

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

INDUSTRY STATISTICS

YTD Hatchability

82.9%

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$9.30

Male: \$11.43

2017 Audit Stats

Premises to Audit: 72

Premises Completed: 33

Corrective Actions: 8

2016 Corrective Actions: 3

PRODUCERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 27 AT 7PM

There will be a Producers' Association meeting September 27 at 7pm at the Quality Hotel & Conference Centre, 36035 North Parallel Rd, Abbotsford.

NEW ON-FARM PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The BCBHEC would like to welcome Kaitlyn Loewen as our new On-Farm Program Coordinator. Kaitlyn joins us with a farming background in poultry and dairy. You will see her on-farm in the coming weeks.

CFIA COSTING SURVEY

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is conducting a costing survey to determine the impacts of proposed changes to the *Hatchery Regulations* (HR) on Poultry Farm Operators in Canada. The survey is being distributed to individual operators in collaboration with the Canadian Hatchery Federation (CHF), Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP). The information provided in this survey will be used to help conduct a Cost-Benefit Analysis of the proposed changes to the Hatchery Regulations. The deadline for providing your response is **October 6, 2017**. Please see attached file to complete the EcoSurvey.

NATIONAL PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NPAC is in search of new members with experience owning and/or operating a farming enterprise. NPAC serves as the primary mechanism for producer consultations with respect to the business risk management programs and risk management issues, providing advice and guidance to federal, provincial, and territorial governments. Producers who are interested to learn more can visit <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/about-us/employment-opportunities/ministerial-appointments/member-national-program-advisory-committee-11positions/?id=1497558614315>



Pricing Orders

| Period | Live Chicken | Hatching Eggs | Saleable Chicks | Day-Old Broiler Chicks |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| A-141 | 158.02¢/kg | 518.58¢/doz | 54.02¢/chick | 72.95¢/chick |
| A-142 | 158.51¢/kg | 528.73¢/doz | 55.08¢/chick | 72.01¢/chick |
| A-143 | 160.11¢/kg | 535.71¢/doz | 55.80¢/chick | 74.74¢/chick |
| A-144 | 160.41¢/kg | 532.11¢/doz | 55.43¢/chick | 74.36¢/chick |
| A-145 | 160.70¢/kg | 532.74¢/doz | 55.49¢/chick | 74.43¢/chick |

Production Cycles

| Period | Start Date | End Date |
|--------|--------------|--------------|
| A-141 | Dec 25, 2016 | Feb 18, 2017 |
| A-142 | Feb 19, 2017 | Apr 15, 2017 |
| A-143 | Apr 16, 2017 | Jun 10, 2017 |
| A-144 | Jun 11, 2017 | Aug 05, 2017 |
| A-145 | Aug 06, 2017 | Sep 30, 2017 |

Survey for Poultry Farm Operators

September 1, 2017

Dear Poultry Farm Operators:

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is conducting a costing survey to determine the impacts of proposed changes to the *Hatchery Regulations* (HR) on Poultry Farm Operators in Canada. The attached survey is being administered by the CFIA, and is being distributed to individual operators in collaboration with the Canadian Hatchery Federation (CHF), Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP) and Turkey Farmers of Canada (TFC). A different survey will be sent to hatchery operators through CHF.

The Proposed Regulatory Requirements are briefly summarized in the table below. For additional information, please see Table A in the Annex (p.3 of this letter), the attached *Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock Testing Standards* and the attached summary of the *National Avian-on Farm Biosecurity Standard*.

| Proposed Regulatory requirements | Coverage |
|---|--|
| Preventive Control Plan (PCP) | Prepare and maintain a <u>written</u> document that includes the procedure for the maintenance and review of a PCP, and implement that procedure. Three elements: (1) Biosecurity; (2) Animal Welfare; (3) Microbiological Testing |
| Record-keeping (additional requirements) | 1. Any records relating to the PCP which addresses the above three elements such as issues/problems identified and corrective actions taken 2. Sampling and testing results of all supply flocks for Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) |
| Testing (additional requirement) | Testing for SE |

The objective of this survey is to determine the following (if/where applicable):

- Your company profile, including location, types and numbers of birds produced;
- Your estimated time (in hours) currently spent on any of the record-keeping and testing provisions of the proposed Regulations;
- Your estimated costs (in hours, dollars) to develop, implement, and maintain your existing quality control program or PCP, if any;
- Your estimated additional costs (in hours, dollars) to modify your existing quality control program or PCP to become compliant with the proposed HR; and,
- Your estimated additional time (in hours) to become compliant with the record-keeping and testing provisions of the proposed HR.

The information provided in this survey will be used to help conduct a Cost-Benefit Analysis of the proposed changes to the HR. A Cost-Benefit Analysis is required by the Government of Canada for all regulatory initiatives, with appropriate consideration given to small business impacts and administrative burden. All responses will be consolidated on a provincial or national level. No information that could identify a specific company or organization will be published.

The deadline for providing your response is **October 6, 2017**. Please submit your response to:

Mail: Salomon Compaore

Canadian Hatching Egg Producers

21 Florence St.

Ottawa, ON K2P 0W6

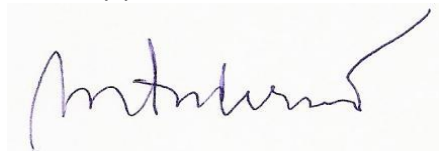
E-mail address: scompaore@chep-poic.ca

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Dr. Teresa Cereno at (613) 773-7437 or hatcheryregulations@inspection.gc.ca.

Your input and feedback is critically important to the accurate assessment of the expected costs to the Canadian hatchery industry and their farm operators of proposed amendments to the *HR*. Your participation in this survey would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely yours,



for
Dr. Penny Greenwood
Manager, Domestic Disease Control Program
Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity Division

Enclosure:

1. Survey
2. *Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock Testing Standards*
3. *National Avian-On Farm Biosecurity standard*

Table A: Potential modifications to existing plans and record keeping

| Description | Proposed Regulations | Existing Regulations/Programs |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Preventive control plan (PCP) | A breeder producer must develop, implement, and maintain a PCP that would address risks to its flocks | Members of CHEP (who are following CHEP's Canadian Hatching Egg Quality program, CHEQ™) and members of Turkey Farmers Canada (who follows the On-Farm Food Safety Program, OFFSP - Breeders) are deemed to meet the <u>written</u> PCP requirements under the proposed regulations |
| <i>Biosecurity standards</i> | Every breeder producer must meet the requirements of the CFIA National Avian On-Farm Biosecurity Standards | Voluntarily, based on the CFIA National Avian On-Farm Biosecurity Standards |
| <i>Animal welfare</i> | Requirements to meet the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys by the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) | Voluntarily, based on the Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys by the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) It was written only for chickens and turkeys, the proposed regulations <u>will require</u> game bird and waterfowl producers to comply with all applicable requirements from the Code |
| <i>Testing requirements</i> | Supply flocks are required to meet the <i>Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock Standards</i> Sampling schedule for primary breeding flocks (SP-SG Clean Level I; SE Clean) Sampling schedule for layer breeding flocks (SP-SG Clean Level II; SE Clean) Sampling schedule for multiplier breeding flocks supplying eggs to <i>balut</i> and table-egg markets (SP-SG Clean Level II; SE Controlled) Sampling schedule for all other multiplier breeding flocks (SP-SG Clean Level II; Salmonella Controlled) | Voluntarily, based on the <i>Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock (CHSF) Standards</i> At present, only primary breeder producers (and poultry exporters) conduct the tests for SP and SG (named SP-SG Clean Level 1 in the proposed regulations) |
| Record keeping | Must keep records of all eggs and birds; salmonella (e.g. SP, SG and SE) including test results and PCP which addresses three elements: biosecurity standards; animal welfare and testing requirements. | All breeder producers must keep records of SP and SG which include test results and records of flocks |



Information is being collected and used by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) solely for the purpose of determining the expected costs of proposed changes to the Hatchery Regulations. All numerical data will be consolidated on a provincial or national level. All information provided to the CFIA will be protected in accordance with federal privacy legislation (Access to Information and Privacy Act).

Survey for Poultry Farm Operators:

For the purpose of this survey, a "Supply Flock" is defined as a flock of chickens, turkeys, waterfowl and game birds that supplies eggs to a permitted hatchery.

SECTION I - PROFILE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the name of your business? (optional) _____
2. What type of Supply Flocks (SF) do you have? *Please check all that apply:*
 - Chicken layer primary breeder Chicken broiler breeder (primary)
 - Turkey Chicken layer Turkey primary breeder
 - Waterfowl Game Birds Balut
3. In which provinces/territories is your business located? NL PE NS NB QC ON
MB SK AB BC YT NT NU
4. How many supply flocks do you normally keep on one premises or farm? _____
5. For the purpose of this survey, a "Small Business" is defined as: "Any business, including its affiliates, which has fewer than 100 employees or generates between \$30,000 and \$5 million in annual gross revenue."
 - a. Please describe your business: revenue less than \$30,000, revenue between \$30,000 and \$5,000,000 revenue more than \$5,000,000
 - b. Number of employees (include full-time and part-time staff, and family members including owners): _____



SECTION II – QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CURRENT OPERATIONS:

PART A – RECORD – KEEPING QUESTIONS:

Reference: Section 79 of the Health of Animals Regulations:

79.16(1) Every owner or person in charge of an approved hatchery supply flock shall keep a record of all mortality in that flock for the life of the flock.

79.16(2) Where the mortality of an approved hatchery supply flock of chickens exceeds three percent (3%) or the mortality of an approved hatchery supply flock of turkeys exceeds five percent (5%) for birds during the first two weeks of life, the owner or person in charge of the flock shall immediately submit to an approved laboratory a sample of dead birds from the flock and any other such birds as may be subsequently requested by the person in charge of the laboratory to be cultured for the presence of *Salmonella pullorum* (SP) and *Salmonella gallinarum* (SG).

79.17(1) Every owner or person in charge of a primary breeding flock shall have the flock tested serologically for SP and SG at intervals of not less than six months and not more than 15 months in accordance with the serological test schedule set out in Schedule VI and shall report to the Minister, in writing, the results of all such tests.

79.17(2) Each chicken or turkey that is tested pursuant to subsection **79.17(1)** shall be identified by an identification tag.

6. Do you currently keep/maintain records for your poultry breeding operation for the following?

Please check all that apply and provide the time spent.

Sections **79.16(1)** and **79.17(1)-(2)** of the *Health of Animals Regulations*:

Total hours spent per year _____

Section **79.16(2)** of the *Health of Animals Regulations* on sampling and testing results of

Supply Flocks (SF):

Total hours spent per year _____



PART B – PREVENTIVE CONTROL PLAN QUESTIONS

Definition: A preventive control plan (PCP) is a written document that focusses on prevention as a way to achieve regulatory compliance. It is a combination of control measures that includes but is not limited to, when taken as a whole, monitoring and controlling operations, correcting any deviations as they occur and monitoring compliance set out in regulatory requirements. For example, under the proposed regulatory changes operators would be expected to address three elements in the PCP: biosecurity principles, welfare and testing requirements for flocks.

7. Do you currently have a PCP **and/or** are you currently enrolled in one or more of these programs: Quality Control Program (QC), Canadian Hatching Egg Quality Program (CHEQ), L-CHEQ Program, Animal Care Program (ACP), TFC On-Farm Food Safety Program[®] or any other on-farm food safety Program (OFFSP)?
- a. YES NO
- b. If YES, please check all that apply: PCP QC CHEQ L-CHEQ ACP TFC Breeder OFFSP Other OFFSP
- Other industry program (please name): _____
- In-house or private program (please name): _____
8. Does your plan or program include the following components? *Please check all that apply.*
- Biosecurity (e.g. practices designed to prevent, minimize and manage risk on your operation as described in the *CFIA National Avian On-Farm Biosecurity Standards* (see attached summary))
- Welfare (e.g. Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys; Code of Practice created by farm operators; NFAAC Code)
- Testing (e.g. Salmonellae, see the attached *Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock Testing Standards*)



9. Does your plan or program include a written plan/document? YES NO

If NO, please proceed to question 19.

If you have multiple plans, please respond to the remaining survey questions in Part B based on the plan that is "most reflective" of the above elements (biosecurity, welfare, and testing).

Development of Plan:

10. How did you develop your plan or program?

Internally (In-House) Externally (Contracted Out) N/A (Plan/Program was provided to us at no cost) – If **N/A, please proceed to Question 13.**

a. If **externally**, how much did it cost you? _____

b. If **internally**, how many hours did it take to fully develop the entire plan or program? _____

11. Did you incur any other additional costs to develop your plan or program related to biosecurity/welfare/testing? (excluded from above) YES NO

If YES, please specify, and provide the dollar amounts: _____

12. Approximately, what percentage (%) of your total development time/cost was dedicated to the following components? Biosecurity: _____ Welfare: _____ Testing: _____

Implementation of Plan:

13. How much training was required to implement the **biosecurity, welfare and testing** components of the plan?

a. Number of employees trained: _____

b. Hours of training given to each employee: _____

c. If a third party was contracted to conduct training, how much did it cost you? _____

14. On average, how many hours are spent **each week** performing the following activities (excluding record keeping) outlined in your plan?



Biosecurity (hours): _____ Welfare (hours): _____ Testing (hours): _____

Review of Plan:

15. Do you currently review your existing plan on a regular basis? YES NO

a. If YES, how frequently (in a year) do you review your existing plan or program? _____

b. If YES, how many hours does it take to review your entire plan or program each time? _____

Testing Requirement:

Please respond to below based on the regular testing program being followed whether it is federal/provincial/industry-led. **For broiler breeders, please go to Question 18 on page 6.**

For Farm Operators of Primary breeding and Layer Supply Flocks:

16. Are you currently conducting tests for *Salmonella* Enteritidis [SE] (barn environmental samples)? YES NO

If YES, *Please indicate at which of the following stages and check all that apply and provide number of tests conducted per year.*

Testing at 4 weeks old:

Total number of tests conducted per year _____

Testing before egg production:

Total number of tests conducted per year _____

Testing every 4 weeks during egg production (maximum frequency):

Total number of tests conducted per year _____



For Farm Operators of Supply Flocks supplying eggs for Balut:

17. Are you currently conducting testing for SE (barn environmental samples) at the following stages? Please check all that apply and provide number of tests conducted per year.

Testing before egg production:

Total number of tests conducted per year _____

Testing every 12 weeks during egg production (maximum frequency):

Total number of tests conducted per year _____

For Farm Operators of All Other Supply Flocks:

18. Are you currently conducting testing for SE before slaughter? YES NO

If yes, total number of tests conducted per year _____

SECTION III – QUESTIONS ABOUT POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR OPERATIONS

*Time and cost **estimates** should reflect impacts on your **Canadian** operations only. If you have Questions, please contact Teresa Cereno at (613) 773-7437 or Teresa.cereno@inspection.gc.ca.*

PART C – QUESTIONS ABOUT POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR EXISTING PREVENTIVE CONTROL PLANS (PCP):

It is proposed that every breeder producer must develop, implement and maintain a written PCP that would address risks to its flocks, with the following three elements to be covered: (1) Biosecurity Standards (i.e., the target outcomes of the CFIA Biosecurity Standards); (2) Animal Welfare (i.e., Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Hatching Eggs, Breeders, Chickens and Turkeys, see the following website: www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/chickens-turkeys-and-breeders) and (3) Testing Requirements (Canadian Hatchery and Supply Flock Testing Standards). For more information on the requirements for each element, please refer to the attached documents.



19. Do you need to modify your current plan to *fully* address the proposed requirements related to biosecurity/welfare/testing under the proposed revision of the *Hatchery Regulations*? If YES, please check all that apply.

- a. Biosecurity YES NO
- b. Welfare YES NO
- c. Testing YES NO

If NO, please proceed to Questions 24 and 25.

Development of your Modified Plan:

20. How many **additional hours** do you expect it would take to modify your plan or program in order to meet each of the proposed regulatory requirements below?

Biosecurity (hours): _____ Welfare (hours): _____ Testing (hours): _____

21. Would you experience any additional costs to modify your plan? YES NO

If Yes, please specify, and provide dollar amount(s): _____

Implementation of your Modified Plan:

22. Would you need to provide **additional training**? YES NO

a. If yes, number of employees to be trained: _____

b. Hours of training to be given to each employee: _____

23. How many **additional hours** would it take **each week** to perform the activities associated with Biosecurity, Welfare and Testing elements (excluding record keeping) in order to meet the proposed regulatory requirements?

Biosecurity (hours): _____ Welfare (hours): _____ Testing (hours): _____



PART D – RECORD - KEEPING QUESTIONS

24. Would you need to keep/maintain **additional records** in order to meet the new record-keeping requirement in the regulatory proposal? *Please check all that apply and provide additional time required.*

Records on PCP (biosecurity; animal welfare; testing): Total additional hours per year _____

Sampling and testing results of supply flocks for SE: Total additional hours per year _____

25. Please provide any additional comments below.



Optional:

Please provide contact information in case we need to follow-up and verify any information in the response:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please submit your response to:

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Ottawa, ON K2P 0W6

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