

Hog Prices:  $\downarrow \uparrow$  Soymeal:  $\uparrow$  $Corn: \leftrightarrow CDN Dollar: \uparrow$ 

## **US Slaughter** Last Week 2.053 mil. Last Week 2.171 mil. (year ago) W. Corn Belt \$102.92 National Price \$100.65 Daily Sig 3 \$208.95 Daily Sig 4 \$197.88 Thunder Creek \$208.63 4-Month Fwd. \$184.48 B of C Ex. Rate (Noon) \$1.1076 CAD/ \$0.9294 USD Cash Prices Week Ending **September 12, 2014** Signature 3 92.03/202.89 86.15/189.93 Signature 4 h@ms Cash 85.47/188.43 Hylife 86.34/190.34 Thunder Creek 86.55/190.80 ISO Weans \$60.57 US Avg. Feeder Pigs \$79.95 US Avg. #1 Export Sows (+500lbs) not available

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Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. US cash markets are expected to start this week with modestly higher bids as tight live hog supplies are encouraging packers to compete based on price. Hog numbers are constrained by the losses experienced 5-6 months ago from PED, resulting in a supply trend that has experienced no significant growth over the last month. However, there are indications that pork prices are running into resistance from making further gains, which will limit the ability of packers to chase hogs. Ham, rib and loin primal cuts all experienced losses late last week, taking the cut-out down \$1.00/cwt from its recent highs. Currently, the October Lean Hog futures contract is trading at a \$5.00/cwt premium to the cash index, which could encourage bearish trend on the nearby contracts early this week. 2015 forward contracts have found support over the last few weeks, but values reflect a supply situation that has a limited impact from PEDv. This is a big assumption given that we are still more than a month away from when the disease started to spread quickly last year, in part due to cooler temperatures.

## Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morn-

ing. Reports of localized frost damage over the weekend have not been enough to offset the general expectation of a good harvest. Forecast temperatures are expected to normalize this week at the same time much of the Midwest dries out, allowing for a good finish and farmers to get on the fields. The September contract has expired and technically this means the trade has switched to new crop. However, local dynamics could mean high spot prices a little longer until new crop physically starts arriving at crushing facilities.

Canadian delivered corn prices opened even this morning. For the most part, the weekend temperatures, while cool, came in about where the trade expected so the market's reaction has been relatively mild regarding weather. There has been some reports of localized frost in the more northerly growing regions, but not enough to offset the effects of an expected massive crop; new crop ending stocks are now estimated at just over 2 billion bu. as of Thursday's WASDE report. Barring a catastrophic weather event, the trade now waits for new demand (or for the Chinese to resume buying) for support.

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Maple Leaf Sig. #3		202.91 206.47	178.65 186.79	180.18 186.28	174.87 180.48	172.69 182.01	174.22 177.79	179.05 182.12	178.89 186.05	184.01 190.15	186.04
Maple Leaf Sig. #4		200.82 203.78	177.53 187.57	181.67 185.41	172.80 179.11	172.26 180.10	172.26 176.01	176.76 178.94	175.91 184.03	182.25 187.20	182.63
Soymeal Winnipeg Delivered	669	434	419	416	417	415	415				
Corn Wpg, Delivered	155	155	163	168	168	168	171				
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