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Feed costs make production costs of Philippines' pork, chicken among highest in Asia

Pork and chicken production costs in the Philippines are among the highest in Asia due to high feed costs, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) said.

A more recent estimate from the Department of Agriculture puts production costs for pigs at PhP165–180/kg. Pig feed accounts for about 57% of operating expenses.

High feed costs similarly affect chicken production. For broiler farms, production costs at PhP 71/kg (on a live-weight basis) for commercial operators and up to PhP 78/kg for backyard growers. By dressed weight, the average production cost for large-scale broiler farms in the Philippines is PhP 92.36/kg. The study linked high costs to elevated corn prices, a primary ingredient in animal feed. Corn prices in the Philippines remain higher than in neighboring countries. (Source: Business World, 20th November, 2025)

Mixed result for Philippines' livestock production in Q3



Livestock production in the Philippines was mixed in the third quarter, with pig, chicken, and chicken egg output growing on a seasonally adjusted basis and cattle production declining, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

Seasonally adjusted volumes, which strip out the effect of factors like trader demand, disease outbreaks, and natural calamities, show the underlying trends in production, allowing for clearer comparisons across quarters.

Citing preliminary data, the PSA said the seasonally adjusted volume of pig production in the third quarter was 411,130 tonnes on a liveweight basis, up 1.2% from the previous quarter.

This is the first time the pig industry has shown quarter-on-quarter growth since the third quarter of 2023. Seasonally adjusted chicken production rose 3.6% quarter on quarter to 582,330 tonnes (liveweight). Seasonally adjusted chicken





Philippines' swine market may soon break from low prices as minimum farmgate price set

In November, the Philippines' Department of Agriculture (DA), together with pig producers in the country, determined the minimum farmgate price for live pigs at PhP 210 per kilogram.

This amount is almost equal to or even lower than the average production costs of PHP170 to PHP180 per kg. for backyard and commercial hog raisers, according to the DA.

The purpose of this move is to support the swine industry, already beleaguered by intensifying financial losses.

This problem is partly linked to falling prices resulting from the over-importation of pork into the Philippines (due to lower import duties), according to Philippine Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. Hence, the DA and industry players are recommending that the pork import tariff be restored to 40% from the current 25%.

(Source: The Philippine News Agency, 4th November 2025)

egg production was 212,060 tonnes, up 3.3% quarter on quarter. Cattle was the sole decliner on a seasonally adjusted basis, falling 1.6% quarter on quarter to 58,310 tonnes (liveweight). (Source: Business World, 19th November, 2025)

Philippines issues new rules to strengthen ASF safeguards

Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. has issued new rules aimed at strengthening the Philippines' defences against African swine fever while ensuring the safe importation of swine and pork products.

The guidelines, set out in Administrative Circular No. 12, introduce ASF regionalisation, allowing recognition of ASF-free zones within accredited exporting countries in line with World Organisation for Animal Health standards.

Only Department of Agriculture-accredited countries may apply for ASF regionalisation recognition. Exporting countries' competent veterinary authorities must submit detailed reports on surveillance, control measures and the boundaries of ASF-free regions.

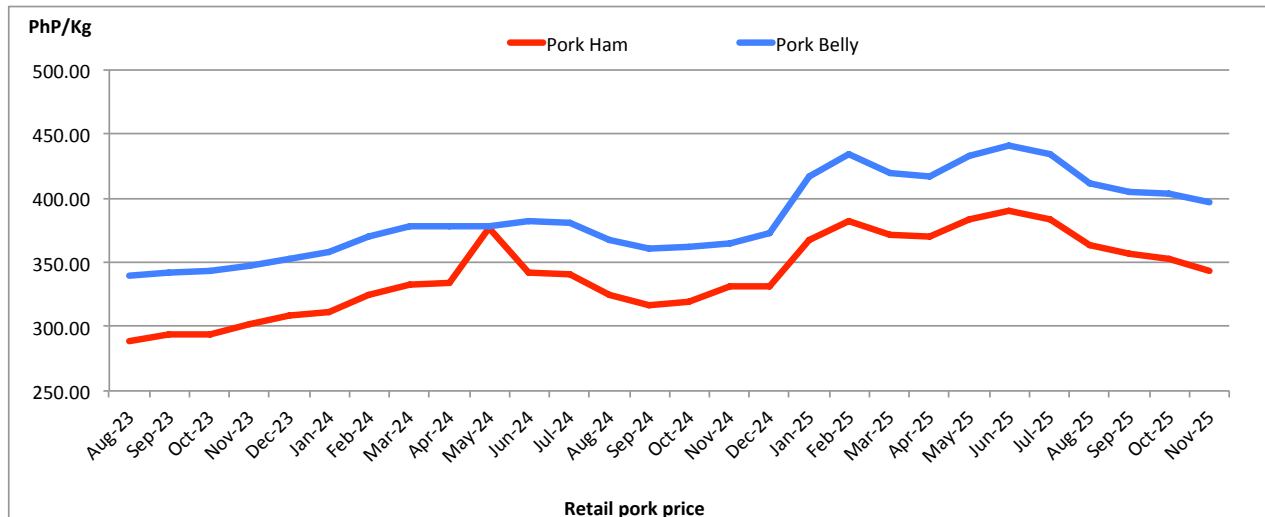
The Bureau of Animal Industry, through its Risk Import Assessment Team, will conduct a six-month technical review to verify compliance with national and international standards. After evaluation, the bureau will notify exporting countries of the results. Approved applications will include a draft ASF Regionalization Agreement outlining animal health requirements, import terms and a veterinary health certificate template.

Bilateral recognition begins once both countries' chief veterinary officers sign the agreement and the DA issues a memorandum order. Commodities covered by existing export accreditation remain eligible, and exporting countries must file annual status reports detailing surveillance and control efforts. The circular requires a review after two years to ensure the rules remain effective. Any previous regulations inconsistent with the new order are repealed or amended. (Source: The Pig Site, 24th November, 2025)



Pork price in November 2025

The average pork ham and pork belly price in November 2025 was 343.52 PhP/Kg and 396.11 PhP/Kg, respectively, show a decrease of 2.8% and 1.8% from the previous month, and 3.6% and 8.6% higher compared to the same period of 2024, respectively. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, November 2025)



Whole chicken price in November 2025

The average price of whole chicken in November 2025 is 198.55 PhP/kg, which was 1.8% higher than last month. Year-on-year increase of 6.4%. (Source: Philippines Department of Agriculture, November 2025)

