

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Hog Prices: ↓ Soymeal: ↑

Corn: ↑ Cdn Dollar: ↓

US Slaughter	
410,000	– Wednesday's
398,000	– Wednesday's (year ago)
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$88.47
Western Corn Belt	\$88.40
Daily National Price	\$93.66
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$158.23
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$162.34
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$149.84
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$43.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$0.9765CAD / \$1.0241US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending	
May 20th, 2011	
75.25/165.89	Signature #3
72.44/159.70	Signature #4
73.75/162.59	MPMC Cash
72.15/159.07	Hylife

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. The U.S. cash market is trading steady to lower this morning on limited buying interest ahead of Memorial Day weekend. Saturday's slaughter is projected to be from 20,000 to 25,000 head, as all U.S. plants will be closed on Monday. Downside movement may be limited as pork cut-out values continue to increase. After yesterday's close, the pork cut-out was \$93.26, which is up 87 cents from Tuesday, but down from \$97.59 the previous week. Lean hog futures saw some upward movement yesterday as traders speculating prices would fall, re-entered the market to close out those positions, following a steep, two-day selloff. The Canadian Dollar lost some strength, and is trading at \$U.S.1.019.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Escalating concerns that U.S. farmers will opt for preventative planting insurance, as continued rains keep producers out of the fields, has soybean prices moving higher. Spillover support from wheat, along with a weaker U.S. Dollar is also expected to buoy prices. Better planting conditions are expected for early next week.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Corn futures are moving upward after the USDA confirmed a sale of 116,800 tons was made to China. Speculation that China will continue to make purchases is contributing to the bullish movement. The USDA also reported that weekly sales were 779,600 tons for the week ended May 19, which is well within trader expectations.

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		151.58	150.92 151.83	149.12 154.53	147.36 148.26	141.64 147.50	135.83 141.33	136.82 140.88	136.90 143.22	143.67 145.48
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		150.44	149.47 151.04	151.82 155.17	148.28 149.68	142.40 146.94	135.73 140.79	138.87 140.44	137.21 140.88	143.33 144.03
Soymeal Delivered		407	412	422	424	406	409	409		
Corn Delivered	288	290	292							



Rothsay Animal Vegetable Feed Fat

\$1,003/tonne ↑ (2 – 19 mt)

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