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Feed production reached 27.83 million tonnes in August 2024

The national feed production was 27.83 million tonnes in the August, with a YoY decrease of 5.7% from the same period of 2023, including 26.06 million tonnes compound feed, 0.6 million tonnes premix feed and 1.05 million tonnes concentrate feed.

Compound feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 3.34 per kg, CNY 3.11 per kg and CNY 3.51 per kg, decrease 0.9%, 0.7% and 0.9% from the previous month.

Concentrate feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was 5.06 per kg, CNY 3.56 per kg and CNY 4.21 per kg, decrease 0.7%, 0.6% and 0.1% from the previous month.

Premix feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.80 per kg, CNY 4.56 per kg and CNY 5.28 per kg, increase 0.2%, and 0.8 % for pig and broiler feed and decrease of 1.4% for layer feed from the previous month (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 20th September, 2024)

Net profit of both backyard pig farm and scaled pig farms increased sharply

At the end of August, the sow inventory was 40.36 million, down 4.8% year-on-year.

In August, the scaled slaughter companies slaughtered 24.42 million pigs, a year-on-year decrease of 7.7%. In the first 8 months of this year, the scaled slaughter companies slaughtered 209.05 million pigs, a year-on-year decrease of 2.6%.

In August, the pig grain ratio was 8.44, with a month on month increase of 11.5% and a YoY increase of 43.8%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,245 and CNY 2,067 respectively, with a YoY decrease of 1.4% and 4.5% respectively. The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 565 and CNY 726 respectively, with a month on month increase of 84% and 35% respectively. (Source: MARA, 24th September 2024)





Meat imports to China reach 4.4 millions tonnes in first 8 months

China imported 4.4 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in the first 8 months of 2024. The value was CNY 109 billion, a YoY decrease of 13.9% in volume and 19.2% in value.

Pork imports were 1.5million tonnes, with a value of CNY 21.97 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 23.1% in volume and 34.4% in value.

Poultry meat imports were 272,526 tonnes, with a value of CNY 5.56 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 46.8% in volume and 36.4% in value.

Beef imports were 1.91 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 64.88 billion, an increase on the previous of 5.5% in volume and decrease of 4.4% in value.

Lamb imports were 254,997 tonnes, with a value of CNY 5.65 billion, an decrease on the previous of 15.4% in volume and 37.1% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th September, 2024)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

China moves to stabilize beef and dairy production amid falling prices

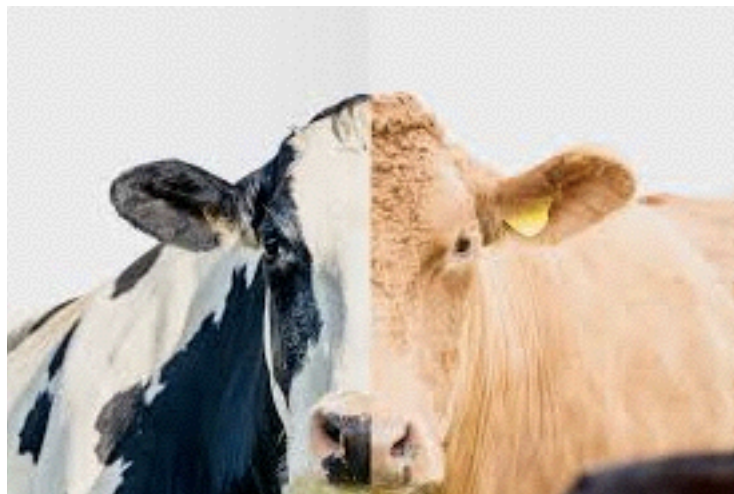
China's Ministry of Agriculture announced measures to stabilize beef and dairy production, boost consumption, and provide support for farmers, as declining prices drive small producers out of business.

The plan outlines steps to promote beef and milk consumption. It also includes measures to support farmers, such as offering loan extensions and reducing feed costs for farming households.

The plan requires local governments to accelerate herd expansion and improve the quality of livestock by focusing on higher quality cows. The ministry previously stated that this would be achieved by adjusting herd structures to phase out older and less productive animals.

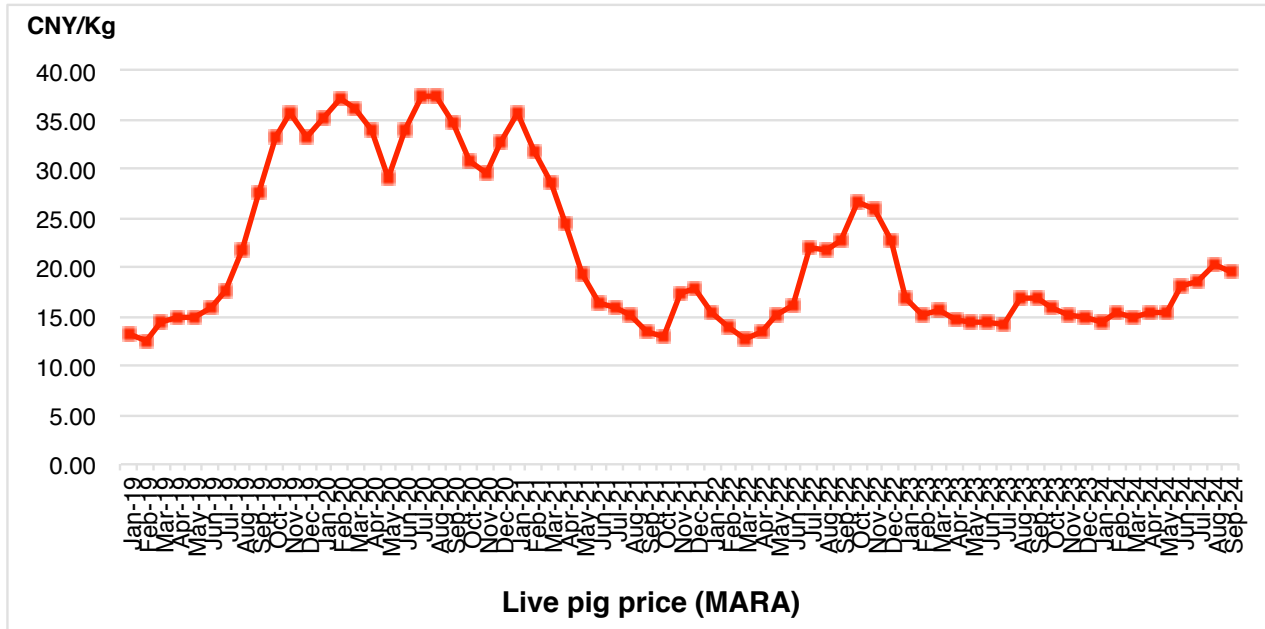
For the dairy sector, where an oversupply has led to small farmers being forced out of business, the plan calls for the use of consumption vouchers to encourage greater milk consumption.

The ministry's plan also priorities disease prevention and control within cow herds, with a promise of more targeted support policies to be introduced for agriculture and other sectors in the future. (Source: MARA, 26th, September 2024)



Live pig price in September 2024

Average live pig prices in China was CNY 19.7/kg in September, which was 3.2% lower than the previous month and 17.3% higher than the same period last year.(Source: MARA, September 2024)



Chicken and egg price in September 2024

China retail chicken and egg average price in China was CNY 23.87/kg and CNY11.67/kg in September , chicken price was 0.3% higher than the previous month and 1.6% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 5.4% higher than the previous month and 6.6% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, September 2024)

