

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

US Slaughter	
415,000	– Thursday's
408,000	– Thursday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$82.33
Daily National Price	\$85.82
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$155.06
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$156.51
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$152.59
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$44.00cwt
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0275CAD / \$0.9732US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending	
May 25th, 2012	
71.07/156.69	Signature #3
70.01/154.35	Signature #4
69.90/154.11	h@ms Cash
n/a	Hylife
ISO Weans \$20-36US	
Feeder Pigs \$45-57US	

Friday, May 25, 2012

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets ended lower than last weeks, a trend that is not typically seen leading up to Memorial Day. Preventing the normal bullish trend seen at this time of year are ample live hog supplies, sluggish demand and near record large inventory of pork in cold storage. Packers are hoping the long weekend may help alleviate the backlog of supplies with demand for grilling cuts typically strong for the first long weekend of the summer. Nearby Lean Hog futures dropped close to \$3.00/cwt from last week's highs, but have found some support recently. The Canadian Dollar continues to see weakness, trading near US\$0.97, down 5 cents for the month of May. **Please note that forward contracting will be closed on Monday, May 28, as the CME Group is closed for U.S. Memorial Day.**

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. Export demand for soybeans remains strong; crusher demand is also strong due to high crush margins. China's import demand is projected to increase in June to 5.8million tonnes, up 1.49 million from last year. China also increased imports in May, currently estimated at 7.23 million tonnes, by 1.6 million from earlier estimates. Weekly export sales came in as expected at 953,700 tonnes.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Weekly corn export sales were 482,000 metric tonnes, less than the expected 1 million tonnes. USDA forecasts for U.S. corn production sit at 14.8 billion bushels, with 77% of the crop noted as good or excellent condition. Uncertainty of the weather forecast is providing the rationale for today's higher prices.

	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		147.87	155.46	147.24	147.71	140.91	134.15	136.05	136.79	143.90
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		154.47	156.40	157.16	148.18	148.01	139.36	140.31	142.48	146.27
Soymeal Delivered	497	493	491	493	494	444				
Corn Delivered	281	281								

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