



# Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending December 13, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
<b>Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)</b>	\$11.63	\$12.84	\$30.98	\$26.98
<b>Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)</b>	\$70.64	\$71.84	\$80.94	\$80.76
<b>Feed Cost</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.03	74.40	74.03	76.35
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.40	67.70	69.78	75.35
<b>Total Cost</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	142.62	143.07	142.62	145.27
This Week's Marketed Hogs	135.08	136.41	138.52	144.48
<b>Calculated Breakeven Price</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	66.03	66.24	66.03	67.88
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.26	65.90	66.60	68.15
<b>Largest pork packer margin since week ending 1/27/2024</b>				
<b>Packer Margin (\$/head)</b>	\$45.94	\$38.18	\$24.28	\$15.29
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	70.64	71.84	80.94	80.76
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	97.25	94.55	97.24	93.31
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.41	13.08	13.02	12.38
	<b>December 13, 2025</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>Hog Slaughter</b>	2,727,000	2,697,000	2,686,219	2,560,497
Market Hogs	2,669,733	2,640,363	2,629,808	2,488,803
Plant Capacity Utilization	<b>103.1%</b>	<b>102.0%</b>	<b>101.6%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
Sows	51,813	51,243	51,038	69,133
<b>Pork Production</b>	593.6	586.6	583.6	554.5
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
<b>Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)</b>	218	217	216	217
<b>Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost</b>				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.9%	52.0%	51.9%	52.6%
Against this Week's Marketing	49.2%	49.6%	50.4%	52.2%
<b>Annual Projections - December 12, 2025</b>				
	<b>2026*</b>	<b>2025*</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)</b>	<b>\$49.17</b>	<b>\$54.49</b>	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
<b>Packer Margin (\$ / head)</b>	<b>\$18.68</b>	<b>\$8.44</b>	\$22.80	\$16.93



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