Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending November 7, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin ($/head)	($48.71)	($14.70)	$16.87	$36.81
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	$44.85	$59.62	$74.64	$84.64
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	77.56	79.30	87.26	74.74
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.51	72.98	75.51	71.83
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	146.28	148.04	156.13	143.42
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.11	141.55	144.12	140.61
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	68.04	68.86	73.30	66.40
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.50	66.46	66.72	67.60
Packer Margin ($/head)	$46.03	$17.20	$7.12	$20.13
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	44.85	59.62	74.64	84.64
Pork Cutout ($/cwt)	70.73	72.08	82.40	98.90
Drop Credit ($/head)	14.33	14.36	14.54	13.28

	November 7, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,664,000	2,608,000	2,605,089	2,636,345
Market Hogs	2,610,720	2,555,840	2,550,382	2,573,073
Plant Capacity Utilization	**100.8%**	**98.7%**	**98.5%**	**99.4%**
Sows	50,616	49,552	52,102	58,000
Pork Production (federally inspected, mil. lbs.)	575.5	561.7	560.8	573.2
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	216	215	213	217
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.0%	53.6%	55.9%	52.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.1%	51.6%	52.4%	51.1%

Annual Projections - October 27, 2026

	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin ($/head)	**$36.90**	$53.55	$15.24	($16.87)
Packer Margin ($ / head)	**$7.25**	$9.26	$22.80	$16.93

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