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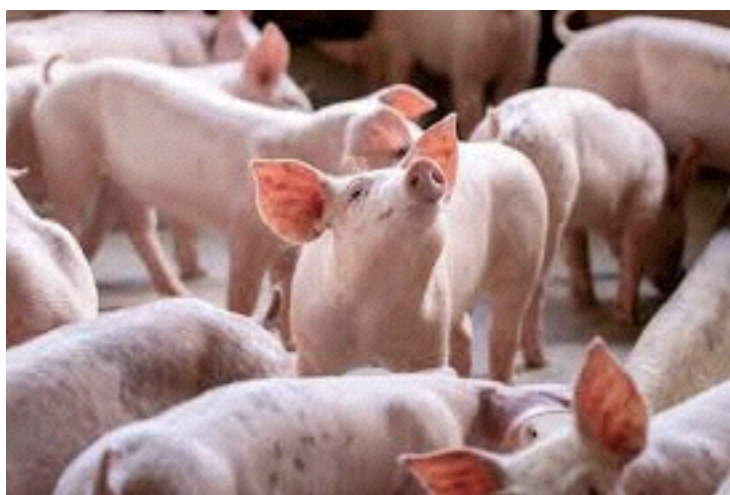
## Thai layer farms must follow GAP standard

According to the National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards, Thai layer farms must comply with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) standards starting from February 21. This rule will be applied to those with a flock size of 10,000-99,999 hens and who have obtained a license as a producer, exporter, or importer from the bureau.

The bureau believes that adhering to these standards will boost consumer confidence in the safety of eggs and egg products. This aims to minimize the environmental impact and safeguard layer health, which is crucial in preventing significant disease outbreaks that could harm farmers and the overall layer industry in Thailand.

According to the Department of Livestock Development, Thailand has 127,000 layer farmers with 70.56 million layers (day-old chicks to laying hens) in 2024. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 )

## Thailand controls pig farm expansion to stabilize prices



Sixteen large pig farm operators in Thailand have agreed to manage their pig populations in line with the country's consumption demand. This year, they plan to regulate the number of sows and postpone any new farm expansion involving over 1,000 sows/farm.

The Swine Raisers Association of Thailand reported that pork demand rose during the New Year holiday. This surge resulted in a supply crunch, causing farm-gate prices to rise. Currently, farm-gate prices range between 2.14-2.29 USD/kg.

The Office of Agricultural Economics has projected that Thailand will produce 21.37 million pigs in 2025, a 1.63% YoY decrease due to production controls. The expected consumption demand is 1.585mt, a 1.69% YoY drop. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 )





## Thailand's dairy farmers expected to be affected by zero tariff on dairy products from Australia and NZ

The zero tariff on dairy products from Australia and New Zealand will take full effect on Wednesday after a 20-year-long transitional period, with the Cooperative Promotion Department (CPD) warning local dairy farmers and cooperatives to prepare for the potential impact.

CPD director-general Visit Srisuwan said the removal of tariffs could affect local dairy farmers, and urged them and their cooperatives to enhance milk quality and reduce production costs. He explained that such improvements were necessary for farmers to remain competitive against the expected surge of imported milk products from both countries, following the full implementation of the free trade agreement (FTA) contracts.

(Source: The Nation Thailand, 31<sup>th</sup> December 2025)

## Commercial stock poses a challenge for Thai layer farmers in 2025

Thailand has decided to maintain the import quota for layers for 2025 at the same level as in 2024. However, PS importers are worried about potential stock shortages caused by ongoing avian influenza (AI) outbreaks in various countries, especially among key GP and PS suppliers.

Manot Chuthapthim, President of the Layer Farmers Association, said that to enable importers to use their allocated quotas for importing PS, they are considering sourcing PS from existing suppliers in alternative countries or opting for different breeds. This may mitigate potential shortages that might arise from AI outbreaks impacting current suppliers.

Furthermore, the expansion of large farms in 2024 is expected to impact the availability of commercial stock in 2025, posing a significant challenge for smaller farms, which have already faced difficulties in accessing commercial stock. As a result, some smaller farms have been compelled to source commercial stock from domestic breeders.

For instance, three new large farms, each housing over 100,000 hens, have been established in Lamphun and Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand.

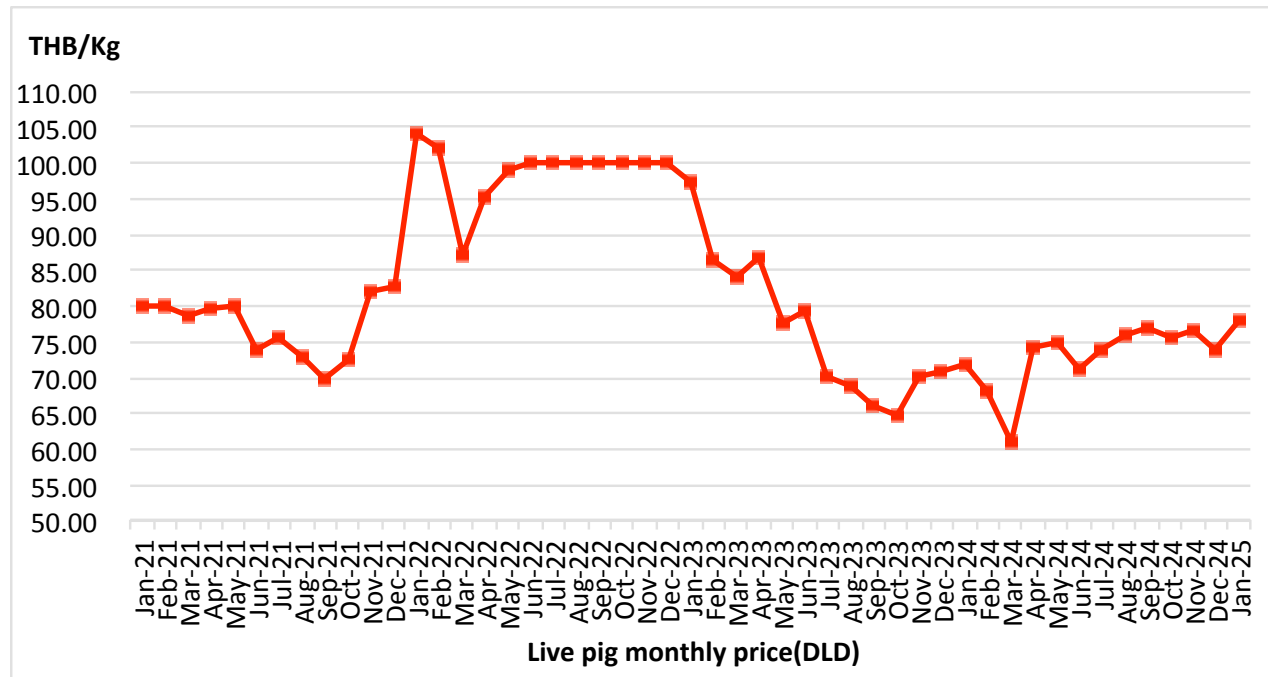
The new farms, including the three mentioned, sourced commercial stock from large suppliers. This stock was originally intended for smaller farms, but unfortunately, many small farms have exited the industry due to the inability to cope with rising production costs.

Mr Manot said that those factors could cause the availability of commercial stock in 2025 to face challenges ranging from mild to severe. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025)



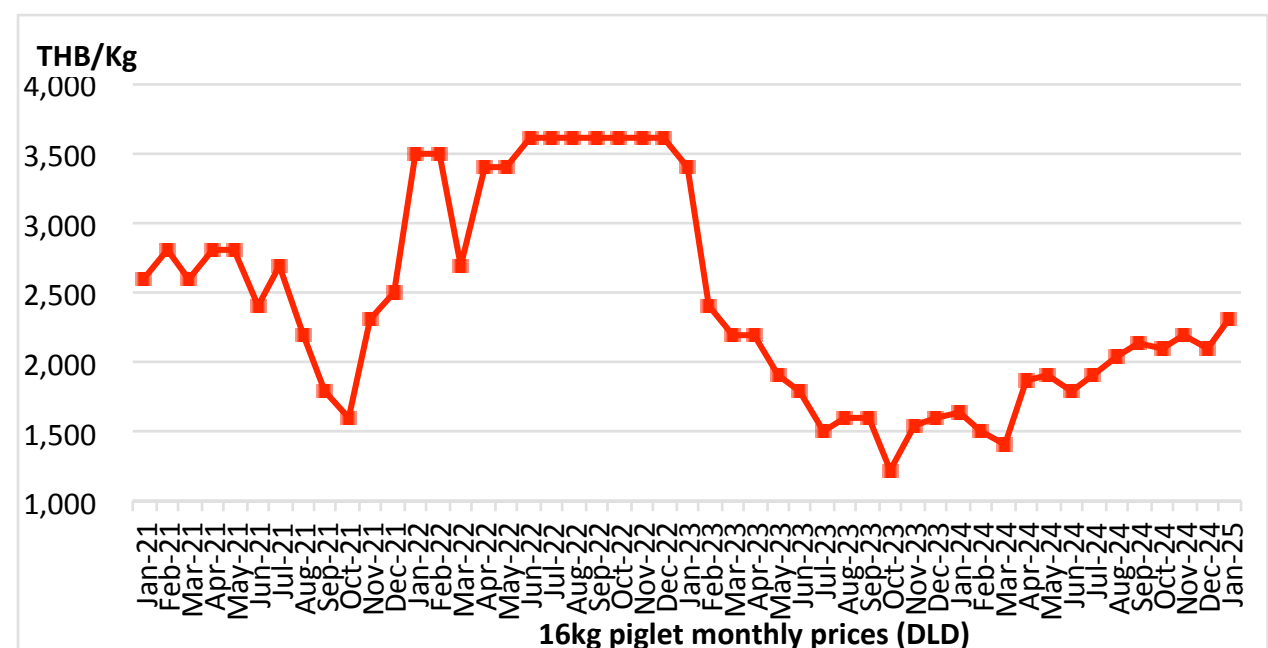
## Live pig price in January 2025

The live pig price in January 2025 is THB 78.00/Kg, which is 5.4% increase than the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 8.5%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, January 2025)



## Piglet price in January 2025

The price of 16kg piglet in January is THB 2,300, which is 9.5% increase than the previous month. Increase 40.8 % year-on-year. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, January 2025)



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## Retail chicken price in January 2025

The retail chicken price in January is THB 41.00/Kg , which is 2.5% increase from the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 4.25%. The retail duck meat price in January is THB 74.90/Kg, which is 0.1% increase than the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 9.74%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, January 2025)

