



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	March 7, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$53.25	\$56.47	\$46.11	\$47.33
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$91.24	\$91.33	\$86.66	\$89.85
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	70.86	70.27	73.45	75.52
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.73	71.71	70.44	74.63
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	139.40	138.80	142.02	144.36
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.40	140.41	139.12	143.60
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	64.24	63.96	65.75	67.46
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.70	65.31	65.31	67.73
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$4.97	\$1.65	\$6.43	\$5.38
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	91.24	91.33	86.66	89.85
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	98.62	97.42	95.02	97.78
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.90	12.38	12.33	12.35
	March 7, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,497,000	2,516,000	2,576,449	2,401,047
Market Hogs	2,434,575	2,453,100	2,514,614	2,333,818
Plant Capacity Utilization	94.0%	94.7%	97.1%	90.1%
Sows	57,431	57,868	56,682	62,427
Pork Production	544.4	548.4	561.1	518.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	218	218	216
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	50.8%	50.6%	51.7%	52.3%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.1%	51.1%	50.6%	52.0%
Annual Projections - February 17, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$55.60	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$12.00	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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