



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

# Hog Margin Outlook

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**Forward contract prices opened higher this morning.** US cash markets are trading higher this morning with support coming from higher wholesale pork prices. Pork prices have benefitted from a counter seasonal rally of close to 15% over the last month, with processors and retailers willing to pay more for pork despite the abundant supply. Contributing to the support, relatively high prices of beef and chicken lead consumers to consider alternatives. 2013 Lean Hog futures continue to trade in the upper portion of their 3 month trading range, despite no apparent reductions in hog supply. Recent domestic demand calculations suggest a relatively stable trend for 2012, despite concerns about the overall economy. The Canadian Dollar slid more than half a cent this morning as currency traders have grown concerned about Canada's slowing housing market and reports that Canadian businesses are less confident about prospect for profitability.

US Slaughter	
433,000	Monday's
428,000	Monday's (year ago)
Western Corn Belt	\$82.33
Daily National Price	\$84.41
Daily Sig3(M.Leaf)	\$147.65
Daily Sig4(M.Leaf)	\$146.59
Thunder Creek	\$147.52
4-Month Fwd Avg	\$140.31
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$32.00cwt

<b>B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)</b> \$0.9784CAD / \$1.0220US	
<b>Cash Prices: Week Ending October 12th, 2012</b>	
65.11/143.55	Signature #3
65.11/143.54	Signature #4
64.20/141.54	h@ms Cash
63.29/ 139.53	Hylife
64.41/142.00	Thunder Creek
ISO Weans	\$25.96US Avg
Feeder Pigs	\$24.03US Avg

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

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** The soybean complex recovered approximately half of the losses experienced yesterday. Heavy fund selling contributed to the losses taking prices down close to 15% from month earlier levels. The USDA reported soybean harvest at 71% complete, compared to last year's 64%. There is a growing consensus in the market that yields are better than expected, taking some pressure off soybean prices.

**Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning.** The USDA's Corn Harvest Report pegged the US corn harvest at 79% complete, nearly double the percentage completed in this week last year. High corn prices have had a significant impact on rationing the available supply, with export sales taking the biggest hit. Most importing nations are sourcing their corn from South America, as this market continues to be discounted relative to US suppliers.

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Fixed Forward Range (Maple Leaf Sig. #3)			131.08	132.06	143.84	146.46	151.35	167.33	172.32	175.11
			135.15	141.12	148.36	148.27	164.97	175.95	176.86	178.30
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)			132.36	134.81	143.85	145.95	151.57	163.44	170.48	172.31
			137.44	140.51	147.71	149.46	162.30	171.80	173.55	174.95
Soymeal Delivered	524	524	526	530	530	530				
Corn Delivered	290	290	297	297						

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