

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

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. U.S. cash markets found some support in yesterday's trade, but gains will have to be sustained for a week to affect the psychology of the market. Cash bids have been stagnant for several months, but the real test is over the next month when market hog supplies start to diminish which typically triggers the spring price rally. Lean Hog futures recovered some of the value they lost late last week, experiencing limited influence from the Hogs and Pigs report. In particular, the deferred month contracts of October and December experienced a strong rally in trade yesterday despite the USDA's forecast for the pig crop to be up close to 3%. The Canadian Dollar found some support as global investor sentiment turned positive after U.S. and China's manufacturing showed better than expected growth in March.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Revisions for lower South American soy production are price supportive. Daily export sales to China, were confirmed by the USDA to be 120,000 tonnes. Weekly soy export inspections are higher than expected, coming in at 28.855 million bushels, 17.155 million bushels higher than needed to meet USDA projections per week.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. The weekly corn planting update indicates seeding is farther along than usual, at 3%. The ten year average for this time of year is 2%. The Midwest weather forecast is for some rain, which is seen as beneficial along with the warmer than usual March weather.

US Slaughter	
416,000	– Monday's
403,000	– Monday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$80.59
Daily National Price	\$83.07
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$146.50
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$146.23
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$156.20
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$48.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9917CAD / \$1.0084US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending March 30th, 2012	
67.43/148.65	Signature #3
68.17/150.29	Signature #4
66.71/147.06	h@ms Cash
66.24/146.03	Hylife
ISO Weans \$31-41US	
Feeder Pigs \$65-78US	

	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)	146.60	155.37	154.92	160.65	153.00	149.67	143.07	135.09	136.92
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)	151.15	159.46	161.28	161.57	162.57	150.12	149.92	140.11	141.03
	143.82	153.01	156.18	158.57	153.81	149.34	141.38	135.42	135.42
	148.66	157.06	159.35	159.46	159.98	153.84	148.80	140.54	141.25
Soymeal Delivered	436	438	440	440	443	436			
Corn Delivered	270	272							

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