

BC BROILER HATCHING EGG COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

INDUSTRY STATISTICS

YTD Hatchability

82.5%

Average Lay Cycle End

58 weeks

Average Breeder Price

Female: \$9.30

Male: \$11.43

2017 Audit Stats

Premises to Audit: 72

Premises Completed: 35

Corrective Actions: 2

2016 Corrective Actions: 3

CHEP ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM

If you have not received your new CHEP Animal Care Binder, please drop by the office to pick yours up.

BARN SPECIFICATIONS UPDATE

The Commission is updating barn specifications in accordance with the new soon to be rolled out Animal Care Program. Please read and fill out all information in the template attached. We will specifically need makes and models for each of the types of equipment you use. Please complete this document and send it back via email to Kaitlyn@bcbhec.com

SPIKING MALE UPDATE

The spiking male steering committee has provided Hatching Egg Producers and the industry an update letter, both letters attached.

Within that letter is an important survey that must be completed by November 14, 2017, this is a one week extension from the original date to ensure all Producers have a chance to complete it. Please assist the Steering Committee and the Commission on the future of spiking males by filling in the quick survey.

UPCOMING PRODUCER MEETING - DECEMBER 13

There will be a Christmas social and Producer meeting on December 13 at 7:00pm at the Quality Inn, 36035 N Parallel Rd, Abbotsford.



Pricing Orders

Period	Live Chicken	Hatching Eggs	Saleable Chicks	Day-Old Broiler Chicks
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
A-146	163.53¢/kg	525.72¢/doz	54.76¢/chick	73.70¢/chick

Production Cycles

Period	Start Date	End Date
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
A-146	Oct 1, 2017	Nov 25, 2017

Interim Steps for On Farm Biosecurity starting October 1, 2017 – which coincides with the start of “flu season”

- Monitoring of males for spiking purposes between premises while the Steering Committee works through the work action plan.

Interim Protocol Checklist:

1. Spiking Males Checklist must be completed and registered through the Commission Office.
2. Checklist must be dated with testing date, shipping date and expiry date.
3. Spiking males must originate from the same source flock.
4. Spiking males cannot exceed 30 weeks of age.
5. Males cannot be moved more than one than once for spiking purposes.
6. There must be a minimum of 14 days between spikes
7. Spiking Males must be sampled and tested with test results attached to the checklist application.
8. Testing of birds must include but is not limited to the following:
 1. Avian Influenza
 2. Salmonella Enteritis
 3. Coryza
9. Spiking males must be moved in the timeline outlined in the Checklist- Maximum of 10 days.
10. Spiking males must be moved in clean and disinfected crates¹.
11. Spiking males to be introduced into the lay house in a manner that reduces stress.
12. Spiking males must be easily identified and monitored.
13. Any unusual circumstances with the flock post spike must be reported to the Commission Office.

¹ <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/humane-transport/transport-requirements/eng/1363748532198/1363748620219>

Spiking Male Review: Work Action Plan

Purpose:

- To confirm interim regulations and registration protocols as the BC Hatching Egg Commission (“the Commission”) transitions away from premise to premise spiking male movement.
- Consider the long term plan to eliminate the disease transfer by the movement of spiking males.

Stakeholders:

- BC Hatching Egg Producers
- BC Broiler Hatching Egg Producers’ Association (BCBHEPA)
- BC Chicken Growers’ Association (BCCGA)
- BC Chicken Marketing Board (BCCMB)
- BC Egg Hatchery Association (BCEHA)
- Canadian Hatching Egg Producers (CHEP)
- BC Ministry of Agriculture (BCMA)
- BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB)
- BC Poultry Veterinarians

Outcome:

- Consider the interim strategy and ensure it allows for a transition to non-movement of spiking males while;
- Ensuring the Industry risk is mitigated thorough a criteria and registration process.
- Orderly Marketing and Sound Marketing Principals are upheld.
- Hatching Egg Producers have an efficient transition time to work through the long term initiative of no movement of spiking males by 2020.

Process:

1. Interim measures put in place effective October 1, 2017.
2. Steering Committee to work through the Work Action Plan by February 2018.
3. Commission to review material provided and consider long term solutions for the elimination of spiking male movement between premises by year end 2020 decision to be made by April 2018.

Background:

The BC Broiler Hatching Egg Commission (“the Commission”) is currently considering a long term plan of regulation eliminating the movement of spiking males between premises.

Currently spiking males move from one premises to another with a recommendation from the Commission to Producers to ensure that the birds entering their flock have been tested for specific diseases.

Spiking Male Review

In 2014 two premises were infected directly with Avian Influenza as a result of spiking male movement. In 2016 five premises were infected with Coryza as a result of spiking male movement.

The Commission recognizes the Biosecurity concerns by both the Hatching Egg Producers and Industry stakeholders as a result of this practice and has established short term risk mitigating strategies.

The purpose of these strategies is to provide short term relief to the Hatching Egg Producers while plans are developed to be able to self-spike. Additionally, the Poultry sector can spend resources on other emergency planning as the Commission Staff will be able to trace the movement of spiking males through a criteria and registration process.

Phase 1:

Consultation and Research Phase- conducted by a Steering Committee comprised of two BCBHEPA directors, two Commission members and supported by ministry veterinarians, staff and funding.

Approach:

- Develop a questionnaire for Hatching Egg Producers on their historical spiking male practices including: how often they are spiking, what testing is conducted and what/ if any quarantine procedures are in place.
- Consult with a third party veterinarian to review the testing schedule to ensure the biosecurity expectations for transfer are addressed.

Expected Outcome:

- Transparent engagement with Industry Stakeholders.
- A clear concept of how Producers are using spiking males.

Deliverables:

- A confirmation that the interim steps are sound and can ensure Biosecurity while long term plans are introduced to the Hatching Egg Sector – **Completion date anticipated by October 30, 2017**

Phase 2:

Options Development Phase

Approach:

- Review quarantine concept
- Review self-spiking options
- Develop a cost model for the removal of premise to premise spiking males for potential inclusion into the cost of production model

Expected Outcome:

- An evaluation of all options considered and the long term plan evaluation considering the Commission's strategic plan and the cost of production model.

Spiking Male Review

- Consultation of the long term plan by the Commission with its listed stakeholders.

Deliverables:

- An Industry update for stakeholder review and engagement – **Completion date anticipate January 30 , 2018**

Phase 3:

Engagement of Regulation, policy change or testing template requirements

Approach:

- Train Hatching Egg Producers on new expectations on movement of spiking males for the interim timeline.
- Work with Producers on the long term plan including possible grants and reserve fund opportunities

Expected Outcome:

- No spiking male movement between premises by year end 2020.

Deliverables:

- Implementation of Regulated movement and a long term plan established by April 2018.

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November 1, 2017

Update to Hatching Egg Producers on Spiking Male Registration Process

Good Afternoon BC Hatching Egg Producers,

As discussed at the September 27, 2017 Producer Meeting the BC Hatching Egg Commission (“the Commission”) has engaged in a Spiking Male Review. The Spiking Male Review Work Action Plan¹ outlines the tasks of both the Commission and the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee had some concerns moving forward with the outlined interim steps, one of which was Producer understanding of the expectations and the process of registering spiking males.

Kaitlyn Loewen (Kaitlyn@bcbhec.com) is the staff member assigned to engage with Producers on the registration of spiking males and can assist you should you require it.

Staff is also working on developing an area of the website to assist in pre- planning for males. The hope is to streamline the registration process. The current step by step process guide and updated registration form are attached for Producer review.

Lastly, an important element of Phase 1 was research of current Spiking Male practices.

Please take the time to fill in this survey so the Committee and the Commission can make informed decisions on best practices.

<https://goo.gl/forms/OhfQXRSTAVkCZH113>

Regards,

Art deRuiter

Steering Committee Chair

¹ Spiking Male Review Work Action Plan



Registration of Spiking Males Process: November 1, 2017

1. Inform the BC Hatching Egg Commission office as soon as possible on how many spiking males are available from your flock(s)
 - This step will assist in matching you with producers who are looking for males.
2. Inform the BC Hatching Egg Commission office as soon as possible on how many spiking males you will require and the timeframe of your requirement
 - This step will assist in matching you with producers who are selling males
3. Have the mandatory testing completed.
 - Keep all associated receipts as the Commission is currently investigating avenues to cover these expenses and may review retroactive reimbursement for compliance with this program
4. When lab results are received and birds test negative fill in the Registration Checklist and submit it to the Commission office
 - Kaitlyn Loewen is available to assist you – Kaitlyn@bcbhec.com
5. Move birds in clean and disinfected crates within the 2 week timeframe from the date of the lab results.



November 1, 2017

Update to Industry Stakeholders on Committee Progress

Good Afternoon,

The Steering Committee comprised of 2 BC Hatching Egg Producer Association Directors (“BCBHEPA”), 2 BC Hatching Egg Commission members (“the Commission”), 2 Commission Staff members and 2 Ministry of Agriculture Representatives is pleased to update Stakeholders on the progress of the Spiking Male Steering Committee on its work to date on the Spiking Male Review Work Action Plan.¹

The Work Action Plan indicated that several tasks were to be completed by October 30, 2017. Including the development of a questionnaire for Hatching Egg Producers and a review of the interim measure with the assistance of a ministry veterinarian.

The Spiking Male Steering Committee is pleased to report that the survey questions are complete and have been sent out to Hatching Egg Producers as of today’s date. Also completed is the review of the interim measures. A follow up communication on the registration process has been sent to BC Hatching Egg Producers.

Thank you to those stakeholders that took the time to send letters to the Commission on this initiative and both the Steering Committee and the Commission look forward to updating you at completion of Phase 2.

Regards,

Art deRuiter

Steering Committee Chair

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