

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

US Slaughter								
1.96 Mill — Last Week's								
1.98 Mill — Last Week's (year ago)								
Western Corn Belt \$99.34								
Daily National Price \$94.04								
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf) \$186.53								
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf) \$171.00								
4-Month Fwd Avg \$158.73								
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$44.00cwt								
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0244CAD / \$0.9762US								
Cash Prices: Week Ending June 15th, 2012								
79.37/174.99 Signature #3								
75.49/166.43 Signature #4								
77.50/170.85 h@ms Cash								
75.22/165.83 Hylife								
ISO Weans \$22-35US								
Feeder Pigs \$45-53US								

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Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. U.S. cash markets traded sharply higher to finish last week with some regions posting bids as high as \$100/cwt. Last week's slaughter came in well under 2 million hogs, and is more in line with seasonal expectations. Packers are expected to pull back sharply from levels reached last week as profitability on the sale of wholesale cuts is poor. Traders of Lean Hog futures remain skeptical of the recent cash market gains, with the summer month contracts losing value recently. The Canadian Dollar is trading higher in direct response to the results of yesterday's election in Greece. The majority of voters chose to support two parties that are in favour of the bailout from Europe, which will help alleviate some of the uncertainty that has plaqued the Eurozone.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this *morning.* Soybean crop stress may become more of an issue this week with weather forecasted as dry and hot, with daytime temperatures in 95-97 degree F range. Soybean crop conditions are rated good to excellent, but are expected to decrease another 2% in this week's report.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Moisture requirements for corn are high as the weather forecast is for temperatures in the upper 90's for the next few days. The percentage of the Corn crop that is rated good to excellent is expected to decrease by 3%.

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	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Fixed Forward		171.40	158.80	151.80	145.25	136.10	137.99	137.43	144.50	141.11
Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		172.34	168.67	152.27	152.33	141.29	142.23	143.09	147.33	145.82
(Maple Leaf		169.44	160.33	152.46	144.50	137.46	137.46	138.56	143.67	143.49
Sig. #4)		170.90	166.71	157.11	152.36	142.76	143.49	141.12	145.41	145.32
Soymeal Delivered	498	501	504	506	475					
Corn Delivered	280	280								

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