

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

Thursday, September 22, 2011

**Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.** U.S. cash market continues to trade firm, even as this week's slaughter approaches 2.3 million hogs. Packers have been aggressive buyers, but are barely keeping up to the increased supply, partly due to meteoric rise in hog weights. Some cash market regions have reported a 10 pound increase in live hog weights in the last three weeks. Lean Hog futures continue to be supported by exports of pork to China, however renewed concerns about another economic recession is pushing contracts lower this morning. Part of today's market focus will be the release of Cold Storage report that is expected to show minor change from last year's numbers. The Canadian Dollar is having the largest influence on hog prices today, down about two and half cents from yesterday and the lowest level seen so far this year. The market is reacting to comments and a plan from the U.S. Federal Reserve to provide stimulus package in order to deal with another economic slowdown.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.** The projected reduction in soybean production is not enough to offset the bearish influence of external financial markets. However, export demand remains firm with China noted as having purchased 180,000 metric tons for the 2011/12 marketing year.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.** The recent assessment of the U.S. economy as weak by the Federal Reserve has come to fruition and the resulting weakness in the U.S. dollar should attract more buyers. USDA weekly corn exports were reported within trade expectations last Thursday at 598,100 metric tons.

US Slaughter	
425,000	—Wednesday's
413,000	—Wednesday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$90.07
Daily National Price	\$90.41
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$164.87
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$160.25
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$150.50
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$49.50 cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$0.9986 CAD /	\$1.0014 US
Cash Prices: Week Ending September 16th, 2011	
70.88/156.26	Signature #3
69.77/153.81	Signature #4
69.70/153.65	h@ms Cash
68.11/150.15	Hylife
ISO Weans	\$15-50US
Feeder Pigs	\$31-38US

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		154.53	143.44	144.48	143.59	155.41	157.30	159.77	172.79	171.84
		154.53	149.67	149.19	153.52	158.72	158.72	168.76	177.05	177.99
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		156.50	145.48	148.22	147.47	155.90	157.00	159.11	169.25	172.73
		156.50	150.60	150.23	152.60	157.00	159.01	165.89	175.11	176.76
Soymeal Delivered	377	371	377	377	385					
Corn Delivered	284	284								

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