

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

US Slaughter	
415,000	– Wednesday's
403,000	– Wednesday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$76.02
Daily National Price	\$80.72
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$139.55
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$143.48
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$147.41
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$43.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0015CAD / \$0.9985US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending	
May 04th, 2012	
63.78/140.61	Signature #3
65.59/144.61	Signature #4
63.33/139.61	h@ms Cash
63.70/140.43	Hylife
ISO Weans \$17-36US	
Feeder Pigs \$50-60US	

Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. U.S. cash markets were lower yesterday, losing a good portion of the gains seen earlier in the week. There continues to be few signs of an improvement in cash market fundamentals, with poor packer profitability and no significant price increases to any of the primal cuts. Consequently, futures prices are depressed as traders see few indications that prices will strengthen. Exports continue to influence the market negatively, largely due to expectations of significant growth that have failed to materialize. Deferred month contracts are expected to see negative influence from today's release of the USDA WASDE report, which suggest feed costs will drop due to a projected 16% increase in U.S. corn production. Traders believe that expansion in hog numbers would be likely in the event that feed costs make a significant drop.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Projections of U.S. soybean ending stocks for 2012/13 were shown at 145 million bushels, while planted acres are projected to be 73.9 million. World soybean supply and use is projecting ending stocks for 2012/13 of 58.07 million metric tons.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. The WASDE report forecast the 2012/13 planted area of corn at 95.9 million acres, and U.S. ending stocks projected at 1,881 million bushels, more than double that projected for this year. Projections for 2012/13 World ending stocks are for 152.34 million metric tons while 2011/12 ending stocks are expected at 127.56 million metric tons.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		143.74	149.17	141.91	142.27	135.58	128.43	130.27	130.10	137.03
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		150.16	150.09	151.56	142.73	142.49	133.50	134.42	135.65	139.34
Soymeal Delivered	482	482	484	487	490					
Corn Delivered	274	276								

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