



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"
Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending October 17, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$7.84	\$16.87	\$28.74	\$52.33
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$69.87	\$74.64	\$83.22	\$92.27
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	84.64	87.26	90.26	69.70
This Week's Marketed Hogs	73.72	75.51	81.77	74.71
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	153.47	156.13	159.17	138.37
This Week's Marketed Hogs	142.31	144.12	150.47	143.53
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	72.05	73.30	75.08	64.96
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.19	66.72	69.66	67.70
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$12.62	\$6.99	\$0.10	\$11.60
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	69.87	74.64	83.22	92.27
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	80.24	82.34	87.63	102.84
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.48	14.54	14.70	13.04
	October 17, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,553,000	2,619,000	2,487,156	2,588,907
Market Hogs	2,494,281	2,558,763	2,427,464	2,526,773
Plant Capacity Utilization	96.3%	98.8%	93.7%	97.6%
Sows	53,613	54,999	54,717	56,956
Pork Production	547.3	560.7	532.2	557.5
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	214	213	212	216
For this Week's Finishing Placement	55.2%	55.9%	56.7%	50.4%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.8%	52.4%	54.3%	52.1%
Annual Projections - September 14, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$41.50	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$3.50	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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