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Vietnam spends over 480 million USD on meat imports in first five months

Vietnam imported more than 239,000 tonnes of meat and meat products worth 480 million USD in the first five months of this year. The number climbed by roughly 1.6% in terms of quantity but declined by 9.1% in terms of value, according to the General Department of Customs of Vietnam.

In May, Vietnam imported 57,620 tonnes of meat, worth 108.8 million USD, up 9.5% in volume but down 10.2% in value year-on-year. This marked the fourth monthly growth in import volume of meat and meat products. During the period, the country imported from more than 36 markets, with the five largest suppliers being the US, India, Russia, Brazil, and Poland. (Source: Vietnam Plus, July 10th 2023)

Commencing construction of a USD 3.1 million smart pig farm

The project on establishing a smart farm and strengthening the pig farming value chain in Ninh Binh will be carried out in Hanoi and Ninh Binh between 2022 and 2025 with a grant from the Republic of Korea's government totaling 3.1 million USD. The Center for Digital Transformation and Agricultural Statistics has been designated as the project administrator by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Through the project's Korean experts, advanced techniques from the Korean clever pig husbandry model will be transferred and implemented in Vietnam. Staff and producers involved in the initiative will have their livestock production, disease control, goods circulation, and data management capabilities enhanced.

The project will be executed with the following five components: Installing a clever pig farm model (216m² of sow barns and over 467m² of pig houses), developing a clever farm operating software system, supplying vaccines, breeding piglets, and breeding materials; Training and technology transfer (domestic and international) on high-tech livestock, data administration, and the operation of intelligent agricultural systems; Develop strategic reports and master plans for smart pig farm development, market connectivity, communication, promotion, and sharing of project activities and products.

(Source: Vietnam Agriculture, July 11th 2023)





Japan supports Vietnam to enhance laboratory capacity for agricultural, fisheries product testing

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on July 20 officially open a new laboratory at the Reference Testing and Agrifood Quality Consultancy (RETAQ) Centre. Deputy Minister of MARD Tran Thanh Nam spoke highly of Japan's support to Vietnam in the expansion of the food inspection system and improvements in testing capacity through the provision of testing equipment and facilities. RETAQ Centre now has the most advanced equipment in Vietnam, he said, its improved testing capacity can help businesses producing and exporting agricultural and fisheries products to improve their capacity and product quality.

Japanese Deputy Ambassador to Vietnam Watanabe Shige said that food safety is not only an important issue to Vietnam but also a major global one. (Source: Vietnam Plus, July 20th 2023)

Groundbreaking ceremony of DHN Tay Ninh hi-tech application breeding area project



On July 3, in Tan Hoi commune, Tan Chau district, Tay Ninh province, Hung Nhon Group held the groundbreaking ceremony of the DHN Tay Ninh hi-tech application breeding area project.

DHN Tay Ninh hi-tech application breeding area project has a more than 39.5 hectares scale and a total investment capital of VND 200 billion. The project aims to produce poultry breeds and raise chickens with a scale of 20 million eggs/year. The project is expected to be completed and implemented in the first quarter of 2024. (Source: Vietnam Agriculture, July 04th 2023)

Live pig price in July 2023

The domestic live pig price has increased. The average price of live pig for the country was VND 61,025 per kilogram, up 3.3% compared to the last month, but down 5.2% against the same period last year. However, the price was down in the last week of the month.

Mr. Nguyen Xuan Duong, Chairman of the Livestock Association, said that the low price of live pigs in China and Cambodia, and poor consumption, is the reason for promoting the source of pigs imported into Vietnam. According to Mr. Duong, over the past 2 years, the price of live pigs has fallen deeply, causing people to suffer heavy losses and leave the industry. The price of live pigs has just increased again, which is an opportunity for farmers to re-herd and recover. To maintain a good price for farmers, the authorities need to strictly control the smuggling of pigs from the border, especially from the border area with China. "Otherwise, domestic pig prices will go down and farmers continue to lose money, and more and more pig farms will withdraw from the market".



According to the Department of Livestock Production, the price of live pigs is currently on the rise. Livestock farms will enter the herd to serve the Tet holiday, which will take 5-6 months. At the end of the year, the number of pigs will increase to the peak. Currently, it is a transition period, so the price of live pigs fluctuates strongly. According to the cycle, pig prices often increase in the third and fourth quarters of each year, so it is forecasted that pig prices will continue to remain high or increase slightly in the near future. (Source: Vietnambiz, July 2023)

