



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	December 7, 2024			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$39.77	\$36.52	\$31.42	(\$51.63)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$88.46	\$88.31	\$85.83	\$54.84
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	74.88	73.40	75.92	91.96
This Week's Marketed Hogs	78.76	81.62	81.44	101.95
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	143.78	142.27	144.91	156.21
This Week's Marketed Hogs	147.95	150.87	150.68	166.38
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	67.82	67.11	68.36	72.99
This Week's Marketed Hogs	69.79	71.16	71.08	78.86
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$7.64)	(\$5.87)	\$22.03	\$54.49
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	88.46	88.31	85.83	54.84
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	90.33	90.93	101.59	84.27
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.33	12.50	12.41	15.16
	December 7, 2024	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,602,000	2,283,000	2,600,279	2,667,752
Market Hogs	2,539,552	2,228,208	2,532,672	2,601,058
Plant Capacity Utilization	96.9%	85.0%	96.6%	99.2%
Sows	57,244	50,226	62,407	61,358
Pork Production	559.9	490.5	558.6	576.9
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	215	215	215	216
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	52.1%	51.6%	52.4%	58.9%
Against this Week's Marketing	53.2%	54.1%	54.0%	61.3%
Annual Projections - Dec. 10, 2024				
	2025*	2024*	2023	2022
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$12.71	\$49.33
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$16.75	\$17.50	(\$12.65)	(\$7.00)



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