



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	December 6, 2025			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$12.84	\$9.71	\$36.81	\$35.85
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$71.84	\$70.81	\$84.64	\$86.46
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.40	74.81	74.40	74.88
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.70	69.21	71.83	78.76
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	143.07	143.49	143.07	143.78
This Week's Marketed Hogs	136.41	137.94	140.61	147.95
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	66.24	66.43	66.24	66.87
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.90	66.32	67.60	69.79
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$38.18	\$38.42	\$20.13	(\$3.19)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	71.84	70.81	84.64	86.46
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	94.55	93.63	98.90	90.33
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.08	13.08	13.28	12.44
	December 6, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,702,000	2,086,000	2,636,345	2,603,790
Market Hogs	2,645,258	2,042,194	2,573,073	2,530,884
Plant Capacity Utilization	102.2%	78.9%	99.4%	97.7%
Sows	51,338	39,634	58,000	67,699
Pork Production	587.7	453.0	573.2	565.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	217	217	216	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	52.0%	52.1%	52.0%	52.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	49.6%	50.2%	51.1%	53.2%
Annual Projections - November 17, 2025				
	2026*	2025*	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$62.13	\$57.83	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$11.50	\$6.75	\$22.80	\$16.93



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