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Vietnam's livestock sector expands global footprint despite cost and disease pressures

Vietnam's livestock industry is strengthening its global standing but continues to grapple with high production costs, slow technology adoption, and recurring disease outbreaks.

The livestock industry contributes around 25–27% of the agricultural Gross Domestic Product, playing a vital role in food security for more than 100 million people.

Vietnam ranks 5th globally in pig population, 6th in pork production, 2nd in waterfowl numbers, 4th in global pork consumption, and 4th in fresh milk output among ASEAN countries. Despite these impressive figures, the industry faces persistent obstacles, including high production costs, reliance on imported feed and breeding stock, fragmented production systems, and small-scale operations that make it difficult to implement modern technologies. (Source: Voice of Vietnam, October 12th 2025)

Vietnam's livestock industry embraces high-tech transformation



Vietnam's livestock sector is shifting from small-scale farming to modern, sustainable production, driven by science, technology, and digital transformation.

Hung Nhon Group exemplifies this shift through its partnership with De Heus (Netherlands) and Belga (Belgium), developing high-tech livestock complexes meeting Global GAP standards. The DHN High-Tech Agriculture Complex operates with automation, waste treatment systems, and biosecurity standards, with plans for six new projects worth over VND 3,200 billion (2025–2030). The group has also exported chicken products to Japan, marking a milestone for Vietnamese livestock exports.

Dong Nai Province, the country's livestock hub, leads in technology adoption with industrial-scale farming—92% of pigs and 84% of chickens raised





Vietnam sets sights on developing seafood by-product industry

As a leading global seafood producer and exporter, Vietnam is exploring ways to transform seafood byproducts into high-value products. This aims to enhance the sector's sustainability and profitability and contribute to a circular economy.

According to forecasts from the agriculture and environment sector, in the near future, shrimp heads alone could yield approximately 490,000 tonnes of food products. Pangasius offcuts and stomachs could provide 100,000 tonnes and fish oil could provide 100,000 tonnes.

Shrimp shells yield 146,000 tonnes of animal feed, while fish heads, bones, and entrails could supply an additional 900,000 tonnes annually.

By 2030, shrimp products are forecast to reach 650,000 tonnes worth USD 80-100 million. Pangasius byproducts are projected at 1.3 million tonnes, valued at USD 500 million. (Source: Nong Nghiep Borneo Bulletin, 30th October 2025)

on farms using modern housing and automated systems.

The Ministry of Agriculture targets 5.7–5.9% growth in pig production in 2025, emphasizing biotech, vaccination, and value chain integration to ensure productivity and sustainability.

Overall, technological innovation is becoming the key to sustainable growth, food safety, and global competitiveness in Vietnam's livestock industry. (Source: Nha Chan Nuoi, October 30th 2025)

FTAs boost Vietnam's seafood exports

According to the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers (VASEP), seafood exports in the first nine months of 2025 were estimated at USD 8.33 billion, up 15.5% year on year. Shrimp remained the top export item with revenue exceeding USD 3.38 billion, a 20.3% increase, while tra fish brought in over USD 1.6 billion, up nearly 10%.

Mainland China and Hong Kong (China) were Vietnam's largest buyers, with shipments to these markets reaching USD 1.7 billion, up 32.1% thanks to strong demand and stable logistics costs.

VASEP Deputy Secretary General Le Hang said that amid global trade fluctuations, free trade agreements (FTAs) have become a "lifeline" for Vietnamese seafood exporters.

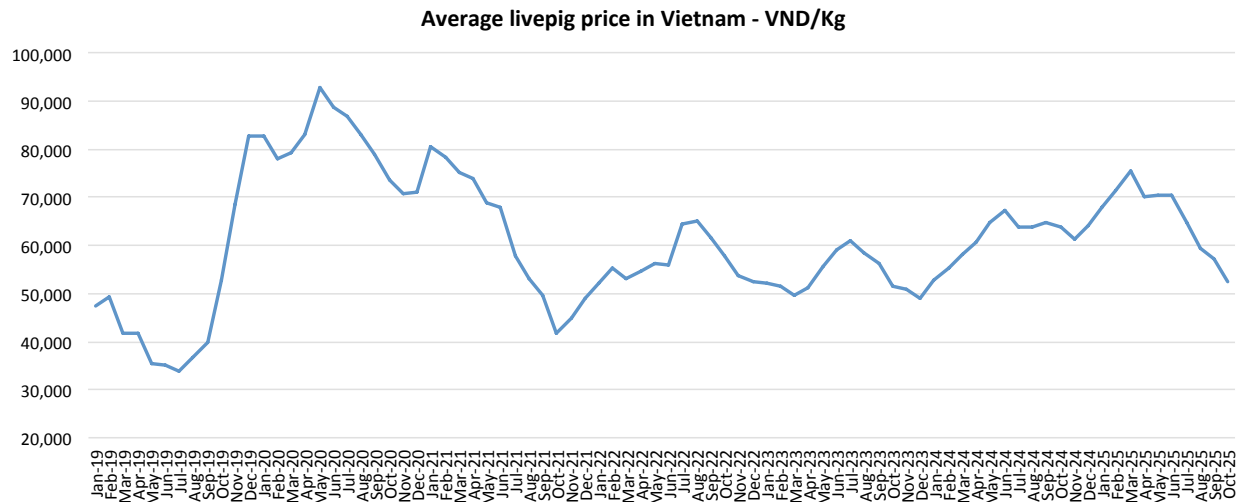
However, the industry continues facing fierce competition from major seafood producers such as India, Thailand, Indonesia, and Ecuador, especially in shrimp and tra fish exports, alongside increasingly complex global trade policies.

Sustained innovation, technology adoption, and the building of a strong national seafood brand are seen as essential for strengthening Vietnam's position in the global seafood value chain. (Source: Vietnam News Agency, 20th October 2025)



Live pig price in October 2025

Vietnam average pig prices was VND 52,500 per kg in October, 8.3% decrease compared to the previous month and 17.8 % lower than the same period last year.(Source: Vietnambiz and anovafeed, October 2025)



Piglet price in October 2025

Vietnam average piglet prices was VND 2,550,000 per piglet in October, the same compared to the previous month and 47.0% higher than the same period last year.(Source: Vietnambiz and anovafeed, October 2025)

