

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

US Slaughter	
440,000	Tuesday
432,000	Tuesday (year ago)
W. Corn Belt	\$80.25
National Price	\$82.87
Daily Sig 3	\$156.84
Daily Sig 4	\$156.83
Thunder Creek	\$156.66
4-Month Fwd.	\$164.42
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.0662 CAD/\$0.9379 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending November 29, 2013	
Signature 3	69.61/153.47
Signature 4	69.59/153.41
h@ms Cash	68.91/151.91
Hylife	68.90/151.90
Thunder Creek	67.95/149.80
ISO Weans	\$77.43 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$81.44 US Avg.
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$59.00/cwt. tagged

Forward contract prices opened lower this morning. US cash markets are trading slightly lower this morning as most packers are content with their current production levels and their operating margins profitable. Estimated margins are better than \$20/hog, where they have been sustained for the last couple of weeks. Contributing positively to packer margins are the heavy carcass weights that have averaged close to 2.5% larger than year ago levels. The increases in carcass weights have been enough in recent days to offset the reduction in hog numbers. The USDA is completing the 4th Quarter survey of hog and pig inventory as of Dec 1st, which will not be released until the end of the month. The results of the survey will be highly scrutinized, as the impact of PED virus is the primary market factor that traders have been trying to quantify. Yesterday, Lean Hog futures fell sharply triggered by cash market weakness and fueled by hedge funds selling out of their large long position. However, forward prices still reflect fair value by virtue of the low Canadian Dollar and the large premium that Lean Hog futures hold over the cash market.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. US soybean futures are trading mixed after a technical 'bounce' yesterday. The market has been more sensitive to technical developments in the short term lately, and has been a factor, in part, in the recent choppy action. Nonetheless, support further comes from cumulative export sales at 93.5% compared to a 64.7% 5-year average. Traders are awaiting S. American production developments that are on pace for record levels amid ideal growing conditions, adding pressure.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened even this morning. Despite an Argentine crop that is 'way behind' planting schedule, a US carryout approaching the 2 billion bu. mark is keeping the market in check. While China has 5.3 MMT booked (2 MMT delivered), the recent bout of cancelled shipments (and its implication of more) has potentially padded the supply side. There is also talk of more cancellations looming on top of the unapproved variety issue, but only if the S. American crop is large, is less expensive, and logistics permit.

Fixed Forward Range	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Maple Leaf Sig. #3		156.52 163.87	165.83 166.81	167.31 170.74	169.90 176.30	182.74 190.61	187.17 192.09	184.25 191.63	170.91 182.82	154.68 163.05
Maple Leaf Sig. #4		156.12 160.49	163.15 163.91	165.62 168.47	165.67 172.15	178.48 186.30	182.39 187.44	180.33 187.57	172.84 179.61	156.65 167.89
Soymeal Winnipeg Delivered	563	565	565	565						
Corn Wpg Delivered	184	198	198							

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