



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

Hog Margin Outlook

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Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. U.S.

cash markets were lower yesterday after solid gains seen earlier in the week. However, the benchmark price for wholesale pork prices moved higher, with the pork cut-out reported at close to \$85/cwt., the highest level in weeks. Packers are finding supplies significantly tighter than just three weeks ago when slaughter levels were running at their highest in years. This is consistent with the USDA's market hog estimates, as their survey reflected a short term surge in supply, which we have already experienced. Lean Hog futures have seen some added volatility this week, but the overall trend appears to be bullish. Traders are taking note of the smaller weekly slaughters, allowing nearby contracts to recover to the highest levels in about two months. The Canadian Dollar strengthened this morning after StatsCan's most recent employment data showed the economy added more than 50,000 jobs from the last report, exceeding analysts' expectations.

US Slaughter	
431,000	– Thursday's
428,000	– Thursday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$78.21
Daily National Price	\$80.87
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$140.81
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$141.00
Thunder Creek	\$141.05
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$133.47
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$26.25cwt

2012 Annual Fall Marketing Meetings			
Manitoba	Date	Time	Location
Brandon	31-Oct	Noon	Royal Oak Inn & Suites, 3130 Victoria Avenue
Starbuck	01-Nov	1:00 PM	Starbuck Community Hall, 25 Main Street
Steinbach	02-Nov	Noon	The Village Green Restaurant, 350 Park Road East
Saskatchewan	Date	Time	Location
Swift Current	08-Nov	Noon	Wong's Kitchen, 320 S Service Road East
Saskatoon	09-Nov	Noon	Sandman Hotel, 310 Circle Drive West

B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9822CAD / \$1.0181US	
Cash Prices: Week Ending October 5th, 2012	
63.25/139.44	Signature #3
62.68/138.19	Signature #4
62.20/137.13	h@ms Cash
60.48/133.33	Hylife
60.69/133.80	Thunder Creek
ISO Weans	\$15.14US Avg
Feeder Pigs	\$20.20US Avg

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.

Soybean consumption does not appear to be slowing, resulting in firmer soybean prices. In spite of the reported increases in soybean yields, strong export demand is taking precedence and supporting prices. Weekly export sales were large at 1.297 million bushels.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning.

Weekly corn exports came in at 326,900 tonnes, marginally more than anticipated. The U.S. economy added more than 100,000 jobs last month, providing some optimism to both the stock and commodity markets.

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		124.68	126.47	126.08	137.73	141.73	146.54	164.24	169.18	172.57
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		126.47	130.50	135.04	142.21	143.52	160.02	172.78	173.68	175.73
		127.84	127.84	128.95	137.89	141.33	146.87	160.44	167.40	169.82
		131.31	132.87	134.59	141.71	144.80	157.48	168.70	170.44	172.44
Soymeal Delivered	525	528	531	534	536	536				
Corn Delivered	293	295								

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