

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

<b>US Slaughter</b>	
424,000 – Tuesday's	
418,000 – Tuesday's (year ago)	
Western Corn Belt	\$84.49
Daily National Price	\$87.21
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$154.73
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$154.66
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$162.16
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$46.75cwt
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b>	
\$0.9991CAD / \$1.0009US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending February 10th, 2012</b>	
70.96/156.43	Signature #3
70.26/154.89	Signature #4
69.87/154.04	h@ms Cash
68.94/151.98	Hylife
ISO Weans \$56-67US	
Feeder Pigs \$72.50-89.50US	

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning.** U.S. cash markets are heading lower this week, as pressure from poor operating margins are forcing some packers to cut back on their slaughter significantly. Alternatively, the pork cut-out has seen some support in recent days, which contributes positively to the still unprofitable margins. Currently, gross margins excluding the offal value are running near \$2.50/hog, not enough to cover fixed and variable costs. Lean Hog futures surged higher in trade yesterday, taking some of the summer month contracts to within \$1.00/cwt of contract highs. However, traders remain cautious in pricing in too large a premium, as reflected in the April contract that is trading only modestly higher than the current cash market. The Canadian Dollar is trading higher this morning, seeing support from higher commodity prices.

**2012 Annual District Meetings**

Saskatchewan	Date	Time	Location
Swift Current	Tue, Feb 28	Noon	Wong's Kitchen; 320 S Service Road East, Swift Current
Saskatoon	Wed, Feb 29	Noon	Sandman Hotel; 310 Circle Drive West, Saskatoon

See Website for full District Meeting Schedule

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** Brazil's soybean crop yields are getting tighter, as hot dry weather is prevailing. Lower supply supports higher prices, as demand doesn't appear to be slowing down. USDA indicated China is looking for 116,000 metric tons of U.S. soybeans.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** The U.S. dollar is weaker this morning, making U.S. corn relatively less expensive for others to import. Feedmakers in South Korea sought 350,000 tonnes of corn this week. Corn planting for the 2012/13 season is looking to be the largest since WWII.

	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		151.52	153.12	169.14	168.68	174.21	165.04	160.09	154.53	144.67
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		151.98	163.19	173.26	175.09	175.13	174.67	160.55	161.47	149.76
Soymeal Delivered	371	373	382	382	389	389	394			
Corn Delivered	269	269	271	276						

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