

Friday, November 04, 2011

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

US Slaughter	
421,000	— Thursday's
425,000	— Thursday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$87.22
Daily National Price	\$89.92
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$161.90
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$161.64
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$156.61
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$49.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0127CAD / \$0.9874US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending November 04th, 2011	
73.02/160.99	Signature #3
73.52/162.09	Signature #4
72.12/159.00	h@ms Cash
n/a	Hylife
ISO Weans \$21-45US	
Feeder Pigs \$40-52US	

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets are trading lower this morning, however, this week's trade revealed no significant weakness coming from packer bids. Most of the cash market regions are trading steady with week ago levels, however, the pork cut-out has dropped about \$3.50/cwt, squeezing packer operating margins by about \$7.00/hog. Nearby Lean Hog futures are expected to see limited upside potential as the futures are trading at no discount to the current cash market. The Canadian Dollar is trading close to 1 cent lower this morning as the Greek bailout saga continues with no clear, confirmed resolution on the horizon. Uncertainty in global financial markets continues to impact global currency markets by inflating the demand for U.S. Dollars.

Fall Marketing Meetings

Date	Time	Location
Nov. 4	Noon	Steinbach - Smitty's Restaurant (Clearspring Mall Highway 12)
Nov. 7	Noon	Swift Current - Wong's Kitchen Swift Current (320 S Service Road East)
Nov. 8	Noon	Saskatoon - Sandman Hotel Saskatoon (310 Circle Drive West)

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened mixed this morning. Soybean weekly export sales were 209,700, which is below expectations. 2011/12 cumulative USDA forecast sales for soybeans are currently at 49.5%, the five year average is 54.3%. The USDA forecast represents weekly sales of 15,000 metric tonnes.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened steady this morning. Margins for ethanol are strong; allowing ethanol plants to increase bids, enticing farmers to sell corn from their inventories. Otherwise, lack of new information and uncertainty in the global economy has prices unchanged.

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		150.75 155.43	149.54 157.98	158.85 162.20	160.79 162.20	163.22 172.13	176.07 179.35	175.13 181.23	177.47 178.41	168.17 176.62
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		152.42 154.41	151.71 155.61	159.24 159.61	159.24 161.24	161.32 168.23	172.04 176.04	175.31 177.67	174.95 175.67	167.49 173.49
Soymeal Delivered	362	367	377	380	380					
Corn Delivered	265	265	272	272						

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