

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

US Slaughter	
474,000	Thursday
464,000	Year Ago
Daily Prices	
W. Corn Belt	\$49.44
National	\$59.39
Iowa/S. MN.	\$49.74
ML Signature 5	\$130.12
HyLife (prev. day)	\$139.04
TCP/BP2	\$130.12
<b>BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day</b> \$1.3275 CAD / \$0.7533 USD	
Cash Prices Week Ending December 1st, 2018	
Signature 3	119.88/54.38
Signature 4	140.39/63.68
Signature 5 Brandon	130.14/59.03
h@ms Cash	128.64/58.35
HyLife	N/A
TCP/BP2 Moose Jaw/Langley	133.16/60.40
2018 Top-Up Estimate	
\$5.93 ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans \$47.82 US Avg.	
Feeder Pigs \$52.28 US Avg.	

**Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning.** US cash markets are closing the week off in a mixed pattern but consolidating at current levels with no massive moves either higher or lower to finish the week. ISM and WCB regions once again were slightly higher while the National regions came in lower by a modest \$0.14 USD/cwt. Slaughter and pork production remain pressuring forces, but the cut-out is showing some recent strength and only bellies and butts were lower relative to the previous day. Lean hog futures gapped higher yesterday morning at the open on news export sales to China were recorded in a report for the week ending November 22 (last week). The development is considered significant because China has essentially been out of the US market for months. Massive speculation on the relatedness to African Swine Fever pork shortfalls is rampant, but the development, if sustained, could be a support further out. The more pessimistic of analysts noted, however, that sales can be cancelled, and only physical deliveries really count. Nonetheless, the futures market priced in the news and Canadian forward contract values were higher than the previous day. Today, the market is backing off from yesterday's rally and trading lower to finish the week.

**Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened higher this morning.** US soybean futures are finishing the week off with a bit of strength on what it largely thought to be pre-G20 positioning. Harvest is technically behind by about 4% but not really enough to support now that it's in the 90+% completed range. Export sales, while higher than the four-week average, are well off the seasonal pace and coming in 32% lower in aggregate. However, there is a fair amount of chatter that the dinner between Presidents Trump and Xi could result in an agreement in principle on trade, and/or, an agreement to back off on further hostilities. Recall, however, that the US is still poised to add more tariff pressure on China in the new year, so the Saturday dinner results will be closely watched. Monday markets are expected to be volatile following G20 developments.

**US corn futures opened higher this morning.** The US corn market is showing some strength to finish the week. The signing of the 'new NAFTA' took place today at the G20 meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina following some last-minute concerns from the Canadian delegation. Why call it new NAFTA and not USMCA? Apparently, there is no consensus among the partners that USMCA is the official title and Canadian and Mexican officials are putting their respective country names first in the legal documents at home 'as is customary'. In Canada it will be legally CUSMA; in Mexico it will be MUSCA. Regardless, the move is a step to normalizing the trilateral trade relationship once again and now all eyes turn to when steel and aluminum tariffs will be removed by the USA on Canada and Mexico.

Forward Range (at opening)	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Maple Leaf Sig. #5			137.61 148.04	151.39 154.75	153.43 159.19	160.30 167.71	166.16 180.33	181.29 194.31	189.05 191.73	176.75 181.80	159.11 166.23	152.27 155.93
Soymeal Wpg/S.Man	453	453	453	457	457	461						

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