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We like to welcome you to our first Philippines edition of our livestock, animal health and nutrition newsletter that we produce each month. We aim to share with you interesting and valuable news about the Philippines industry.

Philippine markets see record rise in chicken price

The price of chicken in public markets in the Philippines has gone up to "a record high," selling for as much as PhP 250 per kilogram, as many poultry raisers have reduced production due to importation and after incurring losses last year.

United Broiler Raisers Association president Jose Gerardo Feliciano said that the selling price for chicken shot up after many local raisers opted to mitigate their losses by reducing production amid imported chicken. Poultry raisers also decided to hike their prices in one go instead of doing it in tranches. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 22th 2024)

Philippines to begin ASF vaccination programme by September 2024

The Philippines Department of Agriculture (DA) is set to roll out its African swine fever (ASF) vaccination program by September 2024, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr announced.

Tiu Laurel stated that the initial batch of vaccines arriving by September is designated for government use only. "Basically, it will be monitored for six months through government use, then after that, hopefully, if everything checks out, it's for commercial use already," he explained.

The DA plans to initially vaccinate swine in ASF red and yellow zones. According to the agriculture secretary, the FDA has approved the ASF vaccine, which is produced by AVAC Vietnam.

The Bureau of Animal Industry reported that as of July 12, 2024, nine provinces still have active ASF cases. As of April this year, pork supplied by local farmers declined to 752.95 tonnes from 3,114 tonnes year-on-year. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 18th 2024)





Philippines' meat imports in H1 2024 rose 9%

The Philippines' Department of Agriculture reported that the country imported 647,000 tonnes of meat in the first six months of 2024, up 9% from the same period in 2023 (590,000 tonnes).

The largest volume was for pork at 317,000 tonnes, followed by chicken at 222,000 tonnes.

Imports were higher this year due to the limited supply of local pork due to the African swine fever (ASF) outbreaks, and the low production in the poultry sector caused by El Niño and avian influenza.

Executive Order (EO) No. 62 approved by Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is expected to lend stability and predictably for meat importers until 2028.

Under EO 62, lower tariffs for pork, fresh, chilled, or frozen meat will remain at 15% for in-quota and 25% for out-quota. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 24th 2024)

Philippines adopts artificial insemination to boost swine population amid ASF crisis

The Philippines is turning to artificial insemination (AI) to increase its swine population as part of ongoing efforts to revive the industry, which continues to grapple with African swine fever (ASF), Philippine Daily Inquirer reported.

In response, the country's Department of Agriculture (DA) has issued Memorandum Circular No 28 to implement the Modified Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (Inspire) Program.

The Modified Inspire Program will establish breeder farms with quality breeder stocks in select areas and adopt enhanced biosecurity measures. It will prioritize areas or islands free of animal disease.

"This specifically will revive the swine industry, address the shortage of piglets, give livelihood to previous swine raisers, and ensure ownership and sustainability of the intervention," the DA stated.

The agency also expects the programme to reduce the possibility of ASF infection, sustain the production of piglets, and provide technical support to beneficiaries.

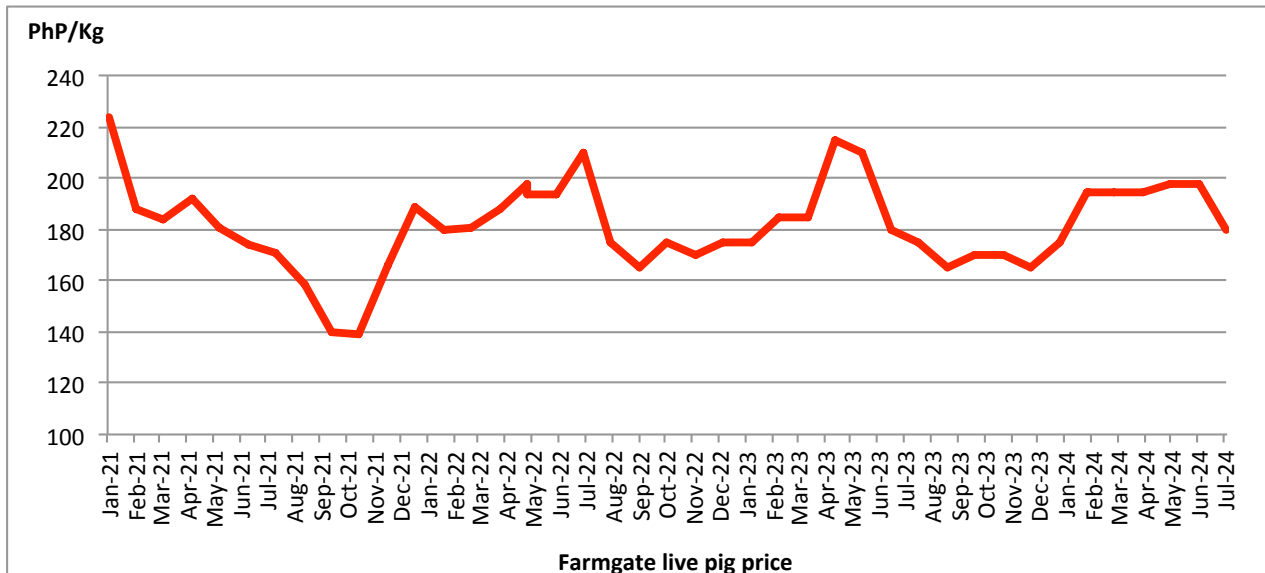
The revised programme aims to substitute 10% of imported pork by boosting local production. It will apply the sow-weaner operation through the establishment of multiplier and production farms to produce piglets for weaning using AI.

Multiplier farms will house grandparent swine breeder stocks to produce parent stocks, while production farms will maintain parent stocks and/or F1 stocks - the cross between two pure-bred parents - to produce piglets intended for grow-out as slaughter swine. (Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, July 10th 2024)



Live pig price in July 2024

The average farm gate live pig price in July 2024 is 180 PhP/Kg, which is 9.1% lower than the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 2.9%.(Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 2024)



Whole chicken price in July 2024

The average price of whole chicken in July 2024 is 209 PhP/kg , which is 9% higher than last month. The reason of the increase price is because many local raisers opted to mitigate their losses by reducing production amid imported chicken.(Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 2024)

