



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	May 16, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$60.82	\$65.55	\$55.68	\$57.95
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$93.44	\$95.12	\$91.38	\$94.44
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	81.77	79.29	78.25	74.69
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.66	72.94	74.03	76.64
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	150.47	147.96	146.90	143.51
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.26	141.51	142.62	145.49
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.34	68.18	67.70	67.06
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.41	64.91	65.72	67.36
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$3.44)	(\$7.60)	\$3.24	(\$3.82)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	93.44	95.12	91.38	94.44
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	96.53	96.32	97.75	98.10
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.80	13.74	13.37	12.30
	May 16, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,366,000	2,450,000	2,470,267	2,392,192
Market Hogs	2,306,850	2,388,750	2,415,921	2,327,603
Plant Capacity Utilization	89.1%	92.3%	93.3%	89.9%
Sows	56,784	58,800	49,405	59,805
Pork Production	516.4	535.8	538.8	514.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	219	218	215
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	54.3%	53.6%	53.3%	52.0%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.1%	51.5%	51.9%	52.7%
Annual Projections - May 12, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$55.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$6.85	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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