$1.03 this morning with strong energy prices providing the support.

Hog Prices: ↔ **Soymeal:** ↓

Corn: ↓ **Cdn Dollar:** ↑

US Slaughter	
414,000 – Monday's	
410,000 – Monday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$82.02
Western Corn Belt	\$81.79
Daily National Price	\$84.07
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$145.99
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$145.31
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$162.71
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$44.75cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9738CAD / \$1.0269US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending March 4th, 2011	
65.82/145.10 Signature #3	
65.79/145.04 Signature #4	
64.90/143.08 MPMC Cash	
62.85/138.56 Springhill	

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DISTRICT MEETINGS	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Heartland Marketing	10-Mar	1:30 PM	Starbuck Community Hall
Saskatchewan	15-Mar	12:00 PM	Rosetown Elks Hall- PRODUCERS ONLY

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Harvest reports from Brazil are considered bearish this morning as South America starts to take their crop off the field. Record yields are still being projected, especially after receiving last week's rain. As well, profit-taking ahead of Thursday's USDA Supply and Demand Report is also working to move prices lower.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. Rallying crude oil prices are working against corn prices this morning on worries that higher crude oil prices will slow economic growth, and decrease consumption of agricultural commodities. Downside movement is expected to be limited as export demand remains strong. South Korea purchased 110,000 tons of corn yesterday for delivery in June.

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		148.73 157.22	168.08 171.21	168.98 173.89	172.89 173.78	159.82 173.42	156.23 157.13	150.97 156.82	142.24 147.72	144.58 147.27
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		145.41 151.29	161.38 164.50	165.19 167.96	166.46 168.02	160.57 166.98	153.46 155.54	148.64 152.99	139.74 144.79	142.87 144.44
Soymeal Delivered	395	399	404	411	415	422	424	419	410	410
Corn Delivered	274	276	278	280						



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