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Pig farmers in Negros Oriental, Philippines to receive indemnity for culled ASF-infected pigs

The Philippine Department of Agriculture (DA) has approved the indemnification for hog farmers in two local government units (LGUs) in Negros Oriental province whose pigs were culled following the outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) in previous years.

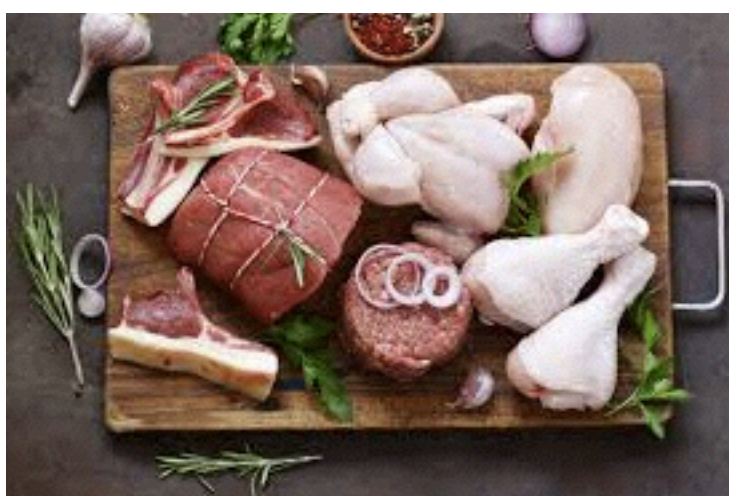
The total number of hog farmers to receive ASF indemnification is still being consolidated by the local government units (LGUs) for submission to the PVO for endorsement to the DA regional office.

Each beneficiary will receive PhP 5,000 per head of pig culled, regardless of stages of production but excluding the piglets who have not been weaned at the time.

The animals believed to have died due to ASF but were not turned over to authorities for culling do not qualify.

(Source: Philippine News Agency, 14th July 2025)

Philippines DA moves to stabilize meat prices amid inflation surge



The Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA) is actively seeking to diversify sources of pork and poultry in response to food-related price pressures, particularly after June's inflation increased to 1.4%, rising from 1.3% in May.

The agency is also looking to introduce a maximum SRP for imported pork products starting August as well as a maximum SRP for imported poultry products starting September.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr stressed the importance of identifying import sources to fill the supply gap created by diseases like ASF hampering local production. To ensure that imports effectively benefit consumers, the PDA plans to set a maximum suggested retail price for pork in August, with a similar measure for chicken likely in September. (Source: AsianAgribiz, 21st July, 2025)





Philippines lifts temporary ban on Australian poultry imports

In an order dated July 25, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the country may now resume the importation of Australia's domestic and wild birds and their by-products, including poultry meat and eggs.

The decision comes after the Philippine government confirmed that all reported cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or bird flu in Australia were resolved.

"Based on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture (DA), the risk of contamination from importing live poultry, poultry meat, day-old chicks, eggs and semen is negligible," he said.

All import transactions should be in compliance with DA's existing rules and regulations, Tiu Laurel added.

In June 2024, the DA imposed a temporary import ban on all poultry products from Australia due to an avian influenza outbreak affecting domestic birds.

(Source: The Philippine Star, 30th July, 2025)

Live pork ban lifted in Cebu, Philippines

The province of Cebu in the Philippines has lifted the ban on the entry of live hogs and pork, as issued in an executive order by new Provincial Governor Pamela Baricuatro.

Baricuatro outlined that the previous administration implemented "strict control measures" for the entry especially during the height of the African swine fever (ASF) in Cebu.

"The easing of movement restrictions is necessary to support the recovery and revitalization of the local livestock and hog industries," wrote Baricuatro in her order.

Under the order, the livestock transport pass is no longer required, but live animals entering the province must still have a valid veterinary health certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian and a livestock handler's permit.

Proper biosecurity protocols, including vehicle disinfection and transport containment standards, must still be followed, the order noted.

The Provincial Veterinary Office and the Philippine National Police will be overseeing the implementation of the proper protocols.

Baricuatro also lifted the mandatory down-time period for livestock transport carriers.

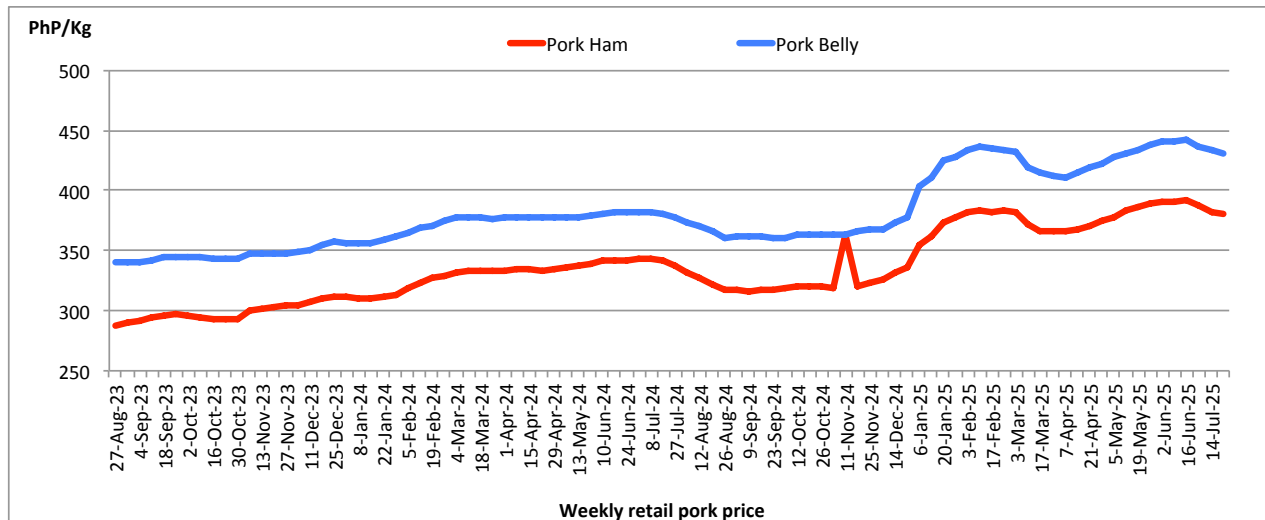
"There is a decline in ASF cases and a marked improvement in disease surveillance and response mechanisms across affected regions," added Baricuatro.

It could be recalled that former Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia was in a row with the Bureau of Animal Industry over their differences in procedures addressing the ASF outbreak in Cebu. (Source: ABS-CBN News, 9th June, 2025)



Pork price in July 2025

The average pork ham and pork belly price in July 2025 was 383 PhP/Kg and 434 PhP/Kg, respectively, show a decrease of 2.0% and 1.7% than the previous month, and 12.3% and 14.0% higher compared to the same period of 2024, respectively. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 2025)



Whole chicken price in July 2025

The average price of whole chicken in July 2025 is 230 PhP/kg, which was 3.4% higher than last month. Year-on-year increase of 9.9%. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, July 2025)

