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FAMA Imports 1,053 Tonnes Of Coconuts To Ensure Stable Supply - KPKM

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- The Agriculture and Food Security Ministry (KPKM), through the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority (FAMA), has imported and distributed 1,053,011 coconuts or 1,053 metric tonnes worth RM2.42 million as of March 23 this year.

Deputy Minister Datuk Arthur Joseph Kurup said the supply would be channelled through 42 FAMA Operations Centres nationwide and marketed to FAMA retail outlets and major wholesalers to ensure the availability of coconuts in the market.

"As part of a short-term plan, the ministry is implementing three intervention measures. First, increasing coconut imports from Indonesia and, second, sourcing supplies from Sabah and Sarawak.

"Third, FAMA and the Farmers' Organisation Authority are working to procure coconuts from farmers and smallholders nationwide," he said during the question-and-answer session in the Dewan Negara today.

He was responding to a question from Senator Koh Nai Kwong on the ministry's preparations to ensure the country does not face a coconut supply crisis in the future.

On long-term measures, Arthur said KPKM encourages large-scale coconut cultivation to enhance domestic production and reduce dependence on imports.

"With these measures in place, KPKM remains committed to ensuring a stable coconut supply while keeping prices competitive for the benefit of consumers and the coconut-based industry," he added.

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Egg prices hit a new low

Retailers say it could go up again after Hari Raya holidays

By YEE XIANG YUN
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Egg-cellent news: Egg prices have cracked open to their lowest in years, with some grades now selling at half their usual price, giving consumers plenty to cheer about. — THOMAS YONG/The Star

JOHOR BARU: Consumers have plenty to cheer about as egg prices cracked open to their lowest in years, with some grades now selling at half their usual price.

Checks at sundry shops here found a tray of 30 Grade E eggs selling for as low as RM4, down from RM8.50, which is over a 50% drop.

A tray of Grade C eggs is now priced at RM5.50, down from RM10. Grade D eggs have dropped to RM4.80 per tray, from RM9.

For larger eggs, the price is less significant, with Grade A eggs now priced at around RM11.50 per tray, down from RM13, while Grade B eggs have dropped to RM9 from RM10.50.

Bodybuilder Roby Seng, 31, said the price drop was good news for him as he typically consumes 15 hard-boiled eggs a day for muscle repair and growth.

"I took the opportunity to purchase six trays of Grade C eggs for RM33 after finding out about the price drop.

"I will be sharing them with my family as they usually consume two trays of eggs each week," said Seng, who also works as a physiotherapist.

He said his family members were also taking advantage of the "rare" situation by surveying egg prices in different locations to stock up.

Taman Universiti resident Rohana Dollah, 66, also grabbed the chance to stock up on eggs ahead of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

"I bought a tray of Grade B eggs for RM9.60 and Grade D eggs for RM5.40 as the low prices caught my attention while grocery shopping at a community mall in Tampoi.

"Although it is about half an hour's drive from my home, I usually shop here as the prices are cheaper compared to the market in my neighbourhood.

"I'm glad to save some money, especially with the prices of many items going up," said the retiree, noting that she spends around RM200 on groceries each week.

However, the relief may be short-lived, as retailers say that prices could go up after Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Federation of Sundry Goods Merchants Associations committee member Wong Kok Wai said the price drop started in late February and consumers can expect to enjoy cheap eggs for another two weeks before prices return to normal.

"This is happening nationwide, not just in Johor. We expect the prices to go back to normal in the second half of April.

"Egg prices tend to dip before Ramadan each year, but not this significantly.

"This year's price drop ranged from 10% to 50%, which is uncommon.

"The reduced egg prices make it among the lowest we have seen in years," he noted, attributing the price dip to lower egg consumption during the fasting month and reduced exports to countries like Singapore, causing an oversupply in the market.

Wong, who also runs a wholesale and sundry shop here, said some customers expressed "disbelief" when they saw the low prices, thinking they were for 10 eggs instead of a tray of 30.

"Some shops in the Klang Valley are even running 'buy one tray, get one free' deals to prevent the eggs from going bad.

"My sales of eggs went up by at least 20% last week, as customers have been buying two or three trays per transaction compared with one or two trays before this," he added.

Egg seller P. Vithiya said her customers mostly prefer buying lower-grade eggs as they can purchase higher quantities and enjoy more savings.

"For example, a customer who used to purchase a tray of eggs for RM12, can now get three trays of Grade E eggs for the same amount of money," she added.

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Ayam dan ikan RM1 laris, habis dijual dalam tempoh 10 minit

JERANTUT - Sebanyak 500 ekor ayam dan ikan bawal emas yang dijual pada harga RM1 seekor habis dalam tempoh 10 minit sempena pembukaan Pasaraya BS Freshmart dan Jualan Makmur 2025 Kluster Aidilfitri pada Selasa.

Orang ramai mula menunggu sejak jam 8 pagi sebelum premis dibuka sejam kemudian.

Majlis perasmian disempurnakan oleh Exco Sumber Manusia dan Hal Ehwal Pengguna Pahang, Sim Chon Siang.

Pengarah Urusan BS Freshmart, Mohammad Rasul Razuan berkata, tawaran harga tersebut berlangsung selama tiga hari dan ayam akan dijual pada harga RM5.99 seekor selepas kehabisan stok RM1.

Chon Siang (kiri) ketika majlis perasmian Jualan Makmur 2025 Kluster Aidilfitri pada Selasa.

"Kami juga mempertimbangkan cadangan Exco untuk menyediakan 2,000 ekor ayam pada harga RM1 sebagai tanggungjawab sosial korporat (CSR)," katanya.

Pembeli, Roselan Ab Malek, 66, turut memuji inisiatif pasar raya itu yang membantu meringankan beban rakyat, terutama pada Ramadan.

Sementara itu, Chon Siang menjelaskan, Jualan Makmur 2025 adalah usaha kerajaan negeri dengan peruntukan RM1.1 juta, berlangsung di 26 lokasi seluruh Pahang dari 21 hingga 27 Mac.

Ia mendapat kerjasama pasar raya dan pembekal terpilih untuk menawarkan harga lebih rendah menjelang Aidilfitri.

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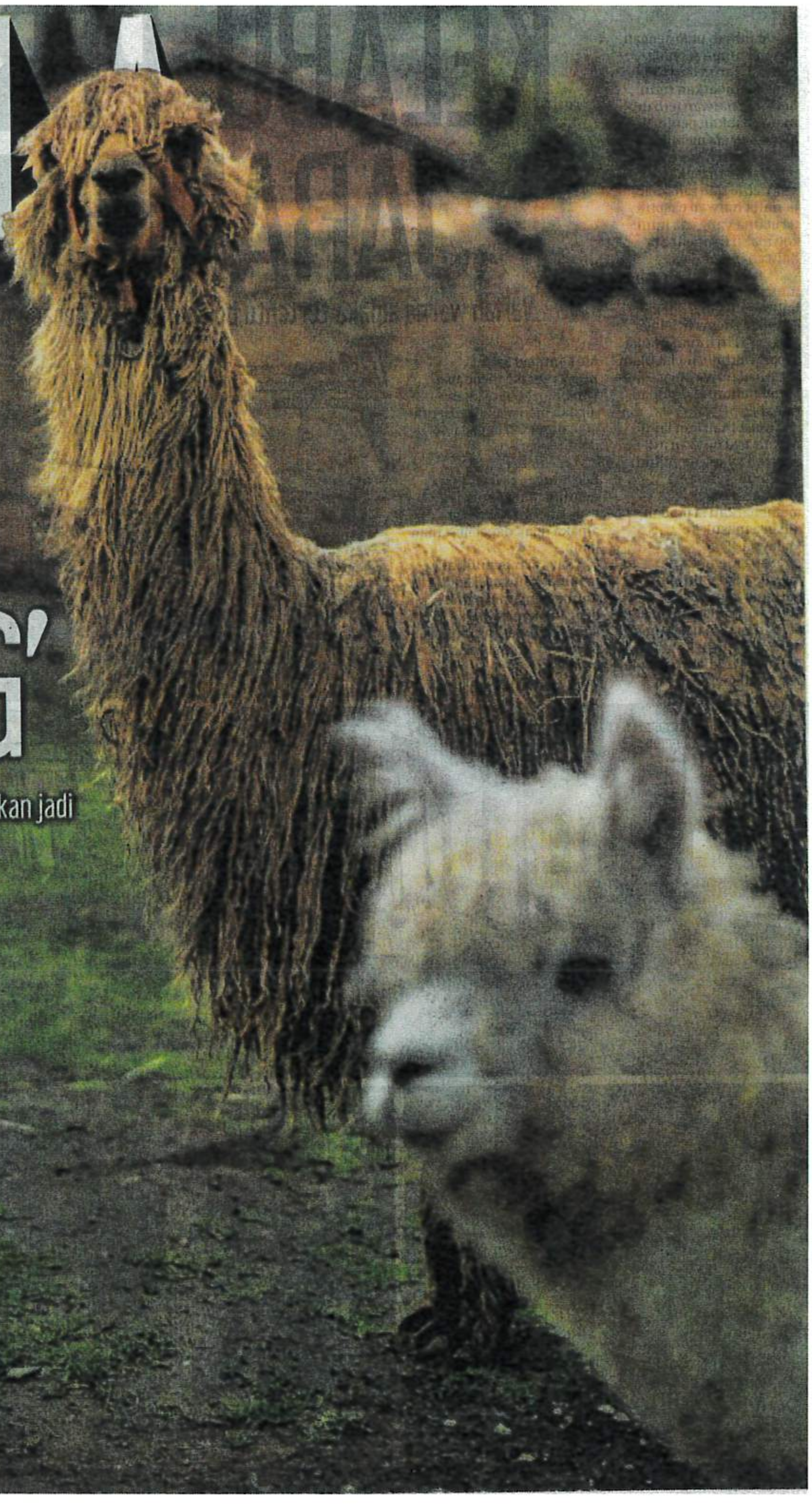
ALPAKA SI LEHER 'JENJANG'



Lagak haiwan eksotik dari Australia melucukan jadi tarikan sesiapa saja melihat keletahnya

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Sebaik lensa jurugambar kami, Aziah Azmee ditalakan kepada alpaka yang berada di kandang milik Brothers Farm Resources & Services di Batang Kali, Selangor itu, haiwan berkenaan menunjukkan reaksi selesa.

Malah dengan matanya yang bulat dan leher 'jenjang', alpaka itu hanya memandang ke arah kamera seolah-olah sedia beraksi untuk dirakam.

Lagak haiwan eksotik yang dibawa dari Australia itu ternyata melucukan dan sukar untuk sesiapa saja tidak tersenyum apabila melihat keletahnya.

Menurut pengimport dan pemilik haiwan eksotik, Muhammad Salim Omar Noor, 36, dia mengakui 'visual' antara ciri-ciri fizikal haiwan terbabit menjadi tarikan utama kepada peminatnya.

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KELABU, PERANG JARANG ADA

Varian warna alpaka tertentu boleh melonjak kerana permintaan tinggi

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Ditambah pula dengan kesungguhan seorang pempengaruh dari China yang memuatkan rutin bersama haiwan terbabit menyebabkan peminat alpaka teruja memilikinya.

"Sebenarnya saya sudah membawa masuk alpaka sejak 2016 dan ramai pemilik haiwan eksotik terutama yang ada mini zoo mahu memelihara haiwan ini.

"Ciri-ciri fizikal dari muka hingga ke badan haiwan itu yang tidak seimbang seperti 'leher jenjang' dan mimik muka separa berbulu melucukan serta badannya bulat membuatkan ia diminati ramai.

"Kelebihan lain iaitu negara asal haiwan itu, Australia yang memiliki kredibiliti terutama kawalan penyakit membuatkan ia mudah dibawa masuk ke Malaysia.

"Saya membawa masuk 'batch' (kelompok) pertama iaitu 40 ekor dan ketika itu sudah mendapat perhatian ramai peminat haiwan eksotik," katanya.

Namun, dalam tempoh dua tahun pertama, Muhammad Salim mengakui dia mendapat rungutan kebanyakan alpaka mati apabila diserah atau dipindah kepada pemilik baru.

"Peringkat awal permintaan tinggi, tetapi pemilik mula putus asa untuk pelihara kerana alpaka tidak dapat bertahan lama.

"Saya ajar pemilik atau peminat haiwan eksotik untuk menjaga alpaka dengan memastikan kandang dipasang kipas atau penyaman udara," katanya.

Dia mengakui tahap ketahanan alpaka menyesuaikan diri dalam persekitaran Malaysia sukar terutama cuaca Malaysia yang panas dan lembap berbeza dengan negara asal haiwan itu yang lebih sejuk.

"Di awal dahulu banyak juga alpaka mati disebabkan ramai tidak tahu cara penjagaan yang betul.

"Saya sarankan mereka menyediakan kandang selesa iaitu sekurang-kurangnya 6 meter ◊ 4 meter bagi setiap sepasang alpaka, lengkap dengan kemudahan kipas atau penyaman udara.

"Sebahagian ruang untuk berteduh iaitu bersantai dan berehat, sementara sebahagian lagi untuk haiwan itu bermain atau berlari-lari," katanya.

Dari segi diet, kata Muhammad Salim, makanan alpaka tidak jauh berbeza dengan haiwan ternakan tempatan seperti kambing dan lembu.

"Penjagaan makanan untuk alpaka juga mudah iaitu haiwan ini makan rumput kering (hye), palet dan bijirin seperti jagung.

"Jagung dan lobak merah antara makanan kegemaran haiwan terbabit dan semua itu mudah didapati di Malaysia," katanya.

Mengenai jenis warna dan baka alpaka, di Malaysia ada dua baka alpaka yang boleh dipelihara iaitu Huacaya dan Suri.

"Alpaka warna yang jarang didapati dan mendapat permintaan tinggi ialah warna kelabu dan perang.

"Kadangkala ciri-ciri istimewa pada alpaka iaitu muka cerah dan kaki seakan-akan memakai 'stoking' menyebabkan ia digemari peminat haiwan itu.

"Kebanyakan pembekal dan pengimport tidak boleh memilih warna atau saiz dari pembiak baka di Australia.

"Itu menjadikan varian warna alpaka tertentu boleh melonjak kerana permintaan tinggi berbanding jumlah dibawa pengimport," katanya.

Beliau turut memaklumkan alpaka dibawa masuk hanya alpaka dewasa iaitu berumur melebihi tujuh tahun.

Selain alpaka, dia turut memiliki pelbagai spesies biri-biri dan kambing bagi penternak atau peminat haiwan tempatan.

KANDANG alpaka perlu dilengkapi kipas dan penyaman udara.

ALPAKA memiliki diet sama dengan ternakan tempatan.

> Penjagaan makanan untuk alpaka juga mudah iaitu haiwan ini makan rumput kering (hye), palet dan bijirin seperti jagung
>
> MUHAMMAD SALIM

ALPAKA merebahkan diri jika berehat.

BULU dirias supaya mudah diurus.

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