



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	May 2, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$57.97	\$57.97	\$51.84	\$54.51
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$92.55	\$92.13	\$90.43	\$92.45
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	80.64	78.76	76.79	77.35
This Week's Marketed Hogs	73.62	72.73	74.81	76.49
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	149.32	147.42	145.42	146.21
This Week's Marketed Hogs	142.20	141.30	143.49	145.34
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	68.81	67.93	67.32	68.32
This Week's Marketed Hogs	65.83	65.42	66.43	66.98
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$1.01	\$4.54	\$3.44	(\$2.21)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	92.55	92.13	90.43	92.45
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	97.81	99.10	97.11	97.13
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.54	13.37	12.96	11.73
	May 2, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,446,000	2,469,000	2,381,870	2,476,311
Market Hogs	2,392,188	2,414,682	2,324,705	2,409,451
Plant Capacity Utilization	92.4%	93.3%	89.8%	93.1%
Sows	48,920	49,380	52,401	61,908
Pork Production	534.3	539.3	518.8	536.2
(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	54.0%	53.4%	52.8%	52.9%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.8%	51.5%	52.1%	52.6%
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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