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VIETNAM'S LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL HEALTH SECTORS: DRIVING TRANSFORMATION, MODERNISATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Shaping the Future of Livestock Production in Asia and ASEAN

Asia continues to play an important role in the development of the global livestock industry, with population growth, rising incomes and increasing demand for animal-source foods driving investment in production. According to the OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2026–2035, more than half of the projected global increase in meat production over this period is expected to come from Asia. Poultry meat is forecast to account for approximately two-thirds of the global increase in meat production. These trends highlight the growing importance of production capacity, operational efficiency and the ability to meet market demand across the region.

Alongside growth opportunities, the livestock sector in Asia and the Pacific faces mounting pressures from climate change, environmental degradation, disease risks and increasingly stringent food safety requirements. At the regional conference on sustainable livestock transformation for food systems in Asia and the Pacific, co-organised by Viet Nam and international partners in March 2026, these issues were identified as challenges that need to be addressed simultaneously to safeguard food security, public health and livelihoods.

Against this backdrop, the sector's development priorities are increasingly focused on improving productivity, strengthening biosecurity, managing animal diseases, reducing environmental pressures and promoting production systems that can better adapt to market fluctuations. For ASEAN countries, greater regional cooperation, knowledge-sharing and business connections across the value chain also provide opportunities to access technologies, improve production capacity and meet increasingly demanding market requirements.

Vietnam's Livestock Industry: Key Developments in the First 9 Months of 2026

In Vietnam, the livestock sector continued to grow in the first nine months of 2026, although growth varied across livestock categories. According to the National Statistics Office of Vietnam, pig production reached approximately 4.28 million tonnes in liveweight, up 4.4% year-on-year. This is an encouraging sign, given the important role of pig farming in meeting domestic food demand. Growth in both the pig herd and production output indicates that the sector has continued to recover from disease outbreaks.

Poultry farming recorded stronger production growth. At the end of September, the total poultry population increased by 3.1% compared with the same period in 2025, while the chicken population rose by 3.5%. Poultry production reached 2.02 million tonnes in liveweight, up 5.3%, while egg production totalled 15.71 billion eggs, an increase of 1.9%.

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In cattle farming, despite a decline in the total cattle herd, beef production increased by 1.3%, while fresh cow's milk production rose by 5.0%. This points to a clearer shift towards more intensive and efficient production, with a gradual move away from small-scale farming towards larger, concentrated and housed production systems, shorter rearing cycles and higher live weights at slaughter.

In terms of livestock populations, the total pig population at the end of September 2026 increased by 5.4% year-on-year, while the poultry population rose by 3.1%. In contrast, the buffalo population declined by 6.4% and the cattle population by 1.6%. According to the National Statistics Office of Vietnam, these differences are associated with post-disease recovery, the mechanisation of agricultural production, shrinking grazing areas, longer production cycles and higher capital requirements for certain livestock categories. The industry is also seeing a gradual shift from small-scale household farming towards farm-based production, greater technology adoption and stronger integration across the value chain.

In animal health, disease outbreaks remain an issue requiring close monitoring. In review of the first 9 months of 2026, reported that African swine fever, avian influenza, lumpy skin disease and foot-and-mouth disease continued to occur in several localities. These developments highlight the importance of maintaining disease surveillance, detecting and responding to outbreaks promptly, implementing vaccination in accordance with technical guidance and enforcing strict biosecurity measures during herd restocking.

Cost Pressures and Disease Risks Highlight the Need to Strengthen Industry Resilience

One of the major challenges facing livestock production is the cost of inputs. According to the National Statistics Office of Vietnam, animal feed prices were adjusted upwards several times during the first 9 months of 2026, adding to production costs. Small-scale livestock producers may have more limited capacity to secure raw materials independently and access competitively priced inputs. When costs rise faster than farm-gate prices, profit margins may narrow, affecting producers' ability to restock herds and invest in technology upgrades.

In addition to cost pressures, animal diseases continue to pose risks to production capacity and food supply. In particular, the recovery of pig herds following outbreaks of African swine fever needs to be accompanied by effective disease control and stringent biosecurity. Uncontrolled restocking may increase the risk of disease transmission, cause losses for farmers and affect market stability. This places greater emphasis on close coordination among regulatory authorities, local administrations, livestock producers and technical specialists in disease surveillance, prevention and response.

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Another challenge is the disparity in production capacity across different farming models. While commercial farms and enterprises may have greater resources to invest in housing, automation, herd management and disease control, small-scale producers may face greater difficulties in accessing technology, breeding stock, veterinary services and stable markets. At the same time, requirements relating to product quality, food safety, traceability and waste management are becoming increasingly important across the production chain. Enhancing competitiveness therefore depends not only on production volumes, but also on improving quality, operational efficiency and the ability to meet market requirements.

Strengthening Policy Frameworks to Support Modern Livestock Production

Vietnam has established policies and development orientations to promote a more modern, efficient and sustainable livestock sector. The Livestock Development Strategy for 2021–2030, with a vision to 2045, approved under Decision No. 1520/QD-TTg issued by the Prime Minister, provides a long-term framework for developing animal genetics, feed production, environmental management, slaughtering and processing, while strengthening state management capacity. The strategy aims to improve productivity, quality and the organisation of production across the sector.

In disease prevention and control, on 2 May 2026, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 779/QD-TTg approving the National Plan for the Prevention and Control of Avian Influenza, Foot-and-Mouth Disease and African Swine Fever for 2026–2030. The plan provides a basis for ministries, sectors and local authorities to implement disease prevention and control measures during the new planning period. The Ministry of Agriculture and Environment has also issued implementation guidance, emphasising vaccination, disease surveillance, stronger biosecurity and coordination among management levels.

Alongside long-term development strategies and disease control programmes, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment has issued regulations providing detailed guidance and clarifying management responsibilities in the livestock and animal health sectors. Circular No. 94/2025/TT-BNNMT, effective from 1 January 2026, provides detailed guidance on certain provisions of the Law on Animal Husbandry. Circular No. 09/2025/TT-BNNMT, effective from 1 July 2025, sets out the delegation and decentralisation of powers and the delineation of responsibilities in state management of livestock production and animal health. Implementing these regulations also requires stronger enforcement capacity at local level, closer technical coordination and support for producers in complying with applicable requirements.

Looking ahead, the coordinated implementation of established strategies and plans will be important to the sector’s ongoing transformation. Priorities such as strengthening biosecurity, enhancing animal health services, improving input quality, developing integrated production chains and managing livestock waste need to be implemented in line with local conditions and the needs of different production

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models. These efforts will also help businesses, producers and other stakeholders identify investment needs, access technical solutions and expand cooperation.

Sources: OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook 2026–2035; National Statistics Office of Vietnam; Decision No. 1520/QD-TTg; Decision No. 779/QD-TTg dated 2 May 2026; Official Dispatch No. 5055/BNNMT-CNTY issued in 2026; Circular No. 94/2025/TT-BNNMT; Circular No. 09/2025/TT-BNNMT.

Against the backdrop of ongoing changes and the growing need to modernise the livestock sector, stronger industry connections, knowledge sharing and access to relevant solutions are becoming increasingly important. In this context, Vietstock 2026 continues to serve as a platform for businesses, experts and stakeholders across the value chain to connect, exchange experiences and explore partnership opportunities, supporting the efficient and sustainable development of Vietnam's livestock industry.

VIETSTOCK 2026 – SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY THROUGH INNOVATION, GREEN TRANSITION AND COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT

Vietstock Expo & Forum 2026 - The Vietnam's Premier International Feed, Livestock & Meat Industry show, will take place at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), Ho Chi Minh City, from **21–23 October 2026**, bringing together businesses, livestock producers, technology providers and industry professionals from Vietnam and overseas. The **14th** edition is expected to welcome more than **300 brands** and **13,000 trade visitors** and professionals from **40 countries and regions**, across **10,000 sqm** of exhibition space.

Organised by Informa Markets and hosted by the **Department of Animal Health and Production, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment**, Vietstock 2026 centers on the theme ***"Shaping the Future of Livestock Industry: Innovation – Green Transition – Competitiveness Enhancement"***. The exhibition serves as an end-to-end commercial platform for discovering emerging technologies, exchanging expert knowledge, and fostering value-chain partnerships.

With **Agriculture & Environment Newspaper** as its official media partner, Vietstock 2026 is organised in collaboration with more than **50** organisations, government agencies, livestock associations, local and international media partners. This extensive collaborative network confirms the exhibition's stature and international scale, ensuring that strategic directions and innovative solutions at the event are effectively communicated to the entire industry ecosystem.

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With **22 years** of strong engagement with Vietnam's livestock industry, Vietstock has affirmed its solid brand reputation in the market, serving as a strategic bridge and a key driver in promoting the comprehensive development of the sector through every stage.

The Heart of the Exhibition: Unifying Solutions Across the Livestock Value Chain

The exhibition showcase is a central feature of Vietstock 2026, gathers cutting-edge products, technologies and services across the industry, from animal health and nutrition to farming systems, processing technologies and sustainable production solutions. The exhibition enables businesses to present their offerings and helps visitors identify solutions relevant to their operations.

Health & Nutrition covers veterinary pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicine, vaccines, feed, feed ingredients, animal nutrition, genetics, breeding and hatchery. These areas support herd wellbeing and productivity, forming the foundation for efficient livestock production.

Farming & Technology features farm equipment, smart farming systems, automation, digital technologies and environmental management solutions. These technologies help producers manage daily operations, optimise resource use and improve farm efficiency.

Processing & Sustainability highlights meat processing, packaging, feed mill technologies, waste management and sustainable production solutions. These areas focus on processing livestock products and managing resources and by-products more responsibly.

By bringing together solutions spanning animal health, nutrition, farm operations and processing, Vietstock 2026 offers a broad view of the technologies and services shaping modern livestock production. This integrated showcase enables industry stakeholders to explore developments across the production cycle, identify relevant solutions and connect with businesses addressing their evolving operational needs.

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Beyond The Exhibition - Driving Year-Round Engagement for the Livestock Ecosystem

Beyond the three-day exhibition, Vietstock fosters year-round collaborations across Vietnam's livestock industry and the wider ASEAN region. By bringing industry stakeholders together to exchange knowledge, strengthen relationships and explore opportunities for collaboration, Vietstock supports a more connected and forward-looking livestock community before bringing the community together at SECC.

Fostering Regional Industry Cooperation

The ASEAN Livestock Associations Round Table is a key platform for regional collaboration, bringing together livestock associations from Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia and Cambodia.

Taking place on the morning of 22 October 2026 under the theme **"Sustainable Livestock Farming – The Way Forward for ASEAN's Livestock Industry"**, the session will encourage dialogue on shared challenges, development priorities and opportunities for cooperation across ASEAN.

By connecting industry associations across national borders, Vietstock helps strengthen relationships and facilitate the exchange of perspectives on the future of the region's livestock sector.

On-the-ground Industry Engagement

Extending its footprint beyond the exhibition floor, Vietstock delivers year-round technical insights directly to key farming hubs.

Three Livestock Roadshows connect local businesses and farming communities with experts and solution providers, while the **Feed–Farm–Factory Tour** (3F Tour) offers first-hand insights into production operations.

Complementing these activities, **Vietstock Talk** features perspectives from industry professionals, linking technical knowledge and business experience with the practical needs of livestock production.

Accelerating Business Networking & Partnerships

Vietstock actively enhances trade matchmaking through the **Hosted Buyer Programme**, anticipating **100 key buyers** from Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar, and Indonesia to gather at the exhibition. Parallel to this, the **Match & Meet**

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Programme supports targeted networking by arranging pre-scheduled meetings and providing a dedicated space for professional engagement at the event.

Complementing these business connections, the **Bus-in Programme** aims to bring approximately **1,000** visitors from Cambodia and key livestock-producing areas, including Vinh Long, Tay Ninh, Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Nai, Dong Thap and Can Tho, with transportation support to facilitate their participation.

Leadership Networking

Creating opportunities for industry leaders to exchange perspectives and strengthen professional relationships is another important part of Vietstock's industry engagement.

Held ahead of the exhibition, **Vietstock Golf Game** brings together business leaders and decision-makers in an informal sporting environment, fostering meaningful dialogue and expanding networks across the sector.

The Feed-Miller Meet-up, scheduled for the afternoon of 22 October 2026 and hosted by the Animal Husbandry Association of Vietnam (AHAV) and the Vietnam Feed Association (VFA), will gather approximately 30 leaders from animal feed manufacturing companies for focused industry exchange.

Sustainability & Future Talent

Raising awareness of sustainable livestock development and encouraging the next generation to engage with the industry are important elements of Vietstock's broader commitment to the sector's future.

Sustainability Square highlights the importance of sustainable development across the industry, driving awareness and encouraging stakeholders to adopt more responsible production practices.

Complementing this initiative, **Vietstock Quest** - a student competition designed to nurture future industry professionals, offers young talent a platform to expand their knowledge, showcase their capabilities, and engage with the broader livestock community.

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Vietstock – A Platform for Livestock Knowledge & Innovation

Knowledge exchange remains a central pillar of Vietstock 2026. Vietstock 2026 will feature approximately 80 conference topics, technical seminars and specialised sessions over the three exhibition days. The programme will cover policy and regulation, animal health, farm management, production technologies and sustainability, with contributions from government agencies, industry associations, technical experts and business representatives.

Government-led Conferences: Advancing Policy, Safety and Competitiveness

Policy development, regulatory efficiency and production standards all play an important role in shaping the future of Vietnam's livestock industry. Addressing these priorities, the **Department of Animal Health and Production** will lead three conference sessions examining key issues across the entire supply chain.

> The development of a safe, environmentally responsible and competitive will be a key focus of the government-led programme. On 21 October 2026, the Department of Animal Health and Production, will host the conference **"Building a Safe, Green and Sustainably Competitive Livestock Value Chain"**, addressing priorities for the continued development of Vietnam's livestock sector.
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> The outlook for beef cattle production will take centre stage on the morning of 22 October 2026, with the session **"Beef Cattle Production in Vietnam: Challenges and Development Prospects"**. The discussion will shed light on challenges facing the sector and consider prospects for its future development.
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> Beyond production, the regulatory environment is also important to the livestock industry's business operations. In the afternoon of 22 October 2026, the Department of Animal Health and Production will hold a dialogue with livestock and animal health companies focused on **"Administrative Reform – Simplification of Procedures"**, creating an opportunity for businesses and the authorities to exchange views on administrative procedures and related industry concerns.

Industry Association Conferences: Sharing Expertise and Practical Solutions

Different livestock sectors face distinct challenges, from improving farm

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productivity and managing production costs to meeting evolving requirements for safety and sustainability. Through conferences led by industry associations, Vietstock 2026 will provide a platform for sector-specific discussions, drawing on the experience of organisations and professionals working directly with these issues.

The challenges facing small and medium-scale livestock farms will be addressed at the Sustainable Livestock Conference: **"Sustainable Livestock Farming – Challenges and Opportunities for Small and Medium-Scale Livestock Farms"**, organised by the Animal Husbandry Association of Vietnam (AHAV) on 21 October 2026. The conference will examine issues affecting smaller-scale producers and the opportunities for more sustainable farm development.

The Poultry Production Conference, organised by the Vietnam Poultry Association (VPA) on 21 October 2026, centered around **"Safety – Optimisation – Digitalisation: Shaping the Future of Vietnam's Poultry Industry"**. The session will address how these priorities are influencing poultry production and the approaches available to producers.

Circular agriculture will provide the central perspective for the Ruminant Production Conference, organised by the Vietnam Ruminant Husbandry Association (VINARUHA) on 23 October 2026 focusing on **"Development of Ruminant Farming Towards Circular Agriculture"**, the conference will focus on approaches to ruminant farming that align with the broader transition towards more circular production systems.

Also on 23 October 2026, the Vietnam Farms and Agricultural Enterprises Association (VFAEA) will host the **Farmer Exchange Talkshow: "Farm Smarter – Profit Longer"**. With a focus on smarter farm management and long-term profitability, the talkshow will offer a setting for exchanging practical perspectives on improving farm performance and responding to changing business conditions.

Specialised Forums: Connecting Innovation with Application

Vietstock 2026 will feature specialised forums that address emerging industry priorities, specialised sessions will provide opportunities to explore focused topics in greater depth and consider how knowledge and innovation can be applied across the livestock value chain.

The interconnectedness of animal health, human health, and the environment will take center stage at the **One Health Forum** on 22

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October 2026, under the banner **“One Health Solutions for Sustainable Livestock Production”**. The forum highlights a coordinated framework to support more resilient farming systems, featuring discussions on biosecurity, disease prevention, responsible antibiotic use, food safety, and livestock management.

Disease management remains another critical priority, particularly for pig production. On 21 October 2026, the **Swine Disease Conference** will address **“ASF – Past, Present and Future”,** address African Swine Fever (ASF), its implications for the sector and the continuing importance of disease management and biosecurity. The discussion will provide an opportunity to reflect on the challenges associated with ASF and the measures needed to protect pig production.

Technology and practical knowledge in layer farming will be highlighted through the **Eggcellent Talk** on 22 October 2026. The programme will feature on **“Egg Knowledge”**, offering visitors opportunities to engage with developments and knowledge relevant to the layer farming sector.

Recognising the contributions of women to the livestock industry, **“Women in Livestock: Leadership, Challenges & Inspiration”** will take place on 22 October 2026. The talkshow will highlight professional experiences, leadership perspectives and challenges faced by women in the sector, while creating space for discussion about their evolving roles and opportunities in advancing the livestock industry.

A standout highlight for attendees includes the series of **Technical Seminars** led by domain experts and business leaders. The seminar unveils actionable insights, innovative products, and farm-tested solutions designed to optimize livestock production and daily operations.

Vietstock 2026’s conference programme will cover the livestock industry from multiple perspectives, from government policy and regulation to sector-specific production challenges, animal health, technology and farm management. Contributions from government agencies, industry associations, technical experts and company leaders will give participants a broader understanding of current industry priorities and approaches to livestock production.

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VIETSTOCK: EVOLVING WITH THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, CONNECTING THE ASEAN REGION

As part of Informa Markets' livestock exhibition portfolio in ASEAN, Vietstock continues to evolve alongside the changing needs of the industry. Building on 22 years of engagement with Vietnam's livestock community, each edition brings together exhibition opportunities, business networking initiatives and knowledge-sharing programmes, while introducing new activities and conference topics that reflect emerging industry priorities.

From showcasing solutions the across the production cycle to facilitating regional cooperation, connecting businesses and sharing practical expertise, Vietstock remains committed to providing a platform where industry stakeholders can exchange ideas, explore opportunities and build partnerships that support the sector's continued development.

Vietstock extends its sincere appreciation to the government agencies, industry associations, exhibitors, partners, speakers and visitors who contribute to the development of the livestock community. The next edition of **Vietstock 2027** will take place from **20–22 October 2027** at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, continuing its commitment to linking the industry and supporting the future of livestock in Vietnam and across ASEAN.

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