

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

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. U.S. cash markets are expected to start the week steady as the available hog supply comes into line with packer demand. After nearby Lean Hog futures lost close to \$3.00/cwt in trade last week, this week is starting on a positive note. The February contract is trading at approximately half the normal premium to the cash market as is typical for this time of year. Traders remain apprehensive about the ability of the cash market to rally after the holidays, with poor prospects for economic growth and ideas of a slowdown in export sales being the primary concerns. The Canadian Dollar is still trading firm after last week's agreement between six central banks, which was designed to make it easier to lend money in times of an emergency. In addition, in regards to tomorrow's decision, traders are optimistic that the Bank of Canada will maintain its prime lending rate at 1%.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. USDA supply/demand update is scheduled for release this Friday. Expectations by traders for soy are lower exports and higher ending stocks.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. China corn production pushed prices lower as their production initiated a selling trend. The National Bureau of Statistics in China reported 191.75 million tonnes of corn production this year, which is 7.25 million higher than the USDA estimate.

US Slaughter	
2.36 Mill – Last Week's	
2.32 Mill – Last Week's (year ago)	
Western Corn Belt	\$84.31
Daily National Price	\$86.18
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$157.09
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$155.49
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$157.46
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$49.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0165CAD / \$0.9838US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending December 2nd, 2011	
71.84/158.37	Signature #3
70.53/155.49	Signature #4
70.31/155.00	h@ms Cash
69.39/152.97	Hylife
ISO Weans \$36-53US	
Feeder Pigs \$48.50-62.50US	

	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		148.16	157.23	158.17	160.51	173.23	171.83	174.61	158.88	155.14
		155.61	159.80	159.56	169.36	176.49	178.35	175.54	174.42	155.14
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		150.33	155.83	155.96	158.14	168.83	172.17	171.62	164.12	154.48
		152.58	156.55	158.12	164.99	172.89	174.52	172.52	170.26	155.39
Soymeal Delivered	329	331	338	340	348	353	358	358	365	372
Corn Delivered	257	260	265							

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