



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

Hog Margin Outlook

Meeting Your Marketing Needs

For details call: (204)235-2237 or visit
<http://hamsmarketing.ca>

Monday, March 04, 2013

Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash markets are starting this week with a slightly firmer tone as last week's trade resulted in close to a \$2.00/cwt. decline in most of the USDA's reporting regions. With the run of hogs slowing, wholesale pork markets typically see some support from the tighter supplies hitting the market, but this has not been the case recently. The carcass cut-out has been holding its value at about \$81.00/cwt., but slower sales to export markets appear to have limited any gains. Packers have been the main beneficiary of the recent trade, with their estimated margins moving from a \$5/hog loss to a \$13/hog gain over the last two weeks. Lean Hog futures are holding an average premium over the cash market with June trading about \$15/cwt. higher than the current National Daily Base price. Futures are expected to remain soft amid the weak cash prices given the uncertainty of export markets. The Canadian dollar is trading at US \$0.9725 with little reaction to the eighty-five billion dollars in U.S. federal spending cuts signed into law on Friday.

US Slaughter	
2.168 mil.	Last Week
2.153 mil.	Last Week (year ago)
W. Corn Belt	\$74.44
National Price	\$79.91
Daily Sig 3	\$140.34
Daily Sig 4	\$145.89
Thunder Creek	\$140.46
4-Month Fwd	\$159.27

1 Export Sows (+500lbs)
\$ 39.00 cwt.

B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)
\$1.0285 CAD/\$0.9722 USD

**Cash Prices: Week Ending
March 1, 2013**

Signature 3	64.58/142.37
Signature 4	67.80/149.48
h@ms Cash	67.12/147.98
Hylife	64.95/143.18
Thunder Creek	65.54/144.50
ISO Weans	\$34.95 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$71.54 US Avg.

h@ms 2013 Annual District Meeting Schedule

District/Locale	Date and Time	Location
Swift Current	Mar. 5 @ 12:00 Noon (Tues.)	Wong's Kitchen - 320 S Service RD. E., Swift Current
Saskatoon	Mar. 5 @ 6:00 PM (Tues.)	Sandman Hotel - 310 Circle Dr. W., Saskatoon

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Nearby US soybean futures are higher this morning. Brazil's port and infrastructure issues are supportive in the short term but optimistic crop outlooks have been limiting longer term futures. Brazil's harvest is reported at 40% complete; Argentina's harvest has started and is estimated at the 1% complete. The next WASDE report is due Friday with revisions downward for SA crops expected.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. Nearby US corn futures are higher. Strong domestic basis and expected downward revisions to Friday's WASDE report for Brazil from 72.5 to 72.2 mmt are supportive. However, a private Brazilian analyst has revised estimates upward from 70.3 to 71.6 mmt and Argentine production remains largely unchanged. As such, the market has a bearish tone amid relatively high production estimates. Recent winter storms in the US are adding needed moisture to drought effected regions.

Fixed Forward Range	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(Maple Leaf Sig. #3)		140.19 152.47	157.24 166.21	162.43 167.15	166.23 168.59	160.84 167.61	152.80 154.69	146.51 154.09	137.65 143.81	142.87 143.34
(Maple Leaf Sig. #4)		141.80 151.49	155.65 163.88	162.60 165.89	165.18 166.46	162.62 166.52	152.73 159.32	149.77 154.36	139.17 147.62	141.56 145.23
Soymeal Delivered	509	514	514	517	517	518	518			
Corn Delivered	309	311	313							

This information is intended to aid producers in making pricing decisions. Opinions given do not guarantee any future events or performance. Any unauthorized distribution of the HMO is prohibited without the consent of the author.

WINNIPEG LIVESTOCK
HWY #6 AND RD 236

CALL CRYSTAL FOR MORE INFO 204-235-2225

LIGHT HOG PROGRAM!

ACCEPTING:
SOWS
BOARS
LIGHTS
MARKET HOGS