



Hog Prices: ↓ Soymeal: ↑
Corn: ↔ CDN Dollar: ↓

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Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash markets are poised to open steady to \$1.00/cwt. lower this morning as packers continue to deal with negative operating margins. Wholesale pork values have been trading at a deficit to cash bids for almost all of this year, reflecting an unexpected shift in sales patterns. Hog supply has been near year ago levels since the start of the year, and consistent with the latest projections by the USDA. Analysts suggest that the departure from last year's price trends may have come from softer export demand. Lean Hog futures suggest that we can expect more of the same for the next 6 months, as all of the summer month contracts are trading at a premium no better than \$5.00/cwt. higher than the current cash market. Forward prices reflect this same reality, with the price offered for mid-June trading about \$25/kg lower than last summer's cash market high.

US Slaughter	
2.145 mil.	Last Week
2.151 mil.	Last Week (year ago)
W. Corn Belt	\$81.70
National Price	\$87.62
Daily Sig 3	\$150.80
Daily Sig 4	\$156.62
Thunder Creek	\$149.99
4-Month Fwd	\$158.81
1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$ 37.00 cwt.
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.0070 CAD/\$0.9930 USD	
Cash Prices: Week Ending February 15, 2013	
Signature 3	69.58/153.40
Signature 4	71.92/158.55
h@ms Cash	71.24/157.05
Hylife	70.53/155.49
Thunder Creek	71.99/158.70
ISO Weans	\$48.39 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$75.55 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 higher this morning. Rumors that buyers from the EU are entering the US soybean market amid disappointing rain showers in Argentina are influencing nearby futures higher. As well, there are reports that Argentine farmers are withholding stocks as the peso depreciates against the dollar while hoping for further depreciation and, in the end, boosting revenues for exporters. Brazil bottlenecks at port continue and there are rumors that the resulting delays have not been 'priced in' to the market.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened even this morning. Nearby US corn futures opened higher this morning. While Argentina saw some rain over the weekend, critical growing areas only received modest amounts of moisture. But, there is talk that the 'real' reason for the recent uptick is based on current strength in soybeans, ultimately pulling up corn. New crop corn is trading lower on news that US farmers are expected to plant 97.7 million acres this year; the most corn planted since 1927.

Fixed Forward Range	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)			142.56 154.65	157.25 166.09	162.37 167.02	165.35 167.68	158.30 165.72	150.37 152.24	144.24 151.72	135.78 141.86	140.93 141.40
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)			143.09 152.64	154.71 163.17	161.91 165.16	163.73 164.99	159.52 164.09	149.59 156.27	150.00 151.27	136.56 144.89	138.91 142.54
Soymeal Delivered	498	498	500	500	500	501					
Corn Delivered	291	293	295								

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