

Constraints

1. As mentioned above, one of the major constraints in swine production is the fluctuation of swine price.
2. Swine disease.
3. High price of animal feed and high cost of production.

Cooperative Opportunities

- * large scale swine farming
- * vaccine production
- * animal feed production
- * swine slaughtering and meat processing plants

Conclusions

1. The Canadian swine industry is one of the most successful in the world and has the expertise to assist Thailand in its development.
2. Canadians can provide healthy breeding stock with growth performance, feed efficiency and carcass leanness. In fact, Canadian firms are beginning to make inroads.
3. Canada can assist in establishing commercial swine enterprises to ensure proper health care and nutrition of swine and provide the best selection of crossbreeding.
4. Canada can offer management expertise and technological advice in swine production facilities such as feeding systems, building layouts, waste disposal systems and grandparent replacement stock.

Poultry Industry

Poultry production has transformed from a household activity to become a major commercial production system in Thailand. In 1987, Thailand had 89.8 million chickens. The development of the poultry industry is at a similar level of advancement as the swine industry with an integrated production and management system. Up until 1987, the industry was experiencing a growth rate between 15% and 20%, but since then it has plateaued. Future growth will depend on the application of technological advancements because of rising fixed costs such as construction and land.

Broiler production is more than 400 million heads of chicken a year, of which 20% is exported. In 1987, Thailand exported 91,945 tons of broiler meat at 4,595 million baht, while 1988 the export value was 4,792 million baht. Ninety percent of exports go to Japan with the remaining 10% to Singapore and Hong Kong.