



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	October 24, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	(\$0.36)	\$7.84	\$27.47	\$44.55
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$66.65	\$69.87	\$79.49	\$88.13
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	81.95	84.64	89.74	71.71
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.40	73.72	75.24	73.43
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	150.74	153.47	158.65	140.41
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.00	142.31	143.84	142.23
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	70.77	72.05	74.48	65.31
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.82	66.19	66.59	67.41
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$10.94	\$12.62	\$7.42	\$16.90
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	66.65	69.87	79.49	88.13
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	76.35	80.24	87.31	100.97
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.23	14.48	14.71	13.24
	October 24, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,615,000	2,553,000	2,552,812	2,573,670
Market Hogs	2,560,085	2,499,387	2,494,097	2,514,476
Plant Capacity Utilization	98.9%	96.5%	96.3%	97.1%
Sows	52,300	51,060	53,609	54,047
Pork Production	561.7	547.3	547.8	558.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	214	213	212	216
For this Week's Finishing Placement	54.4%	55.2%	56.6%	51.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.0%	51.8%	52.3%	51.6%
Annual Projections - October 27, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$36.90	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$7.25	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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