

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

US Slaughter	
426,000	Wednesday
425,000	Wednesday (year ago)
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$79.98
National	\$84.73
Iowa/S. MN.	\$80.16
Signature 3	\$190.45
HyLife	\$195.19
TCP/Britco	\$190.45
Sig 3 4-Month Fwd.	\$ 160.23
<b>BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day</b> \$1.2991 CAD / \$0.7698 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending June 25, 2016	
Signature 3	191.85/87.02
h@ms Cash	190.35/86.34
HyLife	188.16/85.35
TCP/Britco	189.40/85.91
ISO Weans	\$20.27 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$46.53 US Avg.
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs.)	\$40.00/cwt. (Tagged)

**Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.** US cash markets continued their lower trend yesterday, marking the third consecutive day that packers cut their bids. Cash markets and futures values saw positive influence from Tuesday's gains of \$1.80/cwt in the pork cut-out, however yesterday's trade took back all of those gains with the benchmark price for wholesale pork falling \$2.17/cwt. Weakness was widespread among the primal cuts, but rib values dropped nearly 10% of their value at a time that typically yields the strongest prices for the year. The market has factored in improving export sales in general, with stories about impressive Chinese pork demand dominating the news-feed. However, with the sharp increase in the value of the US Dollar that followed the United Kingdom's vote to leave the EU, pork suppliers from Europe are far better positioned to capitalize on the Chinese opportunity. Forward contract prices are still offering good value for Sep-Feb timeframe, given the uncertainty in the export trade and the recent confirmation of larger than anticipated hog supplies on the USDA's inventory report.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened mixed this morning.** Two important reports will be released by the USDA today at noon Eastern time, that could spark some volatility. At right, is a summary of the market estimates for grain stocks and acreage; deviations from the estimates could influence market moves depending on the final numbers from the USDA. It is also important to remember that many Canadian businesses are closed Friday, July 1 for Canada Day including h@ms Marketing Services, but that the US markets will be trading as usual on Friday.

**US corn futures opened lower this morning.** Volumes are expected to be relatively light ahead of two USDA reports that will be released later this morning. The Grain Stocks report is a quarterly publication and has the potential to influence market movements although the general consensus is that there is record corn in stock. The Acreage report will be closely watched in order to see if some corn area switches to soybeans, although it has already been suggested that corn acres are likely not going to drop by an amount equal to the expected increase in beans.

Analysts' Expectations Ahead of Grain Stocks and 2016 Plantings/Acreage				
Grain Stocks (in billions of bu.)				
	Range	Avg	Report	Change
Soybeans	0.775-0.682	0.829		
Corn	4.437-4.650	4.528		
Plantings/Acreage (in millions of acres)				
	Range	Avg.	Report	Change
Soybeans	82.1- 85.7	83.834		
Corn	92.0 - 94.0	92.896		

Source: USDA; Citing Reuters in DLR

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Maple Leaf Sig. #3			171.65 188.91	161.29 170.22	160.72 161.91	132.38 148.46	134.17 140.12	136.27 144.60	146.97 148.16	149.59 149.59	150.19 161.50
Soymeal Wpg Delivered	575	575	574	571	565	564	564				
Corn	Local delivered price available on request										

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Hams Marketing Services will be closed Friday, July 1 for Canada Day.  
Risk Management will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.  
The HMO and Opening Price reports will not be published on both days.  
The main office is open on Monday, July 4. Normal business resumes on Tuesday, July 5.

