



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending December 20, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$6.85	\$11.68	\$13.80	\$22.94
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$69.31	\$70.64	\$73.14	\$78.35
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	72.73	74.03	72.73	74.57
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.22	66.40	70.75	74.27
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	141.30	142.62	141.30	143.39
This Week's Marketed Hogs	136.94	135.08	139.51	143.38
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	65.12	65.72	65.12	67.00
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.15	65.26	66.75	67.63
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$52.12	\$46.26	\$33.78	\$26.18
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	69.31	70.64	73.14	78.35
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	98.62	97.25	93.84	95.96
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.47	12.47	13.02	12.44
	December 20, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,683,000	2,722,000	2,622,268	2,585,327
Market Hogs	2,613,242	2,651,228	2,554,089	2,518,108
Plant Capacity Utilization	100.9%	102.4%	98.6%	97.3%
Sows	64,392	65,328	62,934	62,048
Pork Production	585.9	592.5	571.3	559.0
(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	51.5%	51.9%	51.5%	52.0%
Against this Week's Marketing	49.8%	49.2%	50.7%	51.8%
Annual Projections - December 12, 2025				
	2026*	2025*	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$49.17	\$54.49	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$18.68	\$8.44	\$22.80	\$16.93



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