

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

US Slaughter	
430,000	Tuesday
423,000	Tuesday (year ago)
W. Corn Belt	\$82.19
National Price	\$83.38
Daily Sig 3	\$166.55
Daily Sig 4	\$163.62
Thunder Creek	\$166.74
4-Month Fwd.	\$189.22
B of C Ex. Rate (Noon)	
\$1.1055 CAD/\$0.9046 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending January 31, 2014	
Signature 3	73.76/162.62
Signature 4	73.39/161.80
h@ms Cash	72.71/160.30
Hylife	72.97/160.87
Thunder Creek	72.85/160.60
ISO Weans	\$83.10 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$101.32 US Avg.
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs)	\$56.50

Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. US cash markets added to their early week gains with packers attempting to maintain their current slaughter schedule by increasing packer bids. Hog weights are down slightly, suggesting that producers are current with their marketings, which should support further cash market gains. Operating margins are still positive, with packers enjoying a couple of months of uninterrupted profits on fresh pork. The longer term outlook also looks positive with the influence of the record high beef prices having retailers look for alternatives. On the export front, it appears that Russia may be back in the North American market for pork, after an announcement was made by Russia's Veterinary regulator. Reports say that Russian imports from the US may resume before the end of the month. The announcement was made only days after it blocked imports from Europe due to fears of an apparent outbreak of African Swine Flu in Lithuania. Lean Hog futures appear to be on a renewed bullish trend, with the bulk of fundamental factors leaning towards good demand and tight supply. However, spring and summer month prices are already trading at a significant premium to the current cash market, which could limit further gains.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. US soybean futures are trading lower following yesterday's rally. There is talk that three primary factors contributed to the upward trend: 1) Argentine farmers withholding beans, 2) strong demand for the US variants as Argentina withholds product, and 3) still no word on Chinese cancellations. These three events created an opportunity for traders to cover short positions, influencing the market even higher. A supported market is likely until S. American product becomes available and/or Chinese cancellations start coming in.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened higher this morning. US corn futures are trading lower. Like soybeans, short covering amid strong demand news was supportive to the market yesterday. Moving forward, there is talk that weather related issues (due to the cold snaps and winter storms in the US) and some drier weather in Brazil causing concern about the second-crop of corn to be planted in February, will further be a supportive influence in the short to medium term.

Fixed Forward Range	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Maple Leaf Sig. #3		178.46 182.03	180.84 187.47	194.35 208.64	205.07 210.17	202.08 209.75	186.95 200.51	171.10 178.77	165.83 173.52
Maple Leaf Sig. #4		175.97 179.13	175.91 182.63	189.09 202.13	199.57 204.71	197.08 204.50	187.08 195.45	167.67 181.73	166.44 170.21
Soymeal Winnipeg Delivered	595	595	588	588	582	583			
Corn Wpg Delivered	189	195							

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