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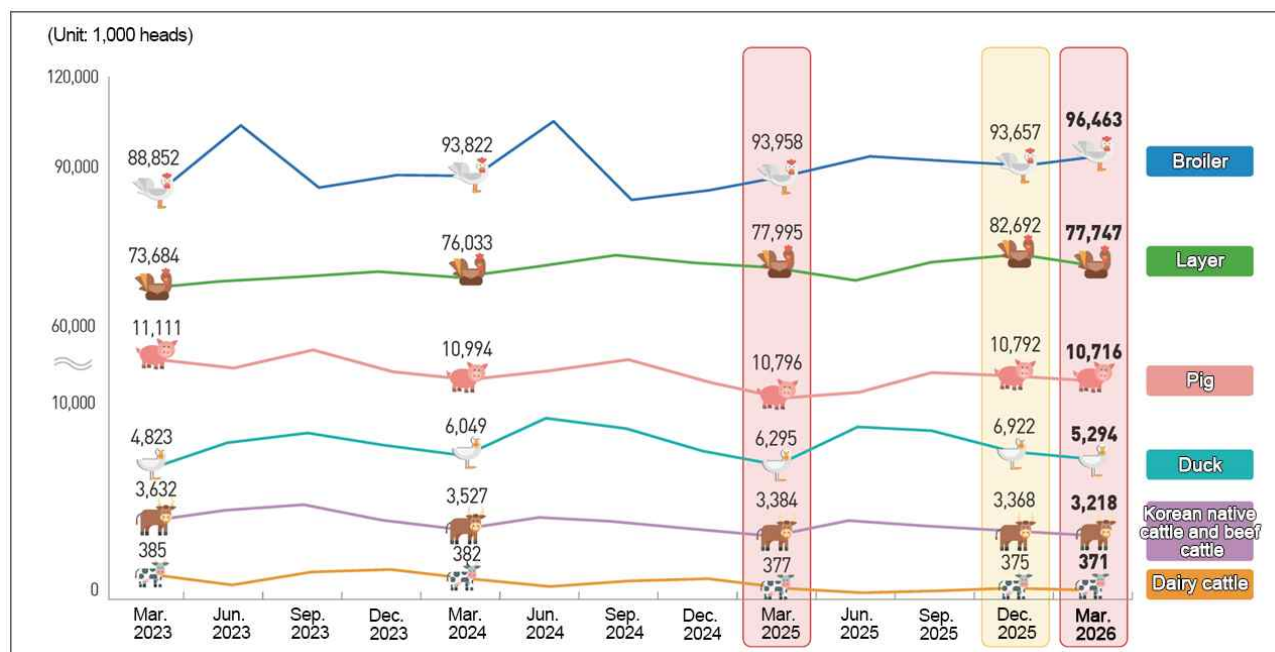
Livestock Statistics in the First Quarter of 2026

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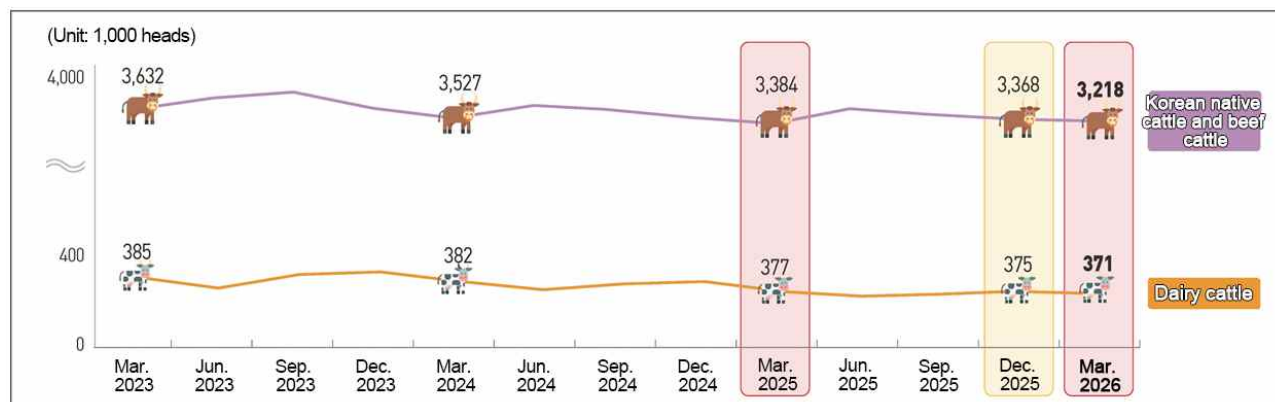
- In the first quarter of 2026, the number of broilers recorded a year-on-year increase. Whereas, the number of 'Korean native cattle and beef cattle', dairy cattle, pigs, layers and ducks recorded a year-on-year decrease.

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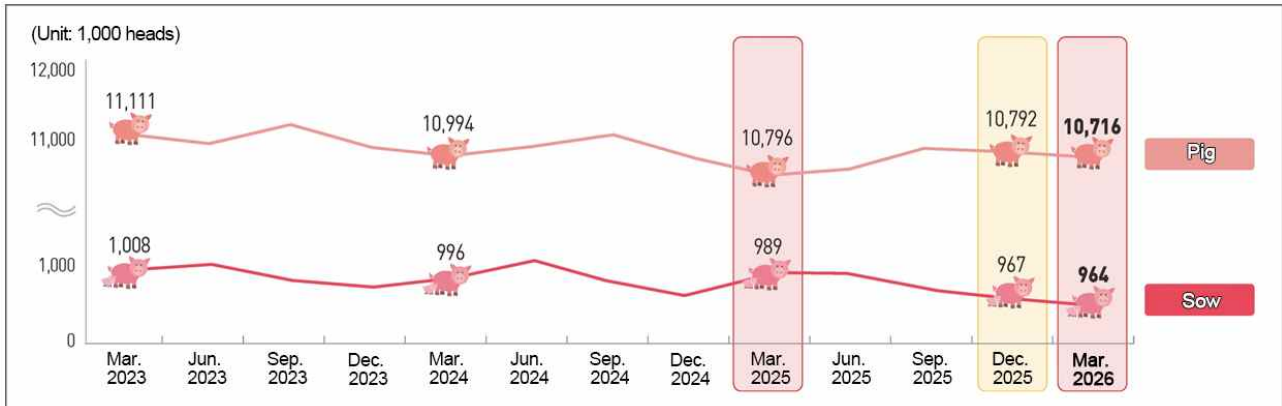
- The number of 'Korean native cattle and beef cattle' amounted to 3.218 million in the first quarter of 2026. This figure fell by 166 thousand (-4.9%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 149 thousand (-4.4%) from the previous quarter.
- The number of dairy cattle totaled 371 thousand in the first quarter of 2026. This figure dropped by 6 thousand (-1.7%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 4 thousand (-1.1%) from the previous quarter.

< Trends in the number of 'Korean native cattle and beef cattle' and dairy cattle >



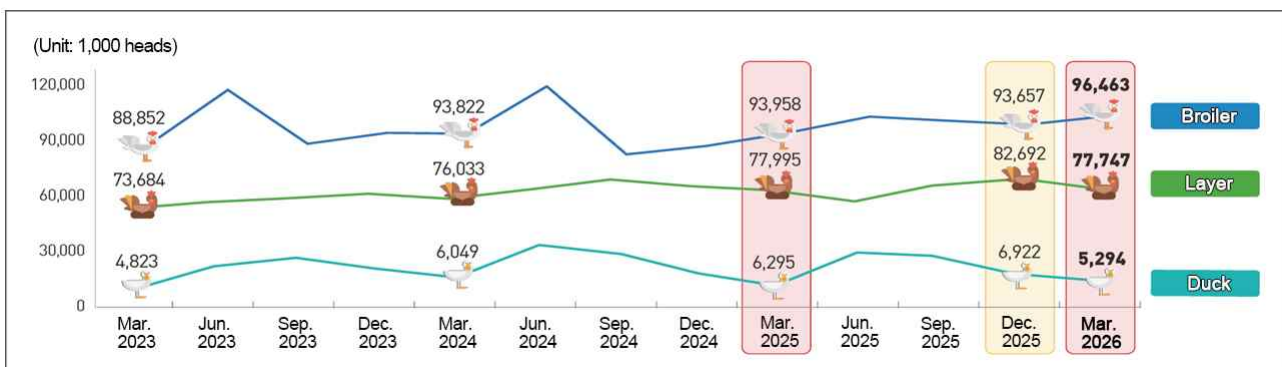
- The number of pigs was 10.716 million in the first quarter of 2026. This figure fell by 80 thousand (-0.7%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 75 thousand (-0.7%) from the previous quarter.

< Trends in the number of pigs >



- The number of layers amounted to 77.747 million in the first quarter of 2026. This figure declined by 248 thousand (-0.3%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 4.945 million (-6.0%) from the previous quarter.
- The number of broilers totaled 96.463 million in the first quarter of 2026. This figure grew by 2.506 million (2.7%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 2.806 million (3.0%) from the previous quarter.
- The number of ducks totaled 52.94 million in the first quarter of 2026. This figure fell by 1.001 million (-15.9%) from the same quarter of the previous year and 1.628 million (-23.5%) from the previous quarter.

< Trends in the number of layers, broilers and ducks >



(Unit: 1,000 heads, farm (household), %)

Classification		Dec. 2022	Dec. 2023	Dec. 2024	2025				2026 March ^{p)}	Change (Percent change) ^{p)}	
					March	June	Sep.	Dec.		From the previous quarter	From the same quarter of the previous year
Cattle	Total	4,116	4,035	3,889	3,761	3,830	3,839	3,743	3,589	-153 (-4.1)	-172 (-4.6)
	- Korean native cattle and beef cattle	3,727	3,648	3,507	3,384	3,460	3,465	3,368	3,218	-149 (-4.4)	-166 (-4.9)
	· Korean native cattle	3,557	3,501	3,370	3,247	3,328	3,328	3,226	3,081	-145 (-4.5)	-166 (-5.1)
	· Fertile cows	1,702	1,700	1,650	1,595	1,586	1,620	1,596	1,552	-44 (-2.8)	-43 (-2.7)
	- Dairy cattle	390	387	382	377	371	373	375	371	-4 (-1.1)	-6 (-1.7)
	· Fertile dairy cattle	300	303	299	296	294	291	292	293	1 (0.3)	-3 (-1.1)
	Number of breeding farms	92,020	87,482	82,365	81,103	79,972	79,026	77,967	76,994	-973 (-1.2)	-4,109 (-5.1)
	- Korean native cattle and beef cattle	91,592	87,145	81,941	80,640	79,324	78,533	77,490	76,370	-1,120 (-1.4)	-4,270 (-5.3)
	· Korean native cattle	87,852	83,627	78,499	77,218	76,078	75,122	74,035	73,032	-1,003 (-1.4)	-4,186 (-5.4)
	- Dairy cattle	5,888	5,553	5,392	5,332	5,313	5,286	5,272	5,302	30 (0.6)	-30 (-0.6)
Pig	Total	11,124	11,089	10,846	10,796	10,896	11,037	10,792	10,716	-75 (-0.7)	-80 (-0.7)
	· Sows	995	993	974	989	992	971	967	964	-3 (-0.3)	-25 (-2.5)
	Number of breeding farms	5,695	5,634	5,513	5,602	5,608	5,477	5,383	5,500	117 (2.2)	-102 (-1.8)
Chicken	Total	173,136	182,127	178,474	182,332	198,832	186,191	187,070	185,050	-2,020 (-1.1)	2,719 (1.5)
	- Layers	74,188	77,202	79,003	77,995	77,724	81,083	82,692	77,747	-4,945 (-6.0)	-248 (-0.3)
	- Broilers	88,713	94,115	88,975	93,958	109,763	94,253	93,657	96,463	2,806 (3.0)	2,506 (2.7)
	- Breeding chickens	10,234	10,809	10,496	10,379	11,346	10,855	10,721	10,840	119 (1.1)	461 (4.4)
	Number of breeding households	2,694	2,815	2,687	2,747	3,064	2,889	2,827	2,833	6 (0.2)	86 (3.1)
Duck	Total	5,994	6,538	7,158	6,295	10,443	9,190	6,922	5,294	-1,628 (-23.5)	-1,001 (-15.9)
	- Parents stock	631	687	827	724	764	822	817	615	-202 (-24.7)	-109 (-15.1)
	- Commercial stock	5,363	5,852	6,331	5,571	9,679	8,368	6,105	4,679	-1,427 (-23.4)	-892 (-16.0)
	Number of breeding households	338	370	411	354	559	504	399	314	-85 (-21.3)	-40 (-11.3)

Note 1) Data on Korean native cattle & beef cattle and daily cattle have been provided from the cattle traceability system.

2) Since 2017, the population of pigs has changed from the Census of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to the pig traceability system. (Sows include candidates.)

3) p: preliminary data for cattle