



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	December 21, 2024			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$27.35	\$31.41	\$30.41	(\$57.54)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$80.35	\$82.76	\$84.84	\$49.71
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.57	76.35	75.68	89.56
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.27	75.35	80.37	97.28
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	143.39	145.27	144.59	153.77
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.38	144.48	149.59	161.63
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	67.63	68.52	68.20	72.19
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.63	68.15	70.56	76.60
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$22.11	\$11.17	\$8.51	\$59.74
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	80.35	82.76	84.84	49.71
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	95.96	93.31	94.24	82.39
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.50	12.44	12.44	13.75
	December 21, 2024	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,581,000	2,573,000	2,580,375	2,428,552
Market Hogs	2,508,732	2,500,956	2,510,705	2,360,553
Plant Capacity Utilization	95.7%	95.4%	95.8%	90.1%
Sows	67,106	66,898	64,509	60,714
Pork Production	557.7	551.7	555.9	523.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	216	216	215	215
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	52.0%	52.6%	52.3%	58.2%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.8%	52.2%	53.7%	60.2%
Annual Projections - Dec. 10, 2024				
	2025*	2024*	2023	2022
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$12.71	\$49.33
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.75	\$17.50	(\$12.65)	(\$7.00)



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