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## Feed production reached 28.31 million tonnes in July

The national feed production was 28.31 million tonnes in July, with a YoY increase of 5.5%, including 26.55 million tonnes compound feed, 0.61 million tonnes premix feed and 1.02 million tonnes concentrate feed.

**Compound feed** price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 3.28 per kg, CNY 3.05 per kg and CNY 3.45 per kg in July, decrease 0.3%, 0.1% and 0.2% from the previous month.

**Concentrate feed** price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.95 per kg, CNY 3.54 per kg and CNY 4.09/kg in July, decrease 0.8%, 0.6% for pig and broiler and increase 0.9% for layer from the previous month.

**Premix feed** price for fattening pigs, layer and broiler was CNY 4.62 per kg, CNY 4.50 per kg and CNY 5.11 per kg, decrease 0.2%, 0.1% and 0.2% from the previous month (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024)

## Net profit of both backyard pig farm and scaled pig farms decreased sharply compared to the same period of last year

At the end of July, the sow inventory was 40.42 million, same as the previous month.

In the first 7 months of 2025, the scaled slaughterhouse slaughtered 215.21 million pigs, a YoY increase of 16.6%.

In July, the pig grain ratio was 6.18, with a month on month increase of 0.3% and a YoY decrease of 18.4%.

The cost per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 2,150 and CNY 2,079 respectively, with a YoY decrease of 1.1% and increase of 2.4% respectively.

The net profit per head of backyard and scaled pig farms was CNY 6 and CNY 21 respectively, with a YoY decrease of 97.9% and 96.1% respectively. (Source: MARA, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025)





## Meat imports to China reach 3.74 millions tonnes in first 7 months

China imported 3.74 million tonnes of meat (including offal) in the first 7 months of 2025. The value was CNY 97.78 billion, a YoY decrease of 2.5% in volume and increase of 2.9% in value.

**Pork** imports were 1.34 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 20.11 billion, a increase on the previous year of 3.3% in volume and 6.2% in value.

**Poultry meat** imports were 226,013 tonnes, with a value of CNY 4.4 million, a decrease on the previous year of 2.0% in volume and 7.5% in value.

**Beef** imports were 1.57 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 57.98 billion, an decrease on the previous of 6.2 % in volume and increase of 1.9% in value.

**Lamb** imports were 239,291 tonnes, with a value of CNY 6.58 billion, an increase on the previous of 2.6% in volume and 26.7% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

## China shifts soy trade strategy amid domestic surplus and US tensions



China, long concerned over soybean shortages and firmly established as the world's largest buyer benefiting farmers from the US to Brazil, is now quietly reshaping oilseed product trade as its economy slows.

The Asian nation is stepping up rare exports of soybean oil, as domestic consumers cut back on restaurant visits and rising global demand for biodiesel makes prices attractive enough to send it abroad. Meanwhile, China is testing deliveries of soybean meal from Argentina for the first time, a substitute for importing beans and crushing them into animal feed at home.

Both shifts, while modest in volume, mark a departure from longstanding trade flows. They also include a means for the country to chip away at its need for American soybeans if the trade war between Beijing and Washington persists.

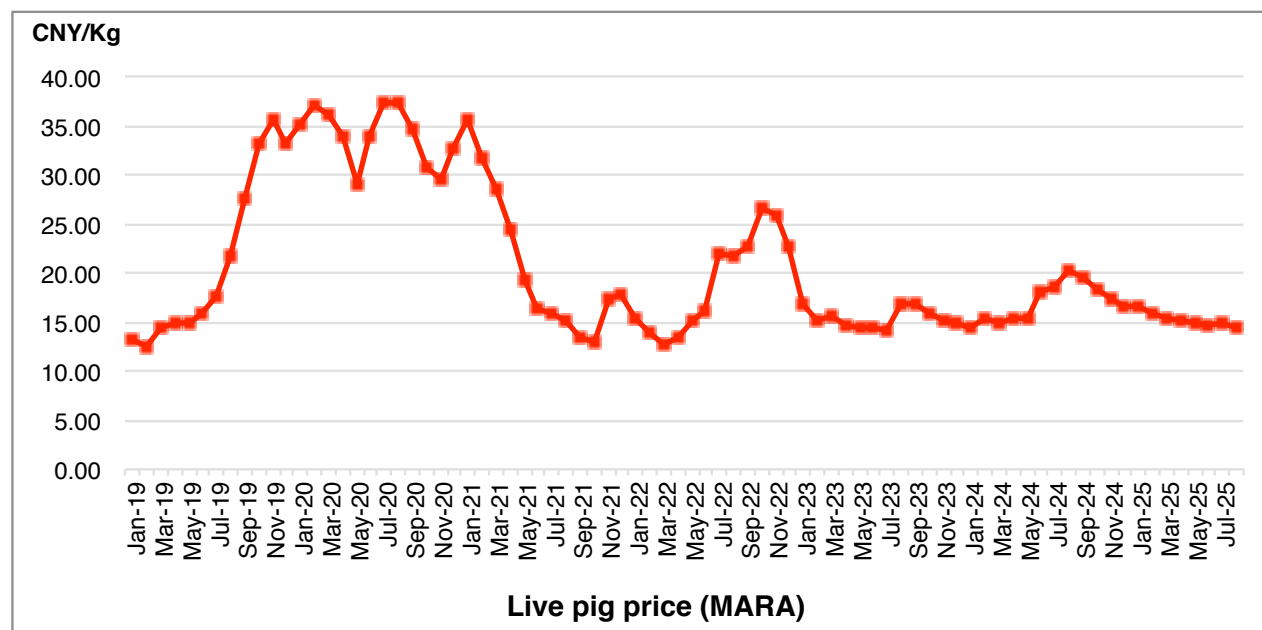
China exported about 127,000 tonnes of soyoil in the first half of the year, exceeding full-year 2024 levels, according to customs data. The shipments are flowing to destinations including South Korea, Malaysia and India, where edible oil demand remains robust.

The trend reflects a global supply-demand rebalancing in the vegetable oil market. The rising exports are the result of China needing soybean meal while other countries need soybean oil. (Source: Business Times, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025)



## Live pig price in August 2025

China pig average pig prices in China was CNY 14.35 /kg in August, which was 4.2% lower than the previous month and 29.5% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, August 2025)



## Chicken and egg price in August 2025

China chicken and egg average pig prices in China was CNY 22.41/kg and CNY8.81/kg in August. Chicken price was the same as the previous month and 5.9% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 4.0% higher than the previous month and 20.4% lower than the same period last year. (Source: MARA, August 2025)

