

No price hike for pork in Klang Valley

Abattoirs resume supply after health scare

PETALING JAYA: Concern over an increase in the price of pork in the Klang Valley has been allayed following the resumption of supply from abattoirs in Perak and Pahang.

President of the Federation of Pork Dealers Association Chan Nyen Loong said the supply of pork to the Klang Valley had returned to normal and assured consumers that there would not be a price increase.

"We want to commend the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) for its swift response in giving the animals a clean bill of health after taking precautionary measures against the possibility of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)," he said, adding that he had received calls from members confirming that the abattoirs were back in operation.

Chan had earlier expressed concern that the closure of the abattoirs in Ipoh, Taiping and Kuantan since last Tuesday would affect supply of about 1,000kg of pork a day or 60% of pork supply to the Klang Valley and Selangor.

The abattoirs were closed for several days as a precautionary measure following rumours of an FMD outbreak.

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Dr Kamarudin Mat Isa said the department had taken the necessary measures to contain the disease.

He also said there was no need to worry about FMD affecting public health as it was "purely an animal disease and not related to human disease".

The Perak DVS had last week banned the transport of pigs from farms to abattoirs. The ban was lifted after the farms were found to be FMD-free.