



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	March 28, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$55.35	\$55.27	\$56.47	\$45.17
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$91.84	\$92.59	\$91.33	\$88.89
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	78.19	77.66	73.68	75.01
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.35	76.03	71.71	75.68
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	146.84	146.30	142.26	143.84
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.02	144.72	140.41	144.59
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	67.98	67.73	65.56	66.90
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.21	67.00	65.31	67.88
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$0.11	\$3.20	\$1.65	\$4.53
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	91.84	92.59	91.33	88.89
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	96.98	99.28	97.42	96.39
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.96	12.70	12.38	12.36
	March 28, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,524,000	2,491,000	2,499,673	2,476,591
Market Hogs	2,458,376	2,426,234	2,439,681	2,412,200
Plant Capacity Utilization	94.9%	93.7%	94.2%	93.2%
Sows	60,576	59,784	57,492	59,438
Pork Production	551.1	544.1	545.9	537.4
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	218	218	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.2%	53.1%	51.8%	52.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.0%	52.5%	51.1%	52.3%
Annual Projections - March 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$56.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$13.00	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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