



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	February 14, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$48.15	\$46.32	\$19.29	\$43.80
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$87.26	\$86.66	\$75.28	\$89.67
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	73.46	73.45	71.07	79.57
This Week's Marketed Hogs	70.57	70.44	71.49	77.21
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	142.04	142.02	139.61	148.48
This Week's Marketed Hogs	139.25	139.12	140.26	146.22
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	65.45	65.45	63.75	69.06
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.07	65.31	66.47	69.30
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$5.60	\$6.57	\$26.65	\$10.75
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	87.26	86.66	75.28	89.67
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	95.17	95.02	92.68	100.17
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.38	12.38	12.50	12.13
	February 14, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,497,000	2,485,000	2,621,285	2,521,237
Market Hogs	2,439,569	2,427,845	2,553,132	2,458,206
Plant Capacity Utilization	94.2%	93.8%	98.6%	94.9%
Sows	52,437	52,185	62,911	57,988
Pork Production	547.1	568.5	576.8	546.5
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	219	220	220	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.7%	51.7%	50.9%	53.6%
Against this Week's Marketing	50.7%	50.6%	51.0%	52.8%
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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