



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending August 15, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$61.18	\$66.92	\$67.29	\$87.44
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$95.89	\$99.04	\$99.32	\$110.98
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.36	77.61	79.58	68.22
This Week's Marketed Hogs	76.53	76.79	77.01	78.90
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	148.03	146.25	148.26	136.94
This Week's Marketed Hogs	145.16	145.42	145.65	147.79
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	70.15	69.31	70.26	66.15
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.89	67.32	67.43	68.74
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$0.33	(\$6.25)	(\$4.21)	(\$0.59)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	95.89	99.04	99.32	110.98
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	100.45	100.51	102.21	116.37
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.66	14.60	13.64	12.20
	August 15, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,334,000	2,271,000	2,296,552	2,417,362
Market Hogs	2,275,650	2,214,225	2,239,138	2,359,345
Plant Capacity Utilization	87.9%	85.5%	86.5%	91.1%
Sows	53,682	52,233	52,821	53,182
Pork Production	496.8	486.0	490.1	504.3
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	213	214	215	209
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.6%	53.1%	53.7%	49.8%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.7%	52.8%	52.9%	53.4%
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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