



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"
Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending July 18, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$67.61	\$66.17	\$66.54	\$88.74
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$99.32	\$97.25	\$96.85	\$110.41
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	79.58	77.30	74.40	70.75
This Week's Marketed Hogs	77.01	74.70	73.46	76.56
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	148.26	145.94	143.00	139.51
This Week's Marketed Hogs	145.65	143.30	142.04	145.41
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	69.93	68.84	66.82	66.75
This Week's Marketed Hogs	67.43	66.04	65.76	67.95
Packer Margin (\$/head)	(\$4.11)	(\$7.81)	(\$12.72)	(\$1.36)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	99.32	97.25	96.85	110.41
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	102.21	98.49	95.59	115.34
Drop Credit (\$/head)	13.71	13.51	13.92	12.29
	July 18, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,322,157	2,354,238	2,456,215	2,356,490
Market Hogs	2,261,781	2,290,674	2,394,810	2,295,221
Plant Capacity Utilization	87.4%	88.5%	92.5%	88.6%
Sows	55,732	58,856	56,493	56,556
Pork Production	506.8	513.2	537.0	506.0
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	215	216	216	211
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	53.7%	53.0%	52.0%	50.7%
Against this Week's Marketing	52.9%	52.1%	51.7%	52.7%
Annual Projections - July 20, 2026				
	2026*	2025	2024	2023
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$46.85	\$53.55	\$15.24	(\$16.87)
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$5.75	\$9.26	\$22.80	\$16.93



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