



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	April 25, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$57.97	\$55.68	\$55.35	\$52.45
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$92.13	\$91.38	\$91.84	\$91.40
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	78.76	78.25	78.19	77.94
This Week's Marketed Hogs	72.73	74.03	74.35	74.57
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	147.42	146.90	146.84	146.82
This Week's Marketed Hogs	141.30	142.62	143.02	143.39
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	67.93	67.70	67.98	68.29
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.42	65.72	66.21	67.00
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$4.54	\$3.24	\$0.11	(\$1.75)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	92.13	91.38	91.84	91.40
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	99.10	97.75	96.98	96.03
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.37	13.37	12.96	12.24
	April 25, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,469,000	2,486,000	2,499,192	2,415,943
Market Hogs	2,404,806	2,421,364	2,436,712	2,350,713
Plant Capacity Utilization	92.9%	93.5%	94.1%	90.8%
Sows	59,256	59,664	57,481	60,399
Pork Production	539.3	542.0	545.2	524.7
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	218	218	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.4%	53.3%	53.2%	53.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.5%	51.9%	52.0%	52.0%
Annual Projections - March 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$56.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$13.00	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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