



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 4, 2025			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$31.81	\$29.48	\$40.15	(\$55.18)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$81.79	\$81.02	\$88.46	\$47.52
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.01	76.49	74.88	86.27
This Week's Marketed Hogs	72.80	73.47	78.76	94.01
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	147.90	145.34	143.78	155.60
This Week's Marketed Hogs	141.88	142.56	147.95	158.30
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.77	68.56	67.82	73.05
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.93	67.25	69.79	72.95
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$7.72	\$21.90	(\$7.49)	\$69.83
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	81.79	81.02	88.46	47.52
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	90.87	95.96	90.33	84.15
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.24	12.44	12.44	14.29
	January 4, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,288,000	2,051,000	2,603,790	2,368,755
Market Hogs	2,223,936	1,993,572	2,530,884	2,311,905
Plant Capacity Utilization	84.9%	76.1%	96.6%	88.2%
Sows	59,488	53,326	67,699	49,744
Pork Production	495.6	444.0	565.1	517.8
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	217	217	217	219
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.4%	52.6%	52.1%	55.4%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.3%	51.5%	53.2%	59.4%
Annual Projections - Dec. 10, 2024				
	2025*	2024*	2023	2022
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$12.71	\$49.33
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.75	\$17.50	(\$12.65)	(\$7.00)



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