

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

US Slaughter	
410,000	– Thursday's
407,000	– Thursday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$84.95
Daily National Price	\$82.61
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$158.27
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$149.04
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$154.34
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$43.51cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0164CAD / \$0.9839US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending May 18th, 2012	
67.74/149.35	Signature #3
65.48/144.36	Signature #4
66.27/146.10	h@ms Cash
63.48/139.95	Hylife
ISO Weans \$17-33US	
Feeder Pigs \$45-56US	

Friday, May 18, 2012

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. Cash markets moved sharply higher yesterday, eclipsing pork cut-out gains by close to \$2.00/cwt in some regions. Despite relatively abundant supplies, U.S. packers increased their bids in an effort to secure their weekend slaughter plans and build supplies for next week's Memorial Day weekend. Supplies of fresh pork are typically depleted in advance of the first long weekend of the summer, as consumers fire up their barbecues. Lean Hog futures also made strong gains in response to the stronger cash market, taking nearby contracts to highest level seen in a month. The Canadian Dollar is trading near its lowest level of the past 4 months, largely due to uncertainty caused by the possibility of Greece leaving the Euro. Please be advised that the Forward Contracting Department will be closed on Monday in observance of Victoria Day holiday.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. U.S.D.A. reported that China purchased 480,000 tonnes of U.S. soybeans. Net weekly export sales of 673,400 metric tonnes were lower than expected. The anticipated sales were 1.2 million tonnes. Meal and oil sales came in above expectations at 195,600 tonnes and 48,100 metric tonnes, respectively.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Net weekly export sales of corn were well below the expected 1.1 million tonnes, at 865,100 tonnes. Officials in Argentina lowered their corn production estimate for 2011/12 by 0.1 million tonnes to 20.1 million tonnes.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		150.33	157.29	150.19	148.63	142.04	134.69	136.56	135.87	142.90
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		156.86	158.23	160.01	149.10	149.07	139.85	140.78	141.50	145.25
Soymeal Delivered	506	502	502	503	505	450				
Corn Delivered	274	276								

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