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Corn: ↓ CDN Dollar: ↑

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.

US cash markets started the week higher, with packers competing for limited uncommitted supplies. However, the increases in cash bids is only resulting in deeper losses for most plants as wholesale pork prices have failed to sustain any gains over the last month. Yesterday, the pork cut-out as reported on the USDA's voluntary report was down \$1.62/cwt. All cuts moved lower from the previous day and are trading at their lowest levels in several weeks. There is uncertainty in the demand for pork and futures traders are factoring this in across all months. The bullish trend that was clearly established early last week, has been replaced by a sharply lower trend which is testing support levels that were established 6 months ago. While trading about one cent higher than levels seen 10 days ago, the Canadian Dollar is still relatively good value when you compare it with the trading range of the last 3 months.

US Slaughter	
421,000	Tuesday
415,000	Tuesday (year ago)
W. Corn Belt	\$88.71
National Price	\$89.33
Daily Sig 3	\$162.15
Daily Sig 4	\$158.11
Thunder Creek	\$162.10
4-Month Fwd	\$157.53
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs) \$ 36.50 cwt.	
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$0.9972 CAD/\$1.0028 USD	
Cash Prices: Week Ending February 01, 2013	
Signature 3	71.99/158.70
Signature 4	71.52/157.68
h@ms Cash	70.84/156.18
Hylife	70.12/154.59
Thunder Creek	72.03/158.80
ISO Weans	\$54.61 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$76.08 US Avg.

h@ms 2013 Annual District Meetings		
Manitoba	Date and Time	Location
Manitoba West & H.B. Marketing District (joint-meeting)	Tues. Feb. 19 @ 1:30 PM	The Glesby Centre - 11 2nd St. NE, Portage la Prairie
Manitoba East	Fri. Feb. 22 @ 12:00 Noon	Smitty's Restaurant - Clear Spring Mall, Steinbach
Heartland Marketing District	Thurs. Feb. 28 @ 1:30PM	Starbuck Community Hall - 25 Main Street, Starbuck
Saskatchewan	Date and Time	Location
Swift Current	Tues. Mar. 5 @ 12:00 Noon	Wong's Kitchen - 320 S Service Road East, Swift Current
Saskatoon	Tues. Mar. 5 @ 6:00 PM	Sandman Hotel - 310 Circle Drive West, Saskatoon

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.

US soybean futures opened lower this morning. Yesterday, soybean futures were at their highest levels since mid-December and analysts are suggesting that short-term profit taking is partly responsible for the drop in prices today. Argentine weather is day-to-day and production estimates are expected to be revised lower. However, Brazil's yields look positive and between 81.2 and 85 mmt are forecast; comparatively, the 2007-2011 5-year average was 67.06 mmt.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened lower this morning. US corn futures are trading lower this morning. The drop in corn is associated with profit taking ahead of the USDA's WASDE Report released this Friday. As well, modest rain showers are forecast for Argentina and positive crop assessments from Brazil are adding to a bearish tone. Lately, markets have been reacting to news from South America more so than domestic factors such as moisture levels in the US Corn Belt which will be crucial for longer term guidance.

Fixed Forward Range	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		145.76 148.50	147.57 159.48	161.83 170.53	166.87 171.45	170.26 172.56	162.27 170.11	154.46 156.29	148.34 155.70	139.41 145.39
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		146.46 147.34	147.43 156.83	158.40 166.74	165.50 168.69	167.72 168.97	163.27 167.76	153.49 160.07	150.60 155.06	141.59 148.19
Soymeal Delivered	512	512	511	511	511	513				
Corn Delivered	295	297	300	303						

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