



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"
Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending July 25, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$70.40	\$67.61	\$65.65	\$93.75
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$100.94	\$99.32	\$96.16	\$112.51
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.58	79.58	72.98	69.21
This Week's Marketed Hogs	77.66	77.01	73.20	76.15
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	148.26	148.26	141.55	137.94
This Week's Marketed Hogs	146.30	145.65	141.78	144.99
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.93	69.93	66.46	66.32
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.73	67.43	65.34	67.44
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$3.52)	(\$4.11)	(\$12.42)	\$0.18
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	100.94	99.32	96.16	112.51
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	104.11	102.21	95.16	118.26
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.71	13.71	13.66	12.17
	July 25, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,140,211	2,322,157	2,438,990	2,150,313
Market Hogs	2,088,846	2,261,781	2,378,015	2,092,255
Plant Capacity Utilization	80.7%	87.4%	91.8%	80.8%
Sows	47,085	55,732	58,536	53,758
Pork Production	467.6	506.8	531.8	463.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	215	216	216	211
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.7%	53.7%	51.6%	50.2%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.1%	52.9%	51.6%	52.5%
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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