



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 18, 2025			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$28.74	\$26.18	\$27.22	(\$48.88)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$81.79	\$81.08	\$80.35	\$48.96
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	78.55	76.64	74.57	82.96
This Week's Marketed Hogs	76.17	77.15	74.27	90.41
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	147.43	145.49	143.39	152.23
This Week's Marketed Hogs	145.32	146.32	143.38	154.63
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.54	68.63	67.63	71.47
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.55	69.02	67.63	71.59
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$6.99	\$6.75	\$21.90	\$74.56
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	81.79	81.08	80.35	48.96
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	90.45	89.72	95.96	88.02
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.15	11.95	12.44	14.14
	January 18, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,627,000	2,531,000	2,585,327	2,617,168
Market Hogs	2,569,206	2,475,318	2,518,108	2,554,356
Plant Capacity Utilization	98.0%	94.4%	96.1%	97.5%
Sows	52,540	50,620	62,048	57,578
Pork Production	571.7	548.7	559.0	569.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	217	217	218
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.3%	52.7%	52.0%	54.5%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.4%	52.7%	51.8%	58.5%
Annual Projections				
		2024	2023	2022
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)		\$19.49	\$12.71	\$49.33
Packer Margin (\$ / head)		\$18.55	(\$12.65)	(\$7.00)



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