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## Imports of animal feed in the first 6 months of 2024 increase by 9.6%

In the first 6 months of 2024, imports of animal feed and raw materials will reach over USD 2.56 billion, an increase of 9.6% compared to the first 6 months of 2023.

According to preliminary statistics from the General Department of Customs, imports of animal feed and raw materials to Vietnam in June 2024 decreased by 4% compared to May 2024 but increased by 4.5% compared to June 2023, reaching USD 423.75 million.

The largest import of animal feed and raw materials is from the Argentine, accounting for 28% of the country's total import turnover, reaching nearly USD 717.79 million, an increase of 21% compared to the first 6 months of 2023. Of which, June 2024 alone reached USD 172.41 million, an increase of 8.5% compared to May 2024 and a sharp increase of 51.4% compared to June 2023. (Source: Nhachannuoi, July 18th 2024)

## Vietnam scrambles to wipe out African swine fever



The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has dispatched 35 working groups to 35 cities and provinces across the country where the African swine fever

(ASF) disease is breaking out to inspect disease prevention and control.

The ministry reported that more than 660 African swine fever outbreaks have been detected 44 provinces and cities nationwide since the beginning of the year, with more than 42,400 pigs culled, causing great losses to farmers.

The ASF epidemic is developing most complicatedly and severely in Bac Kan and Lang Son provinces in the north, followed by Quang Ninh, Hoa Binh, and Son La provinces also in the north, Quang Nam province in the central region, and Long An province in the south, said the ministry, adding the whole country now has 346 outbreaks in 25 provinces and cities in less than 21 days. The epidemic is on the rise and likely to spread on a large scale that would impact food supply, consumer price index and the environment.

Nguyen Van Long, director of the Department of Animal Health, attributed the rise in ASF outbreaks to local lax management with regard to the declaration of outbreaks, the slaughtering and transport of pigs in disease hit localities, and the implementation of disease prevention measures, among other causes. Although there is African





## Vietnam imports more than 300,000 tonnes of meat, meat products in first five months this year

Vietnam saw some 304,850 tonnes of meat and meat products imported in the first five months of 2024, up 29% year-on-year, at an average price of USD1.8 per kilogram.

Import volume in May was 76,120 tonnes worth USD140 million, up 32.1% from a year ago in volume and 28.6% in value, according to data from the Agency of Foreign Trade. India, the United States, Russia, Poland, and Brazil are Vietnam's top suppliers.

In Ho Chi Minh City, imported frozen pork is 30-40% cheaper than local products. The Animal Husbandry Association of Vietnam warned that cheap imports could pose unfair competition to domestic products and affect consumers' health if they are of low quality. It called on authorities to tighten control over meat imports to protect both consumers' health and the local industry. (Source: Vietnam Express, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2024)

swine fever vaccines, localities and farmers have not yet organized vaccination for pork herds, he said.

According to the director, firms have produced and supplied to the market 5.7 million doses of vaccine to prevent African swine fever. Some localities such as Cao Bang, Bac Giang, Son La, Ben Tre and Tra Vinh have stepped up vaccinations, helping control the epidemic.

To ensure disease prevention and control, Long requested that provinces and cities pool resources for disease prevention and control; closely monitor, early detect, and timely and thorough handle outbreaks to prevent the disease from spreading widely.

He reminded localities to promote vaccination, direct livestock households to clean and disinfect barns, apply biosecurity technology in farming, and at the same time enhance communications. (Source: VOV.VN, July 17<sup>th</sup> 2024)

## De Heus inaugurates new Marine R&D facility at Vinh Long

On July 2024, De Heus officially launched the new marine R&D facility at the Vinh Long Aqua Research and Development (R&D) Center.

To deliver top nutritional concepts, efficient and sustainable formulations, and remain a leader in aqua nutrition innovation, De Heus continues to invest in its R&D capabilities. At its 5.5-hectare R&D aqua farm in Vinh Long Province, Vietnam, De Heus has constructed two new systems to develop nutritional innovations for crustaceans and marine species like Asian sea bass.

Dr. Dylan Tien, Head of Global Aquaculture R&D, affirmed, "With this strategic investment and our experienced research team, we are confident that the Aquaculture R&D Center will provide comprehensive nutritional solutions and add new value, contributing to the success of aquaculture farmers in Vietnam and globally." (Source: Animalfeed, July 29<sup>th</sup> 2024)



## Live pig price in July 2024

Prices in Vietnam continued to increase in all three regions in July, with prices currently fluctuating between VND 58,000 and VND 63,000 per Kg. In particular, the northern provinces are recording the best prices in the country.

Production activities during this period also recorded a recovery, but the ASF epidemic remained complicated when the disease reappeared in some localities.

In the first 6 months of the year, pork prices tended to increase. However, currently, African swine fever is developing complicatedly in many localities, making the livestock situation unstable and still facing many difficulties, especially in the household sector. (Source: Vietnambiz and anovafeed, June 2024)

