

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

<b>US Slaughter</b>	
420,000 – Wednesday's	
411,000 – Wednesday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$96.42
Western Corn Belt	\$96.15
Daily National Price	\$98.41
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$170.20
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$168.07
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$150.02
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$42.75cwt	
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b> \$0.9657CAD / \$1.0355US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending July 1st, 2011</b>	
80.42/177.30 Signature #3	
79.28/174.79 Signature #4	
79.34/174.92 H@ms Cash	
79.43/175.11 Hylife	

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# Hog Margin Outlook

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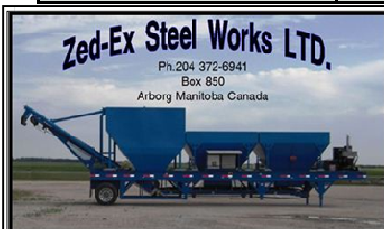
**Thursday, July 07, 2011**

**Forward contract prices opened higher this morning.** U.S. cash markets are trading steady to lower as some packers are holding off on adding hours to this Saturday's kill due to the tight operating margins. Weekly pork production is bottoming for the year with hog numbers dwindling to less than 1.95 million hogs and carcass weights approaching 200lbs. With supply so tight, consumers are tested as to how much they are willing to spend on their pork purchases. Wholesale pork prices have been running 20% higher than year ago levels, while retail prices have seen slightly smaller gains. The Canadian Dollar is up close to one cent today, after an independent survey showed that U.S. companies created more jobs than anticipated, a positive fundamental for economic growth. Forward contract prices for the fall months represent fair value from a historical perspective, especially when one considers the poor operating margins that need to be overcome in the weeks ahead.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** The soybean complex is moving higher due to fears of excessively dry weather in July stressing crops, as temperatures throughout the Midwest are moving upward. News of China increasing their interest rate in order to curb inflation is giving strength to the U.S. Dollar, which may move soybean prices lower.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** Corn prices are trading higher as traders fear that there will not be enough moisture to carry crops through pollination, which is likely to happen in the last two weeks of July. As well, only 6% of corn is silking, which is well below the 18% from last year at this time, and the 5-year average of 12%.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		155.03 162.72	151.51 153.71	146.11 153.17	141.09 146.91	142.06 146.47	142.09 149.17	148.73 151.83	147.40 149.61	149.64 156.35
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		158.08 159.28	151.74 153.28	146.27 150.54	140.21 145.33	142.94 144.82	142.05 145.74	147.62 149.25	145.57 148.65	148.11 152.52
Soymeal Delivered	384	392	394	392	392	394	398			
Corn Delivered	274	276	276							



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