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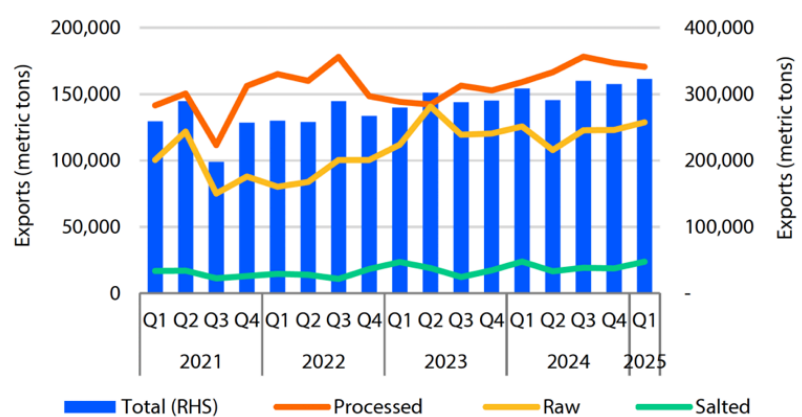
US pork imports may destroy several Thai industries

The head of the Swine Raisers Association of Thailand (SRA) warns that providing the US greater market access to Thailand's agricultural sector could jeopardize the country's food security.

While the specifics on which agricultural products Thailand might open to the US remain unclear, Sitthiphan Thankiatphinyo, President of the Swine Raisers Association of Thailand (SRA), said permitting pork imports from the US would devastate the local swine industry and impact various producers throughout the agricultural supply chain.

He said that the consequences would extend beyond pig farmers, affecting corn and soybean farmers, feedmillers, processors, and the workforce involved in these industries. The pork imports would undermine the country's food security in the long run," said Mr Sitthiphan. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 15th July 2025)

Thai poultry exports soar as global supply tightens



Thailand's poultry exports reached a record 323,000 tonnes in Q1 2025, supported by strong demand from Europe, the UK, Japan, and China.

Processed chicken exports rose 7% YoY to 170,000 tonnes, driven by increased shipments to Europe and the UK. Raw and salted chicken exports grew 2%, supported by rising demand from Japan and China. However, Thai exporters face growing competition from China's cheaper processed poultry, especially in Europe.

Domestically, poultry prices remained strong in Q2 2025 as pork and beef prices hit record highs, making chicken the most affordable animal protein. Lower feed costs, driven by falling global soybean prices, also supported the industry.

"The Thai poultry sector is well-positioned, with strong exports expected to continue, particularly as Brazil's avian flu outbreak disrupts global supply," noted Nan-Dirk Milder, Senior Global Specialist Animal Protein at Rabobank.





Thailand tightens corn imports via its borders

Thailand's Department of Internal Trade has implemented stricter control regarding corn imports along the borders, especially in the Northeastern city of Bueng Kan, which shares a border with Laos. This initiative safeguards Thai corn farmers, as feed corn is included on a controlled list.

The department has prohibited the transport of over 10 tonnes of feed corn into and out of controlled areas across 57 districts in 17 provinces without prior approval from the relevant authorities.

Four additional areas have been included in this restriction: the Jana district in Songkhla, the Ko Srichang district in Chonburi, the Mueang district in Bueng Kan, and the Mueang district in Nong Khai. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 7th July 2025)

However, Thailand's economic outlook has weakened, with GDP growth revised to 2% or 1.3%, depending on US tariff scenarios. Domestic demand is expected to be more price-sensitive amid weaker economic conditions. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 7rd July 2025)

Thailand sees production growth of chicken meat

Thailand's Kasikorn Research Center has forecasted a 1.3% YoY growth in Thai chicken meat production, reaching 3.44 MMT this year. This growth is attributed to an increase in domestic chicken consumption, rising pork prices, and concerns over disease outbreaks in beef cattle, leading consumers to turn to chicken as an alternative source of meat.

The farm-gate price for chicken is expected to rise by 3.5% YoY, reaching USD1.28/kg. While feed raw materials prices show a downward trend, other costs, including standard farm management and utilities, are rising.

Due to chicken being on the controlled price list, retail prices will only see limited increases. Therefore, chicken entrepreneurs should manage costs effectively to maintain their income and profit margins. (Source: Asian Agribiz, 4th July 2025)

