

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

Hog Margin Outlook

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US Slaughter	
464,000	Thursday
446,000	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$58.10
National	\$59.88
Iowa/S. MN.	\$58.30
ML Signature 5	\$134.40
HyLife (prev. day)	\$132.94
TCP/BP2	\$134.40
BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day	
\$1.2633 CAD / \$0.7916 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending April 21, 2018	
Signature 3	123.77/56.14
Signature 4	129.95/58.94
Signature 5 Brandon	126.86/57.54
h@ms Cash	125.36/56.86
HyLife	N/A
TCP/BP2 Moose Jaw/Langley	118.85/53.91
2018 Top-Up Estimate	
\$5.14/ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans	\$32.26 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$68.22 US Avg.

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. US cash markets showed consistent strength all this week and all reporting regions are higher on Friday. The ISM and WCB region came in \$3.30 USD/cwt over the previous session while National was 'modestly' higher coming in at \$0.85 USD/cwt over the day prior. There are some claims that the recent strength is a function of a recovery that initially saw cash values 15% lower than last year compared to the averages; as such the turn higher could be a bit stronger than what would normally be expected at this time of year. Lean hog futures, likewise, are showing some strength. The June contract, for example, is trading at a \$24 USD premium to the cash market when that spread is typically hovering around the \$7.50 USD/cwt mark. While strong domestic demand is cited for the ongoing support, export markets will need to keep pace in order to maintain pricing levels. However, with ongoing trade disputes, ongoing negotiations on NAFTA, and export sales showing an 18% reduction relative to previous week (and 12% lower than the four week average), consistency in export markets is anything but certain.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning. While US soybean futures have seen some recent softness, the lower Canadian dollar is keeping meal prices among the highs. Prices are not as high as a couple weeks ago, but Canadian meal buyers are not completely benefiting from the US turn lower. Dryness in the southern USA and ongoing production challenges in Argentina are supportive and there are increasing doubts that the new crop in the US can support current yield estimates. US planting weather will be watched very closely especially in regions where dryness is currently an issue.

US corn futures opened lower this morning. The US corn futures market continues to trade in a range-bound pattern, neither substantially higher nor lower than their previous sessions. As with the bean trade, US corn traders are watching weather models and planting progress to get clues on direction. While it is a bit too early to be using progress numbers for hints (US farmers are renowned for making exceptional planting gains when they need to), the weather may be more of an issue. Some dry areas in the US are being watched as areas of concern.

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Maple Leaf Sig. #5		167.11	164.97 176.18	172.59 177.45	170.58 176.53	151.19 164.70	148.53 152.30	132.53 143.96	131.50 135.32	131.42 142.90	143.35 145.39	144.60 146.30	148.12 158.32
Soymeal Wpg/S. Man Delivered	511	511	515	515	518	516							

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