



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	September 12, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$38.45	\$43.46	\$60.89	\$81.91
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$86.49	\$89.51	\$95.89	\$105.93
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	88.08	89.85	79.36	71.49
This Week's Marketed Hogs	79.29	80.64	76.53	74.79
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	156.89	158.68	148.03	140.26
This Week's Marketed Hogs	147.96	149.32	145.16	143.62
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.71	75.56	70.49	66.47
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.18	68.81	66.89	67.11
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$1.70	\$2.17	\$0.21	\$6.76
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	86.49	89.51	95.89	105.93
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	91.77	95.03	100.45	114.59
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.56	14.53	14.59	12.43
	September 12, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,269,000	2,287,000	2,330,942	2,517,701
Market Hogs	2,216,813	2,234,399	2,274,999	2,454,758
Plant Capacity Utilization	85.6%	86.3%	87.9%	94.8%
Sows	47,649	48,027	51,281	57,907
Pork Production	484.6	484.9	494.2	535.7
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	212	212	212	213
For this Week's Finishing Placement	56.1%	56.6%	53.6%	51.0%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.6%	54.0%	52.7%	52.1%
Annual Projections - September 14, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$41.50	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$3.50	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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