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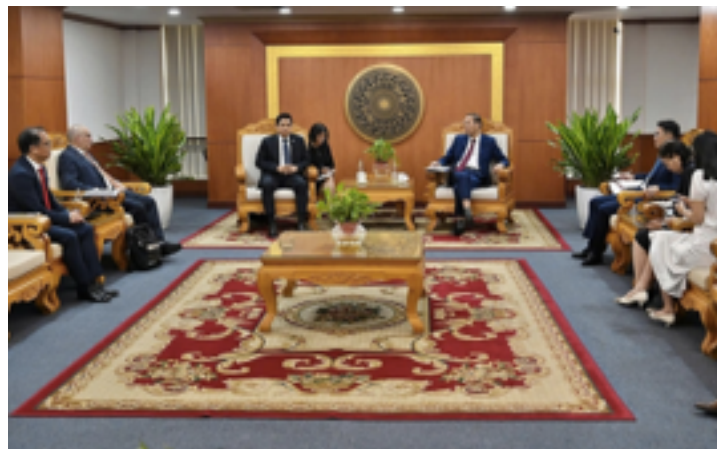
## Vietnam's Livestock Sector Responds to Global Volatility

Vietnam's livestock sector is facing rising risks from global geopolitical tensions, particularly increasing feed costs due to disruptions in supply chains and logistics. Despite strong export growth of 84% in early 2026, the industry remains highly dependent on imported feed materials, making it vulnerable to global price fluctuations.

To address these challenges, Vietnam is implementing both short-term and long-term strategies, including improving feed self-sufficiency, optimizing logistics, diversifying import sources, and promoting renewable energy use. In the long run, the sector aims to strengthen domestic production capacity and build a more resilient, competitive, and sustainable livestock industry to expand its global market presence.

(Source: Nguoi Chan Nuoi, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2026)

## Viet Nam's livestock sector outpaces regional transformation



On March 24, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Environment Phung Duc Tien met with Thanawat Tiensin, Director of the Animal Production and Health Division at the FAO.

Thanawat Tiensin praised the strong transformation of Viet Nam's livestock sector over recent decades, noting that the shift extends beyond the sector itself to the broader agricultural system, including food production, industry, and the environment. According to him, Viet Nam now holds a prominent position across multiple areas. In pork production, the country ranks first in Southeast Asia and second in Asia; in dairy, it leads ASEAN; and in aquaculture, it is also among the region's top producers. "Viet Nam has risen to number one in many commodities and production capacities," he said.

In livestock alone, output has reached approximately 8.67 million tons of meat, with production value exceeding USD 21 billion. Exports of livestock products have surpassed USD 600 million and are targeted to reach USD 1 billion in





## Removing Bottlenecks to Unlock Growth in Vietnam's Livestock Sector

Vietnam's livestock sector holds strong growth potential but continues to face key bottlenecks in management capacity, technology adoption, and value chain development. While large-scale farming is expanding and demand is increasing, challenges such as heavy reliance on imported feed, limited local veterinary capacity, and underdeveloped slaughtering and processing systems are constraining efficiency and value creation.

To achieve sustainable growth, the sector must modernize governance frameworks, accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies and biotechnology, strengthen processing capabilities, and develop an integrated ecosystem involving government, businesses, and farmers. At the same time, advancing digital transformation and international integration will be critical to enhancing competitiveness and long-term resilience. (Source: The Nguoi Chan Nuoi, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2026) .

the near future. (Source: Minister of Agriculture and Environment, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026)

## Key Drivers for Breakthrough Growth in Vietnam's Livestock and Veterinary Sector

Vietnam's livestock and veterinary sector is positioned for future growth, driven by digital transformation and advanced technologies such as AI, big data, and gene editing, which can improve disease control and optimize the value chain. The sector has maintained steady growth of 4.5–6% annually and holds strong export potential, supported by rising domestic demand and international trade agreements.

However, challenges such as climate change, disease risks, and the dominance of small-scale farming require a shift toward sustainable, biosecurity, and technology-driven development. Strengthening innovation, improving policy frameworks, and enhancing collaboration among government, businesses, scientists, and farmers will be key to achieving long-term competitiveness and global integration. (Source: The Nguoi Chan Nuoi, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2026)

## Vietnam Pig Sector Recovers in Early 2026 Amid Ongoing ASF Risks

Vietnam's pig sector is gradually recovering in early 2026, with the national herd increasing by 1.58% year-on-year, supported by farm expansion and improved disease control. However, African Swine Fever (ASF) remains a significant risk, with 225 outbreaks reported across 23 provinces, leading to nearly 12,700 pigs culled.

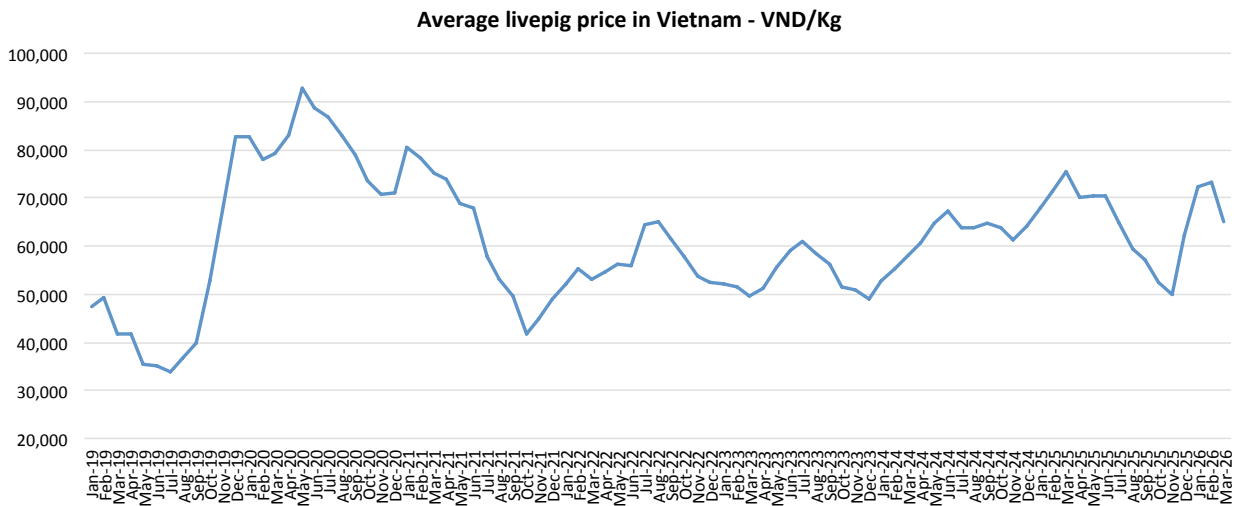
Meanwhile, poultry farming continues stable growth due to strong demand and short production cycles, while cattle and buffalo sectors are declining, low profitability and high costs. Overall, disease risks and structural challenges continue to



impact the sustainability of livestock production.(Source: Bao moi, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026)

### Live pig price in March 2026

Vietnam average pig prices was VND 65,160 per kg in March, 11.1% decrease compared to the previous month and 13.9% lower than the same period last year.(Source: Vietnambiz and anovafeed, March 2026)



### Piglet price in March 2026

Vietnam average piglet prices was VND 2,350,000 per piglet in March, showing a 6.6% lower compared to the previous month and 16.5% lower than the same period last year.(Source: Vietnambiz and anovafeed, March 2026)

