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First quarter total feed production reached 70.52 million tonnes

According to China Feed Industry Association, the national feed production was 25.11 million tonnes in March, with a YoY increase of 5.5% from the same period of 2022.

The total feed production was 70.52 million tonnes in the Q1, with a YoY increase of 3.0% from the same period of 2022, including 65.42 million tonnes compound feed, 1.58 million tonnes premix feed and 3.24 million tonnes concentrate feed.

In April, the price of compound feed for fattening pigs was approximately 3.87 CNY/kg, down 2.0% from the previous month, and slight increase YoY. The price of compound feed for broilers was 4.02 CNY/kg, down 1.0% from the previous month and increased 6% YoY. The price of layer compound feed for layer was 3.72 CNY/kg, down 1% from the previous month and increased 5% YoY. (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 24th April 2023)

China Q1 pork output at highest in five years

China's first-quarter pork output rose 1.9% from a year earlier to 15.9 million tonnes, the highest quarter in five years, since the fourth quarter of 2017.

At the end of the first quarter, the sow inventory was 43.05 million heads, with a YoY increase of 2.9%. The pig inventory was 430.94 million heads, with a YoY increase of 2.0%.

In the first quarter, the pig production was 198.99 million heads, with a YoY increase of 1.7%.

In March, the pig grain ratio was 5.33, with a month on month increase of 5.1% and a YoY increase of 14.1%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,260 and CNY 2,242 respectively, with a YoY increase of 17.2% and 18.1% respectively.

In March, the net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY -262 and CNY -169 respectively, with a YoY decrease of 20.4 % and 30.7% respectively. (Source: MARA, 29th April 2023)





Meat imports to China reached 1.95 millions tonnes in the first quarter

China imported 1.95 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in the first quarter of 2023, with a value of 7.29 USD billion, a YoY increase of 17.2% in volume and 13.4% in value.

China imported 819,500 tonnes of pork (including offal) in the first quarter of 2023, with a YoY decrease of 19.7% from the same period of 2022.

China imported 335,100 tonnes of chicken meat in the first quarter of 2023, a YoY increase of 2.8% from the same period of 2022.

China's beef imports were 630,000 tonnes in the first quarter of 2023, with a value of USD 3.37 billion, a YoY increase of 24.2% in volume and 3.8% in value.

China imported 107,400 tonnes of lamb in the first quarter of 2023, with a value of USD 3.09 billion, a YoY increase of 4.8% in volume and decrease 24.5% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th April, 2023)

China to reduce soymeal use in animal feed

China's agriculture ministry issued a three-year action plan to reduce soymeal use in animal feed as it continues to try to reduce its heavy reliance on soybean imports.

The new plan proposes that soymeal ratios in animal feed should be reduced to under 13% by 2025, down from 14.5% in 2022. The whole point is to build a more resilient supply chain amid geopolitical risks.

The new plan could have a bigger impact. China could reduce soymeal consumption by at least 3 million tonnes a year, equivalent to 4 million tonnes of soybeans. According to this target, soybean imports could drop to 82 million tonnes by 2025, with feed producers using more rapeseed, sunflower seed and synthetic protein as soymeal substitutes.

However, the push for lower soymeal use has so far been successful. Total soybean imports for March were 6.85 million tonnes, according to the General Administration of Customs, making the first quarter number reach 23 million tonnes, up 13.5% from a year earlier and the highest for the period.

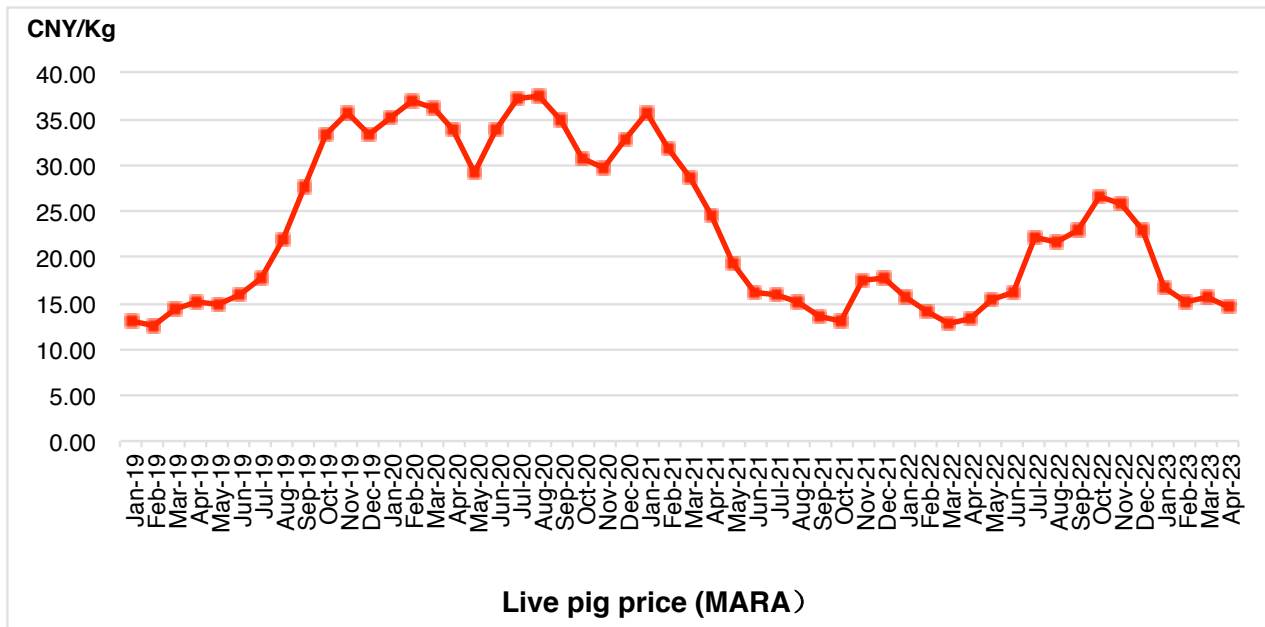
It also targets increasing the output of high-quality forage to 98 million tonnes by 2025, allowing forage to take a greater share of dairy and beef cattle feed.

(Source: China Customs and MOA, 14th April, 2023)



Live pig price in April 2023

China pig average pig prices in China was CNY 14.67 Kg in April, which was 7% lower than the previous month and 9% higher than the same period last year. The pig price expected to decrease a little in the near future, due to the weak consumption and increasing supply (Source: MARA, April 2023)



Chicken and egg price in April 2023

China chicken and egg average pig prices in China was CNY 24.16 Kg and 11.59 in April, chicken price was 1% lower than the previous month and 7% higher than the same period last year. Egg price was slightly lower than the previous month and 5% higher than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, April 2023)

