



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	January 31, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$41.22	\$32.98	\$7.84	\$29.37
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$85.50	\$82.73	\$70.12	\$83.56
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	72.12	72.12	72.94	81.53
This Week's Marketed Hogs	71.99	73.97	69.63	78.46
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	140.68	140.68	141.51	150.46
This Week's Marketed Hogs	140.69	142.78	138.37	147.49
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	64.24	64.24	64.91	69.98
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.68	67.67	66.52	69.90
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$9.64	\$14.10	\$41.94	\$9.19
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	85.50	82.73	70.12	83.56
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	95.13	94.40	94.60	93.40
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.50	12.50	12.53	11.98
	January 31, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,522,000	2,468,000	2,219,270	2,559,861
Market Hogs	2,456,428	2,403,832	2,170,446	2,495,864
Plant Capacity Utilization	94.9%	92.8%	83.8%	96.4%
Sows	60,528	59,232	44,385	58,877
Pork Production	555.6	542.7	488.2	557.7
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	220	220	220	218
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.3%	51.3%	51.5%	54.2%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.2%	51.8%	50.3%	53.2%
Annual Projections - January 13, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$48.77	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.19	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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