

Estimated Returns for Finishing Feeder Pigs in Iowa ^{1/} Production Period

Purchase 50# Feeder Pig	Sep-00	Oct-00	Nov-00	Dec-00	Jan-01	Feb-01	Mar-01	Apr-01	May-01	Jun-01	Jul-01	Aug-01
Sell 250# Market Hog	<u>Jan-01</u>	<u>Feb-01</u>	<u>Mar-01</u>	<u>Apr-01</u>	<u>May-01</u>	<u>Jun-01</u>	<u>Jul-01</u>	<u>Aug-01</u>	<u>Sep-01</u>	<u>Oct-01</u>	<u>Nov-01</u>	<u>Dec-01</u>
U.S. #1-2, 50 lb. Feeder Pigs												
Purchase price \$/head	42.61	43.28	44.11	48.75	54.34	58.79	61.80	61.81	55.95	52.45	50.46	47.88
Costs of finishing 50-260# pigs:												
Feed costs:												
Corn costs	17.71	18.11	18.21	18.16	17.60	16.78	16.36	16.65	17.10	17.20	17.11	17.31
Supplement	22.23	22.27	22.02	21.63	21.30	21.45	21.74	21.86	21.79	21.47	21.13	20.87
Total feed costs	39.94	40.37	40.23	39.80	38.91	38.23	38.11	38.52	38.89	38.68	38.24	38.18
Non-feed costs :												
Variable costs ^{2/}	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54	9.54
Operating Interest ^{3/}	1.99	2.02	2.04	2.17	2.33	2.45	2.54	2.55	2.37	2.27	2.20	2.12
Death loss ^{4/}	1.70	1.73	1.76	1.95	2.17	2.35	2.47	2.47	2.24	2.10	2.02	1.92
Fixed costs	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05	12.05
U.S. 51-52% Lean, 260# Market Hogs:												
Total Costs/head	107.84	109.00	109.74	114.26	119.34	123.41	126.51	126.94	121.05	117.09	114.51	111.69
Break-even price \$/cwt.	41.48	41.92	42.21	43.95	45.90	47.47	48.66	48.82	46.56	45.03	44.04	42.96
Selling price, \$/cwt.	37.20	40.75	45.99	46.50	50.97	52.37	54.55	49.35	45.03	38.93	32.78	33.83
Sales value	96.72	105.95	119.57	120.89	132.52	136.16	141.83	128.31	117.08	101.22	85.23	87.96
Profit (loss) per head	(11.12)	(3.05)	9.84	6.63	13.18	12.75	15.32	1.37	(3.97)	(15.87)	(29.29)	(23.73)

^{1/} Numbers are in dollars per head, unless otherwise noted.

^{2/} Variable costs per pig of \$9.54 includes: labor (\$3.60), utilities (\$1.03), vet/med (\$0.91), misc (\$2.00), and transportation costs for both feeder pig procurement and marketing slaughter hogs (\$2.00).

^{3/} Interest costs are based on rates prevailing at the time the pigs were purchased.

^{4/} Death loss is assumed to be 4%.