



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	May 30, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$64.01	\$66.03	\$57.97	\$63.04
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$93.87	\$94.32	\$92.55	\$99.11
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.45	75.24	80.64	76.03
This Week's Marketed Hogs	72.12	71.07	73.62	80.83
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	148.12	143.84	149.32	144.87
This Week's Marketed Hogs	140.68	139.61	142.20	149.75
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	68.57	66.59	68.81	67.70
This Week's Marketed Hogs	64.24	63.75	65.83	69.65
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$1.14	(\$5.26)	\$1.01	(\$0.14)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	93.87	94.32	92.55	99.11
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	98.94	96.52	97.81	104.49
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.14	13.94	13.54	12.30
	May 30, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,143,000	2,316,000	2,438,990	2,150,313
Market Hogs	2,085,139	2,253,468	2,378,015	2,092,255
Plant Capacity Utilization	80.5%	87.0%	91.8%	80.8%
Sows	53,575	57,900	58,536	53,758
Pork Production	467.6	505.9	531.8	463.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	219	218	216
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.6%	52.3%	54.0%	52.5%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.3%	50.9%	51.8%	54.0%
Annual Projections - May 12, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$55.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$6.85	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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