



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending August 1, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$70.05	\$70.07	\$66.36	\$91.87
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$101.18	\$100.94	\$96.86	\$111.93
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.00	79.58	74.51	67.70
This Week's Marketed Hogs	78.19	77.66	73.68	76.38
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	147.67	148.26	143.11	136.41
This Week's Marketed Hogs	146.84	146.30	142.26	145.23
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.99	70.26	67.50	65.90
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.98	67.73	65.56	67.55
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$7.53)	(\$3.62)	(\$11.69)	(\$2.93)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	101.18	100.94	96.86	111.93
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	102.36	104.11	96.23	116.22
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.93	13.64	13.60	12.14
	August 1, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,420,082	2,140,211	2,443,688	2,352,907
Market Hogs	2,359,580	2,088,846	2,380,152	2,284,673
Plant Capacity Utilization	91.1%	80.7%	91.9%	88.2%
Sows	55,662	47,085	58,649	61,176
Pork Production	528.0	467.6	534.2	505.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	214	215	214	209
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.5%	53.7%	52.1%	49.6%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.2%	53.1%	51.8%	52.6%
Annual Projections - July 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$46.85	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$5.75	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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