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Philippines' corn imports seen falling on low feed demand

The Philippines' corn imports could be slashed by over a third this year as animal diseases like African swine fever (ASF) and bird flu are eroding demand for the feedstuff.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has projected that the country's purchases of imported corn will reach 1.22 million metric tonnes (MMT) in 2025, 36.5 % lower than the 1.92 MMT recorded in the previous year.

According to Philippine Maize Federation Inc. (PhilMaize) President Romualdo Elvira Jr., the DA's outlook could be attributed to a lacklustre demand for corn.

However, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) noted in its latest report that the Philippines will import 2 million metric tonnes (MMT) of corn next year due to brisk demand for food and animal feeds. The USDA attributed the increase in the Philippines's purchases of imported corn to the "robust demand supporting sustained growth." (Source: Business Mirror, 3rd June 2025)

Philippines injects PhP 1.6 billion to boost hog production



The Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) has allocated PhP1.6 billion to boost the country's pig production, which is still reeling from the effects of the local outbreak of African swine fever (ASF).

DA Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel, Jr., Palace Press Officer (PCO) Secretary Claire Castro said the amount will be used for the pig repopulation efforts of the Ferdinand Marcos Jr administration. She said it will be used for the procurement of 13,000 finishers, pigs which are in the final phase of their growth period and are ready for slaughter, and 30,000 breeders or sows used for reproduction.

Prior to the first reported ASF incident in the Philippines in 2019, DA said the country's pig population was at 14 million. However, it went down to eight million due to the government's mass culling initiative to stop the spread of the disease.

Laurel called on the local swine industry to increase their





Spain gets three-year accreditation to export chicken to Philippines

Spain has secured a three-year accreditation to export chicken and turkey to the Philippines.

In Department Order No. 09, the DA said the accreditation for Spain covers ovine, caprine and poultry (chicken and turkey) meat. This will last until March 12, 2028.

FMEs obtain accreditations from the Philippine government after a thorough evaluation of their compliance with local and international food safety standards. Based on a report from the DA's Inspection Mission (DAIM), the government of Spain has complied with relevant Philippine standards and requirements that the World Organization for Animal Health provided.

The Philippines imported 473.46 million kilograms of meat in the first four months of the year. This was a 19.4% increase from the same period in 2024.

Before receiving the accreditation, Spain had been shipping beef and pork to the Philippines. Spanish cargos logged at 53.52 million kg, accounting for 11% of total meat imports. (Source: Inquirer, 27th June, 2025)

production to address the six million deficit. (Source: Business Mirror, 12th June, 2025)

Conversion rates for Philippines' livestock, poultry revised

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has revised a key parameter in estimating the nationwide supply and demand situation in the livestock and poultry sector.

The state statistical agency has approved the adoption of the revised definitions and conversion rates of carcass and offal of select poultry and livestock animals, including hogs.

Under the updated parameters, the carcass conversion rate of hogs will now be 83 % from the previous 70 %. This means that for every 100-kilo hog, about 830 grammes of pork are harvested compared to the previous estimate of 700 grammes. The PSA also revised its conversion rate for pork offal to 10.5 %, lower than the 14.3 % previous benchmark.

The inclusion of the head and feet in the carcass computation is also necessary since demand for these products have been growing in recent years, Fausto said.

Last year, the Philippines's pork imports rose by 24 % to 733,729 metric tonnes from 591,888 MT in 2023, based on Bureau of Animal Industry data.

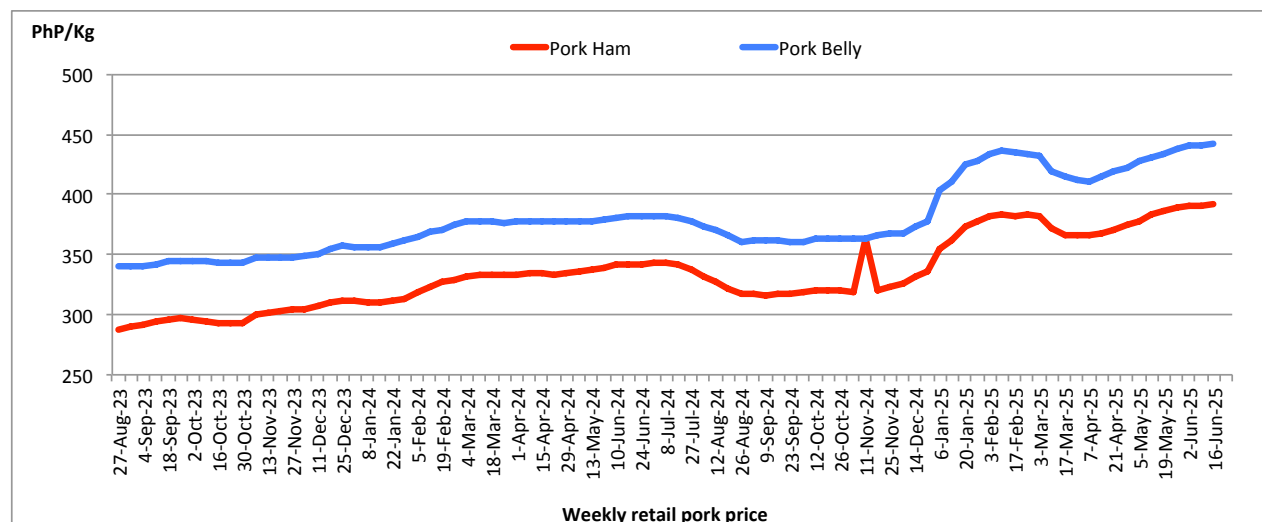
Meanwhile, hog output last year contracted by five % year-on-year to 1.7 million MT from 1.79 million MT.

The PSA explained that the revision of the parameters underwent rigorous processes including multiple activities by a technical working group that involved survey of key informants, actual observation of slaughter operations, focus group discussion and consultative meetings with private sector and government agencies. (Source: The Philippine Star, 17th June, 2025)



Pork price in June 2025

The average pork ham and pork belly price in June 2025 was 391 PhP/Kg and 441 PhP/Kg, respectively, show a increase of 1.7% and 1.9% than the previous month, and 14.2% and 15.6% higher compared to the same period of 2024, respectively. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, June 2025)



Whole chicken price in June 2025

The average price of whole chicken in June 2025 is 222 PhP/kg, which was 10% higher than last month. Year-on-year increase of 16.4%. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, June 2025)

