

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

**Forward contract prices opened mostly lower this morning.** US reporting regions were lower compared to the previous session with ISM, WCB, and National coming in lower by \$0.60, \$0.56 and \$0.38 USD/cwt respectively. A recently reported drawdown in cold storage supply has not been enough to add substantial support. Very large slaughter numbers are weighing on the market and while the cut-out showed some strength yesterday, levels remain at relative lows. For example, while bellies came in higher, their value per-cwt is at a low last seen in July of 2017; loins were one of two of two cuts (along with butts) that came in lower yesterday and they are now valued at levels not seen going back past January 2013 (the last data set available as of this writing). Lean hog futures values have essentially erased all the gains put it since November 16 when African Swine Fever news really started to develop. Unfortunately, the ASF impact on lean hog futures has been limited to speculation only. While export levels have improved year over year, it is likely the Mexican tariff pressure on US pork prices (making it more affordable globally), that is behind the 'extra' movements of US pork to South Korea not to mention other markets that typically purchase elsewhere. ASF is a massive problem and it could have a significant impact on the US market. However, there has been no ASF-causal link established to US pork movements to date, and the market is currently 'pricing in' this dynamic.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** US soybean futures are trading higher as of this writing, but it is debateable if this is directly linked to the Crop Progress report published yesterday. The USDA showed that harvest progress is 4% behind the five-year average (and 5% behind last year's levels), but with a 94% estimation, the bean crop is essentially 'in' and the market will now look for a firmer yield estimate. China/USA trade dynamics continue to dominate the headlines, especially with the G20 meeting coming up at the end of the week, but the news has been anything but consistent and markets have been on edge.

**US corn futures opened mixed to lower this morning.** US corn harvest is pegged at 94% (and only two points lower than the five-year average), and like beans, it would take some substantial development in the remaining 6% of the unharvested crop for the outlook to change all that much. In the meantime, corn futures trade near the lower end of the range established early last month as the market waits for fresh news on direction. The G20 meeting over November 30 and December 1 could produce some news, but the meeting rarely produces major trade announcements. Nevertheless, meeting watchers will be looking for hints on direction following a dinner Presidents Trump and Xi are supposed to have at the event.

US Slaughter	
452,000	Monday
447,000	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$49.11
National	\$59.61
Iowa/S. MN.	\$49.20
ML Signature 5	\$129.50
HyLife (prev. day)	\$138.70
TCP/BP2	\$129.50
<b>BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day</b> \$1.3230 CAD / \$0.7558 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending November 24, 2018	
Signature 3	124.22/56.35
Signature 4	142.09/64.45
Signature 5 Brandon	133.16/60.40
h@ms Cash	131.66/59.72
HyLife	140.58/63.77
TCP/BP2 Moose Jaw/Langley	135.72/61.56
2018 Top-Up Estimate	
\$5.93 ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans \$47.82 US Avg.	
Feeder Pigs \$52.28 US Avg.	

Forward Range (at opening)	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Maple Leaf Sig. #5			131.52 141.91	145.26 148.60	150.04 155.77	156.73 164.10	165.25 179.36	180.31 193.27	188.64 191.31	177.04 191.43	159.47 166.56	152.25 155.89
Soymeal Wpg/S.Man	441	441	441	445	445	454						

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