

Tuesday, January 03, 2012

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

US Slaughter	
1.97 Mill – Last Week's	
1.92 Mill – Last Week's (year ago)	
Western Corn Belt	\$77.43
Daily National Price	\$81.93
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$144.34
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$147.89
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$158.49
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$45.00cwt	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0170CAD / \$0.9833US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending December 30th, 2011	
66.47/146.54	Signature #3
68.02/149.95	Signature #4
65.32/144.00	h@ms Cash
66.33/146.23	Hylife
ISO Weans \$41-62.00US	
Feeder Pigs \$59-68.95US	

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets are expected to start the week lower with holiday reduced slaughter schedules still impacting packer bids. Last week, U.S. packers slaughtered about 1.97 million head, including 240,000 hogs for Saturday's kill, which was up 2% over year ago levels. Hog weights are also running higher than year ago levels, contributing to a 3% increase in production. The trade received some positive news from the demand side with restaurant sector reporting improved sales as reflected by its Restaurant Performance Index which showed the best result in 5 months. Lean Hog futures are taking a cautious approach to start the year, trading marginally higher. However, the Canadian Dollar is up nearly 50 basis points against the U.S. Dollar, as traders are somewhat bullish on the Loonie when compared to most other developed country currencies.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Weekly soybean export sales came in higher than expected at 663,200 metric tonnes. The cumulative soybean sales are at 67.4%, which is 4.5% lower than the five year average. Meal sales were also below expectations at 51,100 metric tonnes.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Weekly corn export sales came in at 345,200 metric tonnes, which was below expectations. The cumulative corn sales are at 60%, which is 8.7% higher than the five year average of 51.3%. Some price support is coming from the dry weather in Argentina.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		153.87	155.48	153.81	167.54	166.15	170.26	157.33	153.62	153.40
		156.24	156.91	162.60	170.78	172.63	171.18	171.18	153.62	155.74
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		153.51	154.52	152.53	164.21	167.71	168.46	159.63	149.93	153.54
		154.52	156.91	159.34	168.42	170.04	169.36	168.19	154.78	155.53
Soymeal Delivered	366	368	370	374	377	382	386	393		
Corn Delivered	270	273	277							

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\$815 tonne ↓ (2 – 19 mt)

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