



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	September 5, 2026			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$43.46	\$46.88	\$66.61	\$76.68
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$89.51	\$90.26	\$99.04	\$104.84
Feed Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	89.85	88.45	77.61	71.05
This Week's Marketed Hogs	80.64	78.76	76.79	77.35
Total Cost				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	158.68	157.26	146.25	139.82
This Week's Marketed Hogs	149.32	147.42	145.42	146.21
Calculated Breakeven Price				
This Week's Hogs Placed for Finishing	75.56	74.88	69.64	66.58
This Week's Marketed Hogs	68.81	67.93	67.32	68.32
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$2.17	\$3.90	(\$6.33)	\$8.73
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	89.51	90.26	99.04	104.84
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	95.03	96.60	100.51	114.51
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.53	14.53	14.53	12.38
	September 5, 2026	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,315,000	2,377,000	2,276,697	2,317,429
Market Hogs	2,259,440	2,319,952	2,219,780	2,268,763
Plant Capacity Utilization	87.3%	89.6%	85.7%	87.6%
Sows	50,930	52,294	52,364	44,031
Pork Production	490.8	503.4	482.0	0.0
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	212	212	210	212
For this Week's Finishing Placement	56.6%	56.2%	53.1%	50.8%
Against this Week's Marketing	54.0%	53.4%	52.8%	52.9%
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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