

# INDUSTRY NEWS

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We like to welcome you to our first Thailand edition of our livestock, animal health and nutrition newsletter that we produce each month. AARTD is very happy to have our office established in Thailand, we aim to share with you interesting and valuable news about the Thailand industry as we do for Vietnam and China.

## Thai shrimp prices continue flat in week 26

During week 26, ex-farm prices for head-on, shell-on vannamei shrimp in Thailand continued at the same levels seen in previous weeks.

Ex-farm prices for head-on, shell-on vannamei shrimp in Thailand stayed flat in week 26 of 2023 (June 26-July 2) at the same levels seen in previous weeks, according to the latest data from the Talay Thai wholesale shrimp market, as provided to undercurrent News. (Source: Under current news, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2023)

## Thailand to expedite pig farm inspections to prevent swine fever

The Thai government will expedite pig farm inspections nationwide in an effort to prevent an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) after reports that the nation detected its first case in a pet hog.



The Department of Livestock Development (DLD) will continuously conduct inspections in the area where the infection was found, and if confirmed, it will be reported to the World Organization for Animal Health to notify other member states, the government said in a statement Sunday.

Any farms found to be at high risk will need to have their swine destroyed to limit risks and farmers will be compensated for the lost hogs, government spokesman Thanakorn Wangboonkongchana said in the statement. (Source: Farm Progress, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023)

## Milking Break and Production Costs Creating a Cows Milk Shortage in Thailand

According to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development, the quantity of raw cows milk in Thailand has currently reduced by 400 tonnes per day from the previous year's average as farmers enter milking break and reduce livestock rearing. The milking





## Thai Sustainable Fisheries Roundtable, CP Foods advance Gulf of Thailand FIP

Charoen Pokphand Foods has partnered with the Thai Sustainable Fisheries Roundtable (TSFR) to implement a fishery action plan for trawl fisheries in the Gulf of Thailand.

The fishery is primarily used for raw material for fishmeal, meaning it impacts CP Foods' supply chain. TSFR has created a working group to oversee a fishery improvement project (FIP), and as part of that effort, recently created a fishery action plan to promote conservation and protection of the ecosystem and marine resources in the Gulf of Thailand. Apart from its work advancing progress on the FIP and eventual certification, the group has done work to fight illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the gulf.

"The project's principles and methodologies have already been successfully deployed in India and Vietnam, marking substantial advancements in sustainable aquaculture globally," CP Foods said. (Source: Thailand seafood source, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2023)

break period before cows give birth after the regular raising cycle is connected to the drop. Furthermore, due to the high cost of animal feed ingredients, several farmers have suspended rearing.

According to Prapas Phinyocheep, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Livestock Development, the present volume of raw cows milk in the country is lower than the national average. The average daily raw milk production in 2022 was roughly 3,500 tonnes. In 2023, the average daily raw milk production in May was around 2,900 tonnes, a reduction of 400 tonnes per day or 12% from the previous year's average of 3,300 tonnes per day.

Thai children are typically short because they consume insufficient milk, according to Dr. Suwannachai Wattanayingcharoenchai, Director General of the Department of Health (DoH). Over the last few years, the proportion of "short" Thai youths has risen from 9.5% to 10.4%. And that small stature is due to a lack of milk consumption. (Source: Chiangraitimes, July 26<sup>th</sup> 2023)

## CP Foods's chicken gets ready for the space mission

Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited (CP Foods) is embarking on a stellar new venture: sending their chicken into space as part of the Thai Food – Mission to Space program, according to a company press release.

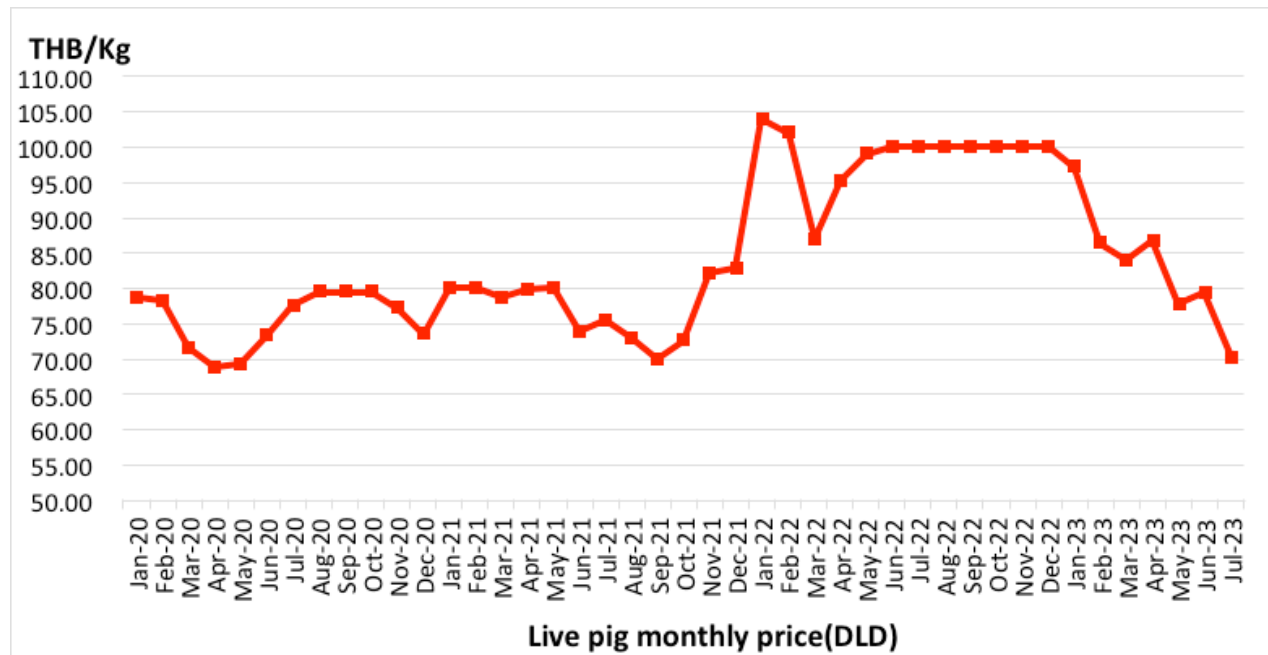


The company is collaborating with two global partners, Nanoracks LLC, the US leading provider of space innovation, and mu Space and Advanced Technology, a manufacturer of space technology solutions in Southeast Asia, to send chicken to space. This spearheads a unique initiative to elevate Thai chicken's safety standards to those required for space-grade food - some of the strictest known to mankind. (Source: The poultry site, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023)



## Live pig price in July 2023

The live pig price in July 2023 is 70.15 THB/Kg, which is 11.65% lower than the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 29.85%. The average farm price of live pigs in Thailand is expected to decline due to the increasing supply, because the recovery of pig industry after African swine fever (ASF) outbreak. (Source: DLD, July 2023)



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The price of 16kg piglet in July 2023 is THB1,500, which is 16.67% lower than last month. A year-on-year decrease of 58.33%. (Source: DLD, July 2023)

