

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

US Slaughter	
376,000	– Wednesday's
386,000	– Wednesday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$82.86
Daily National Price	\$85.79
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$156.06
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$156.47
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$151.70
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$44.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0275CAD / \$0.9732US	
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 \$20-36US	
Feeder Pigs \$45-57US	

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Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets continue to see pressure from ample hog supplies, large inventories of pork and negative operating margins. Cash markets have retreated from the highs put in last week, and with declining wholesale pork prices, this trend will likely continue. Lean Hog futures dropped sharply yesterday, as traders have grown acutely aware of the current poor cash market fundamentals. Optimistic traders are suggesting that summer highs may only be \$3.00-\$4.00/cwt. above the current cash prices as the market needs to clear the huge inventory in cold storage. The Canadian Dollar continues to trade in a new, lower trading range pressured largely by uncertainty about how Europe will deal with the growing possibility of Greece leaving the union.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Soybean acres in Iowa, Western Illinois, Eastern Indiana and Ohio are areas of concern as they have not had rain in 9 days. Weekly soybean export sales are anticipated to be near 1.15 million tonnes, on par with recent weeks.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Rain is needed and forecast this week for much of the southern portion of the Midwest with the possibility of light rain. Ethanol production has been better than expected, up 1.7% from last week and 1.9% from last year. Weekly corn export sales are anticipated to be near 1.125 million tonnes.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		146.26	154.08	146.48	147.39	140.61	133.94	135.83	136.42	143.51
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		152.84	155.02	156.38	147.86	147.69	139.13	140.08	142.09	145.87
Soymeal Delivered	499	494	492	494	495	443				
Corn Delivered	281	281								

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