

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

With regard to the wholesale of live pigs, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the number of live pigs imported in the past 3 years;
- (b) the average auction price of live pigs imported in the past 3 years;
- (c) the number of fresh provision shops eligible for selling fresh pork in the past 3 years;
- (d) the number of registered Mainland pig farms supplying live pigs to Hong Kong and the change in that number;
- (e) the total quantity of import of chilled pork and that of frozen pork in the past 3 years; and
- (f) the number of fresh provision shops eligible for selling chilled and frozen pork in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 72)

Reply:

- (a) The numbers of live pigs imported in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Total number of live pigs imported	Daily number of live pigs imported		
		Average	Highest	Lowest
2021	791 566	2 169	3 259	444
2022	963 780	2 640	4 839	947
2023	1 021 537	2 799	5 186	599

There is no record on the weight of live pigs supplied to Hong Kong.

- (b) All imported live pigs are sold through auctions. The average auction prices of live pigs imported in the past 3 years are as follows:

Year	Monthly auction price per picul of imported live pigs (HK\$)		
	Average	Average highest	Average lowest
2021	2,232	2,823	1,900
2022	1,834	2,520	1,562
2023	1,317	2,000	1,149

- (c) The numbers of fresh provision shops eligible for selling fresh pork in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Number
2021	1 304
2022	1 388
2023	1 412

- (d) The numbers of registered Mainland pig farms supplying live pigs to Hong Kong and the numbers of farms added/removed are as follows:

Year	Number of registered pig farms (as at the end of December)	Number of newly added registered pig farms (compared with the previous year)	Number of registered pig farms removed (compared with the previous year)
2021	124	21	7
2022	129	25	20
2023	139	24	14

- (e) According to the figures provided by the Census and Statistics Department, in 2021, 2022 and 2023, the total quantities of imported chilled pork were about 25 622 tonnes, 21 391 tonnes and 13 025 tonnes respectively, and those of imported frozen pork were about 218 988 tonnes, 153 829 tonnes and 171 804 tonnes respectively.

- (f) The numbers of fresh provision shops eligible for selling chilled and/or frozen pork in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Year	Number
2021	1 849
2022	1 989
2023	1 890

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