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Philippine pig, poultry farmers call for more attention to solutions that reduce prices of key agricultural inputs

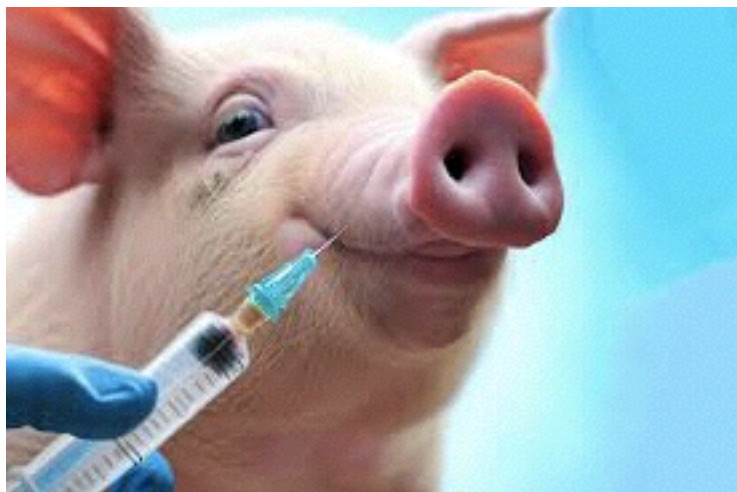
A comparison of the DA's Bantay Presyo data from May 1 to September 5 showed a significant increase in the prices of essential agricultural inputs, such as palm oil and corn, which are key components in feed production.

During this period, the cost of 350ml of palm oil rose by 8.06%, climbing from PHP 27-35 to PHP 27-40.

The price of corn experienced the most dramatic surge, jumping by 23% from PHP 50-80 to PHP 60-100.

Livestock and poultry producers, who depend heavily on vegetable oils for feed, are now grappling with skyrocketing operational expenses. These increased costs are being passed on to consumers through higher prices for pork, chicken, and other essential food items. Earlier this year, the Pork Producers Federation of the Philippines expressed concern, citing that farm-gate prices have surged as a direct result of rising farm input costs. (Source: Philstar, September 19th 2024)

Philippines' Department of Agriculture expands ASF vaccine trials



The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) is expanding its ongoing trial of African swine fever (ASF) vaccines, sourced from Vietnam, to help swine farmers combat the viral disease.

In a statement, Philippines' Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr announced that the DA would broaden the vaccine trials to include more areas in Luzon, as well as regions classified as red zones, those with active ASF cases, in Visayas and Mindanao.

A total of 150,000 doses of the ASF vaccine will be administered to swine in the provinces of La Union, Quezon, Mindoro, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and Cebu. The controlled trials are being conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI). The trials will also cover commercial swine farms in heavily affected areas to protect their livestock from the disease. All vaccines will be provided to farmers free of charge.

This marks the first time the government has conducted a





Philippine dairy official seeks cattle imports for farms to drive domestic milk production

The Philippines' National Dairy Authority (NDA) Administrator, Marcus Antonius T. Andaya, recently pushed for the importation of cattle for stock farms to increase milk production.

Data from the NDA shows that the country's milk supply is 99% imported, while a study presented at a conference found that the Philippine dairy market grew by 10.2% in 2022 with growth projected to remain in double digits.

NDA will "aggressively" import cattle for stock farms to multiply the herd under its care and distribute the offspring to dairy farmers. The NDA is also eyeing to have five new stock farms operational by early 2025 to help increase its herd of nearly 80,000 heads.

"Progress doesn't happen in isolation. It is through the collective efforts of farmers, experts, business leaders, the commercial sector, and the government that we can drive growth," Andaya said. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 24th 2024)

controlled vaccine trial since the first ASF outbreak in the country in 2019. Earlier this year, the DA allocated PHP 350 million for the ASF vaccine program, with PHP 300 million earmarked for the procurement of approximately 600,000 doses of vaccines from Vietnam, and PHP 50 million set aside for inoculation-related expenses.

According to the BAI's latest data, the country has active ASF cases in 14 regions, 31 provinces, and 109 municipalities as of September 6, 2024. (Source: Philippine Daily Inquirer, September 12th 2024)

Philippine conglomerate San Miguel Corp expands poultry production with new mega farms

Following the launch of the country's largest poultry facility last year, SMC chairman and CEO Ramon Ang confirmed that the construction of other mega farms is progressing, with more facilities expected to be completed in the coming months.

Ang announced that a mega farm in Quezon, Philippines, is nearing completion, to be followed by another in Bataan. "Completion will be one after another," Ang said.

San Miguel Food and Beverage Inc (SMFB) had previously disclosed plans to build 12 poultry mega plants nationwide, with an estimated investment of USD1.2 billion. Last October, the company inaugurated the Magnolia Poultry Farm in Hagonoy, Davao del Sur, which is the largest poultry facility in the country, consisting of 28 modules with five farmhouses each.

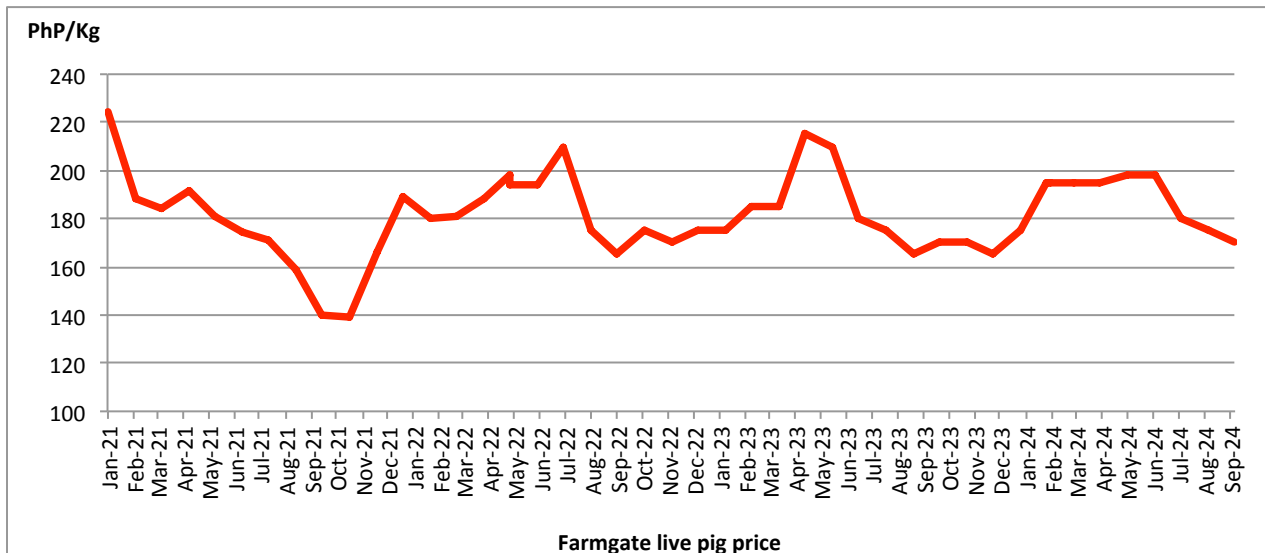
The Hagonoy facility is the first of the 12 mega farms SMFB plans to develop across the nation. The facility will produce high-quality, affordable chicken, ensuring a steady supply for consumers.

Once the mega farms are completed, SMFB aims to always guarantee the availability of chicken, supporting the country's food security. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 24th 2024)



Live pig price in September 2024

The average farm gate live pig price in September 2024 is 170 PhP/Kg, which is 3% lower than the previous month, same compared to the same period of 2023. (Source: Genesis Global Report, September 2024)



Whole chicken price in September 2024

The average price of whole chicken in September 2024 is 208 PhP/kg, which is 0.2% lower than last month. Year-on-year increase of 13%. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, September 2024)

