



Sterling Pork Profit Tracker

"Monitoring Free Market Pork Industry Profits"

Sterling Marketing, Inc.

	Week Ending	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	March 30, 2024			
Farrow to Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$17.45	\$17.57	\$3.98	(\$19.60)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	\$82.23	\$82.28	\$75.59	\$77.45
Feed Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	80.38	81.14	78.65	118.16
Against this Week's Marketing	94.15	94.14	93.49	118.46
Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	144.42	145.19	142.65	182.72
Against this Week's Marketing	158.44	158.43	157.76	182.66
Calculated Breakeven Price				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	67.49	67.85	66.66	86.59
Against this Week's Marketing	74.04	74.03	73.72	86.57
Packer Margin (\$/head)	\$15.08	\$11.02	\$22.33	(\$4.10)
Lean Carcass (W. Cornbelt. Negotiated)	82.23	82.28	75.59	77.45
Pork Cutout (\$/cwt)	94.66	92.83	91.57	79.51
Drop Credit (\$/head)	6.28	12.50	12.24	15.42
	March 30, 2024	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
Hog Slaughter	2,404,000	2,532,000	2,550,467	2,484,481
Market Hogs	2,336,688	2,461,104	2,479,054	2,422,369
Plant Capacity Utilization	89.2%	93.9%	94.6%	92.4%
Sows	62,504	65,832	66,312	57,143
Pork Production	517.6	553.1	560.3	539.2
(federally inspected, mil. lbs.)				
Carcass Weight - average - all hogs (lbs.)	215	216	216	217
Feed Cost Relative to Total Cost				
For this Week's Finishing Placement	55.7%	55.9%	55.1%	64.7%
Against this Week's Marketing	59.4%	59.4%	59.3%	64.9%
Annual Projections (3/6/2024)				
	2024*	2023	2022	2021
Farrow-to- Finish Margin (\$/head)	\$18.35	(\$12.65)	\$49.33	\$36.76
Packer Margin (\$ / head)	\$38.22	\$12.71	(\$7.00)	\$18.70



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