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### China total feed production reached 25.84 million tonnes in April

According to China Feed Industry Association, the national feed production was 25.84 million tonnes in April, with a YoY increase of 12.4% from the same period of 2022.

The total feed production for compound feed, concentrate feed and premix feed was 23.93 MMT, 1.22 MMT and 0.6 MMT, respectively, showing a YoY increase of 11.4%, 27.7% and 26.5% from the same period of 2022, respectively.

In May, the compound feed price for fattening pigs was approximately 3.87 CNY/kg, same as the previous month, and slight increase YoY. The price of compound feed for broilers was 3.96 CNY/kg, same as the previous month and increased 3% YoY. The price of layer compound feed for layer was 3.65 CNY/kg, slight increase from the April and increased 2% YoY. (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023)

### China pig industry continues to lose money in April

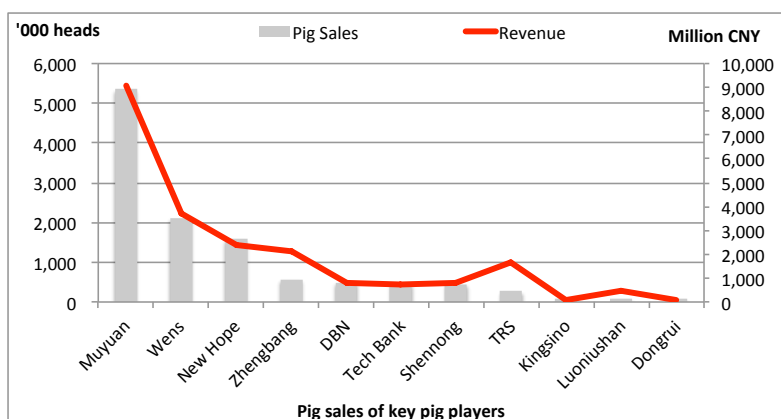
At the end of the April, the sow inventory was 42.84 million heads, with a YoY increase of 2.6%, and a month to month decrease of 0.5%.

In the first four months, the scaled slaughterhouse slaughtered 106.88 million pigs, with a YoY increase of 9.7%.

In April, the pig grain ratio was 5.13, with a month on month decrease of 3.8% and a YoY increase of 5.8%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,326 and CNY 2,207 respectively, with a YoY increase of 15.7% and 14.2% respectively.

In April, the net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY -416 and CNY -243 respectively.

Muyuan sold the most pigs in April, with the sales of 5.34 million pigs, followed by Wens, 2.1 million heads and New Hope, 1.57 million heads. (Source: MARA and company news releases, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023)





## Meat imports to China were 2.54 million tonnes for the first four months of 2023

China imported 593,000 tonnes of meat (including offal) in April, a value of USD 2.2 billion. The total meat imported was 2.54 MMT year to date to April, with a value of USD 9.45 billion, that is a YoY increase of 12.7% in volume and 7.7% increase in value.

Of the April imports 230,000 tonnes were pork, making the total pork imports 1.05 MMT from the first 4 months of 2023.

April imports of poultry were 66,724 tonnes, resulting in 240,196 tonnes imported into China year to date, a YoY increase of 14.6%.

Beef imports in April were 180,000 tonnes, and year to date 820,000 tonnes of beef have been imported, an increase of YoY of 16.3%.

(Source: China Custom, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023)

## Partnership to build cage-free model layer farm in China

Global Food Partners (GFP) and Shanxi Agricultural University (SAU) signed a partnership agreement to build the first cage-free training centre and model farm in China



The centre will give producers the training they need to ensure sustainability, including good welfare practices and a competitive business advantage. The centre will also provide practical training in best practices in cage-free management. The farm will retrofit a cage facility and will act as a model for those farmers looking to transition from cage to cage free.

This project will demonstrate best practices in cage-free egg production and showcase good management for cage-free farms. Additionally, the project will provide cage-free egg production trainings, provide a communication channel for stakeholders and help cage-free farms increase their profits. This project will promote the collaboration between industry, academia and research, form cage-free egg production standards and promote the sustainable development of cage-free egg production.

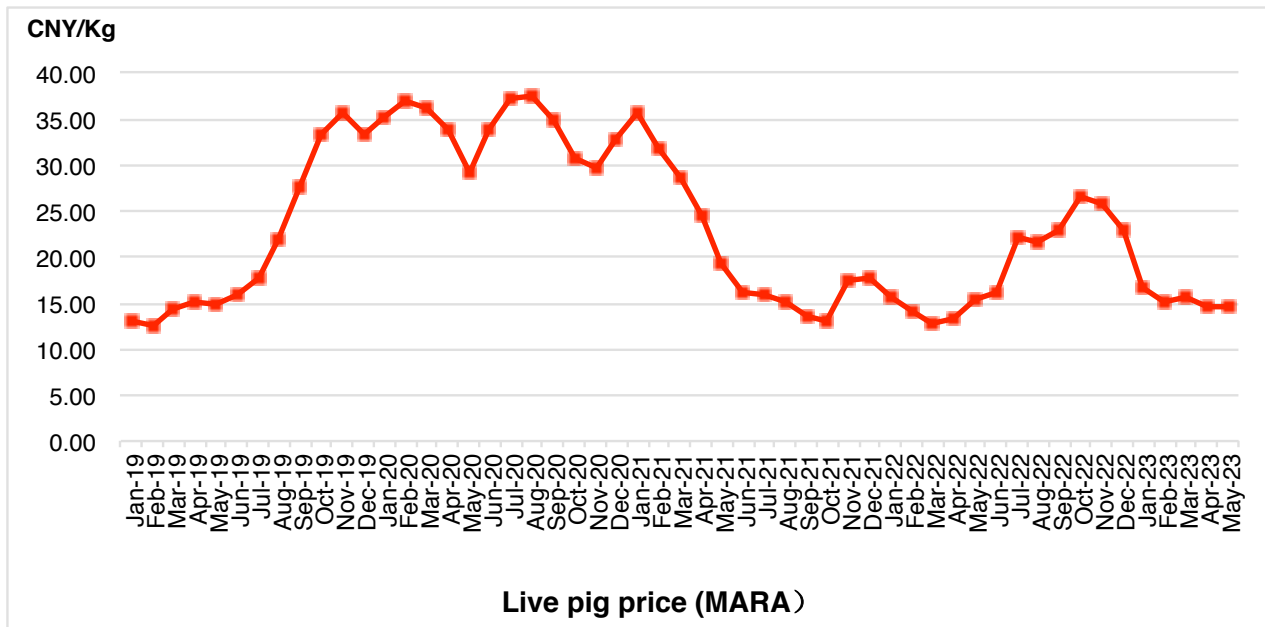
This project will allow producers to successfully navigate the transition to cage-free eggs and bring together relevant stakeholders to ensure long-term success, sustainability, and profitability.

GFP and SAU also launched “Best Practice Guidelines”, which recommends the best practices in cage-free egg production, including for biosecurity, hen welfare and management, and disease control. (Source: Shanxi Agriculture University, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023)



### Live pig price in May 2023

China pig average prices were CNY 14.56 per Kg in May, this is 1% lower than the previous month and 5% lower than the same period last year. It is forecast that the pig price will decrease, meat consumption in the summer months in China is generally lower than the cooler months. (Source: MARA, May 2023)



### Chicken and egg price in May 2023

China chicken and egg average prices were CNY 23.97 per Kg and CNY 11.38 per Kg, this is 1% lower than the previous month and 5% higher than the same period last year for chicken price, and 2% lower than the previous month and 1% lower than the same period last year for egg price. (Source: MARA, May 2023)

