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Question:

Please advise on the average, highest and lowest daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland into Hong Kong in each of the past three years (i.e. 2013, 2014 and 2015).   Please also advise on the average, highest and lowest auction prices per picul for each of these years.

Asked by: Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

Information on the number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows -

| Year | Daily number of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland | | | | | |
| | Pigs | | | Cattle | | |
| | Average | Highest | Lowest | Average | Highest | Lowest |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2013 | 4 317 | 5 565 | 1 942 | 52 | 116 | 8 |
| 2014 | 4 452 | 6 298 | 2 597 | 51 | 110 | 9 |
| 2015 | 4 338 | 6 993 | 2 094 | 49 | 97 | 8 |

Information on the auction or wholesale prices of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland in the past three years is tabulated as follows -

| Year | Auction/wholesale prices per picul of live pigs and live cattle imported from the Mainland | | | | | | | | |
| | Auction Price of Pigs (HK$) | | | Wholesale Price of Cattle* (HK$) | | | | | |
| | | | | Marbled Meat Cattle | | | Beef Cattle | | |
| | Average | Highest | Lowest | Average | Highest | Lowest | Average | Highest | Lowest |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2013 | 1,350 | 1,499 | 1,228 | 4,497 | 4,690 | 4,310 | 4,093 | 4,105 | 4,070 |
| 2014 | 1,253 | 1,431 | 1,122 | 4,690 | 4,690 | 4,690 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 4,070 |
| 2015 | 1,361 | 1,545 | 1,252 | 4,690 | 4,690 | 4,690 | 4,070 | 4,070 | 4,070 |

\* The wholesale price of live cattle is determined by the wholesale agent.   The wholesale prices of marbled meat cattle and beef cattle were last adjusted to HK$4,690 / picul and HK$4,070 / picul respectively on 6 May 2013.

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