



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	August 8, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$66.92	\$70.05	\$66.17	\$92.50
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$99.04	\$101.18	\$97.25	\$111.71
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	77.46	79.00	77.30	66.40
This Week's Marketed Hogs	76.79	78.19	74.70	75.27
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	146.10	147.67	145.94	135.08
This Week's Marketed Hogs	145.42	146.84	143.30	144.10
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.24	69.99	68.84	65.26
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.32	67.98	66.04	67.02
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$6.25)	(\$7.53)	(\$7.81)	(\$0.92)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	99.04	101.18	97.25	111.71
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	100.51	102.36	98.49	116.97
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.60	13.93	13.51	12.14
	August 8, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,281,000	2,272,000	2,357,396	2,357,577
Market Hogs	2,219,413	2,210,656	2,298,461	2,298,638
Plant Capacity Utilization	85.7%	85.4%	88.8%	88.8%
Sows	57,025	56,800	54,220	54,224
Pork Production	488.1	486.6	507.1	492.4
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	214	214	212	209
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.0%	53.5%	53.0%	49.2%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.8%	53.2%	52.1%	52.2%
Annual Projections - July 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$46.85	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$5.75	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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