



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	December 27, 2025			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$4.03	\$6.85	\$9.71	\$25.55
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$68.75	\$69.31	\$70.81	\$79.02
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	73.62	72.73	73.62	76.49
This Week's Marketed Hogs	69.73	68.22	69.21	73.47
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	142.20	141.30	142.20	145.34
This Week's Marketed Hogs	138.47	136.94	137.94	142.56
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	65.53	65.12	65.53	66.98
This Week's Marketed Hogs	66.89	66.15	66.32	67.25
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$49.00	\$52.12	\$38.42	\$23.51
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	68.75	69.31	70.81	79.02
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	96.62	98.62	93.63	95.13
Drop Credit (\$/head)	12.47	12.47	13.08	12.50
	December 27, 2025	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	1,978,000	2,686,000	2,086,633	2,063,628
Market Hogs	1,926,572	2,616,164	2,044,900	2,026,483
Plant Capacity Utilization	74.4%	101.0%	79.0%	78.3%
Sows	47,472	64,464	37,559	33,018
Pork Production	432.5	586.6	454.6	449.1
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	219	218	218	218
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	51.8%	51.5%	51.8%	52.6%
Against this Week's Marketing	50.4%	49.8%	50.2%	51.5%
Annual Projections - December 12, 2025				
	2026*	2025*	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$49.17	\$54.49	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$18.68	\$8.44	\$22.80	\$16.93



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