



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 3, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$7.77	\$4.01	\$12.90	\$25.95
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$70.12	\$68.75	\$71.84	\$79.79
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	72.94	73.62	72.94	79.01
This Week's Marketed Hogs	69.63	69.73	67.70	72.80
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	141.51	142.20	141.51	147.90
This Week's Marketed Hogs	138.37	138.47	136.41	141.88
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	65.51	65.83	65.51	67.84
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.52	66.89	65.90	67.89
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$41.34	\$48.66	\$38.47	\$12.67
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	70.12	68.75	71.84	79.79
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	94.60	96.62	94.55	90.87
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.41	12.41	13.14	12.47
	January 3, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,228,000	1,978,000	2,704,100	2,269,794
Market Hogs	2,167,844	1,924,594	2,633,793	2,219,859
Plant Capacity Utilization	83.7%	74.3%	101.7%	85.7%
Sows	55,700	49,450	64,898	45,396
Pork Production	487.1	432.5	593.4	497.2
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	219	219	217	219
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.5%	51.8%	51.5%	53.4%
Against this Week's Marketing	50.3%	50.4%	49.6%	51.3%
Annual Projections - December 12, 2025				
	2026*	2025*	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$49.17	\$54.49	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$18.68	\$8.44	\$22.80	\$16.93



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