

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

US Slaughter	
466,000	Wednesday
465,000	Year Ago

Daily Prices	
Iowa/S. MN.	\$52.81
W. Corn Belt	\$52.79
National	\$61.07
ML Signature 5	\$136.93
HyLife (prev. day)	\$143.38
TCP/BP2	\$136.93

BoC Rate (Noon) prev. day	
\$1.3348 CAD / \$0.7492 USD	

Cash Prices Week Ending January 19th, 2019	
Signature 3	125.51/56.93
Signature 4	141.83/64.33
Signature 5	133.67/60.63
Brandon	
h@ms Cash	139.83/63.43
HyLife	141.14/64.02
TCP/BP2	130.40/59.15
Moose Jaw/Langley	

2018 Top-Up Value (unofficial)	
\$6.50/ckg (call for details)	
ISO Weans \$60.86 US Avg.	
Feeder Pigs \$69.81 US Avg.	

Forward contract prices opened mixed this morning. US cash markets continue to volley back and forth yet climb ever-so-slightly higher as the week progresses. The ISM and WCB regions regained composure while the National region backed off from yesterday's strength, coming in lower on the day. The carcass cut-out provided no real confidence coming in \$0.93 USD/cwt lower relative to the previous session. A feature of the cut-out that stood out yesterday was news that all primal cuts were lower, led by ribs and bellies. A recent report shows that consumer confidence could be dwindling, which, if true suggests domestic demand may be an issue in the near-to-mid terms. While much analytical space has been dedicated to the export market generally, and the Chinese and Mexico regions specifically, it is important to remember that the domestic market is still the largest single market for of US pork, by far. Lean hog futures continue to trade in a sideways pattern as the market takes a 'risk off' approach amid the recent export market drama. While Mexican pork tariff status and Chinese ASF repercussions are closely watched, the market is also very aware that weaker, domestic consumer confidence could negatively impact futures values further out as well.

Canadian delivered soymeal prices opened lower this morning.

Commercial and technical buying, underpinned by talk of relatively poor, early harvest yields in Brazil, provided support to the market yesterday that, only a day previous, saw double digit losses mid-trade. The White House's National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow denied reports that a visit to the USA by a Chinese delegation was cancelled which sent the market into the recovery mode. By Wednesday morning, US soybeans were trading higher, a trend that has reversed itself in today's early morning session. Argentina is also poised to receive some more unneeded wet weather keeping the downside in check.

US corn futures opened lower this morning. US corn futures are seeing some strength in the deferred contracts as rumors abound on the commitment of Chinese purchase intentions that have come in as high as 12 MMT. Other developments include news that a well-respected analytics firm has released its acreage estimates for the 2019 planting season. Corn is expected to come 2.4 million acres higher than last year at 91.5 million acres which is about 'middle of the pack range', at neither highs nor lows going back to 2010. Conversely, soybean acreage is expected to decrease to 86.2 million acres compared to the 89.1 million acres seen last year.

Forward Range (at opening)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Maple Leaf Sig. #5		137.46	137.65 141.90	143.18 148.82	153.01 166.16	169.75 182.82	181.48 184.40	173.05 183.64	157.16 163.82	151.32 155.09
Soymeal Wpg/S.Man	462	462	460	469	469	477				

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