



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"
Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending July 11, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$66.49	\$66.67	\$67.20	\$90.24
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$97.25	\$96.86	\$97.01	\$110.84
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	77.30	74.51	73.72	69.78
This Week's Marketed Hogs	74.70	73.68	73.45	75.52
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	145.94	143.11	142.31	138.52
This Week's Marketed Hogs	143.30	142.26	142.02	144.36
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	68.52	67.19	66.19	66.60
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.04	65.56	65.75	67.46
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$7.73)	(\$11.63)	(\$11.16)	(\$7.14)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	97.25	96.86	97.01	110.84
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	98.49	96.23	96.45	113.04
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.58	13.66	13.99	12.23
	July 11, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,369,000	1,974,000	2,390,706	2,339,747
Market Hogs	2,307,406	1,922,676	2,328,548	2,276,574
Plant Capacity Utilization	89.1%	74.3%	89.9%	87.9%
Sows	56,856	47,376	57,377	58,494
Pork Production	511.4	428.3	517.8	494.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	216	217	217	211
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.0%	52.1%	51.8%	50.4%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.1%	51.8%	51.7%	52.3%
Annual Projections - June 15, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$49.00	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$8.50	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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