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Feed production reached 28.15 million tonnes in September

The national feed production was 28.15 million tonnes in the September with a YoY decrease of 4.1% from the same period of 2023, including 26.17 million tonnes compound feed, 0.66 million tonnes premix feed and 1.19 million tonnes concentrate feed.

Compound feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 3.32 per kg, CNY 3.06 per kg and CNY 3.49 per kg, decrease 0.6%, 1.5% and 0.7% from the previous month.

Concentrate feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was 5.03 per kg, CNY 3.53 per kg and CNY 4.16 per kg, decrease 0.5%, 0.9% and 1.3% from the previous month.

Premix feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.75 per kg, CNY 4.56 per kg and CNY 5.35 per kg, decrease 1.1%, and 0.2 % for pig and layer feed and increase of 1.2% for broiler feed from the previous month (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 15th October, 2024)

Net profit of both backyard pig farm and scaled pig farms decreased slightly



At the end of September, the sow inventory was 40.62 million, down 4.2% year-on-year.

At the end of September, the pig inventory was 426.94 million heads, down 3.5% year-on-year. The pig production was 520.30 million heads in the first 9 months, down 3.2% year-on-year.

In the first 9 months of this year, the pork production was 42.4 million tonnes, a year-on-year decrease of 1.4%.

In September, the scaled slaughter companies slaughtered 26.40 million pigs, a year-on-year decrease of 4.9%. In the first 9 months of this year, the scaled slaughter companies slaughtered 235.45 million pigs, a year-on-year decrease of 2.9%.

In September, the pig grain ratio was 8.22, with a month on month decrease of 2.6% and a YoY increase of 43.2%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,214 and CNY 2,100 respectively, with a YoY decrease of 2.1% and 2.8% respectively. The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 434 and CNY 581 respectively, with a month on month decrease of 23.3% and 20.0% respectively. (Source: MARA, 30th October 2024)





Meat imports to China reach 4.94 million tonnes in first 9 months

China imported 4.94 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in the first 9 months of 2024. The value was CNY 109 billion, a YoY decrease of 13.4% in volume and 18.7% in value.

Pork imports were 1.71 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 25.26 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 20.5% in volume and 31.1% in value.

Poultry meat imports were 301,072 tonnes, with a value of CNY 6.11 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 46.0% in volume and 36.4% in value.

Beef imports were 2.13 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 71.36 billion, an increase on the previous of 3.5% in volume and decrease of 5.7% in value.

Lamb imports were 276,207 tonnes, with a value of CNY 6.11 billion, an decrease on the previous of 16.1% in volume and 37.0% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th October, 2024)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

Broiler genetics import gap in China filled by domestic breeds

According to a recent US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) report, industry sources indicate the average inventory of grandparent stock in China in the first half of 2024 is higher than the same period of 2023. The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post expects the higher inventory of grandparent stock in 2024 will enable higher production of white broiler chicken in 2025.

China's production of commercial white broiler chicken partially depends on imported genetics while domestically produced genetics has increased market share. Since 2022, several major poultry genetics exporting countries, including the United States, notified China of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) detections. Subsequently, the China placed genetic import controls on these suppliers.

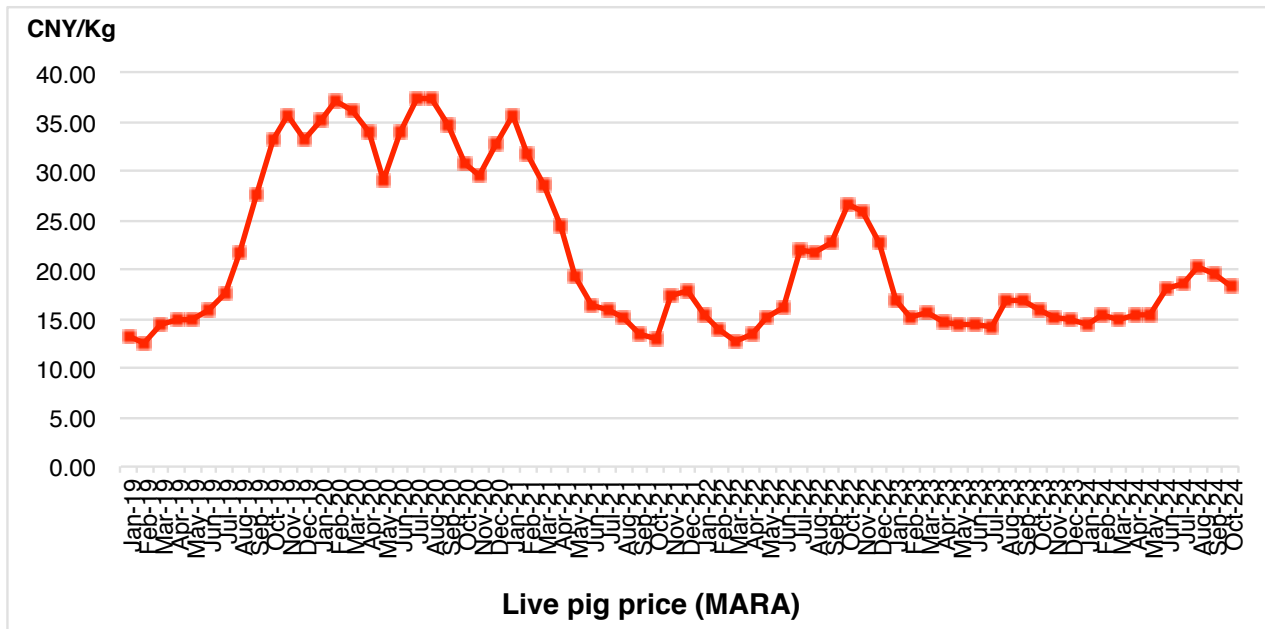
Due to sanitary and zoo sanitary limits on imported genetics, white broiler producers increased the use of domestically produced genetics. According to industry and market signals, it seems that there were higher numbers of grandparent stock available in 2024 and that domestically produced genetics have increased in market share.

Domestically produced genetics have a lower per unit price compared to imported genetics. More importantly, the production efficiency of domestically produced genetics is improving. (Source: USDA, 15th, October 2024)



Live pig price in October 2024

Average live pig prices in China was CNY 18.32/kg in October, which was 7% lower than the previous month and 15.3% higher than the same period last year.(Source: MARA, October 2024)



Chicken and egg price in October 2024

China retail chicken and egg average price in China was CNY 23.71/kg and CNY11.30/kg in October , chicken price was 0.7% lower than the previous month and 1.8% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 3.2% lower than the previous month and 5.6% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, October 2024)

