



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	April 4, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$51.84	\$55.35	\$53.25	\$47.06
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$90.43	\$91.84	\$91.24	\$88.37
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	76.79	78.19	74.70	75.27
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.81	74.35	74.73	73.40
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	145.42	146.84	143.30	144.10
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.49	143.02	143.40	142.27
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	67.32	67.98	66.04	67.02
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.43	66.21	66.70	66.48
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$3.44	\$0.11	\$4.97	\$3.38
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	90.43	91.84	91.24	88.37
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	97.11	96.98	98.62	95.35
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.96	12.96	12.90	12.33
	April 4, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,396,000	2,512,000	2,485,752	2,509,486
Market Hogs	2,336,100	2,449,200	2,421,122	2,444,239
Plant Capacity Utilization	90.2%	94.6%	93.5%	94.4%
Sows	55,108	57,776	59,658	62,737
Pork Production	548.5	548.5	542.8	544.9
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	218	218	218	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	52.8%	53.2%	52.1%	52.2%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.1%	52.0%	52.1%	51.6%
Annual Projections - March 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$56.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$13.00	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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