



Thailand's Feed Millers Push Back on New Corn Pricing Formula

Thailand's Feed Mill Association opposes a proposed corn guarantee pricing formula for 2026/27, warning it could add over 1 billion baht (USD 30.43 million) a year to feed costs. The increase stems from raising the assumed farmer profit margin to 24% from 17%, despite production costs actually falling versus last season, a guaranteed price of roughly 9.47 baht/kg under the old margin, against the higher level implied by the new one.

The association also argues a single fixed annual price doesn't work given seasonal swings, with corn hitting around 13 baht/kg at the end of last season, and wants the pricing mechanism reviewed before finalization, noting the mismatch with the 20% margin cap applied to livestock products.

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Separately, Terdsak Lapchitkusol of the Thai Feed Grain and Farm Produce Trade Association said prices stayed unchanged for now, 7.05 baht/kg for 30%-moisture corn and THB 9.80/kg for 14.5%-moisture corn, with a review set for August 31. He also flagged that major mills suspended domestic corn purchases from June through August, an unprecedented 3-month pause not seen in 50 years of trading, while reportedly still holding import quotas, raising concern among smaller traders and questions about why large producers barely bought domestic corn while sitting on import allowances.

Key Numbers

- Over THB1 billion baht/year (USD 30.43M), added feed cost from the new formula
- 24% new assumed farmer margin, up from 17%
- ~THB 13 /kg, corn price peak last season
- 20% vs 24%, margin cap gap between livestock products and corn farmers
- 3 months, feed mill purchase suspension, unprecedented in 50 years

Source: efeedlink.com, Aug 21st 2026



AAC View

- Guaranteed price rising while production costs fell suggests this is a policy choice to boost farmer income, not a cost-based adjustment.
- The margin cap gap, 20% for livestock products vs 24% for corn, is a sharp, quotable example of uneven treatment across the value chain.

Business Implications

- If the new formula proceeds, feed costs across the Thai livestock sector rise regardless of actual corn production costs, worth flagging for any client sourcing feed inputs in Thailand.

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Thai Pig Farmers Squeezed As Prices Fall Below Cost Despite Demand Rebound



Thai pig farmers are facing mounting losses as farm-gate prices fall below production costs, despite recovering pork consumption. Rising corn prices (accounting for 40–50% of pig feed formulas) have increased production costs by THB 2–3/kg, while lower farm-gate prices have left farmers facing average losses of THB 1,500–1,800 per animal. Pork consumption slowed in April to ~61,600 pigs/day but recovered in May to ~65,000–66,000 pigs/day, close to Q1 levels of 66,000–67,000 head/day.

The National Swine Raisers Association has warned of possible market distortion from aggressive pork-shop competition and suspected external supply entering the market. Farmers are pushing to restore farm-gate prices to production cost levels of THB 70–72/kg.

Key Numbers

- Production cost increase: THB 2–3/kg from rising corn prices
- Average losses per pig: THB 1,500–1,800
- Pork consumption (April): ~61,600 pigs/day
- Pork consumption (May): ~65,000–66,000 pigs/day
- Q1 average slaughter: 66,000–67,000 pigs/day
- Production cost target: THB 70–72/kg

Source: The Nation, 08th June 2026

AAC View

The disconnect between recovering consumption and falling producer prices indicates structural issues in Thailand's pig marketing chain. While demand has returned to near Q1 levels, farmers are not benefiting from the recovery, with value chain margins likely captured by retailers and processors. The association's concerns about market distortion and suspected external supply warrant investigation. The rising corn price impact highlights the vulnerability of Thai pig farmers to global grain market volatility, with corn comprising 40–50% of feed costs.

Business Implications

- Productivity solutions will become more valuable.
- Feed additive suppliers should emphasize measurable economic return.
- Premium genetics adoption may accelerate among commercial farms.
- Cost management will remain the key purchasing driver.

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Egg Prices Rise 20 Satang As Feed Costs Squeeze Thai Farmers

Egg prices in Thailand increased by 20 satang per egg from 8 June, as layer farmers face higher maize and animal feed costs. The Central Region Small-Scale Egg-Layer Farmers Trade Association confirmed the price movement reflects rising production expenses rather than an increase in the recommended farm-gate ceiling.



Actual market prices moved from THB 3.30 to THB 3.50 per egg, while the recommended farm-gate price for mixed-size eggs remains unchanged at THB 3.60 per egg. The recommended price has been set at THB 3.60 since March 2026, but actual selling prices had remained below that level, so the adjustment brings market prices closer to the recommended ceiling. Layer farmers continue to face heavy cost burdens, particularly from maize prices which have climbed to THB 14/kg.

Key Numbers

- Price increase: 20 satang per egg
- Previous market price: THB 3.30/egg
- Current market price: THB 3.50/egg
- Recommended farm-gate ceiling: THB 3.60/egg (unchanged since March 2026)
- Maize price: THB 14/kg

Source: The Nation, 08th June 2026

AAC View

The modest 20-satang egg price increase represents a partial pass-through of rising feed costs to consumers, rather than a concerted industry price hike. The fact that actual market prices remain below the recommended ceiling indicates that retail competition is constraining farmer margins. With maize prices at THB 14/kg, layer farmers remain under significant cost pressure. The association's transparent communication about the price adjustment—clarifying that it is a market correction rather than a new price ceiling—demonstrates efforts to maintain consumer trust while supporting farmer viability.

Business Implications

- Demand for feed efficiency solutions may increase.
- Poultry nutrition technologies remain attractive.
- Raw material volatility will continue influencing producer decisions.

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Thailand Extends AFTA Feed Corn Import Window to August Amid Raw Material Shortage



Thailand's Cabinet approved an extension of the AFTA feed corn import window for general importers from 30 June to 31 August 2026, in response to a feed raw material shortage and a later-than-usual domestic harvest season. Thailand produces ~5 million tonnes of feed corn annually but relies on average AFTA imports of ~1.57 million tonnes per year to meet domestic feed industry demand. However, imports between February and April 2026 reached only 0.42 million tonnes, down 49% from 0.83 million tonnes over the same period in 2025. The sharp decline was partly attributed to a new import requirement introduced on 1 January 2026 mandating that feed corn imports be produced without burning in the cultivation process, a measure aimed at addressing PM2.5 pollution.

The 2026 production season is tracking differently, with ~4.04 million tonnes (90.19% of national output) expected to reach the market between September and December, making the original June deadline misaligned with actual supply conditions.

Key Numbers

- Import window extension: 30 June → 31 August 2026
- Annual feed corn production: ~5 million tonnes
- Average annual AFTA imports: ~1.57 million tonnes
- Feb–Apr 2026 imports: 0.42 million tonnes (-49% YoY from 0.83 million tonnes)
- Expected market arrival (Sep–Dec 2026): ~4.04 million tonnes (90.19% of output)

Source: Thai Enquirer, 18th June 2026

AAC View

The 49% collapse in feed corn imports in early 2026 reflects the unintended consequences of the new anti-burning import requirement. The government's pragmatic decision to extend the import window balances the need for raw material supply stability against protecting domestic corn farmer incomes. The seasonal shift in domestic harvest timing—with 90% of output arriving only in September–December—made the June deadline increasingly untenable. This policy flexibility demonstrates Thailand's commitment to managing the delicate balance between agricultural protection and livestock industry competitiveness.

Business Implications

- Feed cost pressure may gradually ease after additional imports arrive.
- Livestock producers may regain some margin improvement.
- Feed companies need flexible sourcing strategies.
- Alternative feed ingredients may gain attention.

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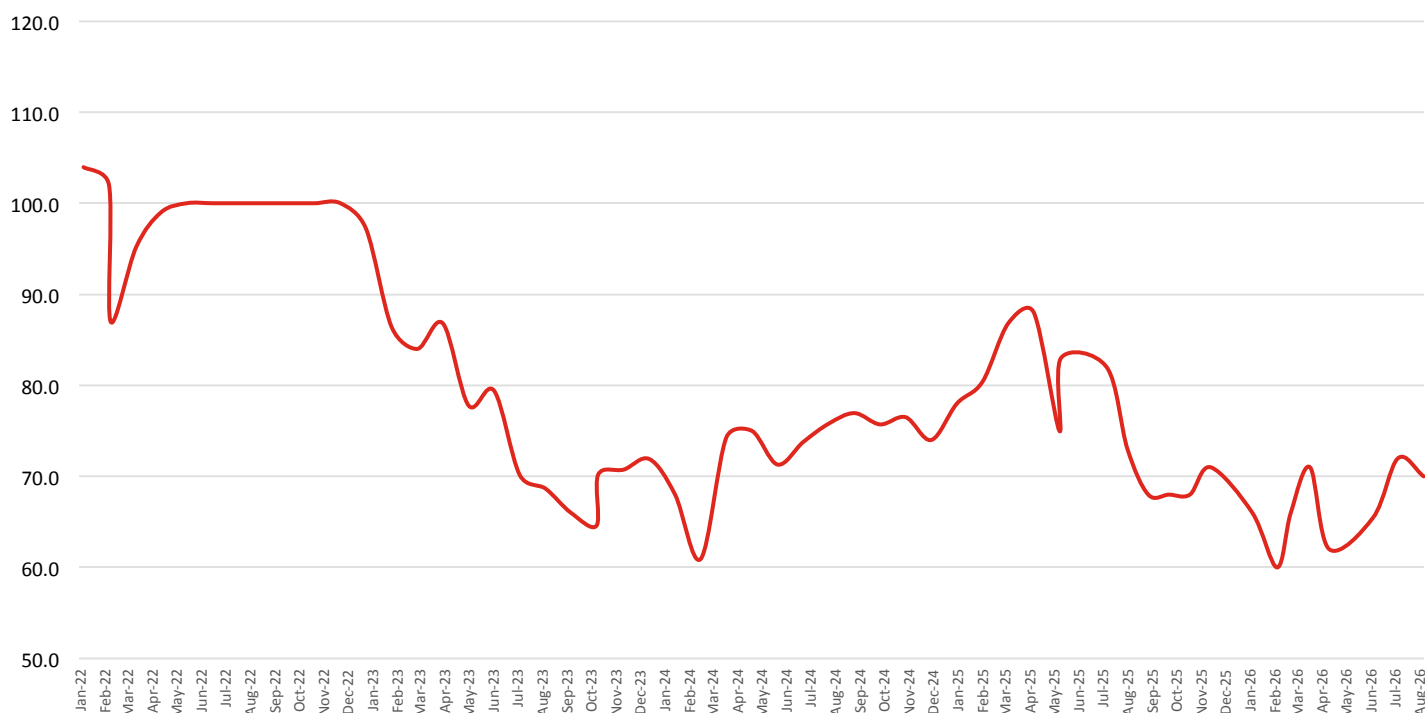


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Live Pig Price in August

MoM: -2.8%; YoY: -4.1%



Thailand's live hog prices in August 2026 held in the mid- THB 60s/kg range, easing back after climbing toward the high-80s in February 2026. The market has spent most of the past year drifting between roughly THB 60 and 75/kg, well below the THB100+/kg levels seen through 2022 and early 2023, reflecting a prolonged period of soft demand and persistent oversupply pressure across the Thai hog sector.

Source: National Swine Raisers Association of Thailand & CPF Feed Marketing Bureau

AAC View

The multi-year downtrend from over THB100/kg in 2022-23 to the 60-75 range through 2025-26 points to a structural shift, not a temporary dip. Any single-month bounce should be read against this backdrop rather than as a turnaround signal.

Business implications

Farmers should plan around continued thin or negative margins near current levels, with cash flow support and herd management remaining more relevant than waiting for a price recovery to prior-year levels.

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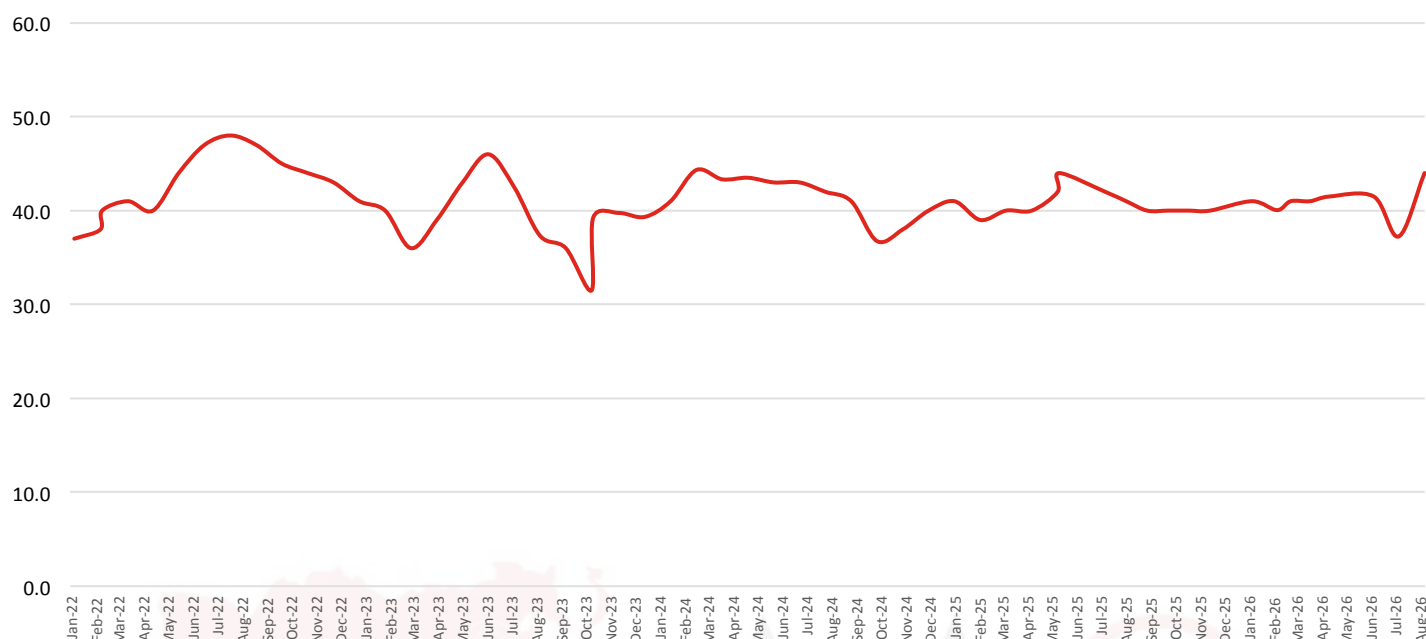
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Live Broiler Price in August

MoM: +18.1%; YoY: +7.3%



Thailand's retail live broiler price in August 2026 sat near the upper end of its multi-year range, around THB 40 to 43 /kg. Unlike the pig market's sharp multi-year decline, broiler retail prices have stayed relatively range-bound since early 2022, mostly oscillating between roughly THB 35 and 45 /kg, with only brief dips below 35 (notably around late 2023) and no sustained breakout in either direction.

Source: National Swine Raisers Association of Thailand & CPF Feed Marketing Bureau

AAC View

The broiler market's tight, stable range over nearly 5 years stands in sharp contrast to the pig market's collapse from over 100 to the 60-75 band. This suggests broiler supply and demand have stayed comparatively balanced, while pig oversupply has been the more structural, unresolved problem in Thai livestock.

Business implications

Broiler producers face a more predictable margin environment than hog farmers, useful context for any client comparing capital allocation or risk exposure between the two segments in Thailand.

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