

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
410,000 – Tuesday's	
392,000 – Tuesday's (year ago)	
US Iowa/Sthrn MN	\$92.98
Western Corn Belt	\$92.75
Daily National Price	\$94.63
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$161.61
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$159.67
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$149.56
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$44.00cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9506CAD / \$1.0520US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending July 15th, 2011	
73.36/161.74 Signature #3	
74.21/163.60 Signature #4	
72.78/160.45 H@ms Cash	
72.88/160.68 Hylife	

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Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. Cash markets are holding firm as packers still need supplies to fill out this week's slaughter schedule, but they are hesitant to increase bids significantly after yesterday's decline in the pork cut-out. Normal seasonality would have the cash market peaking in mid-July, but strong exports may contribute to delaying the seasonal trend. Lean Hog futures are holding yesterday's gains, with most of the fundamental support coming from talk of increased Chinese exports. Earlier this week the CME Group delisted their Pork Belly futures contract due to poor trading volumes, leaving the Lean Hog futures and options as their only mechanism for managing hog price risk. The Canadian Dollar is currently sitting over U.S.\$1.05, after the Bank of Canada left traders with the impression that near term interest rate hikes could be on the rise, in yesterday's policy announcement.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Ongoing concerns regarding stressful weather in the U.S. has soybean prices moving higher. As well, the USDA announced a sale of 220,000 tons of soybeans to China yesterday, which is also providing support for prices along with weakness in the U.S. Dollar.


Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Extreme heat throughout the Midwest is anticipated to return next week, despite previous forecasts indicating a reprieve from the high temperatures. The hot weather, combined with a lack of rainfall is expected to put stress on crops during the pollination period. Analysts are expecting another decrease in crop ratings in Monday's Report.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		158.12 161.87	154.64 156.82	149.43 156.41	141.31 147.07	142.27 146.63	143.18 150.18	149.74 152.80	148.95 151.14	150.37 159.59
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		160.62 161.97	154.05 155.56	148.76 152.98	139.71 144.78	142.42 144.28	142.38 146.02	147.88 150.00	146.70 149.75	148.42 155.82
Soymeal Delivered	395	395	402	399	400	400	407			
Corn Delivered	291	292	292							



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