

Friday, October 07, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
430,000 –Thursday's	
420,000 –Thursday's (year ago)	
Western Corn Belt	\$93.83
Daily National Price	\$93.03
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$179.39
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$172.23
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$161.45
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$53.50cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0430 CAD / \$0.9587 US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending October 7th, 2011	
79.85/176.03 Signature #3	
77.42/170.67 Signature #4	
77.42/170.67 h@ms Cash	
n/a Hylife	
ISO Weans	\$16-41US
Feeder Pigs	\$27-40US

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets are trading higher to finish the week as packers are still slaughtering at an aggressive pace, with live hog demand outpacing supply. This week's kill is expected to come in higher than last week's 2.25 million hogs, as higher bids have convinced producers to pull hogs ahead of their normal marketing schedule. Average carcass weights continue to increase as is typical for this time of year, climbing over 200lbs this week. Lean Hog futures are under some pressure today, but almost all of the 2012 contracts are trading within \$1.00/cwt of their contract highs. The Canadian Dollar is up close to 3 cents from earlier this week with more optimistic news coming from Europe and better than expected jobs data from both the U.S. and Canada in reports this released this morning.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened mixed this morning. Early yield data from some regions in the Midwest show evidence of drought stress that wasn't anticipated. Brazil's first production estimate of the year for the 2011/12 crop year is 72.18 to 72.29 million tonnes, lower than last years output.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened mixed this morning. Corn sales are at 40.8% of the USDA 2011/12 forecast, above the five year average of 30.9%. Brazil's corn crop is denoted as 57.33 to 58.99 million tonnes for the 2011/12 year, which is higher than last years.

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		157.78	158.82	154.18	164.26	165.20	167.51	177.72	176.77	
		161.65	163.54	164.11	169.30	166.62	176.49	181.97	182.91	
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		157.91	160.65	156.72	164.09	164.09	166.06	174.02	177.49	
		161.75	162.66	161.84	165.87	166.11	172.83	179.87	181.52	
Soymeal Delivered	336	336	336	344						
Corn Delivered	284									

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