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## Thai feed millers ban corn from burn-off fields in support of the environment

The Thai Feed Mill Association (TFMA) and other livestock associations have announced a ban on buying feed corn from areas where field burning occurs, both domestically and internationally. This decision aligns with the government's efforts to combat air pollution caused by PM 2.5 or tiny particles.

According to TFMA, Thailand is currently facing a shortage of 4 MMT/year. The association has urged the government to lift the corn import quota or to permit feed millers to source corn from countries that do not contribute to cross-border smog issues.

Maintaining the corn import quota under WTO regulations would not only fail to address the field burning but also raise the costs of feed production and the livestock industry. This situation could further hinder the exports of livestock products. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 )

## Thailand targets unsafe beta-agonist use in meat industry



Department to launch a campaign to teach livestock farmers about the dangers of using drugs to make the meat of their animals redder. The Department of Livestock Development kicked off an awareness campaign to educate livestock farmers on the dangers of using beta-agonist drugs to make the meat of their farm animals redder.

The department plans to step up an awareness campaign for livestock farmers to stop mixing beta-antagonist chemicals in animal feed for the safety of consumers and to meet export standards.

The department will cooperate with the Public Health Ministry and police to crack down on the use of the drug.

Beta-agonist drugs are primarily used to treat lung conditions, but some livestock farmers have been adding them to animal feed to make the meat of their animals look redder and fresher to attract buyers.





## Thailand's Exports of Processed Chicken Continue to Rise

Thailand's exports of processed chicken are on the rise.

Thailand saw a 0.8% YoY growth in processed chicken exports, totaling USD 250.5 million in September.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, this marks the seventh month of growth. From January to September, this category's exports grew 6.5% YoY to USD 2.185 billion.

Key export markets included the UK, Singapore, Ireland, the Philippines, and France.

In contrast, exports of fresh, chilled, and frozen chicken declined 3% YoY in September.

Total exports of fresh, chilled, frozen, and processed chicken fell 0.4% YoY to USD 364.8 million in the same month but grew 4% YoY to 3.185 billion in January- September.

(Source: Asian Agribiz, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 )

Somchuan Ratanamangalanon, the department's director-general, said farmers generally used beta-agonists like salbutamol, clenbuterol and ractopamine. He said these drugs boost protein content and reduce fat, so certain farmers can use them to raise their cows and pigs.

He said feeding these drugs to the animals leaves traces of the chemicals in the meat, which makes it dangerous for consumers.

Somchuan said the campaign would focus on educating farmers about the dangers of these chemicals, so they stop using them.  
(Source: Thailand Nation, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 )

## Govt launches fish 'clean-up'

Thailand has launched an integrated effort to tackle the invasion of blackchin tilapia, targeting the removal of three million kilogrammes of the invasive species from the ecosystem under an urgent "Big Cleaning" campaign.

The campaign involves removing blackchin tilapia from natural water bodies and aquaculture farms using environmentally appropriate methods.

The captured fish will be utilized according to all applicable laws and regulations, and information will be shared with stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of eradication efforts, he said.

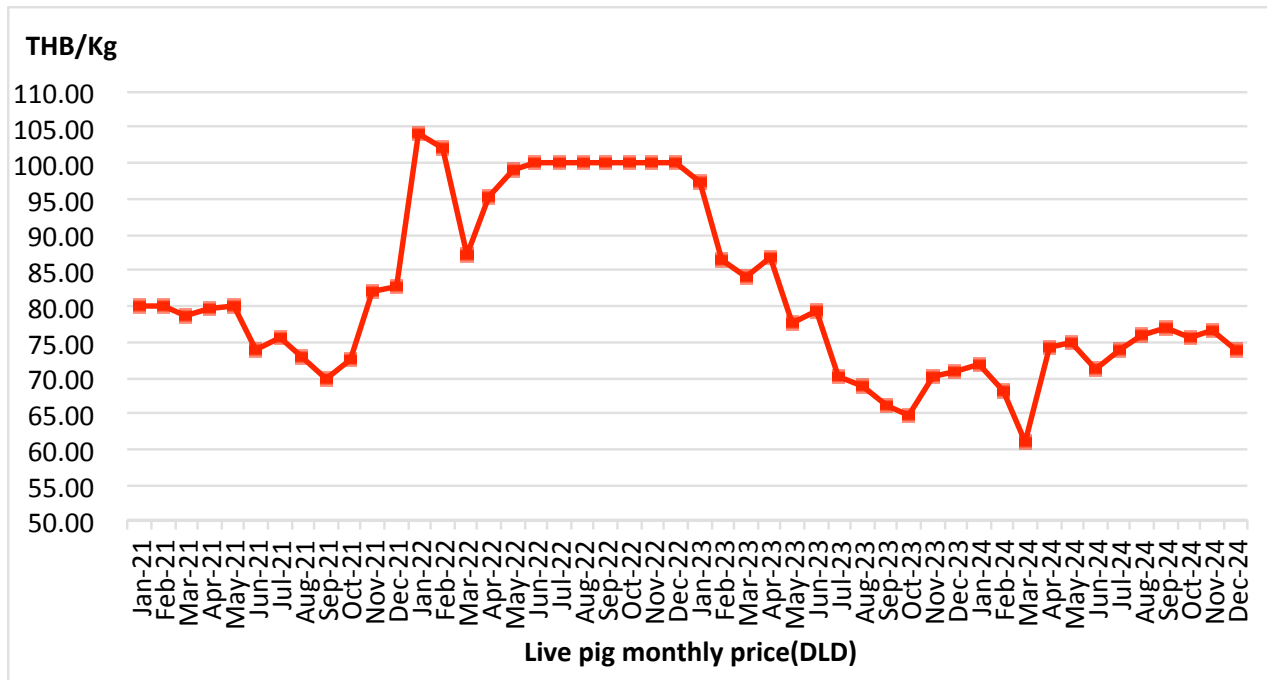
The government has allocated a budget of 60 million baht from the Farmer Aid Fund to support the program.

Measures include biological control, such as releasing predatory species, and innovative approaches, like inducing sterility in the invasive fish by modifying their 4n chromosomes. Apart from eradication, the initiative aims to rehabilitate ecosystems by restoring habitats and releasing native aquatic species to promote biodiversity.  
(Source: Bangkok Post, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024)



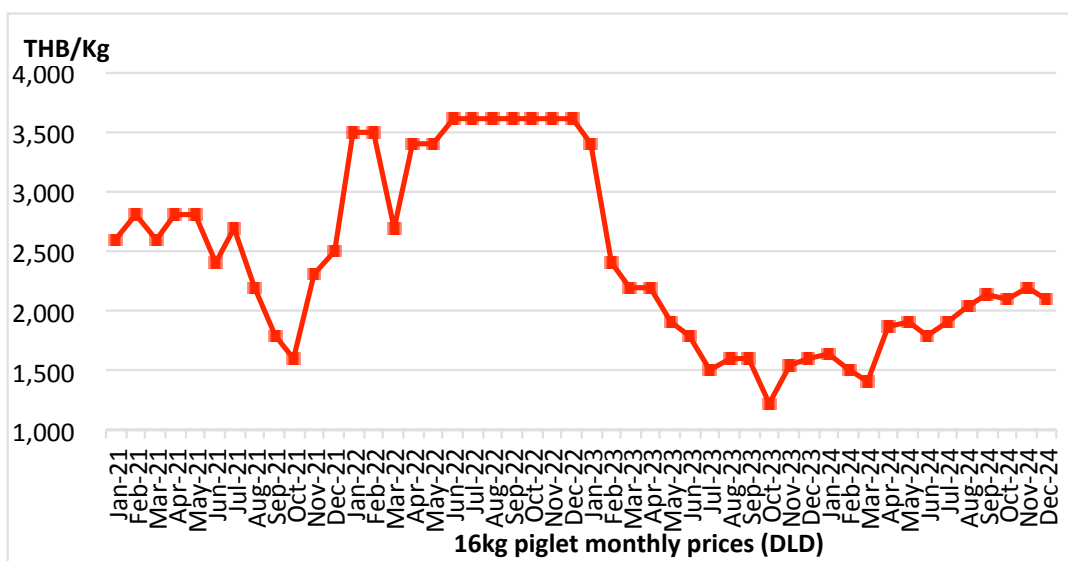
## Live pig price in December 2024

The live pig price in December 2024 is THB 74.00/Kg, which is 3.3% decrease than the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 4.6%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, December 2024)



## Piglet price in December 2024

The price of 16kg piglet in December is THB 2,100, which is 4.5% decrease than the previous month. Increase 31.3 % year-on-year. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, December 2024)



## Retail chicken price in December 2024

The retail chicken price in December is THB 40.00/Kg , which is 5.3% increase from the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 0.63%. The retail duck meat price in December is THB 74.82/ Kg, which is 0.4% decrease than the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 5.2%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, December 2024)

