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Feed production reached 158.5 million tonnes in the first half of 2025

The national feed production was 158.5 million tonnes in the first 6 months, with a YoY increase of 7.7% from the same period of 2024, including 148.07 million tonnes compound feed, 3.42 million tonnes premix feed and 6.14million tonnes concentrate feed.

Compound feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 3.27 per kg, CNY 3.04 per kg and CNY 3.44 per kg in June, decrease 0.1%, 0.4% and 0.2% from the previous month.

Concentrate feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.96 per kg, CNY 3.51per kg and CNY4.12/kg in June, decrease 0.8%, 1.1% and 0.9% from the previous month.

Premix feed price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.63 per kg, CNY 4.51 per kg and CNY 5.12 per kg, increase 0.2% for layer feed , decrease 0.4% and 1.1% for pig feed and broiler feed from the previous month (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 14th July)

Net profit of both backyard pig farm and scaled pig farms decreased sharply

At the end of June, the sow inventory was 40.43 million, down 6.0% year-on-year.

In the first half of the year, there were 366.19 million live pigs slaughtered nationwide, a year-on-year increase of 0.6%; The pork production was 30.20 million tonnes, a year-on-year increase of 1.3%.

At the end of the second quarter, the national pig inventory was 424.47 million, a year-on-year increase of 2.2%, and a month on month increase of 1.7%

In June, the pig grain ratio was 6.16, with a month on month decrease of 3.4% and a YoY decrease of 17.5%. The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,098 and CNY 2,053 respectively, with a YoY increase of 0.2% and 2.8% respectively. The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 6 and CNY 7 respectively, with a month on month decrease of 84.3% and 86.4% respectively.(Source: MARA, 24th July 2025)





Meat imports to China reach 3.2 millions tonnes in first 6 months

China imported 3.2 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in the first half year of 2025. The value was CNY 708.92 billion, a YoY decrease of 3.0% in volume and 9.1% in value.

Pork imports were 1.15 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 17.18 billion, a increase on the previous year of 3.4% in volume and 6.6% in value.

Poultry meat imports were 207,038 tonnes, with a value of CNY 3.99 million, a increase on the previous year of 9.4% in volume and 0.6% in value.

Beef imports were 1.32 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 48.40 billion, an decrease on the previous of 9.5% in volume and 2.2% in value.

Lamb imports were 213,032 tonnes, with a value of CNY 5.83 billion, an increase on the previous of 4.7% in volume and 27.6% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18th July, 2025)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

China to slash pork production as excess pig supply drives down prices

In response to a persistent oversupply of pigs that has contributed to a steep drop in pork prices, China's agricultural authorities have announced concrete plans to cut back on the country's breeding stock.

Measures should be taken to reasonably cull the sow population, reduce secondary fattening – feeding pigs past standard slaughter weights to increase margins – and strictly control new capacity to address the issue, said Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Han Jun.

The announcement comes as pig, chicken and duck farmers across the country report deep losses and mounting financial pressure.

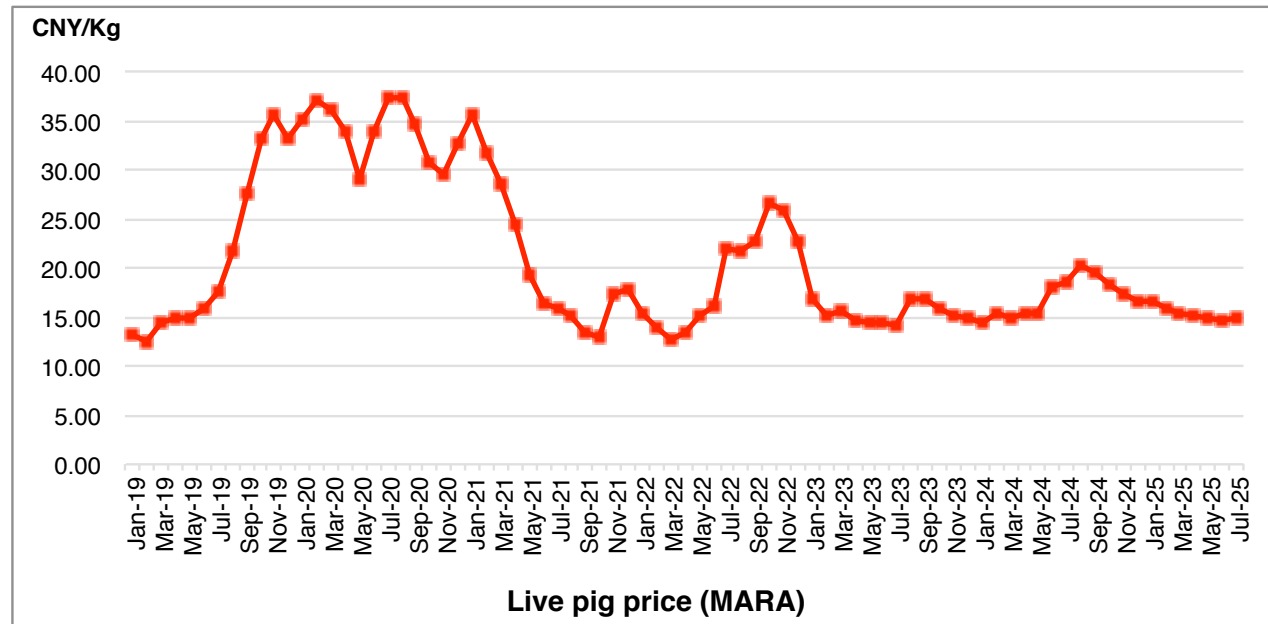
According to the National Bureau of Statistics, by the end of June the national breeding sow inventory stood at 40.43 million – down 370,000 heads from its peak in 2024, but still 3.7% above the official target of 39 million.

According to data from the National Development and Reform Commission, the average price per kilogram of live hogs fell to CNY 14.45 in the second week of June – the lowest level in 17 months and well below the 2020 peak of CNY 37.83. (Source: South China Morning Post, 27th July 2025)



Live pig price in July 2025

China pig average pig prices in China was CNY 14.98 /kg in July, which was 1.5% higher than the previous month and 19.7% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, July 2025)



Chicken and egg price in July 2025

China chicken and egg average pig prices in China was CNY 22.41/kg and CNY8.47/kg in July, chicken price was 1.2% lower than the previous month and 5.0% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 4.8% lower than the previous month and 19.7% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, July 2025)

