



Hog Margin Outlook

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

US Slaughter	
2.138 Mill. – Last Week's	
2.166 Mill. – Last Week's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$79.22
Western Corn Belt	\$79.56
Daily National Price	\$84.07
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$143.52
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$146.90
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$166.75
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$46.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	\$0.9844CAD / \$1.0158US
Cash Prices: Week Ending March 18th, 2011	
65.26/143.88 Signature #3	
67.09/147.91 Signature #4	
64.81/142.89 MPMC Cash	
UNAVAILABLE Springhill	

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Forward contract prices opened mostly higher this morning. US cash markets are called to open steady to slightly higher this morning as packers have strong incentives to maintain a slaughter schedule similar to last week's. US plants killed about 2.14 million hogs last week, short close to 30,000 hogs from the same week one year ago, however total pork production was close to 1% larger due to the significant increase in carcass weights. There is still a great deal of uncertainty tied to the disaster in Japan and its implications, which has packers slightly more cautious on their buying strategy. However, Lean Hog futures are regaining the confidence of investors with gains of \$2.00/cwt in some contracts on Friday. Prices are still 20% higher than they were last year, largely due to improvements in export demand. The Canadian Dollar is trading higher this morning with bullish influence coming from commodity markets.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened steady this morning. Soymeal futures opened lower this morning, largely due to influence from the corn and energy markets. Some analysts are starting to cut their projections for soybean acres, which may be contributing to the support in the soybean complex this morning. After last week's sharp rally, new crop soybean meal is trading only about \$5.00/ton lower than the most recent high put in about a month ago.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower compared to Friday morning. U.S. corn markets traded sharply higher, up 10 cents/bushel in most futures months. Strong demand from China is fuelling Friday's price rally, with additional support coming from energy markets. Money market funds continue to have an influence on the market, buying 30,000 contracts on Friday alone.

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		159.41	168.82 171.96	169.72 174.65	173.48 174.37	162.15 175.13	158.55 159.45	153.12 158.98	144.20 149.69	146.54 149.24
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		153.93	162.96 166.08	166.78 169.56	167.73 169.29	163.37 169.15	156.32 158.24	151.15 155.52	141.73 146.96	145.04 146.62
Soymeal Delivered	394	397	403	413	420	424	426	419	417	417
Corn Delivered	265	267	269	271						



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$923/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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*Price quoted is FOB Southeast Manitoba

