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Pig prices rise as oil costs trigger March 30 farm-gate price hike

The Southern Swine Raisers Association announced a recommended farm-gate price for fattening pigs, up THB 2 to THB72 per kilogramme, with pig sides at THB84 per kilogramme, culled breeding sows at THB40 per kilogramme, and 16-kilogram piglets at THB2,200, plus or minus THB72. The rise is mainly driven by high production costs, particularly feed, energy, and transportation, which are closely linked to volatile global oil prices.

Additional pressures such as expensive raw materials and erratic weather have reduced farm efficiency and increased management costs.

Pork prices have seen the sharpest increase, with higher farm-level costs being passed on to consumers. In reality, market prices are often higher than official figures.

(Source: The Nation, 20th March 2026)

Dairy Crisis: Thai Government Summons Industry Leaders Over 200-Tonne Daily Milk Glut



The Department of Internal Trade (DITP) has issued an "urgent" summons to commercial dairy operators for a crisis meeting on 13 March 2026.

The move follows reports of a massive raw milk surplus exceeding 200 tonnes per day, leaving dairy farmers across the country with no buyers despite existing purchase agreements (MOUs).

While rising production levels in 2025, industry sources believe that the crisis is a symptom of deep-seated structural issues rather than a simple matter of oversupply, including poor data management and market distortions caused by the National School Milk Program.

Industry leaders are calling for major reforms such as ending state monopolies, empowering cooperatives to build commercial brands, and expanding exports through government deals. There is also a strong push to reduce reliance on subsidies and instead focus on improving





Thailand aims to export more livestock products to Malaysia

On 6 Mar 2026, the Department of Livestock Development is pushing to expand the Thai livestock product market in Malaysia following the successful opening of pork exports. It is expected that exports will increase in value by around 1 billion baht in 2026. Thailand expects to export pork worth USD 32 million to Malaysia this year. Efforts are underway to open additional markets for livestock products, including poultry, beef, and pasteurized milk products, to enhance trade opportunities and strengthen the competitiveness of Thai livestock products in the regional market.

Earlier this month, representatives from Thailand's DLD and the private sector met with Director-General of the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS), to explore collaboration on animal health, production systems, and livestock product trade between the two countries. (Source: Thairath, 6th March 2026)

productivity and lowering costs to make the sector more competitive globally. (Source: The Nation, 12th March 2026)

Egg prices jump 6 baht a tray as transport costs surge



Thailand's network of layer chicken cooperatives has announced another increase in farm-gate egg prices, raising the price of mixed eggs by 20 satang per egg to 3.60 baht each, which will push retail prices up by 6 baht per tray.

The key reasons are a drop in egg output following the culling of laying hens, the introduction of new hens that are not yet producing at full capacity, and extremely hot weather, which has further reduced production.

Producers are also facing significantly higher transport costs following the recent fuel price increase, which has become another factor putting pressure on prices.

On possible solutions, operators are calling on the government to urgently consider support measures for the transport sector, particularly fuel cost subsidies. Although there has been discussion of using coupons to provide assistance, there are concerns about how complicated such measures would be to implement, as most egg transport businesses are privately run and do not fully operate within the commercial transport system, making it harder for them to access state support. (Source: The Nation, 27th March 2026)