

Hog Prices: \uparrow Soymeal: $\uparrow \downarrow$ Corn: ↑ Cdn Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter 425,000 —Wednesday's 411,000 -Wednesday's (year ago) Western Corn Belt \$84.62 Daily National Price \$87.33 Daily Sig3(M.Leaf) \$153.76 \$153.65 Daily Sig4(M.Leaf) 4-Month Fwd Avg \$147.56 #1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$52.50 cwt B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9913 CAD / \$1.0087 US Cash Prices: Week Ending September 9th, 2011 67.99/149.88 Signature #3 71.55/157.73 Signature #4 67.97/149.85 h@ms Cash

69.48/153.18 Hylife

ISO Weans \$15-44US

Feeder Pigs \$29-40US

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Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. U.S. cash markets are expected to continue the higher trend established earlier this week, as packers continue to increase their kills. Hog markets trade with significant influence from momentum, meaning that if in the preceding days the cash market was higher, there is a higher likelihood that cash prices will increase again. Hog producers are current with their marketings, but have made a conscious effort to increase the average carcass weights. resulting in a 1.5% increase over last week's weights. Lean Hogs are trading at their highest level in over a month, buoyed by the recent strength in the cash market. Deferred month contracts are also seeing support in today's trade, with the summer month futures trading just shy of the \$100/cwt benchmark. The Canadian Dollar has seen some strength recently, with a slight improvement in the economic outlook due to ideas that the EU will come up with a common debt instrument for all countries.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened mixed this morning. Luckily frost damage to soybeans does not seem as negative as anticipated. China purchased 406,000 tonnes of U.S. soybeans yesterday, despite the worries of lowered demand due to the recent high price trend.

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The frost event was not as severe as originally anticipated, reducing crop concerns. USDA's Farms Service Agency plans to update estimates on how many acres farmers were unable to plant because of poor conditions, which could have a significant impact on the market's perception of the size of the U.S. corn crop.

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)	,-	151.82	141.68	142.68	142.54	152.95	155.98	157.74	170.00	168.18
		152.27	147.66	147.20	152.05	156.12	157.34	167.30	174.55	174.09
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		153.07	142.64	145.27	144.34	152.59	154.55	156.63	166.91	168.94
		153.94	147.72	147.37	149.43	155.60	156.83	164.21	173.70	173.17
Soymeal Delivered	382	389	392	392	403					
Corn Delivered	292	280								

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