

2. Slaughtering and disembowelling of poultry for export
3. Rabbit raising and processing for export
4. Slaughtering and processing of hog carcasses
5. Slaughtering and processing of cattle carcasses

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Livestock and Poultry Population, Thailand
1978-1987
('000m.t.)

Year	Cattle	Swine	Chicken
1978	4,436	5,324	65,324
1983	4,832	4,193	78,189
1984	4,789	4,263	78,198
1985	4,829	4,224	78,717
1986	4,878	4,201	79,265
1987	4,968	4,209	84,495
Avg. Growth Rate (%)	1.95	0.96	4.07

Source: ASEAN Statistical Yearbook on Food, Agriculture and Forestry, 1978-1987; ASEAN ADPC, Bangkok, Thailand.

Swine Industry

Swine production in Thailand is fully developed with advanced technology for breeds, feeding and management. The potential to increase swine production in Thailand is high. In 1988, Thailand had 5.7 million heads of swine. The majority of production is for domestic consumption which has been increasing at 4.3% a year.

The export of swine depends on price. Fall of the domestic sale price provides opportunity to compete in the world market and also forces major producers to increase swine exportation in order to gain a higher income. In 1987, Thailand exported 38.37 million baht of swine, while in 1988 it exported 4.57 million baht. A limiting factor is trade protection in terms of disease regulations in importing countries.