



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending August 22, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$50.41	\$60.89	\$70.07	\$82.00
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$91.70	\$95.89	\$100.94	\$108.82
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	82.04	79.36	79.58	69.73
This Week's Marketed Hogs	78.25	76.53	77.66	79.89
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	150.75	148.03	148.26	138.47
This Week's Marketed Hogs	146.90	145.16	146.30	148.80
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	71.79	70.49	70.26	66.89
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.70	66.89	67.73	69.21
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$3.77	\$0.21	(\$3.62)	(\$2.14)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	91.70	95.89	100.94	108.82
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	97.98	100.45	104.11	113.45
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.53	14.59	13.64	12.23
	August 22, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,366,000	2,334,000	2,267,108	2,417,924
Market Hogs	2,306,850	2,275,650	2,205,896	2,359,894
Plant Capacity Utilization	89.1%	87.9%	85.2%	91.1%
Sows	54,418	53,682	56,678	53,194
Pork Production	502.2	496.8	483.9	505.0
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	212	213	213	209
For this Week's Finishing Placement	54.4%	53.6%	53.7%	50.4%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.3%	52.7%	53.1%	53.7%
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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