

# INDUSTRY NEWS

Thailand Livestock | Animal Health | Animal Nutrition

## Pork prices in Thailand hit 2 year record

Thailand's pork prices in April hit a two-year peak, according to the Kasikorn Research Center.

Over the first four months of this year, farm-gate pig prices climbed 14.1% YoY, while pork belly prices have increased by 7.2%, both the highest levels in two years.

KResearch attributes these price hikes to a 2.2% YoY reduction in pork supply, driven by the hot weather in March and April, escalating feed costs, increased demand during festive periods, and the closures of several independent farms.

However, KResearch expects pork prices to decrease for the remainder of the year due to an anticipated rise in supply. They predict an overall average increase of 2.6% YoY in farm-gate pig prices, with pork tenderloin prices rising by 3.7% and pork belly prices increasing by 4.8% this year.

(Source: Asian Agribiz, 23<sup>th</sup> April 2025 )

## Government reports 3% growth in Thai agricultural economy in Q1 2025



Thailand's agricultural economy is projected to expand by 1.8–2.8% in 2025, driven by proactive government measures aimed at boosting crop, livestock, fisheries, and forestry production. The government is committed to promoting sustainable growth in the agricultural sector through targeted support and long-term development initiatives.

Anukool Pruksanusak, Deputy Spokesperson for the Office of the Prime Minister, revealed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives reported a 3.0% growth in Thailand's agricultural economy for the first quarter of 2025 (January–March) compared to the same period last year.

The growth was attributed to La Niña conditions, which began in September 2024, bringing consistent rainfall. As a result, water levels in reservoirs and natural sources rose, creating favorable weather for farming and boosting crop and livestock growth.

Farmers expanded cultivation areas and improved farm management and disease prevention. Rising domestic





## Thailand has sufficient egg supply

Thailand's Department of International Trade (DIT) has confirmed that the country has enough eggs to meet domestic demand. Starting April 17, the recommended prices for mixed-sized eggs at the farm gate rose from USD 0.096 to USD 0.102 each. The price adjustment is largely due to hot weather, which has decreased egg production and reduced egg size.

Under typical conditions, large eggs weighing 60g or more make up 70% of total production but that has now dropped to 60%.

According to the DIT, Thailand currently produces 44.52 million eggs per day, while domestic consumption stands at 43.3 million eggs per day.

(Source: Asian Agribiz, 22<sup>th</sup> April 2025)

consumption, fueled by economic recovery, also supported growth across all agricultural sectors. Livestock Production grew marginally by 0.1%, with increased output of broilers, eggs, and raw milk. Cooler temperatures enhanced egg production, while efficient farm management improved dairy farming productivity., estimated at one time to be around 20,000 containers, has also been singled out for the decline of pork and pig prices since early 2023.

Fisheries rose by 0.4%, mainly from higher production of white leg shrimp, supported by better farm management and higher farm gate prices, encouraging greater shrimp larvae releases.

Crop Production expanded by 4.2% year-on-year, driven by increased water availability and favorable weather, resulting in higher yields for key crops such as main-season rice, off-season rice, sugarcane, rubber, and longan.

Looking ahead, Thailand's agricultural economy in 2025 is forecast to grow between 1.8% and 2.8%, supported by abundant water supplies and favorable weather conditions, along with continued implementation of agricultural development policies.

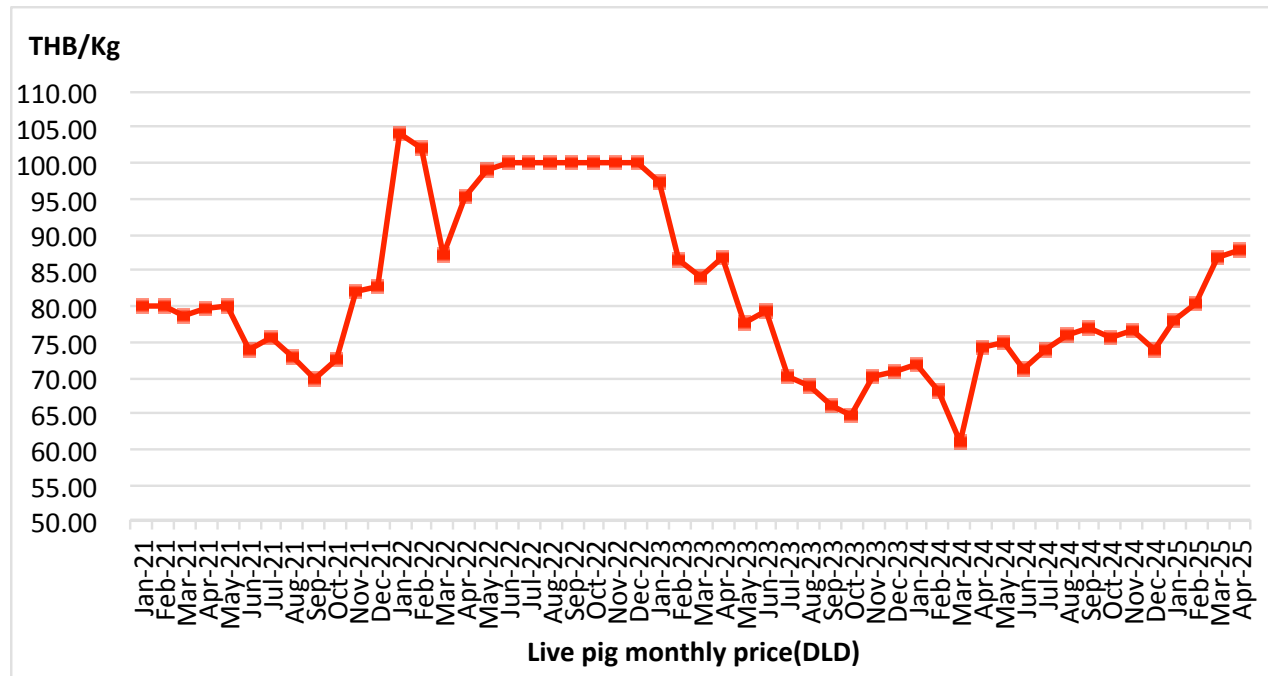
However, risks remain, including weather volatility, high production costs, global economic slowdown, trade barriers, and ongoing US-China trade tensions, all of which could impact global supply chains and Thai agricultural exports.

To strengthen the sector, the government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, is pursuing both short- and long-term strategies. These include preparing for natural disasters and crop diseases, reducing production costs, tackling illegal agricultural goods, allocating farmland to farmers, improving agricultural insurance systems, promoting eco-friendly farming, enhancing water management, upgrading agricultural product quality, fostering high-value agriculture, strengthening production and market linkages, and driving agricultural soft power to boost Thailand's global competitiveness. (Source: The Nation, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 )



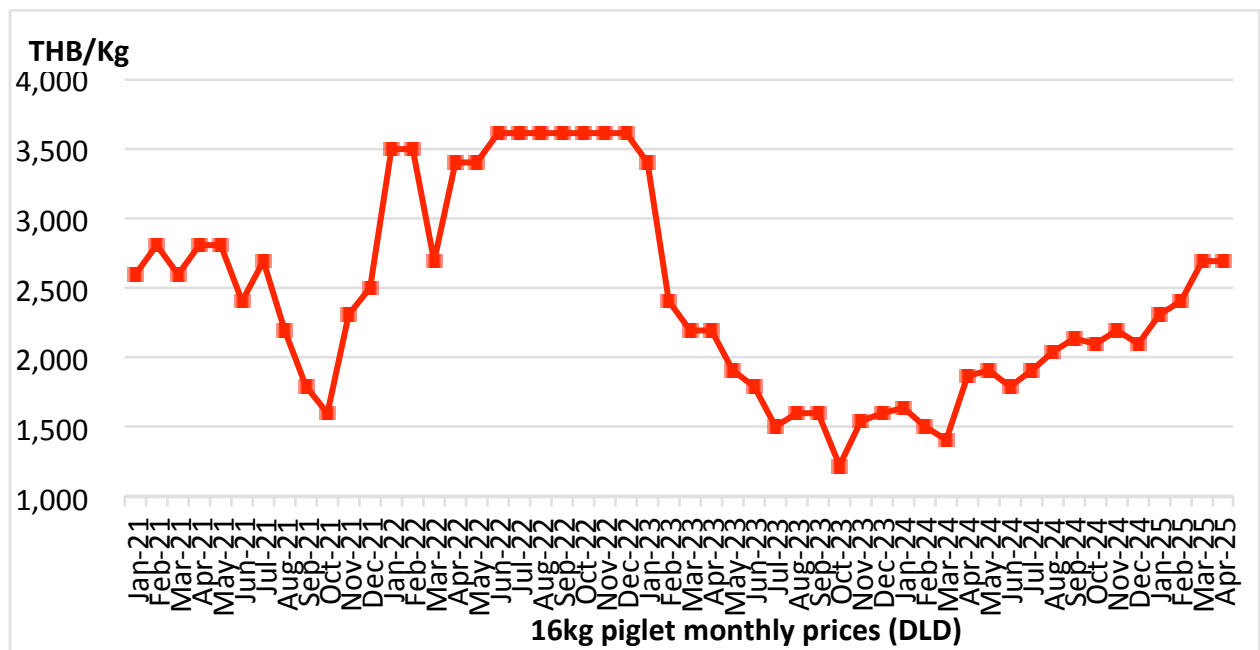
## Live pig price in April 2025

The live pig price in April 2025 is THB 88/Kg, which is 1.4% increase than the previous month. Year-on-year increase of 18.5%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, April 2025)



## Piglet price in April 2025

The price of 16kg piglet in April is THB 2,700, the same as the previous month. Increase 44.6% year-on-year. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, April 2025)



## Retail chicken price in April 2025

The retail chicken price in April is THB 40.00/Kg , same as the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 7.69%. The retail duck meat price in April is THB 74.51/Kg, which is 0.2% decrease from the previous month. Year-on-year decrease of 3.46%. (Source: Department of Livestock Development, April 2025)

