

## **Sterling Pork Profit Tracker**

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

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	October 28, 2023			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	(\$21.06)	(\$13.60)	(\$7.04)	\$18.28
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Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$73.46	\$74.58	\$77.77	\$99.22
Feed Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	93.49	93.12	87.96	121.51
Against this Week's Marketing	115.84	110.64	110.82	132.21
Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	157.69	157.32	152.06	185.49
Against this Week's Marketing	180.44	175.15	175.33	195.77
Calculated Breakeven Price				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	73.00	72.83	70.40	85.88
Against this Week's Marketing	83.54	81.09	81.17	90.64
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$19.25	\$20.62	\$31.97	(\$6.49)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	73.46	74.58	77.77	99.22
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	86.97	88.76	97.81	99.59
Drop Credit (\$/head)	14.96	14.94	14.43	16.67
	October 28, 2023	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,614,000	2,610,000	2,599,000	2,563,950
Market Hogs	2,538,194	2,534,310	2,523,629	2,303,930
Plant Capacity Utilization	2,338,194 96.1%	2,334,310 <b>96.0%</b>	95.6%	92.9%
	90.1%	50.0%	95.0%	92.976
Sows	67,964	67,860	67,574	61,535
Pork Production	550.1	486.0	502.4	550.9
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	210	210	210	215
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	59.3%	59.2%	57.8%	65.5%
Against this Week's Marketing	64.2%	63.2%	63.2%	67.5%
Annual Projections (10/4/2023)				
	2024*	2023*	2022	2021
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$9.00	(\$6.67)	\$49.33	\$36.76
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Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$41.36	\$12.44	(\$7.00)	\$18.70
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