

Volume landed at fishports in July declines 12.9% month on month

THE catch landed at regional fishports (RFPs) totaled 50,862.42 metric tons (MT) in July, down 12.9% from a month earlier, according to the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA).
“Despite some setbacks due to weather and closed fishing season, the PFDA and its RFPs are consistently doing their best to provide sufficient and affordable

fishery products to its clients and stakeholders,” the PFDA said in a report.
The General Santos Fishport Complex reported deliveries of 25,205 MT, down from 29,635.67 MT reported the previous month.
Deliveries at the Navotas fishport decreased 18.5% to 17,765 MT during the month.

The Iloilo fishport reported landed volume of 3,053.05 MT, up 21.86% from a month earlier.
It added that the Lucena Fish Port Complex received deliveries of 1,793 MT while Bulan fishport in Sorsogon had 1,785 MT.
The Davao Fish Port Complex had deliveries amounting to 182.4 MT.

It said that a closed fishing season was in force along the Davao Gulf between June 1 and Aug. 31.
The catch landed at the Zamboanga and the Sual, Pangasinan fishports rose 10.45% and 3.69% respectively during the period. It did not provide volume data for the month. — **Adrian H. Halili**

Ripening Indian crops seen under threat from prolonged monsoon

MUMBAI — India’s monsoon rains are likely to be prolonged into late September this year due to the development of a low-pressure system in the middle of the month, two weather department officials told Reuters.
Above-normal rainfall due to the delayed withdrawal of the monsoon could damage India’s summer-sown crops like rice, cotton, soybean, corn, and pulses, which are typically harvested from mid-September.
The crop damage could lead to food inflation, but the rains may also result in higher soil moisture, benefiting the planting of winter-sown crops such as wheat, rapeseed, and chickpea.
“There is an increased probability of a low-pressure system developing in the third week of September, which could delay the withdrawal of the monsoon,” said a senior official of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), who sought anonymity as the matter is sensitive.

The lifeblood of a nearly \$3.5-trillion economy, the annual monsoon brings almost 70% of the rain India needs to water farms and replenish reservoirs and aquifers.
Without irrigation, nearly half the farmland in the country depends on the rains that usually run from June to September.
Monsoon rainfall in September and October could be influenced by La Niña weather conditions, which are likely to develop from the next month, said another IMD official.
In the past, when La Niña develops during the second half of the monsoon season, it has led to a delayed monsoon withdrawal, said the official, adding that “this year, we could see a similar pattern.”
The two sources shared their assessment ahead of the IMD’s monthly forecast for September rainfall and monsoon withdrawal, which is scheduled for this weekend.

India has received 7% more rainfall than average since the monsoon season began on June 1. However, some states have experienced as much as 66% more rainfall than average, leading to flooding.
Heavy rains during the third and fourth weeks of September and early October could affect early sown crops that are nearing harvest, said Ashwini Bansod, vice-president of commodities research at Philip Capital India. — **Reuters**

India, the world’s second-largest producer of wheat, sugar, and rice, has imposed various curbs on the export of these farm commodities, and any losses due to excessive rainfall could prompt New Delhi to extend those curbs.
The monsoon generally begins in June and starts to retreat by Sept. 17 from northwestern parts of the country, ending across the country by mid-October.

Fake cows ready for milking at US state fairs as bird flu threat looms

WEST ALLIS, Wisconsin — In Michigan this year, where dairy workers and herds have fallen ill from bird flu, a pair of unlikely prized cows are being prepped to take the state fair stage.
State fair organizers are this year featuring Milkshake and Buttercup, two life-sized fiberglass cows complete with rubber teats and water-filled udders, for a popular milking demo.
The head of the Minnesota State Fair’s Moo Booth came up with a similar work around for its hands-on milking event: a fake dairy cow named Olympia.
“Normally, we’d have a real cow out there,” said Jill Nathe, the fair’s deputy general manager of agriculture and competition. “We just can’t do that right now.”
As avian influenza continues to spread, infecting cattle herds for the first time this year as well as four dairy workers, US state and county fair organizers have been forced to reimagine nostalgic summer traditions long celebrated by city and rural folk alike.
For farmers and students eager for blue ribbons and bragging rights, the outbreak has forced them to navigate new testing rules and manage logistical headaches in order to obtain a clean bill of health for animals before entering the show ring.

State and local officials say they are trying to protect people and animals from the H5N1 virus as some dairy farmers have declined to test their herds.
Experts worry that further transmission of the virus could help it adapt to spread between humans. The risk of viral spread among herds prompted some county fairs in Michigan to cancel dairy shows, while the Iowa State Fair shuttered its milking barn.
In Minnesota, state fair staff procured extra gloves and face shields from COVID-era stockpiles for the livestock crew, and kept pregnant dairy cows out of the fair’s birthing center.
Several farm states, including Wisconsin, required lactating cattle to test negative within seven days of arriving at the fairgrounds.

Wisconsin dairy farmer Rick Thompson said he had to carefully time visits from his veterinarian, so the milk test results for H5N1 would fall within the required window for different fairs. His vet’s wife personally drove samples to a state lab in Madison to ensure they arrived on time for testing. “It’s not a convenient thing,” said Thompson, 57, who has attended Wisconsin’s state fair for 46 years.
Michigan banned lactating cows from all public exhibitions until the state goes two months without finding an infected herd. With only one state fair per year, the chance has passed for 2024.
Michigan last reported a case on Monday. “We were all waiting for that 60-day window,” Michigan State Fair livestock director LC Scramlin said. “But we kept having another case and another one happen.”
At the Wisconsin State Fair, where visitors can buy everything from cream puffs to hot tubs, veterinarians inspected cattle before they stepped off their trailers to make sure the animals were healthy upon arrival — a departure from previous years, exhibitors said.
The risk of bird flu was enough to convince Jennifer and Bethany Droessler to keep a lactating cow at home. The sisters from Cuba City, Wisconsin, instead hauled other cattle to show at the event’s Dairy Lane, where fairgoers petted and took selfies with animals topping the scales at more than 1,000 pounds (454 kg).
“We’ll aim for next year and hopefully it won’t be an issue,” said Jennifer Droessler, 30.
More than 190 dairy herds nationwide have been infected since March, and 13 farm workers tested positive following exposure to cows and poultry. The workers all recovered, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says H5N1 remains a low risk for the general public.
Still, CDC is advising people not to eat, drink or touch anything in animal areas at fairs. Several fairgoers in Wisconsin, the No. 2 milk-producer and top cheese-making state, said they were not aware of, or concerned about, the guidelines. — **Reuters**

Ovialand eyes higher valuation for IPO

OVIALAND, Inc. plans to launch an initial public offering (IPO) at a higher valuation, potentially next year, depending on market conditions,” the real estate developer’s president said.
“Definitely, (our IPO) will (have) a much higher valuation because the company has grown,” Ovialand President and Chief Executive Officer Pammy Olivares-Vital told reporters on the sidelines of the Shareholders’ Association of the Philippines’ third general membership meeting in Makati City last week.
Ms. Vital said that Ovialand is open to having the IPO next year, depending on investor appetite.
“Right now, we’re still a little indefinite with the listing date. Although we are still actively fundraising. (The IPO is) not for this year, but we’re open for next year,” she said.

In June last year, Ovialand announced that its planned P2.2-billion IPO was deferred due to “poor market conditions.”
“Once the larger IPOs happen, those will be a signal for us that the foreign funds are already open, so we’ll be open to entertaining it. Their success would be an indication for smaller companies like us that foreign funds are back and open,” Ms. Vital said.
Ovialand saw double-digit growth in sales, revenue, and net income for the first half, according to Ms. Vital, without citing specific figures.
“We approached the first half with an aggressive stance. We knew that it was going to be an uphill battle. It was rewarding. We are up double-digit in sales, revenue, and net income. We are eyeing 30% growth annually. It is practically doubling the company every two years,” she said.

“The listing is not the goal. The goal is to expand. There are other ways for us to expand. The goal is to keep on growing our production capacity,” she added.
Ms. Vital also said Ovialand is in the final stages of launching its second development in partnership with Japan’s Takara Leben.
In January, Ovialand and Takara Leben collaborated on their first project, the 6.5-hectare Savana South development in Laguna, which features 657 homes aimed at the premium affordable housing market.
Ovialand has developments in Southern Luzon and Bulacan, including Savana, Santevi, and Sannera in Laguna; Caliya in Quezon; Terrazza de Sto. Tomas in Batangas; and Seriya in Bulacan. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

China auto brands Omoda, Jaecoo to expand in PHL

AUTOMOTIVE brands Omoda and Jaecoo, both from China, are set to expand in the Philippines with the opening of a flagship branch in Alabang by the fourth quarter.
In a statement released over the weekend, Omoda announced that its first car shipment to the Philippines will feature the Omoda 5 and Omoda E5 models.
“The arrival of these vehicles is the first step in solidifying the presence of Omoda and Jaecoo in the Philippine market,” said Marco Chen, country director of Omoda & Jaecoo Motor Philippines, Inc.
“The Omoda 5 and Omoda E5 aim to give Filipinos a taste of automotive engineering that’s unique to Omoda and Jaecoo,” he added.
The two variants will be available at all Omoda and Jaecoo dealerships in Alabang, Pasig, Manila, Quezon

City, Ortigas, Calamba, and Iloilo, which are scheduled to open between September and November.
“In the meantime, interested buyers can test-drive and pre-order the cars through mall displays in SM Aura Premier, Ayala Mall Feliz, Ayala Malls Circuit Makati, Ayala Malls Glorieta, Evia Lifestyle Center, and Ayala Alabang Town Center, starting mid-September,” the company said.
“The first 100 buyers will also receive a special package care from Omoda & Jaecoo Philippines,” it added.
The Omoda 5 is the brand’s crossover sport utility vehicle, while the Omoda E5 is the brand’s first electric vehicle equipped with an NCM (nickel-cobalt-manganese) lithium battery.
Aside from Omoda 5 and Omoda E5, the company is also bringing other

Omoda and Jaecoo models to the Philippines, Mr. Chen said.
“To exhibit our commitment to bringing the DNA of our brand’s innovation to the Philippines, we’re also excited to announce that other Omoda and Jaecoo cars such as the Omoda 3, Omoda 7, and Jaecoo J6 are also scheduled to arrive in the Philippines,” Mr. Chen said.
“The arrival date and pricing of these models will be announced soon,” he added.
In terms of warranty, the company aims to offer a seven-year or 200,000-kilometer warranty on its vehicles, with engines receiving a 10-year or one million-kilometer warranty.
“The brand has also teamed up with logistics company DB Schenker to host the vehicles’ spare parts in a local warehouse,” it added. — **Justine Irish D. Tabile**



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JOB OPENING

Name of Company
TRIP.COM (PHILIPPINES) INC.
Place of Assignment 9th and 10th Floors, Ten West, Campus Building, McKinley, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City
Position VP Team Leader
Quantity of Workers Needed 1

Brief Description of Functions:

- Responsible for daily work of the team and ensure the normal operation.
- Supervise the operational data of the call center and conduct proper onsite management.
- Properly distribute the daily tasks within the team and host daily meetings.
- Supervise the staff KPI and take precautions to enhance the ability of the staff.
- Train and convey new procedures and monitor the implementation and performance.
- Deal with the complaints and emergencies, and communicate with staff regularly.
- Conduct communication concerning the monthly performance appraisal with staff.
- Arrange rational shift by estimating the volume of business.
- Propose projects that optimize the working procedures and complete them.
- Cooperate closely with other team leaders.
- Complete the tasks assigned by the Operation Manager and/or Group Leader in time.

Brief Description of Qualifications:

- Full-Time Bachelor’s degree or above.
- 2 years managerial experience in customer service team is preferred.
- Good English skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing; and fluent in other languages (either JP, KR, HK, etc.) based on business needs.
- Good strain capacity, good communication skills, and has a strong teamwork spirit.
- Good sense of responsibility and self-management skills.
- Excellent experience in project management and data analysis skills.
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Position Service Manager
Quantity of Workers Needed 1

Brief Description of Functions:

- Based on deep understanding of Trip.com products and services, will ensure to provide great service to customers with successful achievement of targeted KPI goals and on-time delivery.
- Provide guidance to the management group on how to cultivate deep understanding of Trip.com products and services among employees, and improve service delivery to customers.
- Work out clear and practical operation plans (annual, quarterly, monthly etc.) for service team with KPI management policy and methodology.
- Develop effective workflow and channels while establishing and optimizing standard procedures and processes.
- Continuously seek to improve service performance by driving all kinds of improvement projects in service team.
- Conduct discussions or regular consultations with the management group of the service team to drive all kinds of improvement projects in the company.
- Ensure all necessary reports are a true reflection of the operations and is available for regular business review; able to identify issues and opportunities for improvement by correct analysis and interpretation.
- Conduct regular meetings effectively to discuss and address operation issues with stakeholders.
- Provide suggestions to the management group on the efficient preparation of necessary reports that will reflect the status of operations and available for regular business review.
- Review, discuss and address operation issues with stakeholders.
- Manage and supervise BPO teams in different locations, ensure clear delivery of regular scope and objectives, and ensure KPI targets are met.
- Work closely with WFM team and HR team on work force plan and new hire training resources.

Brief Description of Qualifications:

- Minimum 10 years experience of contact center management.
- Full-Time Bachelor’s degree or above.
- Fluent English communication skills, both verbal and written, is preferred; proficiency in service language (either JP, KR, EU, SEA etc.).
- CPO, PMO, PMO assigns experience is preferred.
- Solid knowledge of contact center management tools including call monitoring skills, coaching, workforce management, etc.
- Knowledge of employee recognition and reward practices.
- Strong conflict and problem-solving skills.
- Proven ability to effectively lead management team members.
- Ability to clearly communicate at all levels and perform duties with global vision and local insight.
- Demonstrated as integrity, accountability, professionalism.

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Job Position: Warehouse Operations Supervisor

Job Description:

- Handle daily management practices of warehousing and distribution warehouses, implement and enforce warehouse related rules and regulations;
- Develop an internal work plan, complete operational tasks and KPI assessment indicators, and provide feedback on various situations encountered during the execution process;
- Assist the warehouse manager in carrying out daily warehouse management work, actively mobilize other available resources in case of emergencies, and ensure smooth inbound and outbound and distribution of goods in the warehouse;
- Assist the warehouse manager in improving and optimizing the warehouse workflow, improving operational efficiency, reasonably controlling operational costs, and increasing customer satisfaction;
- Responsible for determining work interfaces and business handover standards with relevant departments, and reasonably allocating warehouse human resources;
- Can conduct effective data analysis, plan storage areas reasonably, and improve warehouse utilization;
- Regularly spot check the consistency of accounts and materials, supervise the data system entry and manual registration, and ensure the accuracy of the warehousing system and ledger registration data;
- Assist the warehouse manager in providing training and performance evaluation for grassroots personnel in the warehouse;
- Assist in handling the daily management practices of warehousing and distribution warehouses, and assign other tasks to superiors

Job Qualifications for the Position:

- College degree or above, with priority given to majors in logistics, transportation, warehousing, and related fields;
- More than 3 years of experience in warehouse management;
- Familiar with e-commerce warehousing management (counting, receiving, shelving, customs clearance, inventory management, inventory counting, wave operation, picking, verification, packaging, shipping) and third-party logistics operation processes, familiar with warehousing logistics operation modes, proficient in operation and management experience, familiar with ERP and warehousing management systems;
- Strong ability in data analysis and logical judgment; Strong organizational coordination, communication, expression, and execution skills, with a sense of teamwork and certain crisis management abilities;
- Proficient in computer and related office software applications

Salary Range (monthly): PHP 50,000 – 100,000