

Monday, June 06, 2011

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

<b>US Slaughter</b>	
1.746 Mill. — Last Week's	
1.789 Mill. — Last Week's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$88.31
Western Corn Belt	\$88.47
Daily National Price	\$90.89
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$158.44
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$157.62
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$148.56
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$43.25cwt
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b>	
\$0.9770CAD / \$1.0235US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending June 3rd, 2011</b>	
71.70/158.08 Signature #3	
72.04/158.81 Signature #4	
70.99/156.51 MPMC Cash	
71.04/156.62 Hylife	

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**Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning.** U.S. cash markets are called to open steady with Friday's bids, even as most Midwestern packers deal with unprofitable operating margins. Last week's slaughter came in just under 1.75 million hogs, about 2.5% lower than the same week last year. Some pork market analysts are expecting some support to come from improved consumer demand after more than a month of soft prices, as this is the only factor that could trigger firmer cash hog prices. Lean hog futures for the summer are trading more than \$15.00/cwt off their highs, and do not anticipate any support from increased summer grilling demand. Weak U.S. job creation is feeding into both commodity and stock markets, which forced crude oil down to under \$100/barrel and the Canadian Dollar to US\$1.02 this morning.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.** As warm and dry weather in the Midwest continues, traders estimate that 75% of planting is complete, which is largely up compared to the 51% that the USDA reported last week. Losses in crude oil futures, strength in the U.S. Dollar, and an improved forecast for this week are also contributing to the bearish movement.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.** Corn futures are moving lower as concerns regarding this year's crop lessen due to improved growing conditions. Traders are expecting the USDA to report that 90-95% of the crop has been planted, which would be up from 86% the previous week. Downside movement may be limited as traders monitor flooding of the Missouri River.

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		150.49	148.70	146.81	141.31	136.72	137.71	138.14	146.27	144.52
		152.74	154.09	147.71	147.17	142.21	141.76	145.37	148.08	146.78
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		149.83	152.18	147.82	142.08	136.58	138.59	138.58	144.88	145.81
		150.70	154.61	149.13	146.62	141.64	141.29	142.61	146.69	146.86
Soymeal Delivered	415	419	432	432	417	417	417			
Corn Delivered	300	302	302							

CONGRATULATIONS

**New Haven Colony Farms Ltd. North**

*Winner of the May 2011 Sow and Boar Lottery*