

**Estimated Returns to Feeder Pig Production  
in Iowa - Southern Minnesota, by Sale Month**

Month sold	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Avg 96-05
January	(13.94)	4.34	(11.33)	(13.80)	15.05	1.83	4.70	(26.86)	(7.63)	6.31	(4.13)
February	(11.30)	18.86	(12.17)	0.49	20.67	2.29	5.18	(6.47)	(1.75)	12.79	2.86
March	(2.76)	18.35	(5.03)	2.16	20.59	2.25	5.53	(5.30)	(7.00)	26.13	5.49
April	(7.77)	24.51	(7.54)	6.06	23.69	6.68	7.71	5.47	(0.99)	35.94	9.38
May	(12.72)	20.75	(4.90)	6.76	19.40	11.86	12.73	10.97	3.63	30.42	9.89
June	(20.89)	7.85	(14.47)	0.27	10.91	16.58	14.80	7.61	5.72	36.36	6.47
July	(8.48)	8.05	(25.89)	(15.21)	7.75	20.10	12.52	7.34	7.72	38.8	5.27
August	(10.54)	7.21	(19.71)	(17.18)	4.18	20.50	1.41	3.34	7.94	39.39	3.65
September	1.64	3.70	(19.74)	(14.73)	3.57	15.36	(6.05)	4.13	6.85	27.64	2.24
October	6.45	9.44	(20.96)	(8.51)	4.20	12.37	(5.07)	3.80	6.23	22.92	3.09
November	7.50	(5.69)	(23.04)	(2.04)	4.98	10.58	(12.87)	1.95	4.72	12.86	(0.10)
December	9.00	(3.91)	(28.87)	7.82	9.55	7.41	(22.83)	(8.15)	4.65	8.8	(1.65)
Average	(5.03)	9.46	(16.14)	(3.99)	12.05	10.65	1.48	(0.18)	(0.18)	24.86	3.57

  

During the 1996-2005 Period		Month sold	Profit	Loss	Profit	Range	Months
Range	(28.87)	39.39	January	50%	50%	Over 25	5.8%
		February	60%	40%	20 - 25	6.7%	
Months profitable	66.7%	March	60%	40%	Profit	15 - 20	5.0%
		April	70%	30%	Profit	10 - 15	8.3%
Months unprofitable	33.3%	May	80%	20%	Profit	5-10	22.5%
		June	80%	20%	Profit	0 - 5	18.3%
		July	70%	30%	Loss	0 - -5	5.0%
		August	70%	30%	Loss	-5 - -10	10.8%
		September	70%	30%	Loss	-10 - -15	8.3%
		October	70%	30%	Loss	-15 - -20	3.3%
		November	60%	40%	Loss	-20 - -25	3.3%
		December	60%	40%	Loss	Over -25	2.5%

Source: Iowa State University Estimated Livestock Return