



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	October 10, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$16.87	\$18.93	\$38.45	\$64.81
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$74.64	\$77.46	\$86.49	\$98.07
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	87.26	86.60	88.08	70.57
This Week's Marketed Hogs	75.51	79.45	79.29	74.88
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	156.13	155.46	156.89	139.25
This Week's Marketed Hogs	144.12	148.12	147.96	143.70
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	73.30	72.99	74.71	65.07
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.72	68.57	68.18	67.78
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$6.99	\$8.94	\$1.70	\$3.66
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	74.64	77.46	86.49	98.07
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	82.34	86.06	91.77	104.85
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.54	14.57	14.56	13.10
	October 10, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,627,000	2,553,000	2,272,487	2,579,981
Market Hogs	2,566,579	2,494,281	2,222,492	2,518,061
Plant Capacity Utilization	99.1%	96.3%	85.8%	97.2%
Sows	55,167	53,613	45,450	56,760
Pork Production	562.4	544.4	485.7	556.4
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	214	213	212	216
For this Week's Finishing Placement	55.9%	55.7%	56.1%	50.7%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.4%	53.6%	53.6%	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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