Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending October 31, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin ($/head)	($14.56)	($0.36)	$18.93	$41.42
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	$59.62	$66.65	$77.46	$85.72
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.30	81.95	86.60	74.73
This Week's Marketed Hogs	72.98	74.40	79.45	70.14
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	148.04	150.74	155.46	143.40
This Week's Marketed Hogs	141.55	143.00	148.12	138.89
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.50	70.77	72.99	66.70
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.46	66.82	68.57	66.45
Packer Margin ($/head)	$16.82	$11.39	$8.94	$21.52
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	59.62	66.65	77.46	85.72
Pork Cutout ($/cwt)	72.08	76.56	86.06	100.71
Drop Credit ($/head)	14.23	14.23	14.57	13.24

	October 31, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,608,000	2,610,000	2,545,874	2,579,103
Market Hogs	2,545,408	2,547,360	2,487,319	2,517,205
Plant Capacity Utilization	**98.3%**	**98.4%**	**96.1%**	**97.2%**
Sows	57,376	57,420	53,463	56,740
Pork Production (federally inspected, mil. lbs.)	561.7	560.6	546.2	559.1
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	215	215	213	217
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.6%	54.4%	55.7%	52.1%
Against this Week's Marketing	51.6%	52.0%	53.6%	50.5%

Annual Projections - October 27, 2026

	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin ($/head)	**$36.90**	$53.55	$15.24	($16.87)
Packer Margin ($ / head)	**$7.25**	$9.26	$22.80	$16.93



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