



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

Hog Margin Outlook

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US Slaughter	
442,000	Tuesday
437,000	Tuesday (year ago)
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$68.08
National	\$75.58
Iowa/S. MN.	\$68.07
Signature 5	\$171.53
HyLife	\$174.28
Britco	\$164.93
TCP/BP2	\$171.53
4-Mo. Sig5 Fwd	\$ 172.19
BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day \$1.3248 CAD / \$0.7548 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending February 25, 2017	
Signature 3	176.04/79.85
Signature 4	180.08/81.68
Signature 5	178.06/80.77
h@ms Cash	176.56/80.09
HyLife	178.63/81.03
Britco	176.77/80.18
TCP/BP2	174.79/79.28
ISO Weans	\$52.38 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$74.78 US Avg.
#1 Export Sows (+500lbs.) \$28.00/cwt. (Tagged)	

Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. US cash markets were steady in trade yesterday, with packers maximizing their production schedule with an estimated 442,000 hogs slaughtered. The pork cut-out recovered most of its losses from Monday's trade with a rebound in Pork Bellies and broad support from all cuts except loins. Analysts are relatively certain that pork production will grow 4-5% over year ago levels for the next several months, while demand factors such as export sales are relatively uncertain. The lack of any new information or clarity on a possible US import tariff in Trump's speech to a joint session of Congress last night, is likely to result in firmer prices for the nearby contracts as it is less likely that disruptions in trade which could be associated with this policy will happen in the near term. As a result, producer focus should be on hedging the Sep – Dec timeframe where current forward prices are trading near their highest levels to date, due largely to the weak Canadian Dollar.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. US soybean futures climbed double digits in yesterday's session on rumors that the Trump Administration might accept a resolution from the Renewable Fuels Association that could see an increase in the blending cap. While a Whitehouse spokesperson stated that there is no pending executive order on biofuels, speculation remained rampant, pushing the market higher on thoughts that demand could increase for biodiesel (a product that requires soybean oil). The market backed off from the highs at closing, but is trading firm in this morning's session.

US corn futures opened higher this morning. Like beans, US corn futures saw strong gains over the session on rumors the blending cap for ethanol could be raised from 10% to 15% in either the summer months, or for the entire year. The information circulated was not consistent and a Whitehouse official stated that no executive order is currently being worked on, but that did not stop speculative investors from pushing the market higher over the session. This morning, the firming trend remains in place with a lack of any new information in last night's Congressional address by President Trump.

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Maple Leaf Sig. #5			152.51 159.43	163.93 178.00	174.51 183.77	177.33 183.81	171.09 179.56	158.77 167.44	155.62 158.49	139.34 151.16	136.87 145.14
Soymeal Wpg Delivered.		478	491	491	490	490					

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