

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

<b>US Slaughter</b>	
411,000	– Tuesday's
409,000	– Tuesday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$77.81
Daily National Price	\$82.60
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$140.33
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$144.26
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$148.86
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$42.00cwt
<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b> \$0.9839CAD / \$1.0164US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending April 27th, 2012</b>	
66.23/146.00	Signature #3
66.32/146.21	Signature #4
65.34/144.05	h@ms Cash
64.58/142.37	Hylife
ISO Weans \$23-32US	
Feeder Pigs \$52.50-72US	

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**Forward contract prices opened higher this morning.** U.S. cash markets are trading lower again this morning following declines yesterday. Contributing to the weakness are average carcass weights that are staying over 210 lbs., approximately 1% heavier than year ago. Chronic negative packer operating margins are the biggest impediment to any improvement in cash bids, as packers have no incentive to compete for live supplies. Lean Hog futures have fallen close to 15% over the last two months, as traders become increasingly more pessimistic about export sales. In the months ahead, the USDA will start publishing a new report that will reveal export sales volumes and destinations on a weekly basis. The Canadian Dollar maintained its recent gains against the U.S. Dollar, buoyed by a recent string of positive economic indicators.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.** The weather forecast is setting a slightly bearish tone for soybeans, with warm but wet weather expected over the next ten days. Countering that is support from China's seemingly constant demand. Estimated ending stocks for South America have dropped to less than 100 million bushels, their tightest since the 1970s.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.** Corn planting may slow down due to forecasted wet weather. The southeast U.S. has experienced dryness lately, which is a concern because this is the region that would come to market earliest, easing short term supplies in late August.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		144.18	150.60	144.26	143.63	137.14	130.75	132.58	132.15	139.00
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		150.54	151.51	153.83	144.08	143.99	135.77	136.68	137.63	141.28
Soymeal Delivered	484	486	488	491	494					
Corn Delivered	279									

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