



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending October 3, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$18.84	\$27.34	\$43.46	\$69.96
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$77.46	\$79.49	\$89.51	\$100.54
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	86.60	89.74	89.85	70.44
This Week's Marketed Hogs	79.45	75.24	80.64	76.03
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	155.46	158.65	158.68	139.12
This Week's Marketed Hogs	148.12	143.84	149.32	144.87
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	73.33	74.83	75.56	65.31
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.57	66.59	68.81	67.70
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$8.78	\$7.27	\$2.17	\$7.23
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	77.46	79.49	89.51	100.54
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	86.06	87.31	95.03	109.31
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.50	14.64	14.53	12.50
	October 3, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,559,000	2,552,000	2,293,798	2,600,814
Market Hogs	2,497,584	2,490,752	2,231,865	2,535,794
Plant Capacity Utilization	96.5%	96.2%	86.2%	97.9%
Sows	56,298	56,144	55,051	59,819
Pork Production	545.7	542.9	486.4	558.6
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	213	213	212	215
For this Week's Finishing Placement	55.7%	56.6%	56.6%	50.6%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.6%	52.3%	54.0%	52.5%
Annual Projections - September 14, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$41.50	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$3.50	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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