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## Import quota helps Thai layer sector manage supply well

In 2024, Thailand's Egg Board allowed imports of 3,800 layer GP and 440,000 layer PS to meet domestic egg consumption. 16 companies can import layer PS, including CP Foods, which imports 116,000. It is also the only company import 3,800 layer GP.

Many are satisfied with the quota policy. However, small independent farmers have complained that the quota has made it harder to access commercial DOC.

The Egg Board agreed that for small farms with 30,000 layers need to replace layers at a maximum age of 80 weeks, and for large farms with 100,000 layers and above need to replace layers at a maximum age of 78 weeks.

The Department of Livestock Development estimated that Thailand will have 51 million laying hens and produce 15.6 billion eggs in 2024. (Source: Asian-agribiz, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 )

## Thailand's Commerce Ministry to address rising pork prices

The Ministry of Commerce in Thailand has initiated efforts to address the rising cost of pork, which has been found to be higher than in other countries, according to ministry spokesperson Wittayakorn Maneenetr.



Wittayakorn announced that Thailand's Department of Internal Trade (DIT) has been tasked with collaborating with relevant agencies to seek solutions that will ensure fairness for both producers and consumers.

He also clarified that there are no current plans to import pork to alleviate the price issue. Instead, the ministry will focus on addressing the matter domestically to ease the financial burden on Thai consumers.

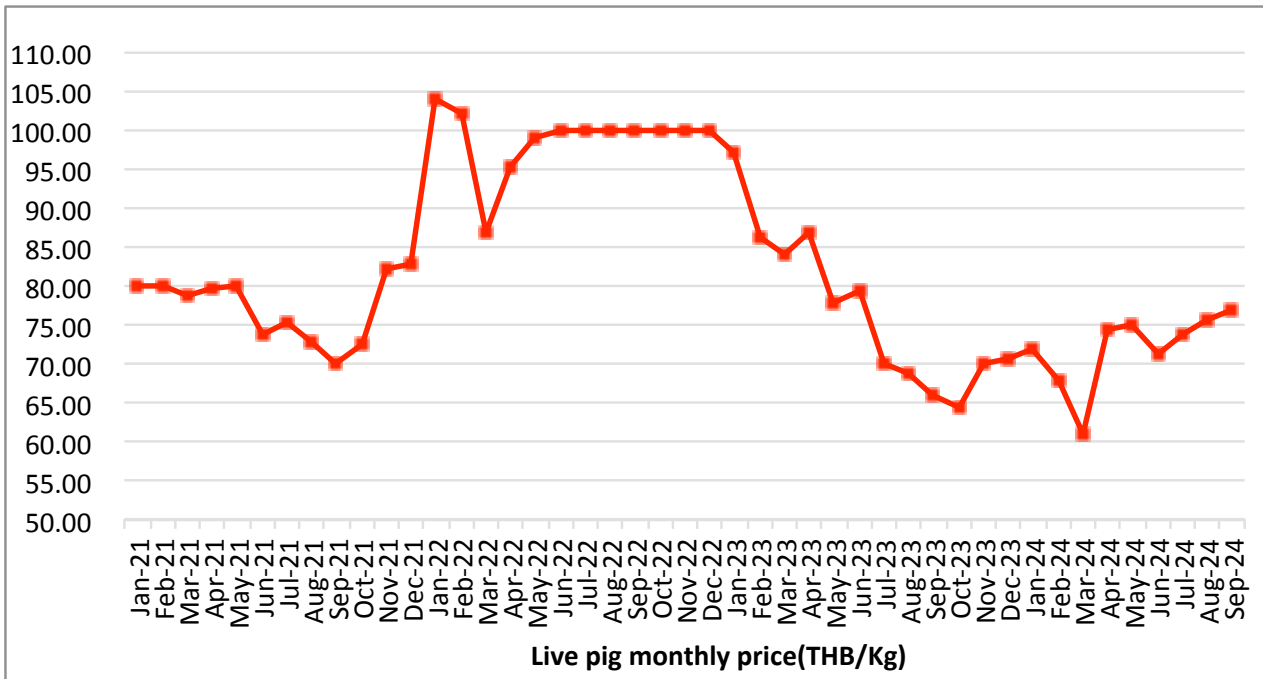
The DIT, along with other agencies, is investigating the costs involved in swine farming, including the price of piglets, animal feed, and livestock management practices. The aim is to find ways to reduce production costs, enabling livestock raisers, slaughterhouses, and processing plants to be more competitive.

Relevant agencies have been instructed to develop guidelines for reducing pork production costs and to present these recommendations to Commerce Minister Pichai Nariphaphan promptly. (Source: The Nation, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 )



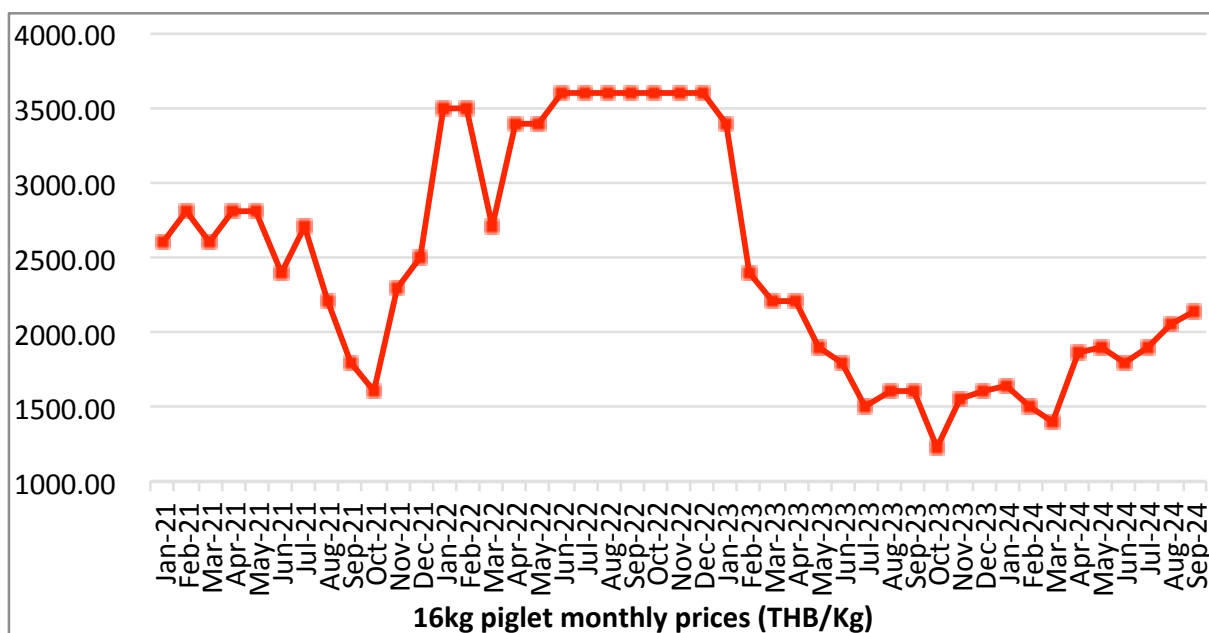
### Live pig price in September 2024

The live pig price in September 2024 is THB 76.95/Kg, which is 1.5% increase than the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 16.6%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, September 2024)



### Piglet price in September 2024

The price of 16kg piglet in September is THB 2,133, which is 4.0% increase than the previous month. Increase 33.3% year-on-year. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, September 2024)



### Retail chicken price in September 2024

The retail chicken price in September is THB 41.00/Kg , which is 2% decrease from the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 14%. The retail duck meat price in September is THB 77.49/Kg, which is 4% decrease than the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 1%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, September 2024)

