

# ArrowStream

## Pork

Pork production last week declined 0.3% from the prior week but came in 2.3% stronger than the same week last year. Year-to-date output remains 0.5% above 2025, as a half-percent decline in hog slaughter is offset by heavier hog weights. The pork markets continued to struggle to find their seasonal footing, with the USDA pork cutout down nearly 0.5% on the week. Bellies and picnics led the decliners, while hams were higher by nearly 7%. The pork cutout sits 21% below this time last year and is on track to average below May this month for only the second time this decade. Year-over-year production increases have certainly pressured markets in June, but a major driver has also been sluggish consumption despite wholesale pork tracking at historic discounts to beef. The USDA's quarterly Hogs and Pigs inventory report, released last week, showed the total herd down slightly from a year ago, with the breeding inventory lower by 1.2% and at its smallest in over 12 years. That said, fewer sows are needed given the rising share of piglets surviving birth — the pigs-per-litter yield for the March through May period was 1% better than a year ago and a record high. Still, the number of sows — think mama hogs — farrowing — think giving birth — during that same period was 1% below 2025, which points to tempered pork output growth ahead. Prices USDA, FOB per pound.

| Description                  | Market Trend | Supplies         | Price vs. Last Year |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Live Hogs                    | Increasing   | Steady-Short     | Lower               |
| Sow                          | Decreasing   | Available        | Lower               |
| Belly (bacon)                | Decreasing   | Steady-Available | Lower               |
| Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)     | Increasing   | Steady-Short     | Higher              |
| Ham (20-23 lb)               | Increasing   | Steady           | Lower               |
| Ham (23-27 lb)               | Increasing   | Steady           | Lower               |
| Loin (bone in)               | Decreasing   | Steady-Short     | Lower               |
| Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)  | Decreasing   | Steady           | Lower               |
| Tenderloin (1.25 lb)         | Decreasing   | Steady           | Lower               |
| Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb) | Decreasing   | Available        | Lower               |
| Picnic, untrmd               | Decreasing   | Steady-Available | Lower               |
| SS Picnic, smoker trm box    | Decreasing   | Steady-Short     | Lower               |
| 42% Trimmings                | Increasing   | Short            | Lower               |
| 72% Trimmings                | Decreasing   | Available        | Lower               |

