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## China Feed Production: A Mixed Start to 2026

From January to February 2026, China's industrial feed production reached 51.85 million tonnes, up 3.4% YoY.

Compound feed grew by 4.0%, and premix feed by 3.8%, while concentrate feed declined by 10.6%.

Corn usage in compound feed increased to 46.9% (+1.0% from Dec 2025).

Soybean meal usage dropped to 13.0% (-0.7% from Dec 2025), reflecting ongoing efforts to reduce protein dependence.

Feed prices showed a general downward trend compared to December 2025.

The growth in compound feed and premix, combined with the decline in concentrate feed, signals a continued shift in production structure. As the animal nutrition and feed sector navigates this evolving landscape, efficiency and ingredient flexibility remain key. (Source: China Feed Industry Association, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

## A New Era for Sustainable Livestock Farming: China's Unified Ammonia Emission Calculation Standard Takes Effect



As of March 1, 2026, China has officially implemented the "Technical Guidelines for Ammonia Emission Calculation from Large-Scale Livestock and Poultry Farms (Trial)" (HJ 1434-2025) nationwide. This marks a significant milestone in the country's agricultural environmental management.

For the first time, China has established a unified, mandatory standard for ammonia emission calculation across the livestock sector.

All farms with  $\geq 500$  head of livestock (using pig farming as reference) now face standardized compliance requirements.

The calculation boundary extends across the entire production process - from housing and manure storage to treatment - leaving no regulatory blind spots.

Three core calculation methods are introduced: material balance algorithm, emission factor method, and on-site monitoring. Large farms can opt for precise monitoring while medium and small-scale operations can use unified





## Meat Imports to China Reach 0.46 Millions Tonnes in February

China imported 0.46million tonnes of meat (including offal) in February 2026. The value was CNY 13.58 billion, a YoY decrease of 4.2% in volume and increase of 6.4% in value.

**Pork** imports were 0.13 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 1.78 billion, a decrease on the previous year of 23.9% in volume and 32.0% in value.

**Poultry meat** imports were 18,091 tonnes, with a value of CNY 405 million, a decrease on the previous year of 50.8% in volume and 42.6% in value.

**Beef** imports were 0.27 million tonnes, with a value of CNY 10.14 billion, an increase on the previous of 37.6% in volume and 39.7% in value.

**Lamb** imports were 17,834 tonnes, with a value of CNY 579 million, a decrease on the previous of 44.2% in volume and 36.3% in value. (Source: China Custom, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026)

Note: beef and pork includes offal

emission factors for efficient compliance.

The guidelines seamlessly connect with existing pollutant discharge permit systems, environmental tax collection, and pollution prevention action plans - providing the legal technical basis that was previously missing.

Ammonia is a key precursor to PM2.5 formation. With SO<sub>2</sub> and Nitrogen Oxides(mainly NO and NO<sub>2</sub>) emissions already significantly reduced, ammonia has become a critical factor limiting further air quality improvement . This guideline finally gives regulators and farmers alike a "measurable, reportable, verifiable" framework for ammonia reduction .

China's top 15 listed pig farming companies have already invested lots of money in environmental protection over the past three years. This guideline isn't about creating barriers - it's about providing a clear, science-based pathway for the industry's sustainable transformation.

The days of "flexible" regional enforcement are over. The new standard applies everywhere, equally. (Source: Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China 1<sup>st</sup> , March 2026)

## China Tightens Hog Market Control: Sow Herd Cap May Drop to 36.5 Million Hea



China's hog industry is entering a new phase of capacity regulation. Following recent joint meetings between the NDRC and the Ministry of Agriculture, the government has initiated central frozen pork reserves procurement,

signaling that the market has entered an overly depressed warning zone.

More notably, the normal breeding sow herd target is reportedly set to be lowered to 36.5 million head—a reduction of over 3 million from current levels. This marks a clear shift from “monitoring and warning” to “comprehensive capacity regulation.”

Accelerated capacity elimination. With hog prices dropping below 10 CNY/kg and the industry facing losses for five consecutive months, proactive sow reduction is already underway. The new policy will likely accelerate the exit of inefficient production capacity.

From volume to efficiency. The message is clear: the era of blind expansion is over. The focus now is on cost control, biosecurity, and reproductive efficiency. Farms that rely solely on scale without improving productivity will face mounting pressure.



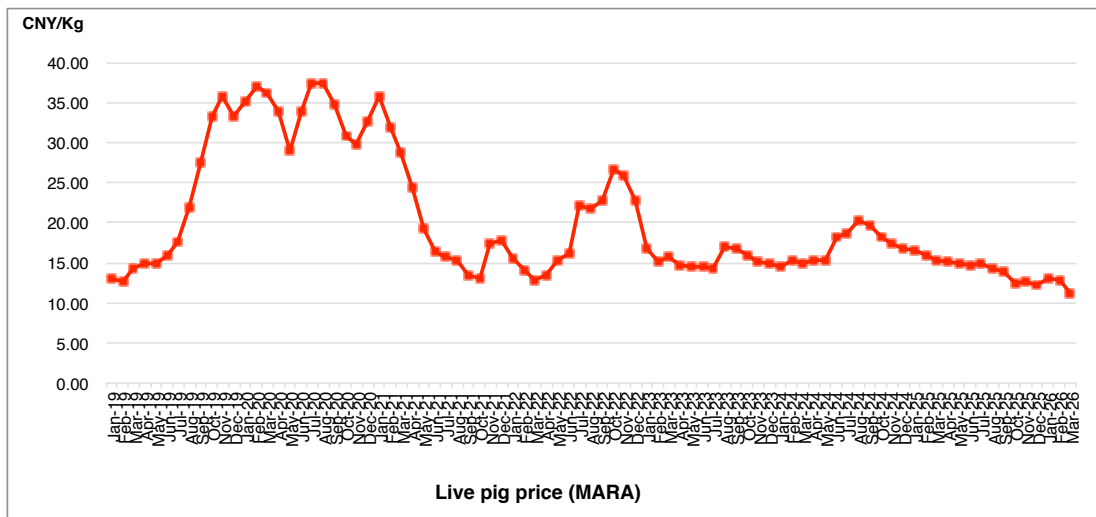
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moving toward driven, precision this environment,

improving fertility, immunity, and overall herd health is no longer just a technical advantage—it's a survival necessity. (Source: NDRC and the Ministry of Agriculture, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026)

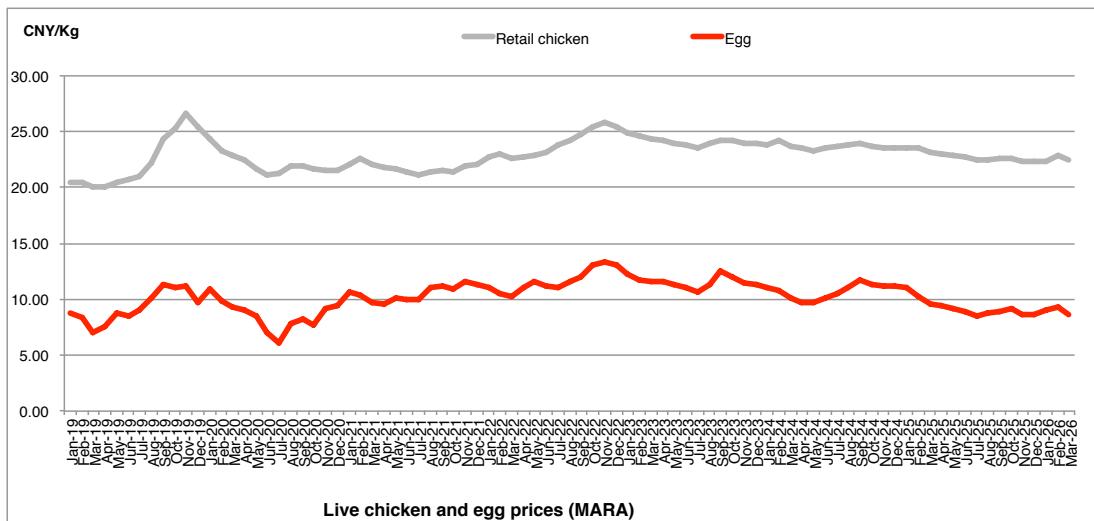
### Live pig price in March 2026

China pig average pig prices in China was CNY 11.25/kg in March, which was 13.1% lower than the previous month and 26.8% lower than the same period last year.(Source: MARA, March 2026)



### Chicken and egg price in March 2026

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chicken and egg prices in China was CNY 22.82/kg and CNY 9.24/kg in March chicken price was 2.0% higher than the previous month and 2.8% lower than the same period of last year. Egg price was 2.5% higher than the previous month and 9.4% lower than the same period last year.  
(Source: MARA, March 2026)



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