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SWINE PRODUCTION IN EASTERN VISAYAS DROPS BY 3.6 PERCENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 (Preliminary Data)

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The swine production in Eastern Visayas decreased by 3.6 percent from 19,098 Metric Tons (MT) in the first quarter of 2020 to 18,406 MT in the same quarter of 2021.

Eastern Visayas ranked seventh among the regions with low swine production in the country. It accounted for 4.4 percent of the country's total swine production

Leyte recorded the highest swine population with 111,071 heads, which accounted for 49.7 percent of the total swine population in the region as of 01 April 2021. Northern Samar ranked second with 31,016 heads, accounting for 13.9 percent of the region's total swine inventory. Southern Leyte followed with a swine inventory of 27,992 heads, comprising 12.5 percent of the region's swine population. Samar's inventory of swine registered at 25,883 heads as of 01 April 2021. It shared 11.6 percent of the total swine population of the region. While Eastern Samar contributed 6.4 percent or 14,246 heads to the total swine population of the region as of 01 April 2021.

The swine population in Eastern Visayas as of 01 April 2021 stood at 223,504 heads. This figure was lower by 16.0 percent compared with the 266,082 heads as of 01 April 2020. All provinces contributed to the decrease in the region's swine population except for Eastern Samar and Southern Leyte, which posted an increase of 25.1 percent and 9.4 percent, respectively.

Approximately, nine in every ten heads of swine in the region was raised in backyard farms as of 01 April 2021. Swine population raised in backyard farms posted a decrease by 17.3 percent, from 250,995 heads as of 01 April 2020 to 207,682 heads as of 01 April 2021. Northern Samar's swine population raised in backyard farms exhibited the biggest decrease of 39.5 percent, from 41,545 heads as of 01 April 2020 to 25,138 heads as of 01 April 2021. Samar, Leyte and Biliran also decreased by 30.6 percent, 16.5 percent, and 1.6 percent, respectively. On the other hand, Eastern Samar recorded the highest increase of 26.7 percent, from 10,983 heads of swine population raised in backyard farms as of 01 April 2021 to 13,915 heads on 01 April 2021.

Swine population raised in commercial farms increased by 4.9 percent from 15,087 heads as of 01 April 2020 to 15,822 heads in the same period in 2021. Northern Samar registered substantial increase in population of swine raised in commercial farms by 29.7 percent from 4,532 heads on 01 April 2020 to 5,878 heads on 01 April 2021. Southern Leyte also made a hefty increment in swine inventory by 19.6 percent, from 2,244 heads on 01 April 2020 to 2,684 heads in 01 April 2021. These large increment however, were pulled by the downturn of inventory in other provinces. Eastern Samar registered the biggest decline in population of swine raised in commercial farms by 18.3 percent from 405 heads on 01 April 2020 to 331 heads on 01 April 2021. Leyte followed with 16.5 percent decrease from 4,050 heads on 01 April 2020 to 3,381 heads in the same period in 2021.

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Table 1. Inventory of Swine by Farm Type and Province,
Eastern Visayas: As of 01 April 2020, and as of 01 April 2021^P
(in number of heads)

Farm Type/Region/Province	As of 01 April		Percent Change (%)
	2020	2021 ^P	
TOTAL			
EASTERN VISAYAS	266,082	223,504	-16.0
Biliran	13,675	13,296	-2.8
Eastern Samar	11,388	14,246	25.1
Leyte	133,030	111,071	-16.5
Northern Samar	46,077	31,016	-32.7
Samar	36,320	25,883	-28.7
Southern Leyte	25,592	27,992	9.4
Backyard			
EASTERN VISAYAS	250,995	207,682	-17.3
Biliran	12,419	12,218	-1.6
Eastern Samar	10,983	13,915	26.7
Leyte	128,980	107,690	-16.5
Northern Samar	41,545	25,138	-39.5
Samar	33,720	23,413	-30.6
Southern Leyte	23,348	25,308	8.4
Commercial			
EASTERN VISAYAS	15,087	15,822	4.9
Biliran	1,256	1,078	-14.2
Eastern Samar	405	331	-18.3
Leyte	4,050	3,381	-16.5
Northern Samar	4,532	5,878	29.7
Samar	2,600	2,470	-5.0
Southern Leyte	2,244	2,684	19.6

Note: p- Preliminary Data
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