



# PORK BRIEFS

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## Heavier Hogs Show Potentially Higher Returns Year to Year

By Ken Palen

Finally we have updated the return per bushel of corn chart using a 95 kg carcass at 110 index, versus an 84 kg carcass at 107 index, to show the impact this change would have been year over year. We adjusted the feed cost to reflect the increased feed needed. Total corn usage per pig farrow to finish increased to 10.29 bushel/pig from 8.75 bushel/pig.

Year over year, with the higher index added an additional 3% to the return, and the heavier hogs were bringing in more dollars at the same operating costs so the return per bushel of corn went up substantially.

Table I: 2006 to 2013

Production Year:	2013*	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>MARKET PRICE:</b>								
Ont. Pork Avg Weighted Price/kg	\$1.67	\$1.54	\$1.61	\$1.46	\$1.21	\$1.26	\$1.26	\$1.32
Based on 95 kg carcass at 110 index	\$174.87	\$161.15	\$168.68	\$152.90	\$126.59	\$131.41	\$131.48	\$137.56
<b>LESS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:</b>								
<b>TOTAL FEED COSTS:</b> (including sows & boars)								
	\$117.40	\$125.42	\$119.63	\$86.17	\$97.16	\$102.84	\$82.72	\$67.49
<b>OPERATING COSTS**:</b>	<u>\$44.91</u>	<u>\$44.91</u>	<u>\$44.50</u>	<u>\$46.12</u>	<u>\$45.64</u>	<u>\$49.69</u>	<u>\$50.98</u>	<u>\$47.78</u>
<b>TOTAL MARGIN/PIG:</b>	<u>\$12.57</u>	<u>-\$9.18</u>	<u>\$4.56</u>	<u>\$20.60</u>	<u>-\$16.21</u>	<u>-\$21.13</u>	<u>-\$2.22</u>	<u>\$22.29</u>
<b>EQUIVALENT RETURN/ BUSHEL OF CORN FED</b>								
	\$1.23	-\$0.90	\$0.45	\$2.01	-\$1.58	-\$2.06	-\$0.22	\$2.18
<b>PRICE PER BUSHEL IF SOLD TO ELEVATOR</b>								
	<u>\$5.64</u>	<u>\$6.57</u>	<u>\$6.60</u>	<u>\$3.80</u>	<u>\$4.23</u>	<u>\$5.01</u>	<u>\$3.85</u>	<u>\$2.81</u>
<b>TOTAL RETURN PER BUSHEL OF CORN:</b>	<b>\$6.87</b>	<b>\$5.68</b>	<b>\$7.04</b>	<b>\$5.81</b>	<b>\$2.65</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>	<b>\$3.63</b>	<b>\$4.99</b>

SOURCE: OMAFRA Monthly Hog Market Facts & Swine Budget

\* Year to date = January to December 2013

\*\* Labour costs not included in operating costs

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Table II: 1996 to 2005

Production Year:	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
<b>MARKET PRICE:</b>										
Ont. Pork Avg Weighted Price/kg	\$1.51	\$1.68	\$1.40	\$1.41	\$1.73	\$1.62	\$1.20	\$1.21	\$1.86	\$1.89
Based on 95 kg carcass at 110 index	\$157.42	\$175.10	\$146.58	\$147.24	\$180.79	\$169.29	\$125.40	\$126.45	\$194.37	\$197.51
<b>LESS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:</b>										
<b>TOTAL FEED COSTS:</b>										
(including sows & boars)	\$67.51	\$81.25	\$80.53	\$80.10	\$77.12	\$72.00	\$68.48	\$74.80	\$88.49	\$102.29
<b>OPERATING COSTS**:</b>										
	<u>\$48.78</u>	<u>\$43.62</u>	<u>\$46.71</u>	<u>\$48.46</u>	<u>\$47.81</u>	<u>\$50.25</u>	<u>\$48.93</u>	<u>\$45.14</u>	<u>\$49.66</u>	<u>\$45.78</u>
<b>TOTAL MARGIN/PIG:</b>										
	<u>\$41.14</u>	<u>\$50.24</u>	<u>\$19.34</u>	<u>\$18.69</u>	<u>\$55.85</u>	<u>\$47.04</u>	<u>\$7.99</u>	<u>\$6.51</u>	<u>\$56.22</u>	<u>\$49.43</u>
<b>EQUIVALENT RETURN/ BUSHEL OF CORN FED</b>										
	\$4.02	\$4.91	\$1.89	\$1.82	\$5.45	\$4.59	\$0.78	\$0.64	\$5.49	\$4.83
<b>PRICE PER BUSHEL IF SOLD TO ELEVATOR</b>										
	<u>\$2.61</u>	<u>\$3.46</u>	<u>\$3.61</u>	<u>\$3.66</u>	<u>\$3.38</u>	<u>\$2.95</u>	<u>\$2.91</u>	<u>\$3.30</u>	<u>\$3.86</u>	<u>\$5.41</u>
<b>TOTAL RETURN PER BUSHEL OF CORN:</b>										
	<b>\$6.63</b>	<b>\$8.37</b>	<b>\$5.50</b>	<b>\$5.49</b>	<b>\$8.83</b>	<b>\$7.55</b>	<b>\$3.69</b>	<b>\$3.94</b>	<b>\$9.35</b>	<b>\$10.24</b>

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Table III: 1991 to 1995

Production Year:	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
<b>MARKET PRICE:</b>					
Ont. Pork Avg Weighted Price/kg	\$1.48	\$1.47	\$1.52	\$1.31	\$1.46
Based on 95 kg carcass at 110 index	\$154.66	\$153.62	\$158.84	\$136.90	\$152.57
<b>LESS THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:</b>					
<b>TOTAL FEED COSTS:</b>					
(including sows & boars)	\$72.65	\$78.12	\$65.87	\$67.26	\$71.37
<b>OPERATING COSTS**:</b>					
	<u>\$48.28</u>	<u>\$46.99</u>	<u>\$47.76</u>	<u>\$47.56</u>	<u>\$46.58</u>
<b>TOTAL MARGIN/PIG:</b>					
	<u>\$33.73</u>	<u>\$28.51</u>	<u>\$45.21</u>	<u>\$22.08</u>	<u>\$34.62</u>
<b>EQUIVALENT RETURN/ BUSHEL OF CORN FED</b>					
	\$3.29	\$2.78	\$4.42	\$2.16	\$3.38
<b>PRICE PER BUSHEL IF SOLD TO ELEVATOR</b>					
	<u>\$3.25</u>	<u>\$3.55</u>	<u>\$2.55</u>	<u>\$2.75</u>	<u>\$3.20</u>
<b>TOTAL RETURN PER BUSHEL OF CORN:</b>					
	<b>\$6.55</b>	<b>\$6.33</b>	<b>\$6.97</b>	<b>\$4.91</b>	<b>\$6.58</b>

SOURCE: OMAFRA Monthly Hog Market Facts &amp; Swine Budget

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The actual returns would have been dependent on several factors including the payment grid used by the packer for heavier hogs, the feed conversion of top end pigs, moving to heavier weight, and the growth rate that could impact the operating costs at that time.

Going forward total return per bushel of corn charts will show a 10 year summary including the current year. Thank You.



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