



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending August 29, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$46.88	\$50.41	\$70.05	\$82.08
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$90.26	\$91.70	\$101.18	\$107.75
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	88.45	82.04	79.00	69.63
This Week's Marketed Hogs	78.76	78.25	78.19	77.94
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	157.26	150.75	147.67	138.37
This Week's Marketed Hogs	147.42	146.90	146.84	146.82
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.88	71.79	69.99	66.52
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.93	67.70	67.98	68.29
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$3.90	\$3.77	(\$7.53)	(\$0.90)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	90.26	91.70	101.18	107.75
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	96.60	97.98	102.36	112.94
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.53	14.53	13.93	12.26
	August 29, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,377,000	2,366,000	2,273,812	2,386,985
Market Hogs	2,319,952	2,309,216	2,216,967	2,329,697
Plant Capacity Utilization	89.6%	89.2%	85.6%	90.0%
Sows	52,294	52,052	52,298	52,514
Pork Production	504.5	502.2	481.3	500.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	212	212	209	210
For this Week's Finishing Placement	56.2%	54.4%	53.5%	50.3%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.4%	53.3%	53.2%	53.1%
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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