



# Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	<b>August 30, 2025</b>			
<b>Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)</b>	\$81.69	\$82.00	\$93.21	\$11.89
<b>Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)</b>	\$107.75	\$108.82	\$111.93	\$78.11
<b>Feed Cost</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.63	69.73	67.70	72.80
This Week's Marketed Hogs	77.94	79.89	75.01	82.82
<b>Total Cost</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	138.37	138.47	136.41	141.88
This Week's Marketed Hogs	146.82	148.80	143.84	152.08
<b>Calculated Breakeven Price</b>				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	66.84	66.89	65.90	67.89
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.29	69.21	66.90	72.42
<b>Packer Margin (\$/head)</b>	(\$1.01)	(\$2.14)	(\$2.93)	\$25.75
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	107.75	108.82	111.93	78.11
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	112.94	113.45	116.22	95.89
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.20	12.23	12.14	12.54
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<b>Hog Slaughter</b>	2,391,000	2,410,000	2,339,484	2,427,648
Market Hogs	2,333,616	2,352,160	2,278,657	2,366,957
Plant Capacity Utilization	<b>90.1%</b>	<b>90.8%</b>	<b>88.0%</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
Sows	52,602	53,020	53,808	55,836
<b>Pork Production</b>	499.5	504.5	489.6	509.6
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
<b>Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)</b>	209	209	209	210
<b>Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost</b>				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	50.3%	50.4%	49.6%	51.3%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.1%	53.7%	52.1%	54.5%
<b>Annual Projections - August 11, 2025</b>				
	2025*	2024	2023	2022
<b>Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)</b>	\$54.78	\$15.24	(\$16.87)	\$43.75
<b>Packer Margin (\$ / head)</b>	\$11.40	\$22.80	\$16.93	(\$2.73)



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