

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

US Slaughter	
476,000	Monday
463,000	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$56.06
National	\$65.24
Iowa/S. MN.	\$56.25
ML Signature 5	\$143.11
HyLife (prev. day)	\$150.48
TCP/BP2	\$143.11
<b>BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day</b>	
\$1.3096 CAD / \$0.7636 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending November 3, 2018	
Signature 3	140.24/63.61
Signature 4	153.03/69.41
Signature 5 Brandon	146.63/66.51
h@ms Cash	145.13/65.83
HyLife	151.52/68.73
TCP/BP2 Moose Jaw/Langley	147.16/66.75
2018 Top-Up Estimate	
\$5.62 ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans \$40.58 US Avg.	
Feeder Pigs \$40.48 US Avg.	

**Forward contract prices opened lower this morning.** US cash markets are under pressure for the second day this week and all reporting regions came in lower compared to the previous day. The ISM and WCB regions were approximately \$1.76 lower while the National region was lower by \$0.27 USD/cwt. A slaughter level near the upper end of the daily 'new normal' suggests packers are not pulling back, and the availability of supplies means they likely do not have to aggressively secure animals for processing. The cut-out came in lower by \$0.21 USD/cwt and was led lower by bellies, although the belly primal was not as low in the day-over-day as seen recently. News that an ASF-positive test found in a processed meat product from a large Chinese processor strongly suggests the current ASF situation is being underreported. However, lean hog futures markets have yet to strongly react to the information. While the market arguably reacted when the ASF news first broke, lean hog futures have yet to rally in any substantial way on the potential threat. The situation is dynamic and higher US prices will be contingent on a couple of factors such as 1) evidence that US pork is actually moving to fill holes left in overseas markets, and 2) ensuring the disease does not enter the North American supply chain. For now, aggregated movements of pork appear somewhat seasonal and the market is in a wait-and-see pattern despite observing that forward contract values have improved in recent weeks.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.** After being well-off the pace due to inclement weather, harvest progress has been impressive over the last couple weeks bringing the national average within 6% of the five-year average. Progress for soybeans came in at 83% completed compared to the 89% average at this time of year in yesterday's report. There is some pressure mounting as harvest enters the final stages and, generally, the good yields that are being anecdotally reported. On Thursday, the USDA will release the November WASDE report which will show updates to the supply and demand estimates as well as any new updates on potential yield.

**US corn futures opened lower this morning.** Yesterday's Crop Progress report showed the national average harvest pace coming in at 76% compared to 63% last week and a 77% five-year average. Unlike beans, the US corn harvest has been progressing in a more normal fashion and has not seen setbacks like those that developed earlier in the bean harvest. All eyes now look forward to Thursday's WASDE report for ideas on direction. US corn has so far not suffered from tariffs (or retaliations to tariffs) to the same degree as beans, so the market will likely be more interested in the yield estimates, rather than changes to export numbers, that will be closely watched in beans in the Thursday report.

Forward Range (at opening)	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Maple Leaf Sig. #5		123.45 125.81	122.33 139.22	142.52 145.83	146.42 151.97	153.31 160.61	165.11 177.25	175.64 188.48	183.70 186.21	179.58 185.39
Soymeal Wpg/S.Man	441	441	446	449	449	453				

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## h@ms 2018 Fall Marketing Meeting Schedule

**Last Meeting Until Spring 2019 Will Take Place This Week!**

Strathmore, AB - Wednesday, Nov. 7th - 12:00 Noon - Travelodge - 350 Ridge Road