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Harga bekalan ternakan itu naik sebanyak tiga kali sejak 2 Oktober lalu

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HARGA ayam standard daripada pembekal kepada peniaga bagi pasaran di Pulau Pinang dikatakan naik lagi buat kali ketiga semalam. – GAMBAR HIASAN

GEORGE TOWN – Peniaga ayam standard di negeri ini terpaksa berdepan dilema ekoran kenaikan harga ayam standard yang berterusan daripada pembekal sehingga 30 sen yang kini telah mencecah RM9.30 sekilogram.

Perkara tersebut dikongsi para peniaga ternakan itu semalam selepas mereka mula menerima maklumat terntang kenaikan harga menerusi khidmat pesanan ringkas (SMS) termasuk WhatsApp.

Tindakan pihak pembekal menaikkan harga barangan basah itu dikatakan berlaku buat kali yang ketiga iaitu pada 2 Oktober, 5 Oktober dan semalam.

Ketika ini, penetapan harga siling bagi ayam standard adalah RM9.40 sekilogram, namun pihak pembekal dikatakan meletakkan harga tidak seragam sehingga mencecah RM9 sekilogram berbanding RM8.10 yang ditetapkan kerajaan.

Seorang peniaga ayam, Mohamad Nasir Abdul Kalam, 31, berkata, pihak pembekal mengumumkan lagi kenaikan harga ayam standard bermula 13 Oktober (hari ini) dan perkara ini sememangnya membebankan mereka terutama peniaga kecil.

Menurutnya, pihak berkuasa seharusnya menyelesaikan isu tersebut dengan kadar segera bagi mengelak berlakunya kenaikan harga luar penetapan kerajaan daripada pihak peruncit atau peniaga.

"Ini tidak adil. Kami hanya peroleh hasil jualan sekitar 20 sen hingga 30 sen sahaja untuk seekor ayam standard. Ini belum diagihkan untuk bayaran gaji harian pekerja, sewa tapak, bil utiliti dan kos beg plastik.

"Bila peniaga naikkan harga hanya 10 sen melebihi harga kawalan, kena tindakan dan kompaun. Tetapi, dalam situasi ini (kenaikan harga), pembekal pula yang raih untung dan selamat," katanya kepada *Kosmo!* di sini semalam.

Dalam pada itu, seorang lagi peniaga ayam yang hanya mahu dikenali sebagai Fahmi, 39, pula memberitahu, dia dimaklumkan pihak pembekal mengenai kekurangan bekalan ayam di peringkat ladang.

"Pembekal mendakwa yang pihak pengilang sukar untuk memperoleh stok ayam ketika ini disebabkan banyak ayam mati di ladang.

"Alasan ini juga menyebabkan pihak peladang sehingga pembekal menaikkan harga ayam di luar penetapan kerajaan.

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Chickens can only cross the Causeway tomorrow, say farmers

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JOHOR BARU: Singaporeans can't wait to get their hands on fresh chicken from Malaysia - but they will have to hold on a little longer.

Poultry farms here have yet to receive their export permit and are likely to send chicken to the republic only from tomorrow.

"It usually takes up to three days for the permits to be approved and issued by the Veterinary Services Department (DVS).

"Since Monday was a public holiday, the process has been delayed - it is unavoidable," said Federation of Livestock Farmers' Association of Malaysia's broiler unit chairman Kwei Yew Tong.

"Even in the best case scenario, we expect the chicken to enter Singapore on Thursday. There, they have to be slaughtered, packed and distributed and can only hit the market on Friday," he told *The Star*.

The export of chicken was banned on June 1 to tackle the supply shortage and pricing issues within the country.

On Monday, Agriculture and Food Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Kiandee said the ban would be eased in phases starting from Tuesday.

Kwei said that exporting breeders, who have been "suffering for four and a half months", are relieved over the lifting of the ban.

"Farms that breed chicken for export are different from those supplying to the local market due to the strict export requirements and overseas standards. This also means higher operational costs."

Kwei said almost 100 exporting breeders are involved, but it is not known how many have obtained export permits, adding that the export volume this time was likely to start at about half of the previous quota of 3.6 million chickens per month, or 73,000 tonnes a year.

"Singaporeans are also quite keen on getting Malaysian chicken again as the taste and texture of fresh poultry is juicier and better than frozen chickens (that they now get from Thailand and Brazil)," he said.

Several Singaporeans *The Star* spoke to said they were looking forward to buying chicken from Malaysia again.

Housewife Fatimah Zainal, 46, said there was a big difference in terms of taste between fresh and frozen chickens.

She said the kampung chicken allowed into Singapore during the export ban was tougher and not as tasty.