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China's animal husbandry production grow steadily in Q1 2025

In the first quarter, the pork, beef, mutton and poultry meat output was 25.40 MMT, a YoY increase of 0.50 MMT, a YoY growth of 2.0%.

The number of pigs slaughtered was 194.76 million heads, a YoY increase of 0.20 million heads. Pork output was 16.02 MMT, a YoY increase of 0.19 MMT.

The number of poultry slaughtered nationwide was 4.15 billion birds, a YoY increase of 0.17 billion birds. The poultry meat output was 6.41 MMT, a YoY increase of 0.31 MMT. Eggs output was 8.66 MMT, a YoY decrease of 0.01 MMT. At the end of the first quarter, the poultry inventory was 6.11 billion birds, a YoY increase of 0.1%.

Beef cattle slaughtered was 12.15 million heads, a YoY increase of 0.16 million heads. Beef output was 1.91 MMT, a YoY increase of 0.05 MMT. Milk output was 8.92 MMT, a YoY increase of 0.15 MMT. (Source: National Bureau of Statistics, 20th April, 2025)

Breaking News! China Cancels 12,000 tonnes of US Pork Orders: What's Next?



April has been an interesting month for global trade! We have just witnessed China making its biggest cancellation of pork orders since 2020. US Department of Agriculture data reported that during the week from April 10th to April 17th, the United States only exported 5,800 tonnes of pork to China. This is the lowest weekly delivery volume reported so far in 2025, 12,000 tonnes less than the previously announced procurement volume by China, and represents a 72% decrease compared to the data of the previous week.

China's retaliatory duties against President Donald Trump's tariffs on imports mean American pork imports now face a 172% tariff, including levies from the first trade war in 2018, according to the US Meat Export Federation.

According to China Customs, China's pork imports from the USA in 2024 were only 70,153 tonnes, 34% lower compared to 2023. We have seen a reduction in pork imports across the country during 2024, and at the same time we see a stabilization of the hog breeding herd! All in





Meat imports to China reach 1.65 millions tonnes in first quarter

China imported 1.65 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in Q1, 2025. The value was CNY 43.14 billion, a YoY decrease of 2.0% in volume and increase 1.4% in value.

Pork imports were 0.58 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 8.75 billion, an increase on the previous year of 5.6% in volume and 8.7% in value.

Poultry meat imports were 107,061 tonnes, with a value of CNY 2.04 billion, an increase on the previous year of 29.1% in volume and 13.7% in value.

Beef imports were 0.69 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 25.36 billion, a decrease on the previous of 11.6% in volume and 4.3% in value.

Lamb imports were 112,084 tonnes, with a value of CNY 3.09 billion, an increase on the previous of 3.3% in volume and 24.5% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th April, 2024)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

all, we see this as a positive indicator for the Chinese hog industry!

We are keen to observe the impact that this will have on China's pork prices? We welcome your insights and comments. (Source: Bloomberg, China News Service, and Xingjing News, 26th April, 2025)

China's sow inventory continue to increase in March



At the end of March the sow inventory was 40.39 million, down 1.0% from the previous month and up 1.2% year-on-year.

In the first quarter of 2025, the scaled slaughterhouse slaughtered 90.56 million pigs, a YoY increase of 8.1%.

In the first quarter of 2025, the pork production was 16.02 million tonnes, a YoY increase of 1.2%.

In March, the pig grain ratio was 6.83, with a month on month decrease of 6.7% and a YoY increase of 13.1%.

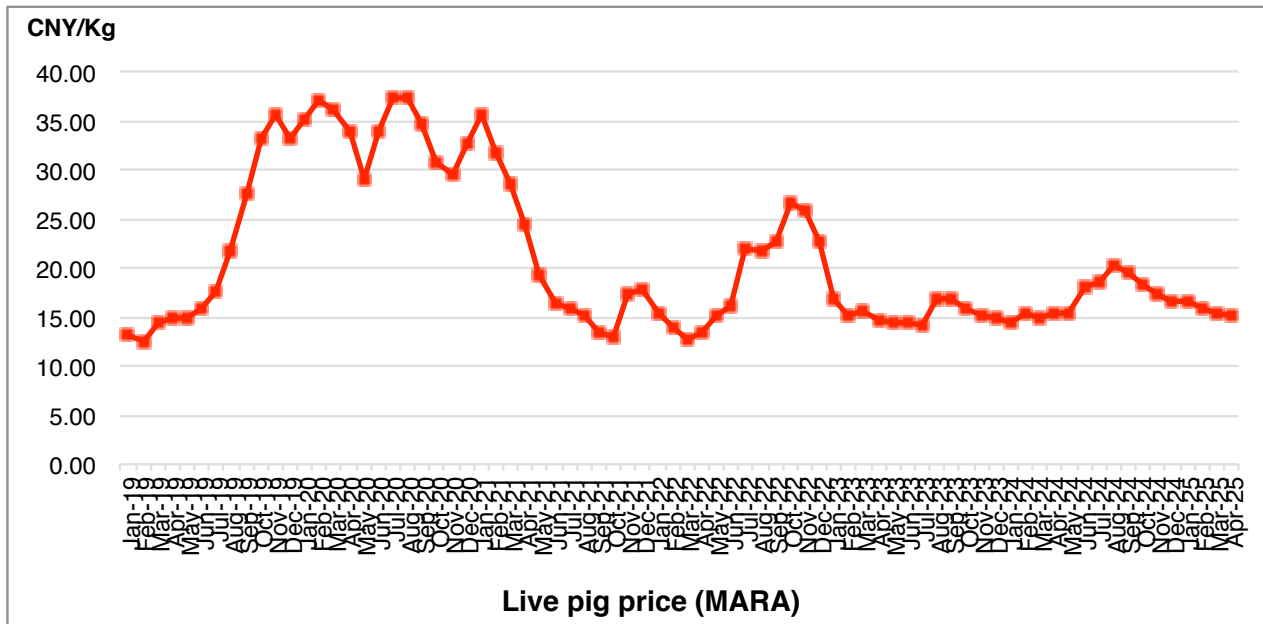
The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,107 and CNY 2,018 respectively, with a YoY increase of 2.5% and 1.7% respectively.

The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 54 and CNY 84 respectively, with a month on month decrease of 29.0% and 36.2% respectively. (Source: MOA, 21th April 2025)



Live pig price in April 2025

Average live pig prices in China was CNY 15.20/kg in April, which was 1.0% lower than the previous month and 1.0% higher than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, April 2025)



Chicken and egg price in April 2025

China retail chicken and egg average price in China was CNY 22.93/kg and CNY9.38/kg in April, chicken price was 0.7% lower than the previous month and 2.3% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 2.5% lower than the previous month and 3.7% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, April 2025)

