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Feed production reached 27.42 million tonnes in October

The national feed production was 27.42 million tonnes in the October with a YoY decrease of 5.4% from the same period of 2023, including 25.57 million tonnes compound feed, 0.61 million tonnes premix feed and 1.10 million tonnes concentrate feed.

Compound feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 3.30 per kg, CNY 3.06 per kg and CNY 3.47 per kg, decrease 0.7%, 0.1% and 0.5% from the previous month.

Concentrate feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was 5.00 per kg, CNY 3.51 per kg and CNY 4.12 per kg, decrease 0.8%, 0.6% and 0.9% from the previous month.

Premix feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.79 per kg, CNY 4.64 per kg and CNY 5.33 per kg, increase 0.8%, and 1.9% for pig and layer feed and decrease of 0.3% for broiler feed from the previous month (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 18th November, 2025)

Pig production decreased 3.3% year on year in 2024



At the end of 2024, the sow inventory was 40.78 million, down 1.6% year-on-year; the pig inventory was 427 million heads, down 1.6% year-on-year.

In 2024, the pig production was 702.56 million heads, down 3.3% year-on-year. The pork production was 57.06 million tonnes, down 1.5% year-on-year. The scaled slaughter companies slaughtered 337.73 million pigs in 2024, a year-on-year decrease of 1.7%.

In December, the pig grain ratio was 7.73, with a month on month increase of 1.3% and a YoY increase of 38.5%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,264 and CNY 2,1123 respectively, with a YoY increase of 4.8% and 1.2% respectively. The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 119 and CNY 213 respectively, with a month on month decrease of 37.0% and 26.2% respectively. (Source: MARA, 28th January 2025)





Meat imports to China reach 6.67 millions tonnes in 2024

China imported 6.67 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in 2024. The value was CNY 166 billion, a YoY decrease of 9.7% in volume and 14% in value.

Pork imports were 2.28 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 34.28 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 15.7% in volume and 24.1% in value.

Poultry meat imports were 405,251 tonnes, with a value of CNY 8.15 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 40.7% in volume and 32.9% in value.

Beef imports were 2.91 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 98.63 billion, an increase on the previous of 5.1% in volume and decrease of 2.8% in value.

Lamb imports were 366,480 tonnes, with a value of CNY 8.49 billion, an decrease on the previous of 15.5% in volume and 31.8% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th January, 2025)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

Livestock production in 2024

In 2024, the production of pork, beef, mutton and poultry meat was 96.63 million tonnes, an increase of 0.2% year on year.

In 2024, the pig production was 702.56 million heads, down 3.3% year-on-year. The pork production was 57.06 million tonnes, down 1.5% year-on-year.

In 2024, the beef cattle production was 50.99 million heads, a YoY increase of 1.5%. Beef production was 7.79 million tonnes, a YoY increase of 3.5%.

Milk production was 40.79 million tonnes, a YoY decrease of 2.8%.

In 2024, the poultry production was 17.34 billion birds, a YoY increase of 3.1% over the previous year. Poultry production was 26.60 million tonnes, a YoY increase of 3.8%.

Poultry egg production was 35.88 million tonnes, a YoY increase of 0.7%.

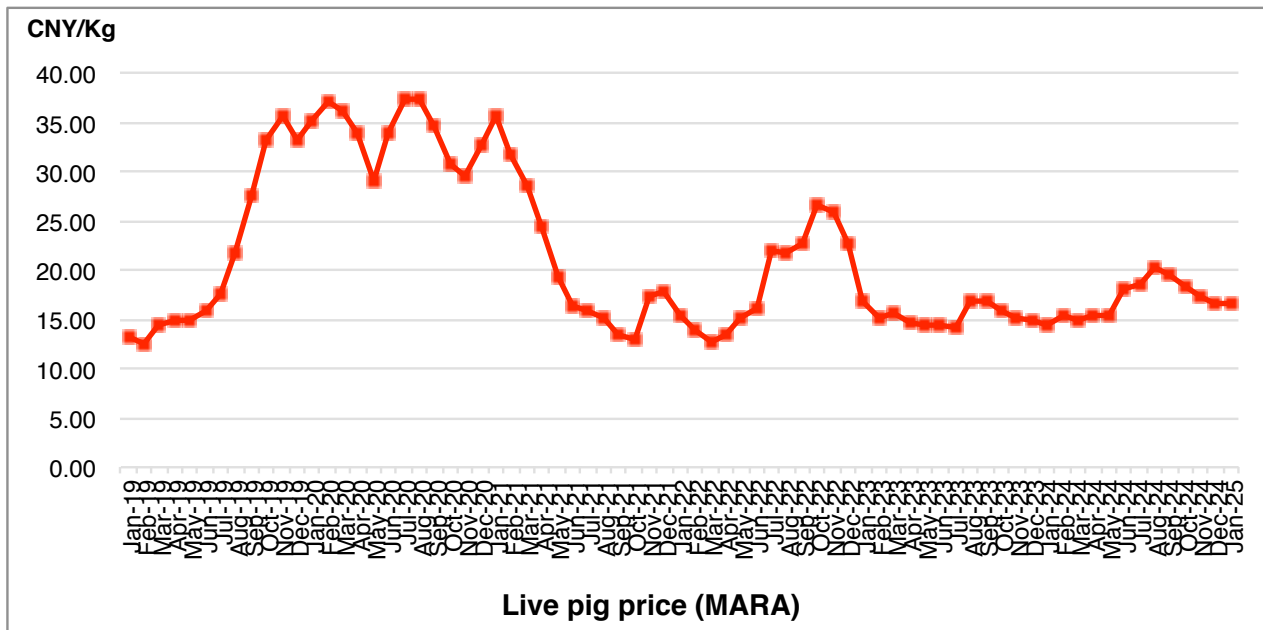
In 2024, the sheep production was 323.59 million heads, a YoY decrease of 4.4% over the previous year. Mutton production was 5.18 million tonnes, a YoY decrease of 2.5% (Source: China Statistics Bureau, 17th January 2025)



Live pig price in January 2025



Average live pig prices in China was CNY 16.59/kg in January, which was 0.7% lower than the previous month and 14.3% higher than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, January 2025)



Chicken and egg price in January 2025

China retail chicken and egg average price in China was CNY 23.57/kg and CNY11.03/kg in January, chicken price was 0.4% higher than the previous month and 1.0% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 0.8% lower than the previous month and 0.4% higher than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, January 2025)

