

Hog Prices: ↓ Soymeal: ↔

Corn: ↑ CDN Dollar: ↑

US Slaughter	
2.501 mil.	Last Week
2.473 mil.	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$48.94
National	\$60.56
Iowa/S. MN.	\$49.08
Signature 5	\$121.44
HyLife (prev. day)	\$131.51
Britco (prev. day)	\$110.56
TCP/BP2	\$121.44
<b>BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day</b>	
\$1.2317 CAD / \$0.8119 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending September 23, 2017	
Signature 3	115.29/52.30
Signature 4	137.78/62.50
Signature 5	126.54/57.40
h@ms Cash	125.04/56.72
HyLife	134.53/61.02
Britco	122.53/55.58
TCP/BP2	135.89/61.64
Year-to-Date Top-Up Estimate	
\$3.70/ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans	\$24.26 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$38.93 US Avg.

**Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.** US negotiated cash markets finished last week near steady with Thursday's prices, but losses across the whole week amounted to nearly 10% as packers had no trouble meeting their daily slaughter requirements. Last week's slaughter was estimated by the USDA at 2.501 million hogs with daily slaughter levels hitting an all-time high of 455,000 hogs. This suggests that the 3 new processing plants are slowly adding production, but are probably still operating at less than a quarter of the planned single shift capacity. Carcass weights have spiked higher in the last two weeks, causing some concern that producers are not current with their marketings which could lead to some large declines as they attempt to catch up. December lean hog futures dropped close to US\$4.00/cwt from their recent highs with all indications suggesting that supply is outpacing demand. Thursday's release of the USDA's Hogs and Pigs report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will likely add to the recent price volatility as there is uncertainty regarding how the market will clear the record setting production.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened even this morning.** With the US soybean harvest nicely underway at around 16% complete, early evidence suggests yields are exceeding analysts' expectations. However, there is a growing theory that late planted beans will bring this average down as traders reference the trend that late-planted spring wheat yields lagged the early planted crops. Soybean meal took back roughly half of the gains made in Friday's trade with ideas that the support seen last week was more than current market fundamentals could support.

**US corn futures opened higher this morning.** Corn futures are stronger to start this week with traders content to value the commodity in the middle of its 1-month trading range. Harvest progress is expected to more than double from 7% to 16% on this week's Crop Progress report which would be within the range of normal progress for this time of year. Friday's Cattle on Feed report showed larger numbers of cattle than were expected which may be contributing to this morning's early support nearby corn futures.

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Maple Leaf Sig. #5			113.61 118.21	113.55 121.21	118.67 129.69	130.24 133.20	137.10 145.16	145.03 145.14	150.59 162.67	160.60 172.02	137.52 168.90
Soymeal Wpg Delivered.	435	422	427	427	434	438					

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