



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 24, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$32.98	\$19.29	\$4.01	\$23.81
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$82.73	\$75.28	\$68.75	\$80.71
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	72.12	71.07	73.62	80.83
This Week's Marketed Hogs	73.97	71.49	69.73	77.22
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	140.68	139.61	142.20	149.75
This Week's Marketed Hogs	142.78	140.26	138.47	146.23
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	64.24	63.75	65.83	69.65
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.67	66.47	66.89	69.63
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$15.20	\$26.65	\$48.66	\$10.91
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	82.73	75.28	68.75	80.71
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	94.90	92.68	96.62	91.35
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.50	12.50	12.41	11.98
	January 24, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,484,000	2,623,000	1,976,205	2,473,808
Market Hogs	2,421,900	2,557,425	1,940,633	2,409,489
Plant Capacity Utilization	93.5%	98.8%	74.9%	93.1%
Sows	57,132	60,329	31,619	59,371
Pork Production	546.2	574.0	430.4	537.7
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	220	219	217	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.3%	50.9%	51.8%	54.0%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.8%	51.0%	50.4%	52.8%
Annual Projections - January 13, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$48.77	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.19	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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