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Hong Kong lifts ban on importing eggs, egg products from Vietnam

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of Hong Kong lifted its ban on importing eggs and egg-based products from four Vietnamese provinces after having imposed it for over four years.

The Hong Kong agency on Monday announced the removal of the ban for Tay Ninh, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, and Dong Nai Provinces in southeastern Vietnam, said by Nguyen Van Long, director of the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

“From now on, businesses, farms, and breeders in these provinces can officially export eggs and egg-based products to Hong Kong, provided that every shipment obtains an export quarantine certificate from the health animal department required by the Hong Kong side,” Long said.

(Source: Tuoitre News, August 01st 2023)

Strengthen management and control of pig slaughter



Strengthening the management and control of pig slaughter will effectively prevent and control diseases in livestock, ensuring food hygiene and safety.

According to the Department of Animal Health, there are 463 concentrated animal slaughterhouses in Vietnam, including 246 pig slaughterhouses. The concentrated animal slaughterhouses that have been granted the certificate of eligibility for veterinary hygiene/food safety are all controlled by veterinary staff. This is to control slaughter according to regulations. The number of pigs under control slaughtered according to regulations at the concentrated animal slaughterhouses in 2022 is over 11.5 million pigs. In the first 5 months of 2023, the number is over 8.6 million heads.

It is worth mentioning that the whole country currently has over 24,600 small-sized animal slaughterhouses, of which over 17,600 are pig slaughterhouses. The number of pigs that are under control slaughtered according to regulations at small-scale slaughter facilities in 2022 is over 8.6 million pigs. In the first 5 months of 2023, the number of pigs is over 8.5 million heads. (Source: Vietnam Agriculture, August 25th 2023)





Vietnam remains largest shrimp supplier to Japan

Vietnam remains the largest shrimp supplier to the Japanese market, accounting for a market share of 23.7%, according to figures released by the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers.

Statistics indicate that as of July 15, Vietnamese shrimp exports to the Far East nation dropped by 29% to USD256 million against the same period from last year.

Japan purchased shrimp products worth a total of USD236 million from the country in the first half of this year, marking an annual decline of 29%.

(Source:Voice of Vietnam, August 11th 2023)

Large livestock enterprises choose Thanh Hoa and Nghe An to invest

In recent years, Thanh Hoa and Nghe An have emerged as localities chosen by many large livestock corporations and enterprises to invest in farms and factories.



Nghe An has a herd of nearly 800,000 buffaloes and cows, about 80,000 dairy cows, 980,000 pigs, and tens of thousands of poultry. In recent years, the province's livestock industry has seen many positive changes. The productivity and quality of meat, egg, and dairy products have been continuously improved.

From 2020 to now, Thanh Hoa Provincial People's Committee has approved investment policies for 31 pig breeding projects with a total investment of over VND 17,000 billion.

The province of Thanh Hoa has about 1.3 million pigs raised on farms, accounting for 45% of the total pig herd, with an annual live meat output of about 165,000 tons. In 2022, the revenue from pig farming in the province reached about VND 7,000 billion, making an essential contribution to the growth of agricultural production in the province, creating jobs, and providing income for the people.(Vietnam Agriculture, August 07th 2023)

Catching up with the shifting hi-tech livestock trend

With the continuous development of the livestock industry, small and scattered livestock production is no longer suitable in the current context as many diseases have appeared, demanding higher environmental and food safety standards.

Therefore, the relocation of small livestock establishments in areas where livestock are not allowed in cities, towns, townships and residential areas is an inevitable trend. While many localities are struggling to implement relocation plans, Binh Phuoc has implemented it very early and confidently anticipates the relocation trend.(Vietnam Agriculture, August 07th 2023)



Live pig price in August 2023

The domestic live pig price has decreased during August. The average price of live pig was VND 58,500 per kilogram, down 4.1% compared to the last month and down 10.2% against the same period last year.

Since the beginning of August until now, the pig market has been in a downward trend and the downward pressure is still heavy as purchasing power has not improved. The current average price of live pigs has dropped to VND 56,600 - VND 57,800/kg, close to the production cost.

Authorities predict that in the coming time, consumption of meat and meat products is expected to increase again as consumer demand gradually recovers. Because Vietnam's meat supply is quite abundant, basically meeting domestic consumption demand, it is forecasted that imports of meat and meat products will hardly increase suddenly.

According to livestock experts, for chain livestock enterprises, the cost of raising pigs is about VND 52,000 - VND 55,000/kg. Therefore, the selling price of live pigs must be from VND 55,000/kg or more to help enterprises break even and make a profit. The fact that the enterprises build business plans based on a selling price of about VND 55,000 - VND 57,000/kg is consistent with the actual situation in 2023 and harmonizes the three stages of production - distribution - consumption. In addition, cyclically, the price of live pigs usually increases at the end of the third and fourth quarters of each year, so it is forecast that the price of live pigs will increase slightly in the near future, around the VND 65,000/kg mark. (Source: Vietnambiz, August 2023)

