

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

Monday, September 26, 2011

Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. U.S. cash markets are expected to start the week near steady as packers will find it difficult to increase their slaughter schedule from the last two weeks. US packers killed an estimated 2.289 million head last week, slightly more than the previous week, but more than 4% larger than year ago levels. The pork cut-out continues to hold up amid the increased supplies, with almost all of the primal cuts holding up better than is typically seen at this time of year. The world's markets were in turmoil last week as increased uncertainty of Europe's debt crisis weighed on the market. Lean Hog futures held up reasonably well compared to other commodities, but are seeing some weakness this morning. News of possible action by the European banks and their regulators has triggered some optimism in Forex markets, resulting in a higher Canadian Dollar.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. The western Corn Belt forecast is for dry weather this week which will assist harvest efforts. USDA confirmed another purchase of 126,000 tonnes of U.S. soybeans by China. China has been an active in the market three days in a row, as they take advantage of the depressed prices.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Feed users and ethanol producers are taking advantage of the price liberation. USDA's weekly crop progress report is due out this afternoon denoting how much of harvest has been completed.

US Slaughter	
2.28 Mill	—Last Week's
2.19 Mill	—Last Week's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$88.05
Daily National Price	\$91.21
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$165.95
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$166.47
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$152.92
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$51.50 cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0282 CAD / \$0.9725 US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending September 23rd, 2011	
74.28/163.75	Signature #3
72.12/158.99	Signature #4
72.83/160.56	h@ms Cash
71.11/156.77	Hylife
ISO Weans \$16-41US	
Feeder Pigs \$27-42US	

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		155.37	145.46	146.51	146.56	158.44	159.68	162.43	175.76	174.81
		155.37	151.73	151.25	156.54	161.77	161.11	171.48	180.25	181.00
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		157.30	147.48	150.24	150.40	158.86	159.32	161.72	172.14	175.65
		157.30	152.63	152.26	155.55	159.60	161.35	168.54	178.05	179.71
Soymeal Delivered	373	368	368	368	379					
Corn Delivered	284	284								

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