

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

US Slaughter	
1.987 mil.	Last Week
2.234 mil.	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$62.25
National	\$73.60
Iowa/S. MN.	\$62.90
ML Signature 5	\$159.85
HyLife (prev. day)	\$169.25
TCP/BP2	\$159.85
BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day	
\$1.3062 CAD / \$0.7656 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending July 28, 2018	
Signature 3	158.41/71.85
Signature 4	177.47/80.50
Signature 5 Brandon	167.94/76.18
h@ms Cash	166.44/75.50
HyLife	174.05/78.95
TCP/BP2 Moose Jaw/Langley	179.95/81.62
2018 Top-Up Estimate	
\$3.82/ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans	\$16.65 US Avg.
Feeder Pigs	\$23.41 US Avg.

Forward contract prices opened higher this morning. US negotiated cash markets declined more than \$5.00/cwt in last week's trade, an uncharacteristic drop at a time when prices are usually at or near their annual highs. Last week's slaughter was estimated by the USDA at less than 2 million hogs, reflecting the fact that maintenance was being completed at two different plants and were closed for several days, cutting total US production by close to 10%. This will likely have an impact on the market for a couple of weeks, as the delayed slaughter of market ready hogs will make it easier for packers to source live supplies. Pork belly prices dropped 15% of their value last week, but these losses were offset partially by modest gains in Loins, Butts and Hams. October and December Lean Hog futures are starting this week near steady with where they ended last week, but nearly \$4.00/cwt lower than last week's highs, as the burden of record large production and constrained export markets continue to take their toll.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning. Rainfall across most of the Southern portions of the US Midwest were being worked into the market with lower prices in the overnight trade, but this morning's open resulted in a price spike that returned Soybeans to their highest level in a month. Hedge fund influence on the Soy complex moderated in the past week, but funds continue to be net sellers of beans according to the Commitment of Traders report, providing no support.

US corn futures opened higher this morning. New Crop Corn prices are starting this week higher, as a large portion of the Iowa missed the rains over the weekend, resulting in less than ideal conditions for the end of pollination and early grain fill stages of production. Record large meat and poultry production is likely to support the corn market over the next several months, through the early harvest period.

Fixed Forward Range (at opening)	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Maple Leaf Sig. #5		118.32 132.37	115.82 118.40	102.16 114.68	101.23 104.90	109.42 121.28	121.75 123.98	127.97 130.20	131.19 136.28	156.14 158.94	158.24 164.01
Soymeal Wpg/S. Man Delivered	483	482	482	483	483						